

Conference Stretched Way Out As Season Begins

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For those basketball fans who have had trouble in past years keeping up with six or seven schools-12 to 14 teams-we have a message. You ain't seen nothing yet. And if these same fans have been troubled because they could not see more than a couple of teams a week, we have another message. Get set for more trouble.

Since 1927, when the Franklin County League (as it was known) first saw the light of day, Franklin County schools have been the lone participants. This was true until last season when Wakelon was made a member and Epsom and Edward Best dropped out. Six schools and the eleven teams they floundered (Franklin abandoned girls basketball) were still somewhat neatly packaged in an area not too many miles in distance. The League had a successful season and few, if any, problems arose.

It is hoped that the same good fairy will tap the newly formed Franklin Area Conference this season. Sprawled from Gold Sand to Apex and Epsom to Cardinal Gibbons and Edward Best to Oxford Orphanage even the fairy is going to find it a problem keeping up with all the goings-on.

There are eleven schools in the new conference. Ten of these will field boys and girls teams and one will floor a boys squad only. This adds to 21 different basketball squads to keep tabs on. Add to this a scattered JV program in which around six of the schools will participate and throw in a dash of seventh-eighth grade contests and the whole thing staggers the imagination.

But let us hasten to point out that largeness does not necessarily mean a lightening up of top quality basketball. Nor is it likely to lessen the intense rivalry of the schools-old and new. It is likely to make impossible the task of any one sports writer to keep any sort of accurate record on scoring and maybe, even, won-lost records.

Youngville boys and girls are defending champions. Both are among the favorites in the conference this year. Cardinal Gibbons boys are expected to give the Phantoms about as much competition as any of the squads. Nothing is known about the Gibbons girls except they have won at least one game thus far in the season.

Franklin boys who tied Youngville as Conference co-champs are not

expected to be as strong without Foster Brodie, Haywood Lawrence, Charles Manson, Mac Beckham and others, but the Rams are expected to get some help from the conference champion Jayvee squad of last year.

Bunn is already off to a good 3-0 start and with most of the Bulldogs returning are expected to be tough competition. The Bunn girls minus Ellen Andrews and Jean Crudup might not be as strong, but they too could be.

Edward Best and Epsom will be rejoining the conference after a year's absence and may have some trouble in the early contests. Edward Best had community type program last year which should help their boys program this year.

Gold Sand boys will miss Dewey

Perry but have thus far been doing alright, having won two and lost none. The girls have won one and lost an overtime stint 8-6.

Nothing is known about Apex, except that its in Wake County. What kind of program Apex has must remain a secret until after December 1 when they join the schedule. Oxford Orphanage, also gets into the act in December and without any knowledge of the schools cage attributes, it is safe to report that the Red Devils will be-as they have always been-tough. We'll just have to wait and see about the girls.

Louisburg lost some good boys and the local girls might be a year or so away. Like most of the other teams, too little is known about them to

make any kind of qualified guess. Wakelon is the same. The Bulldogs had a good squad last year and much depends on how many players were lost on both the Wakelon squads.

If we had to pick a pile-and we're glad we don't have to-we'd say Youngville, Cardinal Gibbons, Bunn boys and Youngville, Bunn and Wakelon girls-neither, necessarily in that order. You might add Oxford and Apex and any other squads that turns you on. So little is known at this stage of the game. It would be fool hearted indeed to try to predict.

It should be an interesting season and with the distances involved fans and players alike should see a lot of scenery going to and from the games. Hope nobody gets lost.

Hurricanes Win Homecoming Tilt

Larry Paschall scored 20 points in the space of seven minutes in the first half to spark Louisburg to a 98-63 conquest of the Rams from Southwood Saturday night. It was the annual homecoming game for the 'Canes and was played before a packed house in Holton Gymnasium.

Paschall tallied 24 of his 32 points in the first half providing the spark for the 'Canes who rolled to a 51-30

halftime advantage. For the game the 5'9" 'Canes co-captain hit on 11 of 22 from the floor and 10 of 13 from the line. Paschall has tallied 89 points in the 'Canes' four games to date and in addition to his scoring he has set up numerous other field goals with accurate passes.

Terry Davis sparked the 'Canes' scoring in the second half when he dropped in 13 of his 20 points for the night.

