

Wesleyan teams participate in regional 3-on-3 tournament

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Why would a group of eight Wesleyan students be up at 6:30 on a Saturday morning? Because they're winners of the Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 basketball tournament held on campus in December.

The winners of the men's and women's leagues at Wesleyan were traveling to the Regional finals of the national tournament on 3-on-3 basketball sponsored by Schick. The two teams were accompanied by Intramural director Reid Brogden and myself.

The men's team consisted of Rich Cooper, Marcus Paris, Troy Sutton, and Antonio Boddie. The women's team consisted of Kelly Walters, Kimberly Olsen, Amy Coley, and Sara Svejda. Both teams were composed entirely of freshmen.

The group departed Wesleyan at 6:30 a.m. bound for the campus of ECU where they would match shots with teams from around the Southeast region.

Arriving at ECU with time to spare, the teams used the time to catch up on some sleep and practice for the upcoming challenges. Wesleyan was joined by some 20 other men's and 10 women's teams from states in the area.

After a captains meeting, the tournament was set to start up at 10:30 a.m. The teams were to be grouped in pools and the top teams would advance to the play-off round.

The NCWC men were grouped with: Alamance Community College, The Citadel, USC-Spartanburg, and Fayetteville State. The NCWC women were grouped with UNC-Chapel Hill, ECU, Campbell University, and UNC-Wilmington.

The game format consists of two halves with an eight-minute running clock and foul shots only after your team has amassed five fouls. The teams consist of four players. The winner of the regional tournament plays in the semi-finals April 9 in the Philadelphia after a NBA game.

With four games running at once the basketball action was fast and furious. The NCWC men started their pool play with USC-Spartanburg and played a tight, competitive game. In the end USC prevailed 35-29, hitting some three pointers down the stretch.

The men continued their pool play against Fayetteville State and were blown away by superior shooting 50-20. "Those guys could shoot," was the comment as the men headed to lunch.

The NCWC women were off to an explosive start in their pool play. Going up against UNC-Chapel Hill first the women broke from the gate and sprang to a 11-6 half-time lead. The gap closed but the women held on to defeat UNC-CH, 15-14.

The women followed their stunning victory by beating Campbell, 24-21.

As the teams went to lunch the men were standing at no wins and two losses, but were ready for the afternoon competition and still hoped to make the playoffs. The women were in high spirits, standing with two wins and no losses as they headed for lunch.

The afternoon competition kicked off with the NCWC men facing The Citadel. The men knew that to make the playoffs they needed victories in their last two games and were ready for action. Yet The Citadel prevailed, 37-25.

The men closed out their pool play against Alamance CC and again came up short, 37-29.

The NCWC women started the afternoon pool play against UNC-Wilmington. UNC-W's team consisted of four volleyball players so Wesleyan found themselves at a slight height difference. NCWC played tough and hung on and made the game close. But in the end UNC-W prevailed, 19-14.

The women closed out pool play against ECU and again were in a competitive game. It took some last-minute miracles by ECU to send the game into overtime and ECU emerged victorious, 26-23. Still, with a record of two wins and two losses, the women were set to move into the playoffs.

Intramural director Reid Brogden joked, "The women sure know how to make things exciting. They score in the first half and then have to hold on down the stretch for the win."

The women started the playoffs, and the road to Philadelphia, against Wingate. Once again the women led early as the score at the half was 12-9 in NCWC's favor. Yet Wingate scored down

the stretch and pulled victory out of the hat with a score of 19-18.

Former Wesleyan Intramural Director Nelson Cooper, who is in Graduate school at ECU, was assisting in the running of the tournament. He was excited to see the NCWC teams compete and was pleased to see the women make the playoffs. Cooper was also pleased, yet surprised, to see that the teams were entirely freshmen.

Cooper said, "I'm proud to see what the Wesleyan Intramural program has become. The program has come a long way and can still go even further."

With both teams finishing play at 3:30 p.m., the Wesleyan group hit the road back to home. With the excitement of the day mixed with the disappointment in outcomes the teams discussed the events of the day on the ride home.

So next fall when Wesleyan once again offers Schick Super Hoops competition, remember it can be your way of making an appearance at the regional tournament and playing schools like UNC-Chapel Hill. And not only can you play them but you can beat them!



Intramural champions

Action was furious during the 5-on-5 basketball men's intramural championship on Feb. 21, but the game was won by the Dog Pound. The women's championship was won by Schaul's Team. The 3-on-3 champions from Wesleyan, both men's and women's teams, competed in the regional finals of the national 3-on-3 Super Hoops basketball tournament, sponsored by Schick. The regionals were held at East Carolina University in Greenville.

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