

Basketball Teams End Regular Season Tonight

Tonight marks the end of the regular season trail for all three county high schools who are members of the Halifax-Warren Conference.

After playing tonight the teams will rest over the weekend before starting a stren-

uous six-day playoff at the Aurelian Springs gymnasium.

Tonight Warrenton and Davie will be fighting for second place in the boys division when the Yellow Jackets go to Davie. Coach Dick Nelson's boys won the earlier meeting

of the two teams, but his girls continued their losing ways when they met the Warrenton lassies.

Norlina will have its work cut out for its players in both the boys and girls matches when they travel to Weldon tonight.

Littleton's girls will get one of their stiffest tests of the season tonight when they host Aurelian Springs. The Lady Jays are undefeated in conference play but had a struggle defeating Aurelian Springs the last time these two clubs met. The Littleton boys will meet the Aurelian Springs quintet in the nightcap.

Both the boys' and girls' junior varsity teams of John Graham High School will conclude their season today when they meet Enfield in a double-header here set to begin at 4:00 o'clock.

The Warrenton boys, who gained revenge for one of their three losses of the season when they dumped Gaston in double-overtime here Monday, will be trying to end the season on a winning note.

The Warrenton girls, whose only loss of the season was to Henderson, will be tangling with a team they beat earlier in the season by a 26-18 score.

Aurelian Springs, Norlina Split Pair

AURELIAN SPRINGS—Norlina's "on again and off again" Blue Wave was on Tuesday night in a 51-44 win over the Aurelian Springs Hornets but the Hornets remained on the victory path with a 54-32 victory over the Wavettes.

Jeanie Williams with 23 points led the Hornets with helping hands from Marjorie

Reid's 14 and 12 by Jackie Smith.

Leading 33-14 at halftime, Coach Sid Rogerson used his subs most of the last half.

Jane Edwards with 12 led Norlina.

Billy Fuller claimed the backboards as his own last night, scoring 26 points and rebounding the Wave into a win.

Randy Gibson remained hot-handed getting 18 points in another big night with Phil Qualls tossing in 13 for the losers.

A close first half was spoiled for Hornet fans who saw the Wave come back and rip the Hornet defense to pieces and take a long lead.

BOYS' GAME
A. Springs 18
Gibson 18
Qualls 13
Green 6
H. Robertson 3
Harlow 4

GIRLS' GAME
Norlina 26
Fuller 7
Burton 7
J. Perkinson 6
F. Perkinson 5
Collier 3
Hicks 4

Score by periods:
A. Springs 10 10 5 19—44
Norlina 11 12 16 12—51

Warrenton Boys Win Revenge Tilt Over Townsville

Going out of the conference in a return match with Townsville, John Graham split a double-header here Friday night, with the Townsville girls winning 51 to 37 and the John Graham boys winning 43 to 35.

Townsville won both games when the season opened there on December 2.

Poor shooting from the floor ruined any hope that Warrenton might defeat a hustling Townsville girls team that was particularly dangerous from the foul line in the first half when they hit 8 out of 9.

The visitors took a quick lead and held it all the way, leading at half time by a 29 to 16 score. In the last half John Graham played nearer on even terms, particularly in the third quarter when they outscored the visitors 9 to 7.

Rideout, with 17 points, was high scorer for John Graham, and Betty Rae Wilson led Townsville with 21 points.

John Graham boys got revenge for both the defeat of the girls and for a loss at Townsville in their initial game, but not without a scrap all the way that made it anybody's game until the final minutes of play.

Strengthened by the return of Gordon Hightcock, the locals battled with the same determination used to down undefeated Weldon the previous week, as they downed the conference leading team from Vance County.

During the first quarter, John Graham was able to pick up a one point lead, which they built up to a 20 to 16 lead at the end of the half.

During the third quarter visitors and local swapped baskets to score 11 points each, but in that period Townsville caught up and went ahead by two points, before John Graham was able to regain their 4 point margin. This was the biggest lead for either team until the closing minutes of the final quarter when Townsville boys fouled several times in an attempt to gain ball possession, enabling the locals to build their 8-point victory margin.

M. Moss, usually high scorer for Townsville, was a constant threat to the locals from the floor and in rebounding, but was held to 12 points. He was the high scorer for the visitors and the only one of the visitors to hit in double figures.

