

Patriot Cage Game Summaries

DEC. 20 GAMES

GIRLS
OWEN 62, MADISON 41
 Mary Ann Myers poured in 25 points to pace Owen High to a 62-41 Little Mac conference victory over Madison High in Swannanoa.
 Susan Wilson pulled down 16 rebounds and added 16 points for the Warriassies to boost their record to 6-1 for the season and 4-0 in the conference. Holly Hough and Carlene Gunter had 12 and 10 points respectively, for Madison.

Owen jumped out to an early 17-12 advantage and pulled ahead 28-27 at the half. The Warriassies moved ahead 36-29 in the third stanza and never faltered.

GIRLS

MADISON (41) — Gunter 10, Bruce 6, Hough 12, Plemmons 2, Shelton 4, Ramsey 2, Franklin 5, Justice, Anderson, Carter, Frisby, Feidman, Massey, Reed.
OWEN (62) — Myers 25, Muckelvene 6, Wilson 16, Harris 7, Buckner 2, Maxwell 2, Wells 1, Osteen 1, Creasman

2, Wheelon.
 JV Boys: Owen, 49-47.

BOYS

OWEN 75, MADISON 57
 Owen High romped to an easy 75-57 Little Mac conference victory over Madison High in Swannanoa.
 Junior guard Brad Levine paced the Warhorses to their fifth win against two losses. Levine accounted for 17 points and handed out eight assists as Owen upped its conference mark to 3-1 for the season. Terry Twitty pulled down 15

rebounds and added 12 points to the Warhorses' total.
 Todd McCormick pumped in a game-high 20 points to lead Madison.

MADISON-OWEN

BOYS

MADISON (57) — Nix 4, Proffitt 8, Plemmons 4, Walker 17, McCormick 20, English 2, Davis 2, Barnette, Stines, Ingle, Sawyers.

OWEN (75) — Twitty 12, Levine 17, Matt Black 6, Mike Black 8, Daugherty 7, Danuser 11, Wilson 7, Smith 5, Anderson 2, Raines, Allen, Rucker.

EMC Adopts New Rates

New rate schedules have been adopted by the French Broad EMC board of directors that will be in effect on all bills rendered after Jan. 1, 1978. This rate increase is necessary because of an increase in wholesale power costs to the cooperative by Carolina Power & Light Co. of approximately 7.5 per cent.

Under the regular farm and home residential rate, the monthly minimum charge will increase from \$3.50 to \$4. All electric residential accounts will also have a \$4 monthly minimum. Members whose usage is 500 KWH per month or less will see a smaller percentage of increase than those whose usage is about 500 KWH. The percentage of increase will vary according to the number of kilowatt hours used, with those homes using large amounts of power seeing a larger percentage of increase than the average coop member.

Shown below are rates adopted by French Broad EMC for their North Carolina consumers.

SCHEDULE A-2 (Regular farm and home), first 20

Long Walk

Some 10,000 to 12,000 years ago, it was possible to walk between North America and Asia, scientists say. Travelers, probably wandering hunters who were forefathers of native Americans, crossed between Siberia and Alaska on a broad natural land bridge that ultimately disappeared beneath the rising waters of the Bering Strait.

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Public Appreciates DOT

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pavement were completely washed out. A heavy snow will obscure these hazards and ice will make the routes even more treacherous," he said.
 All major roads damaged by the floods have been signed and, in some cases, lighted with smudge pots. "But, as DOT's flood damage coordinator Floyd Bass put it, "There are just not enough signs and lights to go around," so some of the lesser travelled roads may not be properly marked.

State transportation officials have strongly advised motorists, those familiar and, even more so, those unfamiliar with the roads in the disaster areas, to avoid travelling the damaged byways unless absolutely necessary.

Of course, DOT maintenance crews will continue to alleviate the problems as weather permits, but it will probably be spring before construction can be on a full-scale basis.

Although state forces will

perform most of the repair work, some major road and bridge construction will be let to contract. Presently, repair work at 29 locations will be let to private contractors. Estimated cost of these jobs is \$7.8 million.

"These are being let to contract as quickly as possible because of the urgency to get them back in operation," Bass said. He also indicated that roads and bridges carrying the highest 'average daily traffic' will be the ones fixed first. The number of school buses, homes and people affected by a certain road will be taken into consideration.

It is evident that DOT has put its best foot forward in dealing with the flood disaster. Chairman of the Yancey County Commissioners Carl Carter said, "I think DOT is doing an excellent job. It is doing everything humanly possible. I have no criticism whatsoever. Now, a lot of people have called me up to see when their road will be fixed," he continued, "but I haven't received any com-

plaints in the county." Yancey County was the hardest-hit in the 16-county region of Western North Carolina, declared a national disaster by President Jimmy Carter.

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. made the comment, "I have seen firsthand the damage that the floods did to schools, businesses, homes, roads and the lives of the people who live in our mountains. And I have seen firsthand how hard our state employees, including those in the Department of Transportation, are working to help bring the lives of those mountain people back to normal."

A conversation between a bridge maintenance crewman and an area resident exemplified DOT's cooperation. E. J. Ledford, in charge of the DOT crew replacing a bridge on Hooker's Gap Road (Secondary Road 1220) in Buncombe County was approached by a lady on foot. She asked, "Will you fix a place for the kids to get across the creek this afternoon so they won't have to walk all the way around?" Ledford's crew was busy at work in knee-deep water, but he replied, "Yes ma'am, we'll fix a place for them." He later explained that they would place planks across the creek as a temporary walkway for the children.

A brief chat with Segal Phillips who lives on unpaved Bloody Fork Road (Secondary Road 1387) in Yancey County, summed up DOT's efforts quite well. As he trekked down his muddy road completely destroyed by a nearby stream, he stopped in the midst of DOT crews at work to say, "These boys done a good job."

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