

Youngsville Boys And Girls Win Tourney Titles

Boys Win Fourth In Five Years

The Franklinton Rams jumped out to an eight-point advantage in the early moments of Saturday's championship game with the Youngsville Phantoms, but the defending State champions showed their style as they copped their third tourney title in a row and their fourth in the five years.

Leading as much as 12 points in the third quarter, Youngsville had its hands full nursing its lead as the Rams kept whittling away at it. The game ended with Youngsville ahead 63-58.

The Rams led at the end of the first quarter, 16-15 but Youngsville moved in front with 7:10 left in the first half, 17-16. At halftime it was all knotted up at 29-all. With All Tourney Rodney Roberts, Youngsville's top scorer of the game on the bench by fouls, the Rams began to nip away in the final quarter. However, time was on the side of Youngsville.

Roberts scored 27 points to lead both squads and Morris Catlette hit for 23 for Youngsville. Foster Brodie,

Franklinton's All Tourney ace, was held to 18 points, somewhat below his season's average. Haywood Lawrence and Jesse Fogg contributed 11 points each for Franklinton.

The win gave Youngsville the title and the designation as Franklin's "A" Team in the District playoffs which allows a bye in opening round play. Franklinton is Franklin's "B" Team and Wakelon, winner of the Consolation championship is the "C" Team.

Championship Game	
Franklinton	19 12 15 24-58
Youngsville	15 12 22 14-58

Franklinton—Brodie 18, Fogg 11, Beckham 4, Lawrence 11, Eales 2, sub—Mason 4, Sneed 2, Davis 1, Collins 1, Youngsville—M. Catlett 23, Higgins 1, Roberts 27, Bailey 2, Mitchell 8, sub—Catlett.

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Bunn and Youngsville Girls Bunch Up in Title Tilt.

Girls Get Second In Row

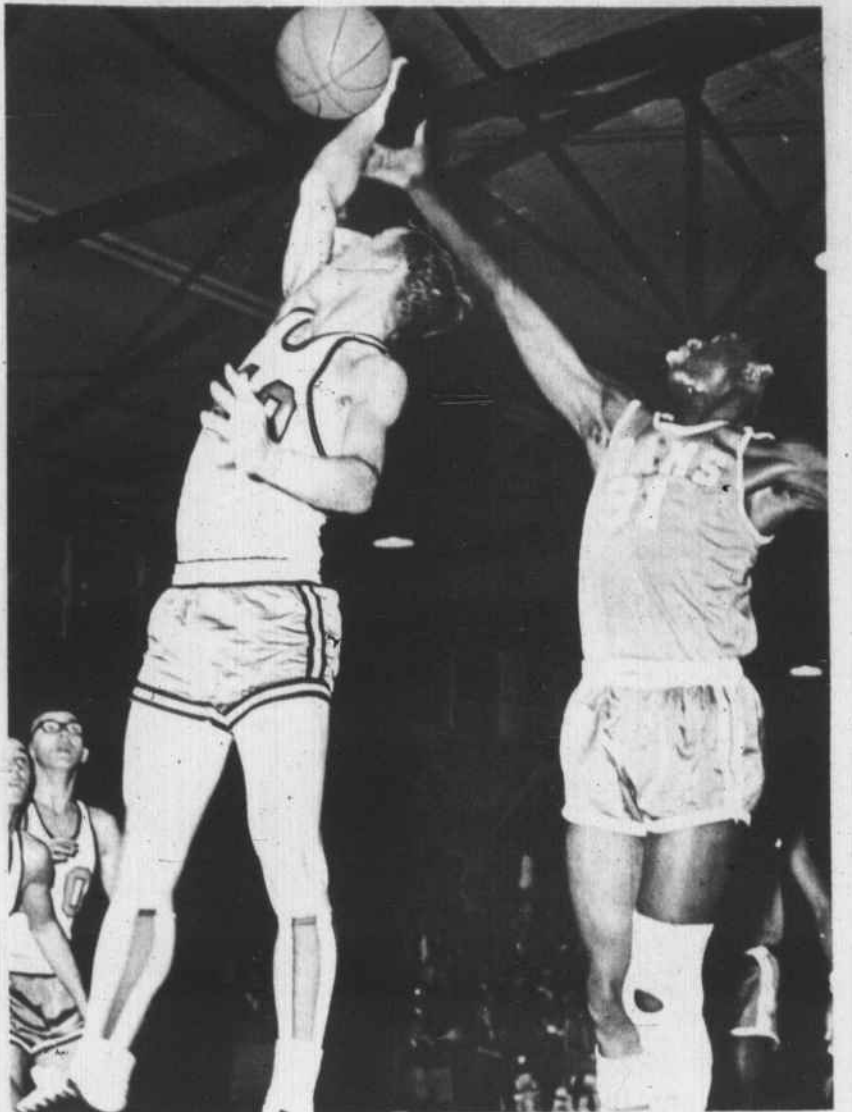
The Youngsville girls won their second tournament title in a row as they swamped Bunn in last Friday night's championship game, 45-21. Vickie Rogers, voted the tournament's most valuable player, led Youngsville with 23 points. Harriett Pearce scored 14. Jean Hagwood and Jean Crudup shared Bunn scoring honors with seven points each.