Neal led John Graham with 18 points. Chocky White netted 11 points, with 3 field goals and 5 for 5 from the

BOYS' GAME
Warrenton 43
Adams 16
Rideout 17
Davis 2
Ellis
Fair 1
Shearin
Jones
Pulley

GIRLS' GAME
Townsville 37
Smiley 5
Wilson 21
Adams 18
VanDyke
Reese
Twisdale 7

Score by periods:
Warrenton 9 7 9 12—37
Townsville 17 12 7 15—51

BOYS' GAME
Warrenton 43
Neal 13
Clark 4
Rooker 3
Link 4
Hightcock 6
Mitchiner 2
White 11

GIRLS' GAME
Townsville 35
B. Moss 7
Norwood 7
West 2
M. Moss 12
Reese 2
Hawkins 5

Score by quarters:
Warrenton 10 10 11 12—43
Townsville 9 7 11 8—35

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Double O'Time Game Is Won By Local JV Boys

John Graham girls JV team added to their victory string here on Monday afternoon when they defeated a Gaston team without too much difficulty. The JV boys also won, reversing one of their three defeats of the season, but it was a hard pull, and it took two overtimes to win the one-point victory.

The JV girls have only one loss this season and that was in the first game with Henderson, a loss which was reversed in the return match. The JV boys losses include two losses to Henderson and one at Gaston.

Knox Polk, with 19 points, led the John Graham girls to their 32 to 27 victory, while Maxine Massey was high scorer for the visitors with 15 points.

A first half 23 to 11 lead studded the local girls in good stead as a fourth quarter rally by the visitors cut the lead to 5 points as in that period the visitors netted 11 points while holding John Graham to 4 points.

John Graham boys took a 9 to 3 first quarter lead and it looked like at that point that the locals might coast to victory, but Gaston rallied in the second quarter, 9 to 7. John Graham surged further ahead in the third quarter and at the end of that period held a six point lead. Gaston put on a tight press in the final quarter as they scored 19 points to John Graham's 11 to send the game into an overtime. In this period each team netted 2 points, resulting in a second overtime, which John Graham won 5 to 4, for the 46-45 victory.

Billy Benson was high scorer for John Graham with 23 points. Moore led Gaston with 22 points.

GIRLS' GAME
Warrenton 32
Polk 19
Gupton 4
King 7
Ellen Carroll
Massey
Lyles 2
Overby

GIRLS' GAME
Gaston 27
Massey 15
Dickens 11
Delbridge 1
Vaughan

Score by quarters:
Warrenton 12 11 5 4—32
Gaston 8 3 5 11—27

BOYS' GAME
Warrenton 43
Drake 9
Fleming 4
Paynter
Benson 23
Overby 3
Blalock 7

GIRLS' GAME
Gaston 35
Colston 2
Moore 22
Lassiter 10
Myrick 11
Roughton

Score by periods:
War. 9 7 12 11 2 5—48
Gaston 3 9 8 19 2 4—45

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BANG — AND THE BLACKBIRDS FLY AWAY. Firecracker ropes, suspended in a corn field, have proven effective in frightening several animals that are sometimes destructive to agricultural crops. Predator control specialist Rex Hanson describes such devices in an article in the March issue of Wildlife in North Carolina.—Wildlife Commission photo by Jack Dermid

Animal Pests Are Called Wildlife's Fifth Column

No animal is "good" or "bad" except as he affects human interests, according to an article in the March issue of "Wildlife in North Carolina." Rex V. Hanson of Raleigh, writing in the March issue of the Wildlife Commission's monthly magazine, explains that the conflict between man and wildlife, wild species and other wild species, presents a complex problem to the Branch of Predator and Rodent Control, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Hanson is employed by the federal agency to control animal pests in North Carolina. His office is on the N. C. State College campus.

The predator control agent describes some of the damage caused by such animals as rabid foxes that spread their dread disease to other animals and to livestock, and explains some of the methods of control. The fox problem is reduced by the trapping of foxes in epidemic areas.

Jackets Stay Second With Overtime Win

Warrenton's Yellow Jackets remained in a tie for second place in the Halifax-Warren Conference as they scored an

overtime win over a stubborn Enfield team on Tuesday night.

The Jackets, down five points at the end of the third quarter, rallied to tie the game at the end of the regulation affair, played on Enfield's home court, and went on to win by a 48-46 score in overtime.

