

TIMES SPORTS

Franklinton Consolation Champs

The Franklinton Rams made it three in a row over the Louisburg Bulldogs Saturday night and walked off with the score and the consolation game title. Jumping off to a 17-11 first period margin, the Rams had little trouble in taking the 77-55 contest.

In the final game of the regular season, the Rams had edged the Bulldogs, 53-51 in a close, well-played game. In the heated competition of a tournament title, Franklinton stepped up the tempo: Louisburg played most of the game without the services of all conference Thomas Finch, who suffered a sprained ankle in the Youngsville game on Thursday night.

Foster Brodie, all conference, all tournament and Most Valuable Player, led the Rams with 24 points against Louisburg. Danny Faulkner, one of the top scorers of the county led Louisburg with 18 points.

Louisburg -- Faulkner 18, Geddie 12, T. Finch, D. Finch 9, Moore 16, Davis, McDonald, Chesson, Taylor, Perry, Person, Wrenn, Warren. Franklinton-- Beckham 12, Collins 8, Lawrence 14, Secor 9, Brodie 24, Goswick 7, Eakes 1, Johnson, W. Collins 2, Carter.

It Figures

The minister, addressing a Sunday school class, had taken for his theme the story of Elisha on his journey to Bethel --how the youngsters had taunted the old prophet, and how they were punished when two bears came out of the wild and ate forty and two of them.

"And now, children," concluded the pastor, wishing to stress the moral point, "what does this story show?"

"It shows," ventured one little girl timidly, "how many children two bears can hold!"

Bunn, Franklinton Boys Give Fans Best Game

It was a nip-and-tucker, the Bunn-Franklinton semifinal game in last week's county basketball tournament with the Bunn Bulldogs edging the Rams, 69-68. The game was the best of the 13 played in the six-night annual event.

In the first half, the lead changed hands several times, with neither team able to gain any sizable edge. Bunn finished the first period ahead 20-19, but the Rams came back to gain a 40-35 halftime margin. In the third period, the Rams scored 20-16 over the Bulldogs to take a 60-51 advantage into the final frame.

The filled-to-capacity gym rocked as the two squads battled down to the wire. With about six minutes to play in the period, the Rams slowed their tempo to protect their lead. The Bulldogs began to whittle away with a bucket by Craig Mullen at the 2:32 mark; a couple of free throws by Mack Jones at the 1:54 point brought the score to 65-64 in favor of Franklinton.

Foster Brodie hit a foul shot at 1:41 and Charlie Goswick hit one at 1:17 to give the Rams a 66-64 advantage. On the missed second shot

by Goswick, Bunn captured the rebound and was fouled. The Bulldogs sent their hottest shooter, Milton Horton to the line at the :37 second mark. He made the second shot after missing the first to make it 66-65 in favor of Franklinton.

At the :27 second mark, Bunn stole the ball and Horton hit the basket to move the Bulldogs out in front, 67-65. Mack Beckham was fouled by Bunn and missed the foul shot on the one and one. Hagwood Lawrence also missed on the one and one for the Rams. Brodie fouled Robert Bowden of Bunn, who made good on two foul shots moving the Bulldogs out to a 69-66 lead. Beckham hit the basket for the Rams with four seconds left to bring the final tally to 69-68 in Bunn's favor. The win sent Bunn against Youngsville for the championship Saturday night and pitted Franklinton against Louisburg for the consolation crown.

Bunn--Batton 8, Bowden 18, Horton 23, Jones 10, Hagwood 8, J. Horton, Mullen 2, W. Horton. Franklinton--Beckham 18, Lawrence 12, Secor 6, Brodie 23, Goswick 5, Eakes 2, Johnson.

Franklinton 19 21 20 8 - 68
Bunn 20 15 16 18 - 67

Youngsville

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and will play the following Thursday night.

Girls: Youngsville--Rogers 21, Paschall 13, Cash, Pearce 14, Wheeler, S. Cash, D. Rogers, Strickland, Wright, Finch, Hart, J. Pearce, Bowden, Brown, Bailey. Epsom: Falkner 19, Hedgepeth 12, Perkinson 2, Ayscue 3, Smith, J. Ayscue, Pendergrass, Jessup, Stainback, Foster, Fuller, L. Fuller, Smith.

Youngsville 7-18 8-15 - 48
Epsom 8 6 12 9 - 36

Boys: Youngsville--Wrenn 10, Freddy 8, Catlett 18, Paschall 22, Wilder 9, Roberts 10, Bailey 3, Catlett, Hart, Franklin, Jones, Keith, Woodlief, Wiggins. Bunn--Batton 2, Bowden 11, Horton 22, Jones 9, Hagwood 3, Horton 8, James Horton, Mullen 2, W. Horton 2.

