

East Mecklenburg Downs Whirlies In 4-A Tourney

East Mecklenburg defeated the Greensboro Senior High Whirlies 54 to 48 in the State 4-A Championship March 8.

The Whirlies controlled the jump and scored the first point of the game on a foul. From here on the lead went back and forth, with Mecklenburg keeping up on several Whirlie fouls. The first quarter ended with the Whirlies having 16 points and Mecklenburg, 11.

The second quarter went about the same as the first with steady play. The halftime score stood Greensboro 23 and Mecklenburg 22.

Early in the third stanza, the score evened up 27 to 27. The

lead shifted back and forth until about three minutes in the third quarter when Mecklenburg took the lead, which it retained until the end of the quarter. The period ended with Mecklenburg, 38 and Whirlies, 36.

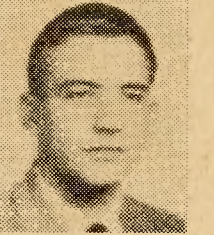
Early in the last quarter Greensboro tied the game 38 all. Then, with five minutes left in the game, the Whirlies hit a cold streak and East Mecklenburg, bringing down a large percentage of the rebounds, pulled ahead to walk victorious.

The main factor in the game was East Mecklenburg's superior rebounding. The Whirlies also committed a disastrous amount of fouls. Ralph Lowe was high scorer for the Whirlies with 14 points. James Team and Sonny Odom scored 10 points each. The Whirlies outshot East Mecklenburg in field goals but bowed to Mecklenburg's 20-28 foul shot record compared to their own 6-11.

Joddy Peer Breaks Swimming Record

Joddy Peer, senior, broke the 200-yard individual record at the State swimming meet at Wake Forest on Saturday, March 4.

Joddy swam the distance in a blistering 2:22.6, breaking the old record held by Robert Gullett by one tenth of a second.



In order to break this record, he had to swim the butterfly stroke, backstroke, breast stroke and the free-style.

Joddy has been swimming at Senior since he was a sophomore. He has always shown he is a great athlete, but this was by far his greatest performance.

Other tankmen who placed at the meet were Skipper Burwell, second in the 400-yard free-style and Jim Petty, second in the 50 yard free-style. The relay team also came in second in the 400 yard relay.

4-A STUDDED WITH TENSION, TEARS, BEAUTY

After all the smoke had cleared, and the excitement and tension were dissolved, the Wildcats of the port city came out on top of a heap of struggling teams and determined young men to cop the state 4-A conference championship of 1960-61.

The tournament was featured by two southern belles, Miss Ann Herring, Miss North Carolina of 1960-61, and the queen of the tournament, Virginia Harmon plus, as Greensboro Whirlie coach Bob Jamieson put it, "one of the best balanced tournaments to have been held at Senior in a long while."

As for the fans of the "Big Blue," all and any hopes of seeing their Whirlies in the final action were completely demolished as the host team acted like real southern gentlemen for they helped open the tournament with a 54-48 loss to their visiting brothers from East Mecklenburg. The

Senior quint lost this game at the charity stripe as the Eagles hit 20 for 28 and the Gate City five were only allowed eleven tries, of which they sunk six. This defeat could well have been a big factor in the decrease of attendance since the Whirlies were eliminated at first and did not reach the finals or the semi-finals as in the past years. Wilmington had earlier romped easily over the weaker Yellow Jackets of Salisbury.

Thursday night probably afforded the most excitement and thrills for both contests went into double-overtimes. In the first game Gastonia defeated Durham to clinch a berth in the semi-finals. The surprise, however, was in the second match when an always rough Myers Park squad edged the heavily favored unbeaten Black Demons of Winston-Salem Reynolds.

In the Friday eve action, the hot Wildcats conquered East Mecklenburg 49-38, and Myers Park slipped by Gastonia in a 46-43 victory to match the two squads in the final contest. The Brogden-coached team came through for the fifth time in the six years in their 66-54 win over the Ponies. Wilmington was not as strong this year as in the past, but, said Coach Jamieson, "They had a lot of poise." East Mecklenburg won

Jayvee Team Finishes With Spotless Record

The Senior High Junior Varsity basketball team has completed its regular season play with a spotless 20-0 record.