Aurelian Springs Splits Games In Tuesday Play

AURELIAN SPRINGS—The Aurelian Springs Hornets caught a rugged Weldon team rebounding from a stunning upset and were unable to handle them after the first eight minutes here Friday night losing 64-31. The Hornets took their game 51-38 over the Weldon girls and seem now to have regained their composure after losing to underdog Warrenton last week.

Weldon unbeaten in Halifax-Warren play until last week, lost a tough one to Warrenton but Friday night proved their ability is still with them as they romped over the Hornets and assured themselves of at least a tie for first place in the loop should they lose the rest of the way.

Clinton Neal and Gordon Hightcock hit in double digits for Coach King's quintet, who now meet Davie tonight in a game that will determine second place in the final conference standings. Both Warrenton and Davie are tied with an 83 mark for the season.

Enfield, paced by L. A. Best's 13 points, relied on team play to give the favored Warrenton club a run for its money. Both teams shot well from the floor and it was either team's game until the last seconds of the overtime period.

In the first game of the conference twinbill, Warrenton's girls team fell behind by the one-sided score of 35-2 at the end of the half. Coach Fate King, experimenting with reserves prior to the loop tournament which begins next week, saw his forwards unable to get their shots off against the bigger Enfield guards.

In the second half Warrenton began to find the range as Enfield substituted freely. Sandra Jones led the Warrenton scorers with 12 points but the scoring honors went to Enfield's Coltrain who did not play but three quarters for the winners.

For Aurelian Springs it was Ricky Harlow's 13 and Randy Gibson's 10 which kept them moving. Leading 7-5 at the end of the first period it looked like another upset was in the making but Etheridge, Hudson and Bell began a small wind of scoring which turned into a real "tornado" before the night was over breezing into a 26-12 halftime lead and a 48 point second half.

In the girls' game the Hornets continued to rate high on fans' tournament charts as they broke Marjorie Reid loose for 27 points in this win and held Glo Elias of Weldon to only 12, 10 of these in the first half.

Tempo Selden stepped in and took up part of the scoring slack created by the close defense of Elias and dropped in 14 points.

Vivian Gibson who played guard usually scored 10 for the

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Warrenton subs: Jones 12, Miller, Hight, Gottschalk, Carroll.

Enfield subs: Allbrook 1, McPhail 1, Stephenson, Cuthrell, Hawkins, Vick, Robinson, White, Keeter, Gerritt.

Lady Jays Down Weldon; Record Eleventh Victory

LITTLETON—Weldon's Tornadoes continued their domination of Halifax-Warren teams here Tuesday night whipping the Littleton Jays 52-33 while the Lady Tornadoes played well but for a losing cause losing a 46-41 decision to the unbeaten Lady Jays.

Score by periods:
Weldon 18 7 13 14—52
Littleton 9 13 5 6—33

The Littleton girls are assured of the loop's title at this point as are the Weldon boys. Each has one game remaining. Weldon is at home with Norlina Friday and Littleton is host to Aurelian Springs.

GIRLS' GAME
Littleton 52
Hedgepeth 29
B. J. West 2
Thorne 11
Acree 4

Margaret Hedgepeth scored 29 points and Boyd Thorne 11 to overcome the scrappy Weldon six paced by Glo Elias with 17 and Tempe Selden with 12.

Weldon 10 9 7 15—41
Littleton 15 8 6 17—46

Leading only three points at the end of the third period, Littleton ran up a 17 point fourth quarter scoring bill and cashed in for the victory which assured them of their second year on top of the loop.

BOYS' GAME
Littleton 52
Neville 4
Stainback 8
Cheves 4
Barrett 7
Leach 7
Manning 1
Moore 2

In the boys' game Alton Overby scored 17 points and led the Weldon tornadoes who once more depended on their foul shooting to a great extent, hitting 18 from the charity line.

McKay Fussell with 12 followed Overby's lead and Sammy Dickens, recovering from the flu, played but was off the mark in this game, getting only six.

Weldon led by only three points at halftime but ran it up to 11 in the third period and rarely slowed down in the fourth period.

Weldon
Etheridge 2
Fussell 12
Hudson 6
Dickens 6
Overby 17
Brown 1
Bell 6
M. Harris 2

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