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Davie JV Ladies Take Central Piedmont Conference 14-0 Record

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Davie County High School JV Girls took the Central Piedmont Conference with a 14-1 overall record and a 14-0 conference record.

According to JV ladies coach Sherrie Myers, "We only loss one game and that was our first one, to Statesville.

"It was good for us to lose this one, it was a great learning experience for the girls. After this loss we pulled it all together and the next time we played Statesville we won 52-39. We got down to basics.

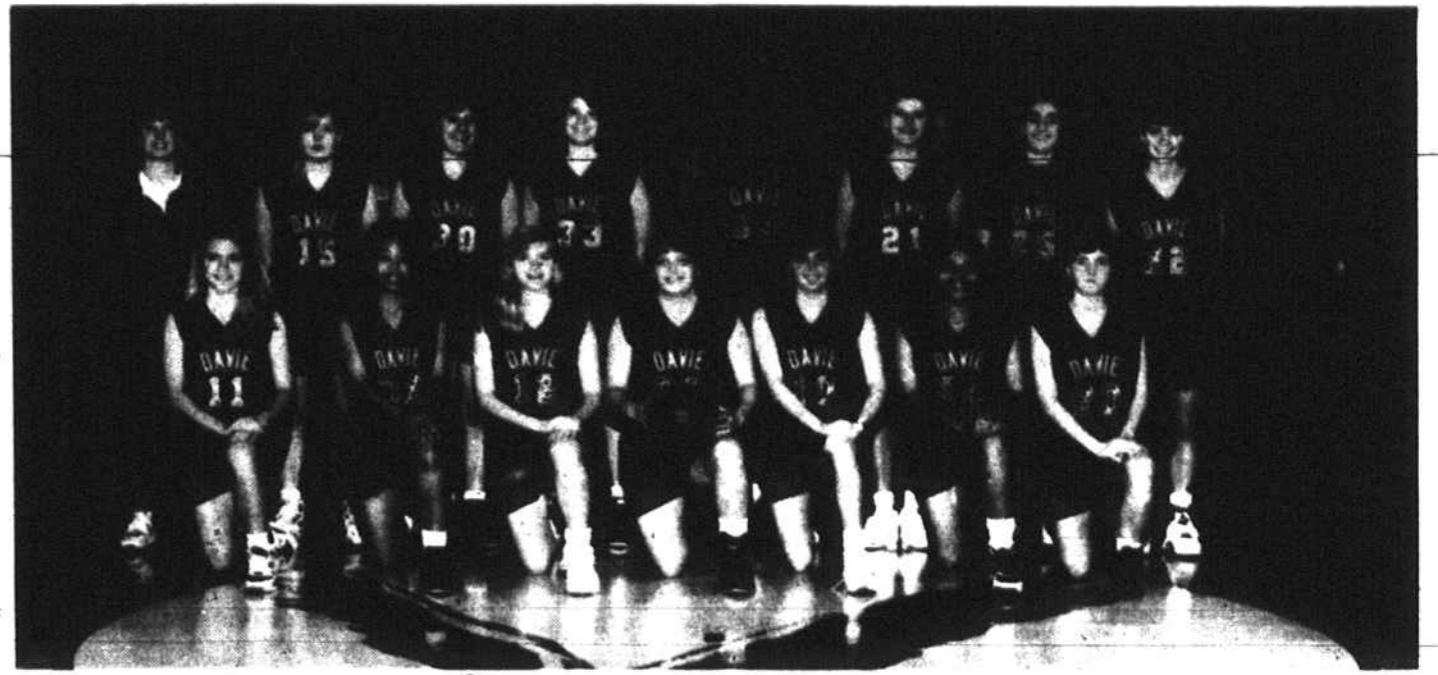
"I knew we had a talented team and I knew we could win. With the girls we had I never had to worry about motivation, because they were a fiery bunch of girls," Myers added.

"Our girls liked to win, but they liked to win big. Not by one or two points but a big win. I like to see a team improve as much as I feel this team has improved over the season.

"We're a well balanced team, good from the free throw line and we out rebounded every team we have played, defensively and offensively, with about a 70 % record," Myers concluded.

