Free throws ammunition for win

By Nancy Davis Nobody will ever again need to tell the 49ers what. Lady Hiroshima was like ... They lived through it. The Charlotte Coliseum resembled a battleground last Thursday as the Lady 49ers fought for their lives and the 83-80 victory over Mars

UNCC was ice cold in their field goal shooting the entire game and never thawed out. As in the Pembroke game, UNCC Coach Judy Wilkins was again forced to try a variety of combinations to get something to work against the Lady Lions. Patricia Walker, making her comeback, played a tough defense, making up for what she lacked in field goal shooting in free throws.

It was obvious the

Hill same

49ers had done some free throw shooting in practice. With only a threepoint margin separating the final score, the free throws were probably what won it for UNCC. They shot 84 percent from the line, with Paula Bennett scoring six of 20 points, Kim Fox seven of her 15, Walker eight of her 14, and Robbin Eudy eight of her 10. in free throws.

Yet, it was a miserable first half for the Lady 49ers. Down by seven, Wilkins started the second half with Fox, Bennett, Brown, Eudy and Walker. Terri Hemphill, a usual starter in the forward position, was having an off-night against Mars Hill and spent a rare evening on the bench watching most of the game. But this combination brought the 49ers back into the

game. Laurie Livingston went into the game with 12 minutes left and scored on an important jumper which tied it up.

A few minutes later someone must have flown over the coliseum and dropped the bomb, because all hell broke loose. Bennett brought the fifth foul on Mars Hill tallest player, Esther Hollingsworth, and sent her to the bench crying. During all the emotion and commotion, Carmen Ballard, replacing Hollingsworth, forgot to check in at the scorer's table. By the time this information reached the buzzer. UNCC was at the other end of the court and Mars Hill was fixing to shoot two from the line.

The refs were informed of the technical and were then faced with the decision of what to call

it. They decided to let Mars Hill shoot their two foul shots, then UNCC would shoot their technical foul shot and would bring it to the middle for a jump ball. Wilkins disagreed, saying the 49ers should have the ball at halfcourt. After at least five minutes of arguing, she sent the ref to the locker room to retrieve a rulebook.

Maybe it was the break that inspired the 49ers or perhaps the frustration they saw in their coach's face, but nevertheless, UNCC went back on the court to win. The score was tied 71-71. The two free throw shots were missed Mars Hill, but Walker made good the technical, giving UNCC the lead and the momen-

Elbows were swinging, fingernails clawing and bodies shoving as the referees stood by and called jump balls. Both team's coaches were yealling at the striped shirts, "You're letting them kill each other." Players were fending for their lives, looking hopelessly around waiting for a whistle to stop the madness. But itcontinued and Brown, Fox and Bennett all foul-

The battle was nearing an end and UNCC wasn't about to come out waving a white flag. They called in the reinforcements and ceased to foul anymore. Thus,

(Photo by Debbie Miller) Patricia Walker with two for the 49ers.

UNCC came out ahead the scars to prove it and upped their record wasn't easy. to 18-4. But they've got

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department and Bealer Wholesale are sponsoring the first annual Budweiser Intramural Basketball Tournament in the Mine Shaft. There will be 16 teams competing by single elimination. The event will occur on March 2-4.

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There will be prizes and trophies awarded to the first and second place teams. Also a trophy for MVP will be given. The championship team represents UNCC in an intramural tournament for all college teams in the Charlotte area.



(Photo by Debbie Miller) The coaches surrounded the refs during a controversial call in the UNCC/Mars

Time ran out for Mean Green

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As time wore on, the game remained very close. Time became an ally to the Jaguars as their coach, Cliff Ellis. put his team into a stall with the score 63-63. A

49er foul gave the Jaguars two points more and the South Alabama squad won improving their record to 10-0. UNCC falls to 6-4 in the conference and 13-10 overall

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