The 6'4" leaper grabbed 19 rebounds for the game and he blocked several shots in a spectacular defensive effort. Davis now has captured 54 rebounds in four games and has scored 79 points.

The Rams got a good scoring effort from Teddy Tucker who finished with 31 points. The 'Canes' defense throttled the Rams' big scorers as they held high scoring Brooks Bradshaw, E. J. Wilder, and Jesse Preddy to a total of 12 points. Bradshaw and Preddy were averaging well over 20 points per game for four games and Wilder had averaged 15 per game. In the process of stopping this two the 'Canes allowed Tucker to hit 8 of 15 from the floor and he converted 15 of 18 free throws.

The 'Canes clearly dominated play in the first half

but in the second half Southwood held on doggedly until the 7:00 mark as they cut the 'Canes' lead to 71-55. At this point Terry Davis and George Bowden led a Louisburg surge that netted 13 points in the space of 3 minutes while the Rams could manage only 4 points.

The 'Canes travel to Kittrell tonight and put their 4-0 record on the line against the team that pushed the locals to the limit before bowing 89-80 in the 'Canes' opener.

Louisburg: Davis 20, Wilson 4, Richardson 9, Bowden 8, Paschall 32, Frazier 4, Moran 5, English 2, Spence 5, Webb 2, Rawlings 5, Alford 2, Grant, Snead. Southwood: Justice 2, Preddy 3, Tucker 31, Wilder 6, Bradshaw 3, Bass 11, Dutton 4, Ennis 2, Rackley 1, Wright, Domorski, C. Davis.

Wheless Leads Bunn Boys

Reported by Fred Tharrington

The Bunn girls nailed the Gold Sand girls, 12-8 Friday night and the visiting Bulldogs added more misery as they edged the homestanding Blue Devils, 46-44. It was the fourth win in a row for the

Bunn girls, their first in conference. The Bunn boys have now won three and lost one to Lucama. Gold Sand girls have lost all three outings but this was the first loss for the boys.

Jean Hagwood led the winning girls with 10 points and Betty Boone paced Gold Sand with five. Sweeney Wright was high scorer in the game as the Blue Devil hit for 22 points. John Wheless led the Bulldogs with 17.

Gold Sand played at Youngville last night and will host Cardinal Gibbons Wednesday night. Both are Franklin Area Conference tilts.

Gold Sand Girls: Collins 2, Boone 5, Lovin 1, Alston, Ragland, Stallings, Evans. Bunn: Winstead, Hagwood 10, Chamblee, Bowden 2, Pearce, Crudup, Cheves.

Gold Sand Boys: Ragland 7, Hale 4, Wright 22, Bowers 4, Alston 2, Evans 4. Bunn: W. Horton 8, Cone 9, J. Horton 9, Wheless 17, Thorne 5, Pace.

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Paschall
32 Points

Catlette High As Youngville Taps Gibbons

Reported by Glenn Evans

The Phantoms of Youngville defeated the Cardinal Gibbons Crusaders 70-49 at Dorton Arena Saturday night.

Leading Youngville to victory was Morris Catlett with 18 points. Following close behind was Buddy Mitchell with 15. Rodney Roberts added 11 points and Mike Hart added 10.

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Following this game, the Los Angeles Stars battled the Carolina Cougars to a

120-117 victory in an ABA game requiring an overtime period.

Scoring by quarters: Youngville 16 21 19 14 70. C. Gibbons 17 7 14 11 49. Youngville: Roberts 11, Catlett 18, Hart 10, Mitchell 15, Wiggins 8, Bailey 6, O'Neal 2, Woodlief, Conyers, Davis, Black, Carter.

C. Gibbons: Terrell 15, Johnson 14, J. House 5, J. Mark 7, B. House 5, Hutzel, Nemmers, Olsen, Whitten, Carbone, R. Mark 2, Ziverink 1.

Woodlief Leads Phantom Win

Reported by Glenn Evans

The Youngville Phantoms started their basketball season with a 97-47 victory over Epsom Friday night, and the Phantomes defeated the Epsom girls 90-13.

Mark Woodlief led Youngville with 16 points. Also scoring in double figures were Morris Catlett, Buddy Mitchell, Douglas Carter and Dwight Black. Glenn Steed led Epsom with 22 points. Allen Edwards scored 13 points.

