

A Backward Look

Seasonal totals have been compiled and these figures were released by the West Montgomery Bureau of Statistics, supervised by chief statistician John Hodge. All totals are for the 18 game regular season and do not include tournament activity.

The West Montgomery girls team compiled a 2-16 overall record and a 1-7 conference slate, ending in a tie with Rohanen for the cellar position. The Warriresses, who staged a surprising comeback, stumbled in the opening round of Central Tar Heel Conference and were eliminated by the championship girls squad of Siler City.

During the season, the Warriors female counterparts averaged 23.3 points per game while the defense allowed 33.1 points to be scored. Field goal percentage for the entire season amounted to .253 while the girls shot 35 per cent from the charity line. Sarah Ingram, shooting at a 30.8 per cent rate, led offensive efforts with a 9.9 scoring average. Freshman starter Barbara Holt followed in her wake with a 5.3 average and Diane Thompson accounted for 3.1 points per game. Loretta Gray capped individual rebounding honors with 4.9 recoveries a game, followed by Thompson who tucked in 3.4 every contest. Holt stood next in this department with 2.8 rebounds per game. The entire squad grabbed 20.3 ricochets per night.

The Warriors finished with a 4-14 overall record and wound up fourth in the conference with a 3-5 tab. In the conference tournament at West Montgomery, the Warriors were knocked from contention opening night by the championship team from East Montgomery.

West's boys pounded the baskets at an average rate of 31.4 per cent for a total of 41.7 points per game while they allowed their opponents 51.8 points. At the foul line the Indians were accurate 58.6 per cent of the time. Jim Harris and Charles Bruton toted West's most lethal offensive weapons. Harris was armed with a 10.3 scoring average, closely followed by Bruton who packed a 10.2 average. Harris also captured rebounding honors with 6.3 recoveries each contest, and Ralph Reynolds, who was a little late breaking into the starting five, ran a close second with 6 per game. The Warriors averaged 27 recoveries per night. Charles Crouch was third in both scoring and rebounding before a knee injury sidelined him as the close of the season approached.

THE CAGE IS CLOSED

Montgomery County basketball officially ended at Cherryville last week as West Montgomery bowed

from District 6 Tournament action after the opening round on Wednesday night and East Montgomery followed on Friday.

Immediately after the Eagles of East eliminated Lowell in the first game of the opening doubleheader, West's Warriors took the floor against the top seeded team from Stanley. The Stanley group simply out ran and outshot the Warriors the first half. The highly vaunted hustlers from the Little 7 conference piled up a 13 point, 31-18 half-time edge. West, after a cold first half, returned from the intermission and matched Stanley point for point down the backstretch. Final score stood 61-48, a difference of 13 points.

Co-captains Jimmy "Red" Harris and Fincher Jarrell closed out their high school cage careers fittingly enough. Harris stuffed in West's high of 11 points and Jarrell ran closely behind with 10. Backcourt ace Charles Bruton was close on their heels with 9 points. Harris also led in rebounding with 6 recoveries, ably assisted by freshman center Ralph Reynolds who got 5. The Warriors made good on 33.3 per cent of their field attempts while 64 per cent were true from the foul line.

On Thursday night, Bessemer City toppled Randleman in the opening game and Siler City defeated Mt. Holly in the nightcap. In the semi-finals on Friday, Siler City, who tied East Montgomery for regular season top honors in the Central Tar Heel Conference, scratched the Eagles in the first game. Stanley won

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