Youngsville 21 15 20 24 - 80
Bunn 11 12 15 19 - 59

Individual Players Star In Tourney

Basketball, for all it's worth, is still a game of skill and the skill with which certain players excelled in the recent 13-game county tournament is still being talked.

Some new stars, unnoticed during the regular season except by their coaches, perhaps, came forward to steal some of the glory.

Any attempt to name all the outstanding youngsters who appeared in the classic is sure to result in some worthy ones being left out. However, praise is due each and everyone, including those who rode the benches and gave inspiration to their fellows on the floor.

One Slip

"Yes," said the guide, "He was a fine man except for his swearing."

"What," exclaimed the minister, "Bishop Brooks swear? That's impossible!"

"Oh, but he did, sir. Once he hooked a fine bass. Just as he hoisted him into the boat, the fish slipped and went clean off the hook. So I said to the Bishop, 'That's a -- shame,' and the Bishop came back and said, 'Yes, it is.' But that's the only time I ever heard him use such language."

The most sparkling performance of the tournament was shown by little Miss Vickie Rogers of Youngsville. She did it all and she did it all very well. Already named first team all conference for her regular season play, Vickie won honors by being placed on the all-tournament squad and then captured the most coveted individual honor of all, the Wiley F. Mitchell Most Valuable Player award. She scored 26 points in the semifinals against Edward Best and 21, in the finals, leading Youngsville to the championship over Epsom.

Foster Brodie of Franklinton won all conference, all tournament and the Mitchell Most Valuable Player award in the boys' division. The League's top scorer all year, he led the Rams to third place in the tourney and the consolation game title. Milton Horton of Bunn, unheralded throughout the season came alive and was a serious contender for most valuable player as he led the Bulldogs to number two spot and tourney runnerups. He scored 23 points against Franklinton and 22 against Youngsville after a seven point effort against Gold Sand in the opening round. Also unheralded, although

among the upper top ten scorers all year, was Louisburg's Danny Faulkner who was second highest scorer in the tournament among those playing in more than one game and except for Mike Lovin's 18 points in a single game was number two among all players. His performances against Epsom, Youngsville and Franklinton were outstanding.

Faulkner's running mate, Jimmy Geddie also was a stellar performer in the cage classic, capturing fourth place among the scorers. Geddie's performance also went unnoticed by many. Bunn's Phil Hagwood turned in one of his best efforts against Gold Sand although he slipped against Franklinton and Youngsville.

Always unsung are the girl guards. With the rovers as basketball is now played, it is sometimes hard to tell who the guards are. However, they are still there and even though most of them went unnoticed throughout the year, they nevertheless put on excellent performances in the recent tournament. Youngsville's Vickie Wheeler and Sandra Cash played excellent basketball against both Edward Best and Epsom, holding the opponents high scorer below

their season's averages. Epsom's Alice Smith and Kathy Ayscue are also worthy of note as are Edward Best's Cathy Tharrington and Paulette Duke and perhaps others.

Franklinton's Mack Beckham and David Secor distinguished themselves in their three games, sparking the Rams not only through the tourney but through a successful season. Mack Jones of Bunn had a good tournament as did Russ Eaves and Leroy Terrell of Epsom and Dell Wilder and Tommy Best played well in their single game for Edward Best. Kenny West starred in Gold Sand's single contest, scoring twelve points.

These are the kids, that for the most part did not receive any awards for their play this season or in the tournament. Yet, they too added a great deal to the overall enjoyment of the game and to the success of their teams. There may be others, but surely these mentioned here deserve that small recognition this exposure might bring.

And congratulations go to the many who made the all-conference and all-tournament selections. Truly this is an honor they not only deserve, but which they will cherish over the years.



Staff Photos by Clint Fuller

Championship Action

Youngsville's Darlyne Cash (30) and Linda Paschall (31) contest Epsom's Delores Falkner for basketball.

Epsom Girls, Youngsville Boys Win

Thursday Action

Delores Falkner led the second place Epsom girls to a 45-31 win over the Bunn sextet, scoring 21 points in last Thursday's semifinals in the Franklin County tournament. The Louisburg Bulldogs gave Youngsville the scare of the season as they hung in close until the final frame before falling to a 62-53 score.

After an initial frame that saw the lead jump back and forth, the Epsom girls went out in front 17-12 at halftime and were never in trouble after that. Brenda Perkinson was a sparkplug for the winners, making key baskets as she scored 12 points, a season high.