Forty of the Youngville girl's points came in the fourth quarter. Leading the Phantomes were Vickie Rogers and Harriett Pearce, both with 25 points. Katie Ann Lindsey followed with 20 points.

High scorers for Epsom were Mary Roland and Georgia Russell, both with 4 points.

Boys score by quarters: Youngville 34 16 25 22 97. Epsom 11 11 15 10 47.

Youngville: Roberts 8, Catlett 14, Hart 7, Mitchell 14, Bailey 4, Carter 12, Black 11, Davis 6, Conyers 1, Woodlief 16, Wiggins 3, O'Neal 1. Epsom: Steed 22,

Brown, Spencer 3, Wynne 7, A. Edwards 13, Neal, South-erland, Alston, Solomon 2, Collins, M. Edwards.

Girls score by quarters: Youngville 26 15 9 40 90. Epsom 0 1 10 2 13.

Youngville: V. Rogers 25, H. Pearce 25, Paschall 9, Catlett 3, D. Rogers 3, J. Pearce, Lindsey 20, Strickland 2, D. Woodlief 2, Jeffreys 1, Richardson, Glenn, Finch, Hackney. Epsom: Jessup 3, Roland 4, Wynne 2, Russell 4, Purdue, Smith, G. Blacknall, Falkner, N. Foster, Alston, Fuller, Overton, M. Foster, P. Blacknall.

Epsom Falls To C.G., 93-55

Raleigh - Center John House poured in 21 points and grabbed 20 rebounds as Cardinal Gibbons whipped Epsom, 93-55, in a Franklin Area cage tilt here Monday night.

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At least a couple of former Louisburg players are making a name for themselves on the gridiron. "Crow" Patterson, who played end here from 1963 to 1966 was chosen Linesman of the Week for his performance with the Ferrum Panthers. (See article elsewhere on this page). And Parker Lumpkin, who played his freshman year here continues to aid Virginia Episcopal School in its undefeated season this year. Parker a linesman and a giant is seeing his team enjoy a 9-0 season. Last Saturday VES downed St. Christopher's, 57-15.

The basketball season has hardly gotten underway and already some of the cagers are pumping them in like scoring might be going out of style. Unless and until the coaches send in rosters and game reports, our statistics will of necessity, be sketchy and incomplete. But what we have been able to muster shows the scorers something like this:

SWEENEY WRIGHT of Gold Sand in two games is averaging 23 points; GLENN STEED of Epsom hit 22 points in the Youngville game (reported, incidentally by Youngville, the visiting team); MORRIS CATLETT of Youngville-TOURNAMENT'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER last year-is averaging 16 points for two games and GLENN CONE of Bunn is averaging 16.5 for four games.

DWIGHT JOHNSON of Cardinal Gibbons has a 15.5 average for the only two games we have (C-G has played four); JOHN HOUSE of Gibbons is averaging 14 for two of the four games reported and KIP TERRELL also of Gibbons hit 15 against Youngville Saturday night.

On the prettier side of the conference, VICKIE ROGERS-TOURNAMENT'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER last year-and HARRIET PEARCE both of Youngville hit 25 points against Epsom. JEAN HAGWOOD of Bunn averages 14.7 points a game for four games.

Lin Green, who played basketball at Youngville in the mid-sixties, ending in 1965, is a member of this year's East Carolina Pirate squad. Coach Tom Quinn says the 6'4" senior "came to us right out of the student body and might develop into a swing man for us. A guard, he could help our depth situation a great deal".

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Youngville Takes Two

Led by the double digit scoring of four players, Youngville's Phantoms rolled to their third consecutive triumph Monday night by blasting Gold Sand, 81-50, in a Franklin Area conference game.

Phantom star Morris Catlett led the winning team with 19 points. Bobby Ragland, the only Gold Sand player to score in double figures, led all players with 24 points.

Score by quarters: Gold Sand 7 8 15 20 50. Youngville 21 16 21 23 81. Gold Sand: Ragland 24, Hale 2, Wright 9, Evans 8, Alston 2, Thomas, Foster 3, Thompson, Denton 2, Leonard.

Youngville: Roberts 13, Catlett 19, Hart 12, Mitchell 10, Bailey 6, Black 8, Davis, Conyers, Woodlief 9, Wiggins 4, O'Neal.

Girls' game: Youngville 53, Gold Sand 19.



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