Davie County's JV Ladys season victories (and one loss) went as follows:

Statesville over Davie 48-43; Davie over North Davidson 47-32; Davie over Statesville 52-39; Davie over North Davidson 51-48; Davie over West Rowan 34-25; Davie over Reynolds 57-18; Davie over West Rowan 54-19; Davie over Parkland 58-20; Davie over Dudley 58-44; Davie over Mount Tabor 47-39; Davie over West Forsyth 47-39; Davie over South Rowan 49-34; Davie over Grimsley 84-24; Davie over Parkland 68-11; Davie over Dudley 52-35; Davie over Mount Tabor 54-40; Davie over Reynolds 69-17; Davie over West Forsyth 50-42; Davie over South Rowan 59-36; and Davie over Grimsly 60-21.



Davie County High School JV Girls Central Piedmont Champions. Pictures and point-per-game average, front row, left to right: Kelly Robertson -1.2, Brooke Suiter -4, Heather Johnson -2, Tami Ramsey -8.2, Beth Wall -5.5, Roxanne Steele and Amanda Sigmon -6.1. Second row, Coach Sherrie Myers, Jonette Willard -8.6, Laura Moyer -1.2, Janis Barney -1.2, Nakiesha Wagner -5.1, Elizabeth Greene -6, Christina Cassidy -7.1 and Holly Snider -9.



Playing in the Winston Lake YMCA 5-8 year-old basketball tournament, players express faces of determination as both teams showed strong defensive action from the floor as they struggle for ball control. See Winston Lake Youth Action next week for more photos and stories.

Coppin State Claims MEAC Title Over Del. St.

By BARRY COOPER
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Some of the best-kept secrets in sports are black college sports teams. Coppin State is a perfect example. The Eagles won the recent Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball championship to advance to the NCAA Division I Tournament.

Here's what some people may not know: The MEAC championship victory over Delaware State was the Eagles' 16th victory in a row. That's the longest winning streak in the nation.

As expected, Coppin State (22-8) raced through the MEAC tournament field at Norfolk, Va., and trounced Delaware State, 80-53. It wouldn't be farfetched to suggest that Coppin State may be the best black college team in the country. During the regular season, coach Fang Mitchell's Coppin State squad held MEAC opponents to 70 points or less in all but one game.

This season, Coppin State played its best basketball since winning the MEAC title in 1990. Stephen Stewart scored 24 points to spark the title victory over Delaware State, but through most of the season Coppin State excelled without having anyone player carry the club.

Stewart played fine, all-around basketball all season, Kyle Locke has some big games, and Tariq Saunders provide to be one of the MEAC's top 3-pointers. Mitchell brought all the talents together to form the best team in the conference.

"We try to get a lot of balanced scoring with our team," Mitchell said. "It's been success this far, so why mess with success?"

Coppin won the MEAC with tenacious defense and great 3-point shooting. In one regular-season game, against Florida A&M, the Eagles unleashed a barrage of 3-pointers. "We average about seven 3-pointers a game" Mitchell aid. "If you give them to us, we'll make them."

Later, Coppin reeled off an 18-0 rally that included two 3-pointers by Marcus Robinson. The Eagles led, 75-46, with 2:43 left.

Coppin State, which held the Hornets (13-16) to 27 percent field goal shooting left no opportunity for them to pull off an upset. The Eagles were outstanding in every phase of the game, including free-throw shooting. Stewart was 5 of 5 from the line to lead four Coppin players with perfect free-throw shooting. The Eagles were 22 of 25. Here are the complete results of the MEAC Tournament:

- First round:
- Howard 86, Bethune-Cookman 72.
- Quarter finals:
- Coppin State 54, Howard 57
- Florida A&M 90, Morgan State 87
- Delaware State 88, North Carolina A&T 79
- South Carolina State 59, Maryland-Eastern Shore 57
- Semifinals:
- Coppin State 81, Florida A&M 69
- Delaware State 75, South Carolina State 64
- Final
- Coppin State 80, Delaware State 53.

Who Are The JV's? Did They Play? Who Won?

Who won the Junior Varsity Basketball Metro and Central Conferences?

Well, as you can see by the front page story Davie County High School JV girls won the Central Piedmont Conference. In a quick phone conversation it was reported that East Forsyth JV boys won the Metro Conference (unofficially).

Trying to find out who won these two JV conferences is like hunting for a duck pond in the middle of the desert.

I know that the JV teams played basketball because I went to them. Didn't I?

Someone kept score during the game. Didn't they?

Athletes were dressed out and dribbled the ball up and down the court making baskets and foul shot. Weren't they?

Fans were cheering for their favorite teams, I heard them. Didn't you?

So Who Won?

