

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP) — It's now certain that a carload of suggestions to change basketball rules will be offered next month when the coaches hold their annual powwow, but it's not at all certain that even one important change will be made.

The rules come up for possible revision when the National Association of Collegiate Basketball Coaches holds its annual meeting in Kansas City in conjunction with the NCAA tournament.

And right now a preview of that meeting looks like it could be a retake of last, oh; — most of the coaches agreeing that they don't like the present rules too much, but not agreeing on how to change 'em.

Seven Agree

At a New York meeting of college court tutors the other day, for example, seven of the eight men present agreed that they wanted rules changed — and they suggested seven entirely different changes.

Among the most sweeping proposals made so far are those offered by Coach Ed Hickey of St. Louis, Howard Hobson of Yale, and Ken Norton of Manhattan. And those three top mentors don't come close to agreeing on what they want.

The mild-mannered, scholarly little Hickey, president of the coaches association, came up with perhaps the most radical and sweeping program yet devised. Hickey is out to erase the "one and one" foul rule, which gives a player another try if he misses a one-shot free throw. He's also against the three-minute rule, which gives a player two free throws on every foul in the last three minutes of a game.

Offers Change

Hickey says he'll offer these changes to the meeting: (1) throw out these two rules; (2) keep a player in the game no matter how many fouls he commits; (3) for each foul after the third, make the penalty one free throw and two more if that's sunk, or if a player sinks a basket and is fouled, make it one free throw and another if he sinks it.

Norton also is dead-set "agin" the "one and one" rule. He agrees with Hickey that should it be tossed out. But instead of wanting to keep a player in the game no matter how many fouls he commits, Norton wants to go back to the old rule of "four personal fouls and out" instead of the current five. The one-time Long Island University star, a member of the rules committee, says that would cut down on excess fouling by making each foul more "expensive" and making the players more careful.

Too Many Fouls

Hobson agrees with Norton that there are too many fouls, but he thinks the remedy would be to award two free throws for the whole 40 minutes — that is, making the "three-minute rule" apply to the whole game. Hobson also wants to legislate against "stalling" by setting a time limit in which a team is required to shoot, and he wants a wider free throw lane to keep the giants from getting so many tip-in baskets.

When last year's rules meeting broke up with few changes, Coach Bruce Drake of Oklahoma said most coaches were against the present set-up but there wasn't even a "fair-sized minority" that agreed on one proposal. Could be the same thing will happen again next month.



TROPHIES TO BE PRESENTED — Trophies to be presented at the end of the Harnett County Basketball Tournament this week will include those pictured above. Reading from left to right, they include: Best All Round Boy; Girl's Runner Up Champion Cup; Boy

Champion; Sportsmanship Cup; Girl's Champion; Boy's Runner Up trophy; and Best All Round Girl. The week will prove to be one of the most exciting of the year in Harnett County basketball.

Dunn And Benhaven Cagers Win Harnett's Tournament

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Last night in Carter Gymnasium before a boozing capacity crowd the Dunn High Greenwaves snatched a page from a story book by scoring three points in the last thirty seconds of the Harnett County Basketball Tournament finals to edge the heretofore undefeated Lillington High School boys by one point, 27-26, after the Benhaven girls had run away from the Lillington girls by 20 points, 74-54, in the girls finals.

In gaining their first Harnett County Conference basketball championship since re-entering the Conference last time, the Dunn boys pulled a unique bit of strategy which was not altogether unexpected by some of those who knew Coach Waggoner when they abandoned their race-horse style of basketball which had been netting an average of 84 points per game and played an even more possessive-minded game than does the University of Maryland, a team noted for its deliberateness.

Of course, they didn't score but 27, exactly half of their average, but they held Lillington who had been averaging even more than Dunn to only 26.

The Dunn boys were content to wait out a good shot for an almost sure two points instead of shooting wild as a result there was one period in which they took only one shot and that was one of those "it might go in, but I doubt it" tries from mid-court with five seconds left in the third quarter that hit the rim and bounced off. In the meantime Lillington had managed to net four points on field goals by McDonald and Rowington for the only scores of the entire third quarter.

Perhaps Coach Waggoner remembered that what beat him in Lillington was the fact that the three ton rebound men fouled out well before the end of the game and he figured correctly that he could keep them in there with this style of play.

Only nine fouls were called on the Waves last night compared to an

average of around 15 for the rest of the season. Robert Pope, Daley Goff, and Mac Turlington—along with the two other first stringers, Bobby Godwin and Russell Carter—stayed in the action for the entire game, as not a single substitution was made from the Dunn bench.

GOFF HIGH SCORER

Goff was high scorer for the contest with nine points in addition to being chosen the most valuable player of the tournament. Turlington played his usual bang-up game, and Pope was a terror for the Lillington boys under the basket, clearing the backboards time and time again. Three-fourths of the time during the first half he would come out of the scramble with the ball and get it started downcourt. Carter and Godwin also turned in sparkling performances—Carter with his ball handling and Godwin with his aggressiveness and guarding.

