

# Atlantic Christian Sports Roundup

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At 5-9, Thurman Hobbs isn't likely to drive through the lane, fake out a 6-11 center, and then reverse his direction before dropping in a devastating slam-dunk.

But dunking is illegal and Wesleyan is a long way from having a 6-11 center, so Hobbs just dribbled in from the left baseline and gave Atlantic Christian its 99th and 100th points of the game.

One would have thought Ralph was putting on a free beer week in the cafeteria.

Hobbs brought the already vocal ACC crowd to its feet for the final time with his tenth point of the game Monday night and put the finishing touches on a 100-62 ACC win.

The Bulldogs had been having their troubles the last two times out, but against Wesleyan it was all ACC as Richard Battle scored 24 points in 24 minutes to pace the win.

Hobbs had a career high of 10 points; Steve Schultz couldn't miss from inside and couldn't come close from the foul line, and many others had their bright moments in the game.

Things had not been too funny at UNC-Wilmington the Thursday night before when the Bulldogs were blitzed in the first half and couldn't come back. The same thing happened against Lenoir Rhyne at home Saturday night, and after a tough Sunday night workout, the Bulldogs were ready to convince Ben Pomeroy that they can play.

One player didn't need to do any convincing, at least as far as Carolinas Conference sports

publicity director Melvin Shreve was concerned. Battle scored 63 points, while ACC was winning one and losing two last week, and Shreve felt the accomplishment was enough to earn Battle Carolinas' Conference Player-of-the-Week honors.

In ACC's only other game before Wednesday night's trip to Campbell, the Bulldogs were happy to see Mike Gaskins back in the lineup as he scored 26 points to match Battle and pace the 86-76 win.

Overall, the Bulldogs stand 4-5 on the season with a 3-2 record at home. The student attendance has been strong, especially the warm reception given to Al Wheeler's parents and widow prior to the Catawba game.

## Sidelights

Battle, Gaskins, Tom Butts, Larry Heaton and a few others have commanded the spotlight thus far, so it was especially pleasing to see Hobbs bring the crowd to its feet against Wesleyan.

Archie Killough was eligible to play after January 1, 1976, and had his best game against Wesleyan. Mac Carroll (Sun-Dog), is another guard in the lineup who has been steady although not receiving much acclaim.

Lorenzo Jones (Lobo) is steadily improving; Tom Umberger is beginning to block a few shots, and there could be a new addition to the ACC roster within the next week.

Other than that, players like Billy Smiley and Speedy Gainer

are sharing starting guard duty with Gaskins. Assistants Jack Lassiter, Rusty Benton, and Bob Wilson are still hanging on.

By the way, Lenoir Rhyne broke a streak of Ralph's which deserves mention. Up until that loss last Saturday night, Atlantic Christian had defeated visiting teams who ate their pre-game meals here 12 straight times.

But Ralph can make up for it. What was that about the free beer?

## Girls' Basketball

Carol McKeel is a show in herself.

She never calls a timeout with both feet on the floor. The move requires a quick spring of the

legs off the bench, and as the bodies fall to the side during her upward flight, McKeel pulls out her hands and gives the girls that sign for timeout.

She did a lot of jumping Monday night.

During that game, the season opener against College of the Albemarle, McKeel's team had several chances to win in the last minutes but could not as COA won, 56-53.

Susie Davis scored 16 points and Lorraine Riley, 17 in the loss.

In their first year of intercollegiate competition, McKeel's girls are but 10-strong with Joan Adams, Carolyn Stevens, Jackie Twisdale, Kathy Purvis, Connie Hines, Carol Summerlin, Bobby Wilder and Lou Ann Hedgepeth rounding out

lineup. The girls were 6-7 last year and hope to improve with Davis in the middle this season. Opening night was a heart-breaker for McKeel, but the girls will bounce back, and hopefully the crowd will pick up for the girls' games.

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to look  
before  
you leap.



LEADING ACC THUS FAR: Richard Battle has already been named Carolinas Conference Player-of-the-Week and has games of 23, 23, 24, 26, and 31 points during the 1975-76 season. In this picture he is shown driving in for an easy basket in the rout over Wesleyan. (Photo by Russell Rawlings)



Susie Davis is jumping for the rebound in the game against the College of the Albemarle. Joan Adams and Jackie Twisdale of ACC look on. Atlantic Christian lost the match 56-53, but as Davis' jump shows, they put forth a good effort. Susan Davis and Lorraine Riley were high scorers for ACC with 16 and 17 points respectively.

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