



## Donnie's Dribbles

—DONNIE LEONARD

### INTRAMURALS

The boys' championship game on the afternoon of March 8 brought the curtain down on another very successful intramural basketball tournament. Since basketball is the only sport in which intramural contests are held, the annual event is observed with much enthusiasm. Varsity basketball players are the only students who are ineligible to participate in the tournament. Therefore, every member of the student body has a chance to play in a regulation basketball game. Again this year, Coach Bowen served as the director of the tournament in which thirty-four teams took part. The teams were made up of the fourth and fifth period classes, and the teams were eliminated by the loss of one game. There were some very close games in which the margin of victory was only one point. But the most exciting contest ended in a sudden death that followed an overtime.

### GIRLS

Mrs. Thompson's room won the girls' division of the tournament. The female championship was held during the lunch period on March 7. Since girls high school athletics have been discontinued in Lexington, the intramural games are their only chance to prove their abilities. Judging from the games that yours truly witnessed, the fair lassies weren't afraid to get their hairs matted up, as there were quite a few pile ups on the floor. Mrs. Thompson's room emerged from a field of fourteen teams to wear the crown of victory.

The championship game saw Mrs. Thompson's team defeat Mrs. Hedrick's room by the score of 32-25. Although the victors were behind by as much as six points in the first half, they used a powerful fourth quarter to chalk up the win. Katherine Upchurch led Mrs. Thompson's room with 20 points, most of these coming in the fourth quarter. Mary Newsome followed with 8, while Pat Melton and Dianne Conrad added 2 each.

Mrs. Hedrick's room, the runner-up team, was led by Judy Raykes with 16 points. Mary Ann Sowers and Kay Burkhart collected 8 and 1 respectively.

### BOYS

Mrs. Clifford's room won the boys' championship before a crowd of an estimated four hundred cheering fans. In five games, Mrs. Clifford's team rose through the ranks of twenty teams to become the champions. This year's boys' division contained the usual enthusiasm, and many of the teams showed great improvement by means of "back yard" practice sessions. A few of the teams even turned from the traditional "T-shirt and swimming trunks" uniform, and were humorously decked out in their homemade garments. There were also a number of football jerseys with the names of the homeroom teacher painted on them.

Although the two teams were evenly matched in the first half, Mrs. Clifford's boys used a fast break to completely control the second half. In the championship game of the "dribble derby" Mrs. Clifford's room won by the score of 52 to 30 over Coach Price's room. The scoring for the victors was as follows: "Pie-boy" Harvey 15, "Paul" Webster 11, "Chub" Freeman 8, "Minnie Ha Ha" Hooker 7, "Rock" Goodrum 5, "Top-Notch" Williams 4, and "Florida" Fritts 2.

Coach Price's room was led by "Fred" Yarbrough with 13. "Simmy" DeLapp hit 11, while "Voncile" McCaskill, Bucky Brookshire and Lefty Wall all had 2.

The intramurals were only a "school" affair, but considering the cheering and yelling demonstrated, one would have thought the games were national championships.



Intramural Basketball Champions—Boys—(Mrs. Clifford's homeroom). Reading left to right—Top—Leonard Davis, Kenny Freeman, Ricky Hooker, John Campbell. Bottom—Tommy Harvey, Marlett Goodrum, Barry Fritts, Jay Williams. Absent when picture was made, Jerry Evans, Junior Webster, Donnie Higgins.

## BURLINGTON EDGES JACKETS 41-37

—CHARLES BERNHARDT

Burlington found revenge for its loss suffered at the hands of Lexington earlier this season by defeating the Yellow Jackets 41-37 in a conference game played at Burlington on February 17.

After two quarters of close play, Burlington held a slight 19 to 15 lead over the Yellow Jackets. In the second half, Lexington scored twenty-two points, but so did the Bulldogs to retain their four point margin and defeat the Yellow Jackets 41-37.

The Lexington scoring was led by Wayne Alley who collected 12 points; Dan Smith netted 10 points, Jimmy Snyder had 5, Bobby Roach and Donnie Leonard each had 4 points, and Don Hedrick had 2. Also playing for the Jackets were Charles Crouse, Louis Bowles, Nicky Dry, Johnny Fritts, and Charles Bernhardt.

In the preliminary game the Burlington Junior Varsity defeated the Lexington Juniors by the score of 36 to 30. Scoring for that game was as follows: Teddy Royster 16, Doug Pritchard 9, Lester Bass 2, and Tommy Grayson 1.