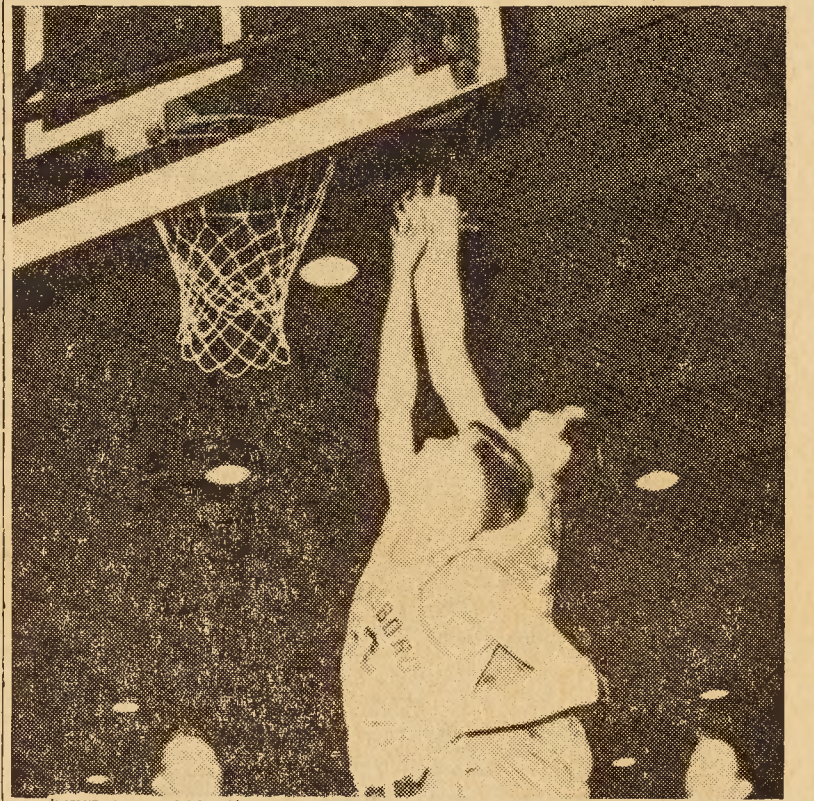
Coach John Gordy gave the names of the outstanding players. They were John Brown, forward; Van Gunther, forward; Chuck Hughes, guard, and Amos Johnson.

When asked the purpose of J.V.'s, he said, "The purpose of the club is to develop players that will strengthen our varsity." He also added, "All of these boys hustled and liked to play."

Other boys who participated on the squad were John Barnes, Bill Reese, Butch Burchette, and Mike Ephland.

the consolation contest in the 69-58 defeat of Gastonia.

It was a good clean tournament, but for the losers sophomore center Skeeter Powell summed it up with "That's the breaks."

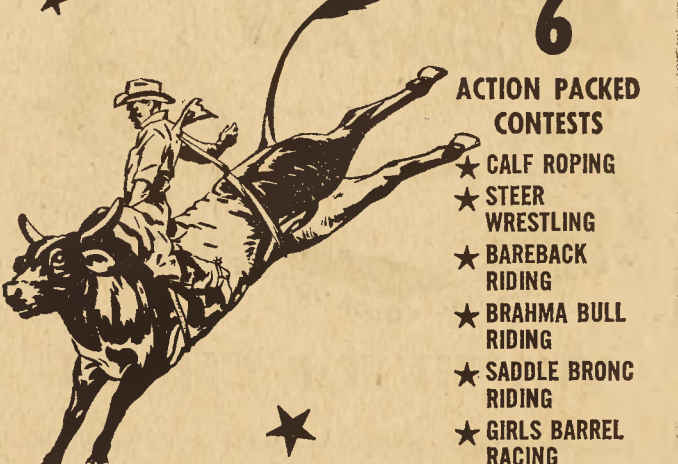


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Meyers Park Tops Reynolds 57-55

BY BOB WHITE
Highly favored Winston-Salem Reynolds, with their 19 game winning streak, went down in defeat 57-55 to Charlotte's Myers Park in the 4-A playoffs Thursday night. With the opening of the game Myers Park won the jump and scored the first two points of the game.

Winston-Salem, starting cold, was trailing 12 to 16 at the close of the first quarter. When the half rolled around Myers Park still had a lead of 27 to 20, with Winston's Reynolds getting hotter all the time.

Winston-Salem was getting closer by the end of the third quarter with a score of 41-36. With seconds remaining in the game, Winston was looking sad, but they came through with two foul shots that equaled the 49 score. The game ran into an overtime with both teams scoring equally. The game ran into a sudden death with Myers Park scoring and walking off with a victorious 57 to the new defeated Winston-Salem's 55.

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