

Men's Basketball Looks Tough

by Allen Meadows

After an early setback at the hands of Brevard College, the MAC Basketball Cavaliers got on the winning track with a victory over Mitchell Community College 77-75, and then it was time to come home. The Cavaliers entertained the Isothermal Community College Patriots on their home court December 8th.

The contest was basket for basket through the first half with both sides calling numerous time-outs at crucial moments. The half ended with MAC on top 48-44. Things didn't change until midway through the second half when MAC's fast pace began to drain the Patriots. With approximately 5 minutes to play Coach Wilhelmi was letting members of the second team in and the game ended 93-82. Willie McCray and James Freshwater led the attack with 24 and 22 points respectively. Three other players saw double figures, Gary Parris - 17, Robert Brinkley - 16, and Alva Duke - 11.

MAC's next outing was a trip down to Warren Wilson College December 10. The Cavaliers jumped out to an early 9-2 lead before WW called a time-out and rebounded to within 2 by penetrating the MAC zone defense with 8:30 left in the half. Robert Brinkley got into early foul trouble (3) and was replaced by Bob Lake, and the score changed quickly to 24-17.

About this time a 6'6" Warren Wilson player checked into the line-up by the name of Greg Overton. This guy was so tall and slim that surely WW was grateful the gymnasium was warm because the heaters would have blown him away. Instead MAC did the job. Seconds before the half Alva Duke was subject to a hard slap to the face by Overton while rebounding under the basket. The half ended 34-30 in favor of MAC.

WW came out of the locker room with a full court press the second half only to have it prove useless against a quick and speedy MAC offense. MAC went ahead 50-43 with 12:37 remaining. Ironically, one WW stopped pressing MAC sputtered and let the opposition take the lead with 11:45 remaining. MAC called a T.O.

Much hustle on the part of MAC put them in the lead 70-63 with 2:57 remaining. One minute later Willie 6'9" McCray suffered a cut on his right hand on a goal-tending charge. McCray won't start again until the team's first game in January. Alva Duke replaced him.

With 0:07 seconds left James Freshwater drew a foul, sunk two free throws, and with it the game 76-71.

SCORING: Freshwater - 19 McCray - 4 Parris - 16 Brinkley - 21 Edwards - 4 Bass - 2 Diggs - 5 Duke - 5



Photo by Carl Hanlon

Robert "Bull" Brinkley and Willie "6-9" McCray put in long demanding hours of practice in preparation for the upcoming season as did all of MAC's players.

Women's Basketball Off to Slow Start

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Due to three players being unable to dress for disciplinary reason, MAC's Women's Basketball team stalled completely in its first two outings against Davidson Community and Warren Wilson Colleges.

Their first game with Spartanburg was called because of snowy weather while the other two contests saw the Cavaliers fall 53-26 and 61-32.

Against Davidson on December 8th at home, MAC put forth a valiant effort in the opening minutes of the game only to falter when the op-

position began mass substitutions. To put it simply, our team didn't have the depth to keep up with Davidson. At the end of the first half Davidson led 27-12. Carrie Wolfenden led the scoring in the game with 14 points followed by Arlene Burns, Le Anna Williams, and Karen Kaufman, each with four respectively.

On December 10th the Cavaliers traveled over to a highly regarded Warren Wilson team and literally 'took a beating' in what was latter termed a "basketbrawl". The game was marked by a total lack of officiating on the part of the referees.

Many people thought Women's Football had come to western Carolina!

Carrie Wolfenden left the game near the end of the first half after suffering a pulled leg muscle, but came back on and played hurt later in the second half. The only highlight of the affair was second-team player, Bea Burton going on a 10 point shooting spree in the second half while playing with a broke finger. One has to wonder if Coach Issacson won't find a place for Burton on the starting line-up when play resumes here on January with King College.

Coach Jayne Issacson had this to say following the two consecutive losses: "We will be able to beat Davidson and probably give Warren Wilson a good game" when they meet again later in the season. "Those three starters will be back in the line-up then."

She went on to explain "we want to win, I think we can win, we're out there to win, and even though we are a young team we'll win our share of games. But winning isn't everything. Those losses have really brought the team together."



Richard Davis, a natural clown and expert gymnast entertained the crowd during the MAC-Caldwell basketball game.

Photo by Don Redman

Intramural Volleyball

At this writing Davis 3rd floor and Ma - Hall 3rd floor were leading the intramural volleyball competition with an undefeated record.

Outstanding players for the guys are Tommy Siler, Kenny Kuhn, and Greg Breter. Carrie Wolfenden prevails for the women's cause. Thursday evening will be the last day of competition and whoever has the best overall record will be the champions.

It won't be long before it is time for intramural basketball and, according to Intramural Director Ed Isley, the season should be a good one. The season will begin after the Christmas break. More details will be given as they develop.