The Dunn boys took an early lead which gradually grew to 10-7 by the end of the first quarter but Lillington came right back to tie it up 16-16 just before halftime.

Then in the third period the boys from the county seat went ahead by four, 20-16, when they made two field goals and held Dunn scoreless—or rather Dunn didn't try to score. The Greenwaves had possession of the ball for all but about 45 seconds of that period but couldn't work up the shot that they wanted (if they wanted one). Losing 20-16 going into the last stanza, the Greenwaves used their fast break in an abrupt change of tactics to catch up and then went back into their possession game. A series of bad passes enabled Lillington to take a five point lead again but the Dunn boys hung on and snatched the most out of the fire with the final blow coming on a lay-in of a stolen ball by Daley Goff with five seconds left to play.

This broke a 19-game winning streak for Lillington and kept alive an eight-game streak for Dunn. Lillington, which is one of the teams that will represent the county in the state Class A Tournament has a season's record now of 19-1. Dunn's record now is 17-3. Two of the three losses however have been at Lillington's hands.

Lineups: Dunn—Carter, Pope 5, Turlington 7, Goff 9, B. Godwin 6. Lillington—Kelly 3, Laney 2, McDonald 6, Rain 5, Long 5, Rowington 4, Whitlinton.

GIRLS WINNERS

In the girls' finals the strain of having to cop four games to win the tournament caught up with the Lillington girls—with a little help from three Benhaven forwards who haven't been and couldn't be stopped—and they joined the other

Lillington team with runner-up trophies. In contrast to the boys games the first game of the evening was a high scoring affair with a total of

128 points being scored (74 by Benhaven and 54 by Lillington) as compared to the 83 scored by the combined efforts of both teams in the feature game of the evening.

The game was close for eight minutes as the first quarter ended with Benhaven on top by only two points, 14-12. However, in the second period the Benhaven girls started rolling and paced by Eloise Thomas, the tourney's most valuable girl player, they carved out a 14-point lead by halftime as the second period ended 36-22 with the girls from Olivia still on top. They added three more points to the margin in each

All-County Teams Picked At Tourney

Immediately following the Harnett County Conference Basketball Tournament finals last night the All-County teams were announced along with the Most Valuable Player Award, the Sportsmanship Award and the giving out of other trophies and awards.

The runner-up Lillington boys placed two men on the team along with one each from Dunn, LaFayette and Buie's Creek in the boys' division, while the championship Benhaven team placed two along with Coats, and one each from Erwin and LaFayette in the girls' division. As is to be expected the most valuable players of the tournament in both the boys and the girls division are on the team, with the selections being as follows:

Boys—Daley Goff (Dunn), Charles McDonald (Lillington), Roger Bain (Lillington), Jerry Sears (LaFayette), Travis Ross (Buie's Creek).
Girls—Sue Johnson (Coats).

of the third and fourth quarters to finally win by 20 in a walk-away.

Thomas collected 35 points for the evening to bring her three-game total to 81. Pittman led the Lillington scoring with 27 to bring her tournament total to 96 points in four games. She is tied for the top spot with Erwin's Gerry Matthews. Matthews got her 96 in just two games so she would have a much better average.

Lineups: Benhaven—M. Cameron 4, B. Holder 18, E. Thomas 35, B. Cameron, Rosser, C. Holder, M. Howard, E. Howard.

Lillington—Bain 21, Lanier 6, Pittman 17, Kelly, Byrd, Giles, M-c Donald, O'Quinn, Stewart, Matthews.

The Benhaven girls have won 19 of 20 contests this year, their lone loss being a set-back at the hands of Coats in early season.

Eloise Thomas (Benhaven), Gerry Matthews (Erwin), Ann Pleasant (Coats), Elizabeth Abernathy (LaFayette), Mae Howard (Benhaven). The winners' trophies which were won by the Dunn boys and the Benhaven girls were given by The Daily Record.

The runner-up trophies which were both won by a team from Lillington were given by the Lillington Roller Mills, Inc., and Kelly Doug Store and Norwood Brick Co., which are all in Lillington.

The Sportsmanship Award went to Coats High School and was given by the Bank of Lillington.

The basketballs which the winning teams carried home as shrines were donated by Johnston-Lambe and Lewis Sporting Good Stores—both of Raleigh. The little gold and silver basketballs which were given to the winners and to the runner-ups were purchased with money donated by Sexton Motor Sales and Sexton Dept. Store, both of Lillington, and by C. A. Jackson Jr., of Dunn.

And the Most Valuable Player trophies were given by Brock Chevrolet Co. of Lillington. Daley Goff of Dunn and Eloise Thomas of Benhaven received these. Eloise scored 81 points in three games to lead her team to the championship and Goff paced his team's scoring with 41.

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