

SPORTS SCOPE

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Johnnie and James

Rocky Mount ended the season with a 14-7 record. This includes the two games lost to the Duke and Wake Forest freshman.

The basketball squad had a good season this year. In looking over the season we find they did the one thing they wanted to do and that was to defeat Durham. Had the Blackbirds lost all the other games and defeated Durham they would have been satisfied.

Spring training is coming on and it is just not telling what these boys will do next year. We'll just have to wait and see.

State lost in the N I T quarter quarter finals, but they are still proud of Sammy Ranzino who has made several all-American teams.

Joe Louis had to cancel a bout recently due to a case of flu. It could be that Joe's fighting days are nearing an end.

Congratulations to Ed Bandy on being elected Captain of next year's basketball team.

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George Newby, Blackbird Fan



Pictured above are George Newby and some of the members of the Blackbird Squad at the State Tournament. They are L to R., West Spain, Buddy Edmondson, Captain Ben Futrell and Robert Bartholomew. —Photo by Killebrew

Blackbirds Lose, 72-33

Meeting very little opposition, the Whirlies of Greensboro downed the Blackbirds, 72-33, in the first round of the Tournament at Durham.

The Greensboro team consisted of nine seniors and one under classman. They scored the only Western Conference victory in defeating R. M. H. S. Forward Bill Campbell ripped the net for 23 points, but he had lots of help as three teammates hit for double figures.

Rocky Mount led in the opening minutes, 6-4, then Greensboro hit for 15 points in a row and the Blackbirds were out of the going. Bandy led the Birds with 9 points and was followed by Gray with seven.

The Whirlies led at the end of the first quarter 19-6, at the end of the half, 38-14, and at the third quarter, 54-29, and won the game with a final score of 72-33.

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State School Winners

Wilmington in class AAA, Hanes High of Winston Salem in AA and Camp Lejeune in Class A are the "Big Three" for the year in state high school basketball.

Wilmington gained the title with a 65-50 final win over Raleigh last Saturday night. Hanes edged Kinston out 36-31, and Camp Lejeune retained the A laurels, turning back Hasty, 62-55, with a class A single game high team scoring record

The North Carolina Scholastic Sports Writers Association announced the high school AAA All-Tournament basketball team following the tournament held in Durham. Wilmington was represented on the all Star team by guard Charlie Niven and Center Marion Hales. Raleigh placed guard Sonny Thornton and forward Jimmy Peebles. Burlington's forward Bob Burgess rounded out the team.

Hanes winner over Kinston in the AA finals placed forward Maurice George and guard Arlis Denny. Others on the AA All-Tournament team were Osburne

Lee of Lumberton, Graham Phillips, of Kinston and Smith of Hendersonville.

Camp Lejeune, which retained its class A title by defeating Hasty, was represented by three players, forward Floyd Propst, center Ronald Hodges, and guard Dwaine Simpson. Hasty's guard Stamey Cecil and Red Oak's forward Eugene Rose were others selected.

Students See Tourney

Margaret Eason, Johnnie Shelton and Fred Patton attended the National Invitational Tournament held in Madison Square Garden on the opening night of the quarter finals.

St. Bonaventure played Cincinnati in the first night game. St. Bonaventure finally won after two overtimes. One of the leading players for St. Bonaventure is a sophomore named Bob Sassone. He led in scoring during the year. Captain Fred Duite of St. Bonny also was a high scorer. Jim Holstein, a junior, is considered one of the finest basketball players to ever wear the Red and Black of the Cincinnati Bearcats.

St. Louis beat La Salle during the regular playing time, in the second night game of the Tournament. St. Louis has a trio of veterans. They are Captain Ed Scott, Ray Sonnenberg and Robert Kock. La Salle has outstanding players in Newt Jones and Jimmy Phelan.

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