

SPORTS

Edenton boys hoops claim two wins last week

ACES ROUNDUP

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The Edenton boys' basketball team continued its winning ways this past week with two victories over Northeastern Coastal Conference opponents.

Last Tuesday, the Aces dumped Pasquotank 70-59 at home. Balanced scoring paced Edenton. Kyheem Stanley and NyReese Moore both scored 13 points, and Tycorick Johnson and Markus Holley both scored 10 points.

The Aces never trailed in the contest.

Last Friday, Edenton traveled to Kill Devil Hills and came up with a 49-43 win over First Flight. The Aces outscored the Nighthawks 21-14 in the fourth quarter to pick up the win. Moore led the scoring attack with 11 points.

Edenton (11-1, 3-2) head coach Andy Downing was happy with both wins.

"That was a big plus for us," Downing said. "It enabled us to kind of stay near the top of the conference. With that one loss,

we've just got to stay close to the top for the championship at the end. We are still playing pretty good defense. We are doing a better job on the boards. We've got to make a few more free throws."

The Aces host Bertie Friday. "They are pretty tough," Downing said. "They are going to be quick and push it up and down the floor. We need to make sure we take care of the basketball and play disciplined. We've just got to keep our focus and keep playing. You take it one game at a time. There are no easy ones in this conference."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Aces had a mixed week. Edenton ran into undefeated Pasquotank last Tuesday and fell 58-43.

"We didn't shoot our free throws well. We were 11-for-23 from the free throw line and that decided the game," said head coach David Peeler.

Edenton rebounded last Friday with a 59-49 win over First Flight. Zikia Leary led the Aces with 21 points and Hadiya Bembry added 16 points. The Lady Aces never trailed in the game and used a fourth quarter press to put the contest away.

"We stayed with the press and got a little more active rebounding. We outscored First Flight 21-15 in the fourth quarter," Peeler said. "We still have not put four quarters of basketball together, but we did a lot of things right that we had not done in our last couple of games."

Edenton (8-3, 2-2) hosts Bertie on Friday.

WRESTLING

Although the Edenton wrestling team's numbers continue to dwindle, the team had several highlights this week.

Head coach Lenny Plummer said after an injury this week, the team is down to 10 wrestlers and is forfeiting four weight classes.

The Aces lost a 50-27 decision to Currituck at home last Wednesday. The highlight of the match was at 220 pounds where Edenton's Tywon Bond beat Brent Becker for the first time in a 7-5 decision.

"Brent has had Tywon's number for three years. That was a huge win," Plummer said.

This past Saturday, Edenton traveled to Pasquotank High School for the first Panther Individual Round Robin Tournament. Thirteen schools participated and Edenton placed second among the schools from North Carolina.

The Aces had three champions, including Bond (17-3) at 220, who again beat Becker from Currituck in an 11-5 decision. At

160, Rob Bunch upped his record to 20-4. At 195, Anthony Brownridge (15-4) won the championship and beat his main nemesis from Pasquotank, Austin Poff.

"During the week, we went back to 'wrestling 101' for some of my younger wrestlers. It was just drill, drill, drill. They showed improvement," Plummer said.

The Aces travel to Northeastern on Jan. 23.

SWIMMING

Last Friday, the Edenton swim teams participated in a meet at the Elizabeth City YMCA against conference teams. The Lady Aces took first place in a six-team field.

Big contributors to the victory were the relay teams. The 200 medley relay team of Tessa Coughtrey-Davenport, Mary-Glenn Ryan, Ailyn Duruman, and Maggie Creed took second place. The 200 freestyle relay (Duruman, Hannah Nixon, Coughtrey-Davenport, and Creed) and the 400 freestyle relay of Nixon, Rebecca Brinson, Coughtrey-Davenport, and Lacey Holberg both took third place.

Peri Peeler took second in the 200 IM, and despite it being only the second time she swam the event, she shaved nine seconds off her time. Creed and Holberg

took second and third in the 50 freestyle while Duruman took second in the 100 butterfly.

Creed and Nixon both posted a personal best in the 100 freestyle, shaving three and four seconds, respectively, and taking second and third place.

Holberg took fifth place in the 400 freestyle. Brinson took second in the 100 backstroke while Duruman and Ryan took third and fourth in the 100 breaststroke.

Although the boys' team finished last, it had personal victories.

Lamar Gilchrist continues to improve his 200 freestyle time taking fifth while Stephen Chesson took fourth in the 50 freestyle and third in the 100 freestyle with a personal best time.

The boys' 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays of Devin McKenney, Trey Johnson, Gilchrist and Chesson posted improved times: 10 seconds faster and 13 seconds faster.

Both teams will be back at the Elizabeth City YMCA Friday with all conference teams participating.

WINTER TRACK

Six members of the winter track team participated in the Suffolk Starts meet in Hampton, Va. last Friday. None reached the finals in any events.



Stanley



Holley



Bond



Bunch



Creed



Gilchrist

ACES FOOTBALL AWARDS



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Varsity football award winners (l-r) were: Tycorick Johnson (Co-MVP Defense), Rob Bunch (MVP Special Teams), Jarett Beasley (Most Dedicated), Xavien Jordan (Most Valuable Lineman), Daequin Johnson (Co-MVP Defense), Brieon Holley (Co-MVP Offense), Javonte Sutton (Co-MVP Defense), Raquon Thomas (Co-MVP Offense) and Kashese Bond (Co-MVP Offense).



Football players honored for having a GPA of 3.5 or better were (l-r): Rob Bunch, Alex Dendy, Nic Beaman, Xavionne Long, Tywon Bond and Matt Jones



JV Co-MVP Defense winners were Anthony Brownridge (left) and Brandon Williams.



JV Co-MVP Offense winners were Devon Coston (left) and Corderous Pierce.

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