

Haywood Evans, going up for two points in the win against Fayetteville, shows the form he will be using against Wilmington tomorrow night. Roland Parker is seen blocking his man out.

## Cagers Go to Wilmington For AAA Tilt Tomorrow

Ending the first half of conference play, local cagers travel to the Port City of Wilmington tomorrow to play the Wildcats in an important AAA tilt.

Coach Leon Brogden of Wilmington usually possesses a powerhouse as is shown by his teams coming out as State Champions in the past two seasons. With eight returning seniors they haven't lost a game this year and have beaten, among others, the South Carolina champions, Camden, 78-42, and Durham, 40-37.

In the last six games of this series RM has won only two, with the last coming in the 1955-56 season when Harold Gilbert, Don Stallings, and Company slid through with a 58-53 victory. The other Bird win came in the preceding season when RM played possession ball and finally came out on top, 25-19.

Wilmington, playing against Camden and Charleston, S. C., used a three-platoon system with the first team starting, the senior subs coming in, and then the junior subs playing. The Cats will probably have their two big men, Bill Slack and Roman Gabriel, playing posts with three guards working patterns off them.

Probable starting line-ups.

<b>R M</b>	<b>Wilmington</b>
Bob Moore, c	Roman Gabriel, c
Haywood Evans, f	Bill Slack, f
Jimmie Parker, f	Jackie Bullard, f
Bobby Ayers, g	Ronnie White, g
Russ Clack, g	Larry Edens, g

## Locals Win Two; Lose One To Durham in Conference

Durham Bulldogs, guests in the locals opening conference game, stomped the Birds 58-40 as Haywood Evans, forward, led the scoring with points, January 3.

Bulldogs, who usually play a zone, pulled a surprise by pressing from the opening whistle. Score at the half was 28-12.

### Birds Thrash Goldsboro

Birds traveled to Goldsboro for their second conference game of the season and thrashed the Earthquakes 80-54, as six players hit in double figures for the locals, January 7.

Quakes, trying to hold Evans (who still collected 18 points) down, forgot about the other cagers as Roland Parker hit 15, Bob Moore 12, Russ Clack 11, Jimmie Parker 10, and Ed Dunn 10.

### RM Stomps Fayetteville

Locals stomped Fayetteville's Bulldogs to the tune of 50-26 as Evans again led the Black and Gold scoring with 22 points in the third conference game of the season for the cagers, January 10.

Blackbirds were never headed. They showed an air-tight defense and offense that sparkled on occasion.

Greenville, Henderson Edged RM edged Greenville 55-52 for

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her fourth straight non-conference victory as Haywood Evans lead the Bird scoring here, December 17.

A fired-up Henderson squad lost a thriller to the Birds, 48-46, in a game which went into overtime. This was the last non-conference game of the season.

## Paul Eilers Makes FB All-Prep Team

Paul Eilers, senior tackle, has been notified of his selection to the National All-Prep football team.

Eilers made the All-State team as a guard in 1956 but failed to attain it this year as a tackle because, some say, the won-lost record of the Birds was not outstanding.

East-West all-star football game will put Eilers into action this summer. He was presented the Center Theater's "Most Valuable Player Award", after a vote of his teammates, by Mr. Martin Street, manager of the theater.

When asked what his future plans are, Paul said, "I hope to first go to Stanton Prep School and then to Carolina."

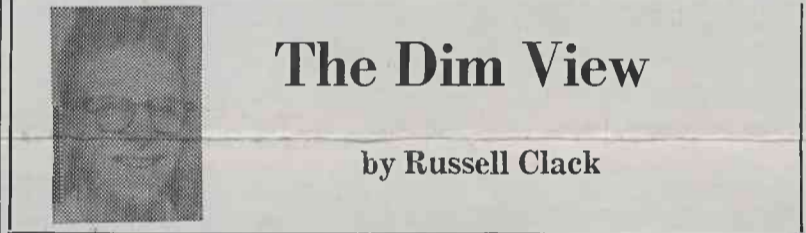
## Haywood Evans Reaches Spot 3 In League Race

That RM's star forward, Haywood Evans, with a 20.3 average is in third place in the race for scoring honors in the Eastern A-AA Conference was announced by the Eastern AAA Conference Sportswriters Association.

Roman Gabriel of Wilmington leads the league with a torrid 26.5 average, although Evans has scored the most points, 61. Evans also leads in free throws taken and made with 27 of 39 and is second in rebounding with 32, only two behind Gabriel.

The Sportswriters Association is made up of sports writers in the conference cities.

Figures given are through the week ending January 10. Two RM games, Wilson and Raleigh, are not included.



## The Dim View

by Russell Clack

Durham, with speed and height, looms as the team to beat this year. (The same can be said of Wilmington.) Although the Birds lost to the Bulldogs by eighteen points, most of the squad think they can beat Durham if they have a good night. . .

Big John Key, Durham's 6-7 center, blocked about 20 RM points. Our boys just couldn't get used to the towering All-State candidate.

Credit is due to the "unknown" men in the Blackbird cage picture, the managers and the statistician. The managers are sophomores Eugene Cherry, Ronnie Weaver, and Jimmy Wheeler. Without them the squad would be lost. They are the boys who do all the "little things" for the

squad. They have the same hours and work as hard as the team.

Senior Dan Robbins is the team statistician. This is his second year of sitting on the bench at games and busily writing down all the errors the squad makes. His experienced eyes see and chart down such things as bad passes, fumbles, traveling violations, personal fouls, double dribbles, and three — second violations. For this reason he is a helpful and needed member of the team.

This new ruling on football extra points is stirring up much controversy among the college coaches. The ruling, conversion which gives two points for passes and runs and the regular one point for kicks, will certainly make the game wide open.

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