Jean Crudup led the Bunn girls with nine points followed by Linda Moore with eight. The loss eliminated Bunn

and set up the championship game last Friday night between the conference champs Youngsville girls and Epsom.

The Louisburg Bulldogs came to play in the nightcap and held Youngsville's toes to the fire as a tight defense and hustling play gave the fans the closest game of the tournament to that point. Youngsville experienced one of its more shaky nights to aid the Bulldogs in keeping close.

Louisburg's hope faded at the halftime break as Thomas Finch sustained a sprained ankle at the end of the half and was lost to the team the balance of the night. Wilbur Moore, the Bulldog's other tall forward went out on fouls at the end of the third quarter.

Youngsville led after the first moments of play and took a 33-32 lead in the dressing room at the half. With 6:35 left in the third period the Bulldogs took their first lead of the night on Danny Faulkner's field goal. Louisburg led once more at the 5:29 mark on Jimmy Geddie's basket at 36-35.

With 1:57 left in the third period, Youngsville made its move and pulled ahead to 50-45 at the end of the period. From that point on the Phantoms held control and went on to take the 62-53 win.

Jesse Preddy, with 18 points, led Youngsville and Jimmy Geddie, with 20 points paced the Bulldogs. The win sent Youngsville into the championship game and placed

Louisburg in Saturday's consolation contest.

Girls: Epsom--Falkner 21, Hedgepeth 8, Perkinson 12, Smith, Ayscue, J. Ayscue 3, Pendergrass, Jessup, Stainback, Foster, Fuller, L. Fuller, C. Smith 1. Bunn--Clark 6, Moore 8, Andrews 1, Crudup 9, Alford 3, Branch, Mullen 1, Jones, Denton, Hagwood 3.

Epsom 5 12 17 11 - 45
Bunn 6 6 6 13 - 31

Boys: Youngsville--Wrenn 9, Freddy 18, Catlett 7, Paschall 11, Wilder 9, Roberts 8, Wiggins. Louisburg--Faulkner 17, Geddie 20, Finch 9, D. Finch 2, Moore 5, McDonald, Chesson, Wrenn.

Youngsville 19 14 17 12 - 62
Louisburg 16 16 13 8 - 53

Basketball Awards

Tournament Most Valuable Player
Girl's Division: Vickie Rogers of Youngsville
Boy's Division: Foster Brodie of Franklinton

All Tournament Teams

Girl's Division
Vickie Rogers of Youngsville
Delores Falkner of Epsom
Harriet Pearce of Youngsville
Judy Clark of Bunn
Rebecca Pearce of Edward Best
Charlene Hedgepeth of Epsom

Boy's Division
Foster Brodie of Franklinton
C. L. Wrenn of Youngsville
Larry Paschall of Youngsville
Robert Bowden of Bunn
Milton Horton of Bunn

Tournament Champions

Girl's Division: Youngsville
Boy's Division: Youngsville

Tournament Runnersup

Girl's Division: Epsom
Boy's Division: Bunn

Consolation Game Winner

Boys: Franklinton

Conference Champions

Girl's Division: Youngsville
Boy's Division: Youngsville

Coaches of the Year

Girl's Division: Mrs. Kay D. Phillips of Youngsville
Boy's Division: Mr. Larry Lindsey of Youngsville

All Conference Teams - First Team

Girl's Division
Vickie Rogers of Youngsville
Delores Falkner of Epsom
Harriet Pearce of Youngsville
Toni Gupton of Gold Sand
Charlene Hedgepeth of Epsom
Judy Clark of Bunn

Boy's Division
Foster Brodie of Franklinton
Mike Fowler of Epsom
C. L. Wrenn of Youngsville
Jesse Preddy of Youngsville
Larry Paschall of Youngsville

All Conference Teams - Second Team

Girl's Division
Kathy Gilliam of Edward Best
Jean Crudup of Bunn
Phyllis Murray of Edward Best
Lisa Harris of Franklinton
Rebecca Pearce of Edward Best
Linda Paschall of Youngsville

Boy's Division
E. J. Wilder of Youngsville
Robert Bowden of Bunn
David Batton of Bunn
Mike Lovin of Gold Sand
Thomas Finch of Louisburg

Sportsmanship

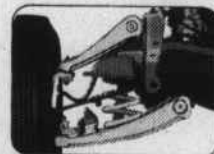
Girl's: Franklinton
Boy's: Epsom



Youngsville's Larry Paschall drives to the basket as Bunn's Wayne Horton attempts to stop the shot.



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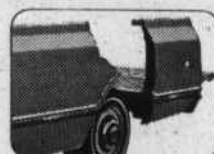
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