

Tornadoes Rank As Pre-Season Favorites In WCJCC B'Ball

Brevard College basketball opened its second year under Coach Larry Burch last Wednesday night when they hosted Palmer College of Columbia, S. C. The Tornadoes rank as one of the pre-season favorites to cop the Western Carolina Junior College Conference Championship.

A strong nucleus of sophomore talent seems to strengthen the early prediction. Mike Coles, a 6'3" forward from Lynchburg, Va., was the team's leading scorer and rebounder with a 18.0 scoring average and 11.0 rebounds per game. Ricky McClure, a graduate of Pisgah High School, was the second leading scorer with a 17.0 average and the MVP in the conference tournament.

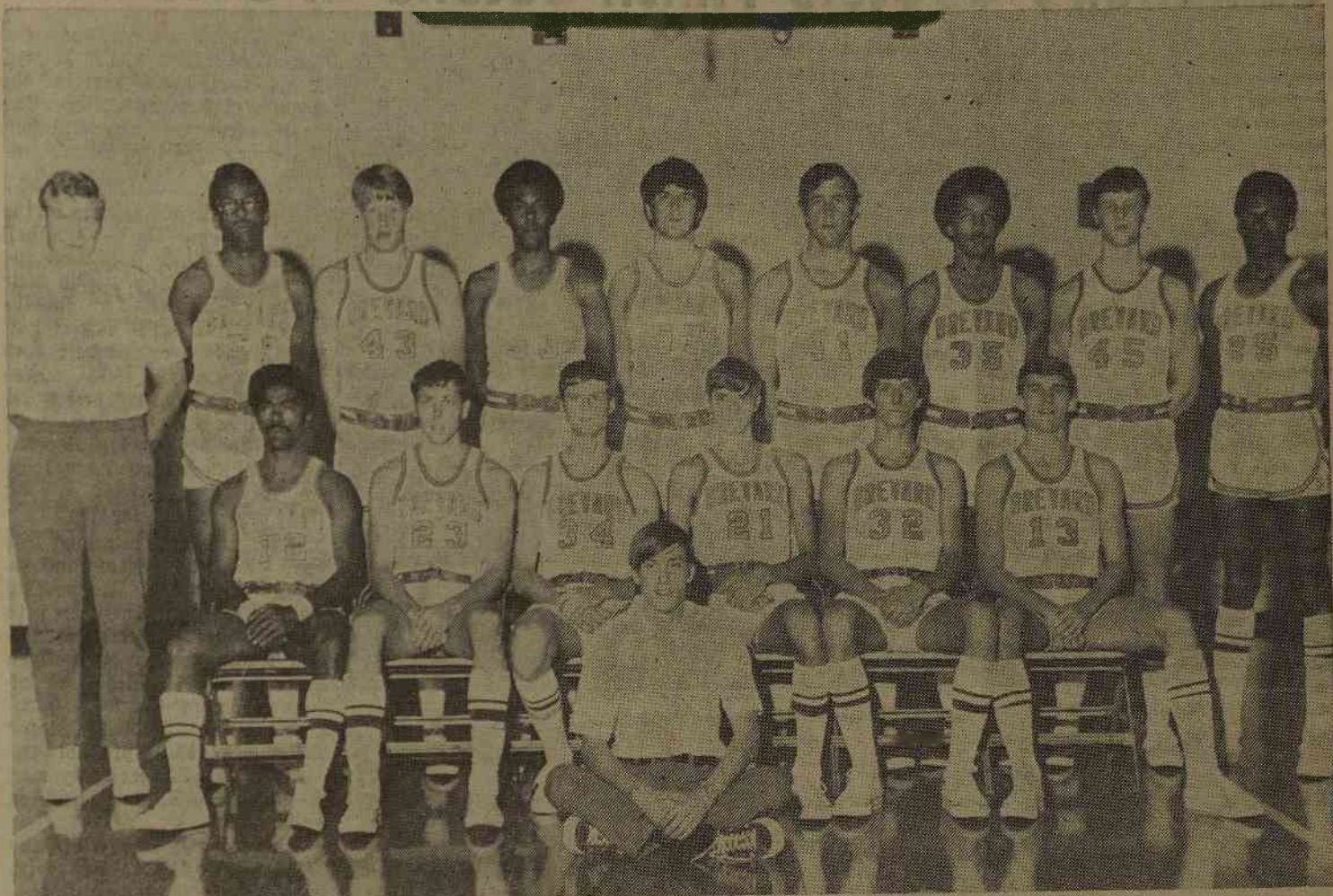
"Two of the most pleasant surprises to me have been Bobby Miller from Enka High and Frank Blount, a 6'2" leaper from New York City. Bobby has made great improvement over the summer. He has always been an excellent shooter, but his defense and ball handling have made him a much better ball player. Blount has added dimension to our front line. His tremendous jumping ability matched with his quickness should give us a real strength at the forward positions," Burch stated.