Bunn had edged the Wake- ton girls to gain the finals. Both Bunn and Wakelon had first-round byes along with Youngsville.

Youngsville led at the end of the first period, 9-5 and by halftime had stretched the lead to 25-7. From that point on it was a matter of running out the clock.

The Youngsville girls lost only to Meadow in regular season play, this by one-point. They finished with a 16-1 record for the season and won two in the tournament.

Youngsville girls defeated Epsom, 48-36 last year for the tourney title. In 1967 they were defeated by a foul shot by Gwen Ray as the buzzer sounded and Bunn took the crown, 28-27. They won the tournament in 1962, downing Louisburg, 46-36.



Youngsville's Morris Catlett and Franklinton's Charles Manson Go After Ball in Championship Tilt.

SPORTS In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

Another exciting tournament is history but many will remember this as the best one yet. There were ten games—three were extremely close, two went into overtime. All except two, girl's contests were filled with excitement. Six were decided on six or less points. This kind of play is what has made the county tournament the success it has been for many years.

Until Saturday night, there was still some question as to what boy would be chosen the most valuable player. Anyone viewing the outstanding game given Youngsville by Morris Catlett had no doubts that he would be selected. Foster Brodie of Franklinton, last year's winner, was in the running and had the Rams been able to take the title might have repeated.

Little and pretty Vickie Rogers did repeat as girls most valuable. She is the first to win twice in the six years since the Wiley F. Mitchell trophy has been given. There was little question but that she was the most outstanding. Her teammate, Harriett Pearce was also in the running.

Memory fades so fast, it is interesting to look back to see who was selected most valuable player in past years. In 1964, the first year the Mitchell Award was established, Judy Jones of Edward Best and Jeff Bulluck of Louisburg copped the coveted trophy. In 1965, the prize went to Betty Batten of Bunn and Wiley Brown of Youngsville. In 1966 Delores Falkner of Epsom and Howard Stallings of Louisburg were the winners.

In 1967 the only tie in the six-year-history of the award occurred. Gwen Ray of Bunn and Linda Strother of Youngsville shared honors among the girls and Ralph Brown won in the boys division. Last year it was Vickie Rogers and Foster Brodie.

Jimmy O'Neal, Franklinton Coach must have been remembering a similar night in 1964 as he watched his Ram charges fall behind the Youngsville Phantoms in the championship contest. It was O'Neal who coached the Gold Sand Blue Devils that year to a 54-45 win over the Louisburg Bulldogs. It was the only time a Gold Sand team had won the tournament in at least 23 years.

Attendance was not hurt by advance ticket sales nor the increase in admission prices. Some fans steered clear of buying a five-night ticket since they cared only for one or two nights of the tournament. Quite a few, however, had to be turned away Saturday night. Needless to say they were disappointed. They had, however, been forewarned that seating was limited and ample chances were given to buy advance tickets.

The host of pretty cheerleaders deserve praise. They added a great deal of beauty and color to the tournament. Bunn cheerers worked hardest. Their teams played five games—more than any other school. It was interesting to see arch rivals Bunn and Youngsville pulling for each other against Wakelon and Franklinton. The same is true of these two pulling for each other.

Youngsville as Franklin's "A" Team in the playoffs will get a bye. Their first game in Rocky Mount comes on March 6 against the winner of the Wakelon-Halifax-Warren contest played February 27 (7 P.M.) Franklinton, Franklin's "B" Team, plays Vance County on February 27 (8:30 P.M.). Wakelon is Franklin's "C" Team and chances are that they will get a crack at Youngsville. Both are in the lower bracket. Franklinton and Youngsville or Wakelon cannot meet until the championship game scheduled for March 6.

Wakelon Takes Bunn In 3 Overtimes

Tommy Massey walked to the free throw line with 26 seconds left in the regulation game Saturday night and hit the first of a one and one foul situation. He missed the second and Wakelon tied Bunn at 52-all to go into what proved to be three overtimes in the Consolation game.

The first overtime produced no change in the score as both squads showed a case of nerves committing a number of turnovers which neither could capitalize on. With six seconds left in the second three-minute overtime, Bunn's John Horton tapped in a shot by Jerry Strickland to bring the Bunn boys to a 56-56 deadlock after Wakelon had held a two-point lead since the 1:10 mark.