I understand that the JV team is not considered (by some) as an important issue for the schools athlete department. Although I can see your logic in this matter, then why is it even necessary to keep score.

It is considered (by some) as only a learning process. If this is the case a good thing to learn is that life itself teaches, some win and some lose. The JV teams of today are the varsity teams of tomorrow.

When fans walk through the door at the gym to watch the JV athletes compete, they first reach their hand into their pockets for some crisp bills to get in the door, so the JV team is a benefit to someone.

There are many fine athletes at the JV level and their talent can no longer be ignored. Trying to hide their talent is like trying to hide 'A Fire In The Night'.

The time has come for the JV teams, whether they be basketball, baseball, softball, football or whatever to get their due honors. No

counted, or at least get someone to count the to see who won.

This can't be too much trouble. Surely you want to know how you

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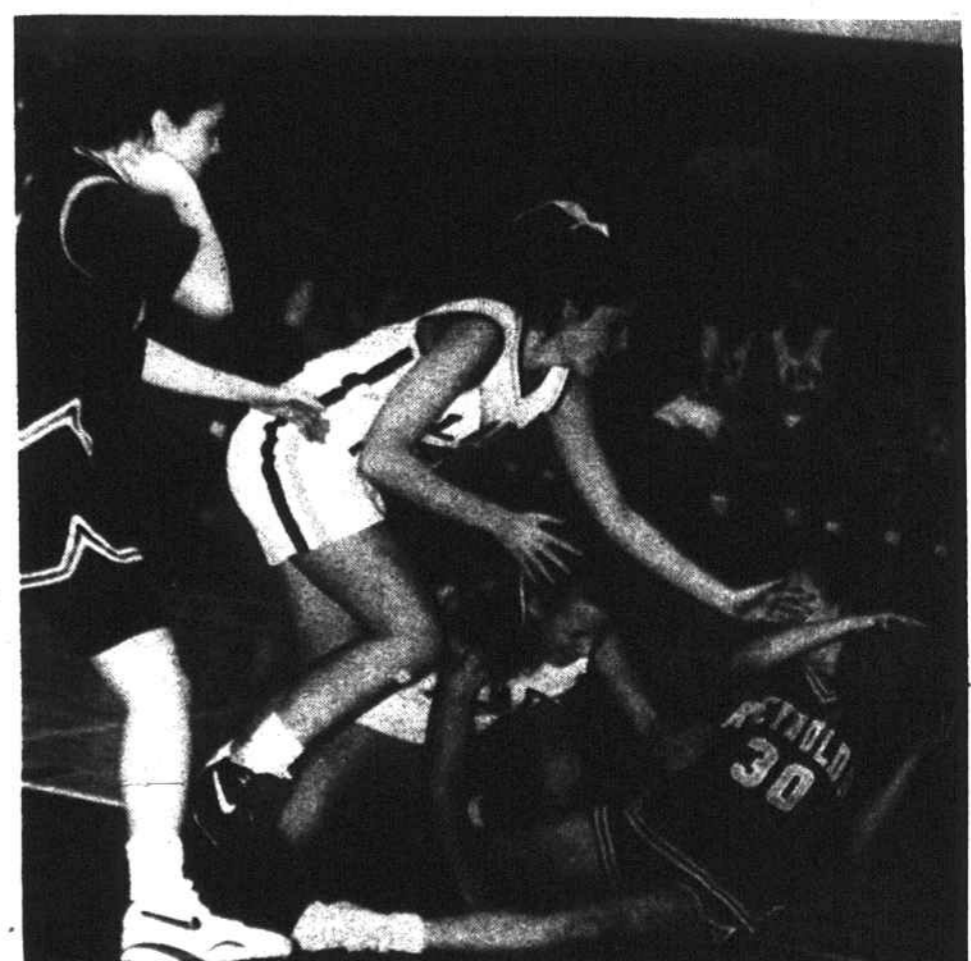
longer can they be the unsung heroes.

I know that someone won the Metro and Central Piedmont Conference, if only unofficially. If you know who you are, have your JV coach call the Winston Salem Chronicle at 722-8624, ask for the sports department, and we will recognize your accomplishment.

It's time to stand up and be

stood, if only unofficially. Your talent is being recognized by your fans, community and coaches.

You are important to us and your community. Your athletic abilities are a major issue in our sports publication and we will continue to give you the best coverage possible.



JV Ladies Basketball Action. To overlook such talent as an important part of our athlete program is to cheat ourselves, and our schools.