Two other sophomores who will be seeing a great deal of action are Bill Miller and George Hester. Miller, a 6'5" center from Greensboro, N. C., saw abbreviated action last season due to an early severe ankle injury. The sixth sophomore, George Hester, a strong 6'2" guard from Morehead City, N. C., is serving a six-month obligation with the Air Force Reserves, but will return after the Christmas holidays.

The freshmen have just not performed well early. "The sophomores have not been pushed for the positions. It is hurting us, but they (the freshmen) have seemingly caught fire recently," Burch commented.

The freshman roster includes: Melvn Scales and Ronnie Jones, Winston - Salem; David Ballenger and David Pruitt, Greenville, S. C.; Rockney Perry, Graham; Rich Sizemore, Skyland; Bill Bradley, Gastonia; and Art Williams, Lynchburg, Va.

"Our team will be extremely small again this year, but there are several leapers and our over-all quickness is excellent. We should be able to match our scoring efforts of last year which netted 3 points a game. Hopefully, with the experienced sophomores, we will be able to cut down the mistakes and improve our defense. I'm looking for another good year from the team," commented the Brevard mentor.



Seated (Front) - Jay Norris, manager,
First row (l to r) - Art Williams,
Bob Miller, Rich Sizemore, Bill Bradley,
Rock Perry, Rick McClure.
Standing (l to r) - Coach Larry Burch,

Mike Coles, David Ballenger,
Melvin Scales, Larry Hooper,
Bill Miller, Ronnie Jones,
David Pruitt, Frank Bolunt.

No One Flunks At Yale University

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ent editor of the Yale Daily News, distinguished in an editorial between the "grade-conscious" and the "grade-oblivious" student, but concluded that "it is blunt reality that Yale students would be placed at a disadvantage in getting into graduate schools if the grading system were abolished, and it is the ultimate in self-centered elitism to believe that the entire graduate admissions process would change if Yale were to adopt a pass-fail system."

Dean Horace Taft noted that—though there is no "F" grade as far as the public transcript is concerned, faculty members will still hand in their grades as if the F grade existed.

Dean Taft believes that even for the least grade-conscious student, the system affects behavior in class. He notes that at another Ivy League College (Princeton) where two grading systems operate together—a standard system and a Pass-Fail plan—faculty members could tell by a student's attitude under which method he

was being graded. And at a Vermont institution where most courses are under a Pass-Fail plan, the educators there told him frankly that their students did more work in the traditionally graded courses.

The A-B-C-D system is the 11th change in the grading system in Yale College in this century. From 1902 to 1918, for example, students were graded on a 0 to 400 scale in units of 5, with 200 passing. That system was replaced for nine years with the 0 to 100 point scale, with 60 as passing, but then returned from 1927 to 1932. Then, back to the 100-point system for 1933 to 1939.

At that point a letter grading system—A-plus, A,B,C,D, F, and X—was begun which lasted only until 1943 when the 100 point scale took over again for essentially a 24-year reign.

Green Leads Intramurals

Green Dorm has now taken over in the Men's Intramurals. Since Green beat Taylor for the football championship, it moved them in the lead with 300 points to Taylor's 200, Beam: 150, and the Townies: 50. Since soccer season had begun; however, Taylor had been winless. Therefore, now there is a battle for the lead between Green and Beam with Green holding the slight edge. The soccer season will close this week and volleyball will begin on Monday. This will be a very short season and as in football, the dorms will have both a "blue" and a "white" team.

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Spanish Club

The Spanish - American Club of our Department of Spanish had a meeting Wednesday, November 8. Under the title of "A visit to Madrid" and "Bull-fights" slides were shown and explanations and music appropriate to the action were provided. Those who attended the program seemed to have enjoyed it.