Massey put Wakelon ahead early in the final extra-time period at the 1:14 mark. With 45 seconds left, Craig Hopkins hit another Wakelon two-pointer to move the score to 60-56 in favor of Wakelon. Wayne Horton scored for Bunn at the 33-second point but Earl Bunn put the icing on the win for Wakelon by hitting both ends of a one and one foul opportunity to—move the Wake County squad to a 62-58 advantage with 10 seconds left. The marathon contest lasted 1 hour and 22 minutes, the longest of the tournament.

Massey, chosen All-Tourney, led Wakelon with 22 points and John Horton, with 15 and Jerry Strickland with 14 paced Bunn. Jamie Pearce scored 15 for Wakelon and Wayne Horton hit 13 for Bunn. Bunn made 18 of 27 at the line for 66 percent and had 20 field goals. Wakelon hit 14 of 26 at the line and had 24 from the floor.

The contest was easily the most exciting of the ten played last week in the tournament. Both teams had several opportunities to shut the door on the other, but neither could muster the shot when it was most needed. Bunn jumped off to an early lead with Wakelon grabbing an 8-7 edge midway the first quarter. At the end of one period of play Wakelon held a slim 16-12 edge. A tap in by John Horton gave Bunn a 34-32 halftime lead and two

free throws by Phil Hagwood gave Bunn a tie at 42-all to end the third frame. After a Bunn foul set up Massey's tying free throw in the regular game, Bunn had a final

shot at the basket before the horn sounded but missed.

Bunn's Jerry Strickland, a tourney standout, missed with 8 seconds left in the first overtime. Jamie Pearce hit

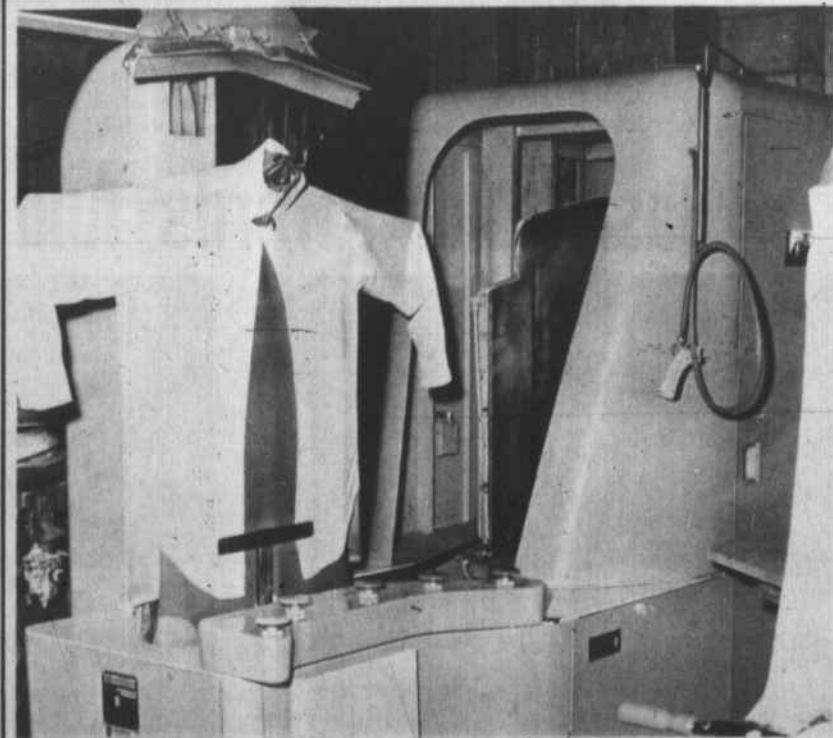
Jayvee Tourney Starts Here Tonight

Four Franklin County schools will field Jayvee teams tonight at the Paul Elam Gym at Louisburg High School for the first Jayvee Tournament in years. Bunn Jayvees will meet Louisburg Jayvees at 7 p.m. and Franklinton Jayvees will play Youngsville at 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday night, winners of tonight's games will play for the Jayvee championship at 8:15 p.m. and tonight's losers will meet for third place at 7 p.m.

A small admission will be charged to aid in defraying expenses, according to a spokesman for the League.

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Consolation Game	
Wakelon	16 14 10 0 4 4-57
Bunn	12 22 8 10 0 4 3-56

Wakelon—Massey 22, Bunn 4, Pearce 15, Price 4, Gillespie 1, Sube—Draughon 2, Hopkins 7, Bunn—J. Strickland 14, James Horton 8, Hagwood 6, 3, Winters 2, W. Horton 13, Sub—John Horton 13.



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