## BOYDEN JACKETS TOP LEXINGTON JACKETS

—CHARLES BERNHARDT

Boyden High School of Salisbury took their second conference victory over Lexington by defeating the Yellow Jackets 36-23. The game was played at Lexington on February 21.

The Boyden Yellow Jackets held an 11 to 6 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 23-14 edge at halftime. The third quarter found Salisbury leading 29 to 21; and with the Lexington Jackets adding only two free throws in the final period against seven points for Salisbury, the game ended 36-23.

Lexington hit only 28 per cent of their possible points — hitting nine out of thirty-four from the floor and five of fifteen from the free throw line. The visiting Jackets hit 42 per cent of their shots.

The low scoring game produced these point-makers: Don Hedrick, 7; Dan Smith, 5; Donnie Leonard, 4; Charles Crouse, Louis Bowles and Johnny Fritts each 2.

The local juniors kept the night from being a complete loss by edging the Salisbury Junior Varsity by the score of 40 to 36. Scoring for the J.V. game is as follows: Teddy Royster, 10; Doug Pritchard, 11; Tommy Grayson, 9; Johnny Bumgardner and Nolan Leonard 4 each; and Joe Hornbuckle 2.



The wrestling team, which has just completed a successful season, is as follows: Bottom row: Chip Craver, Dobbin Callahan, Craig Clodfelter, Harry Goforth, Ethridge Fritts, Buster Ashby, Larry Evans, Charles Call. Top row: Mickey Young, Noel Morphis, Sammy Prevet, Jerry Beck, Sherrill Bumgarner, Roger Hedrick, Wayne Edge, Ronnie Hedrick, Mike Davis.

## LEXINGTON ENDS SEASON WITH WIN OVER HIGH POINT

—DONNIE LEONARD

The Lexington Yellow Jackets ended their 1960-61 basketball season with a 49-47 victory over High Point. The important 4-A conference affair was staged in the Lexington gym on March 2. This contest between the two schools was an early season game which was postponed because of bad weather.

High Point was out to take this game because a win would give them a chance to play in the state class 4-A tournament. However, the Lexington basketball team along with the student body was determined to end the season with a victory. The Lexington lead at intermission was only one point, but the local boys tore through High Point's zone press in the second half. The fired-up Jackets led the entire game and threatened to run away with it, but the Bison closed the gap in the final seconds of play. The scoring totals for the Yellow Jackets are as follows: Wayne Alley 2, Bobby Roach 10, Jimmy Snyder 16, Dan Smith 9, and Donnie Leonard 12.

The Lexington Junior Varsity also put an end to their season in winning style. The junior Jackets used a powerful third quarter to rack up a 36-32 win. Ted Royster led Lexington with 13, while Joe Hornbuckle had 8, and Tommy Grayson 7.

## REYNOLDS DOWNS LEXINGTON

—CHARLES BERNHARDT

Lexington's ninth conference game ended in a 68-51 victory by the Reynolds' Black Demons over the Yellow Jackets. The game was played on the Jackets' court on February 28.

Reynolds capitalized on the Jackets' excessive fouling to gain their margin of victory. Both teams dropped in twenty-one field goals, but the Black Demons outscored Lexington from the foul line 26-9. Poor passing and ball handling was another factor that contributed to the Jackets' loss.

All of the Lexington starters were six feet tall or taller—an attempt to make up for the difference in height between the two teams. However, the Jackets' two tallest players, Jimmy Snyder and Dan Smith, fouled out in the fourth canto.

Reynolds jumped off into a quick lead and were never topped the rest of the game. The Black Demons led by as much as twenty-four points in the fourth quarter, but the Lexington press cut eight points from the lead before the game ended.

Donnie Leonard led the Jacket scoring with 11 points, Wayne Alley had 10, Dan Smith 9, Charles Crouse 7, Jimmy Snyder and Johnny Fritts 4 each, and Don Hedrick, Bobby Roach, and Louis Bowles 2 apiece.

In the preliminary game the Reynolds J.V.'s took a close 43-35 victory over the Junior Jackets.

## JACKETS LOSE AT GREENSBORO

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On February 24, the local "round-ball" teams traveled to Greensboro to battle the Whirlies. The big city boys were too hot for the Yellow Jackets, and Greensboro took a 52-42 4-A conference victory.

The Whirlies added another win in the junior varsity contest by securing a 56-41 decision. The home team was in front 24-13 at intermission, and they spent the second half riding on that lead. Doug Pritchard with 12, and Ted Royster with 11 led the Yellow Jackets.

In the opening minutes of the main event of the evening, Lexington jumped off to an early lead. However, the Whirlies out-



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