

Basketball Play Begins Tonight

John Graham Meets Gold Sand; Enfield To Play At Norlina

The 1961-62 basketball season gets underway tonight (Friday) with Norlina and Littleton playing hosts to conference rivals at home and John Graham journeying to Gold Sand for a non-conference game. Norlina will play Enfield and Littleton will entertain Weldon.

An extended football season has all but done away with pre-game practice for Coach "Preacher" Parker's Warrenton Yellow Jackets, but the young men, in his first season here, is hopeful that strong reserve strength will aid the team in its initial outing tonight at Gold Sand.

"We will be playing a team that has been playing basketball for about a month, and we know we will be handicapped," Parker said. "Our boys are definitely not in shape for the cage season, but we feel that by using a number of substitutions we will be able to make a good showing."

Warrenton, which ended its football season last Friday, has a 21-man squad—with all but three of the candidates members of the grid team.

Eleven seniors are trying for a spot on the team, which will be trimmed to 15 players before the season starts tonight.

Heading the list of returning lettermen are center Herman Rooker, 6-2, guards Chocky White, 5-10, and Gordon Heathcock, 5-11, and forward Clinton Neal, 6-1. These boys will get the starting nod for tonight's contest and the fifth spot will be filled by either John Link, 6-1, or Thurman Rooker, 6-1.

In addition to the 11 seniors, Parker has four juniors, five sophomores and a freshman out for the team. The only non-football members of the squad are Bob Fleming, Allison Rivers and Steve Joyner.

The boys will play the nightcap of the scheduled non-conference twinbill, with the girls getting the doubleheader underway with a seven o'clock game.

Coach Janice Allen, also in her first year as coach, has 17 girls battling for a place on the Jackets' rosters. Starters back for another year include forwards Brenda Davis and guards Nancy Wilson, Virginia Roberson and Sarah Ann Fuller.

Expected to start tonight's game for Warrenton will be forwards Sandra Jones, Knox Polk and Brenda Davis, and guards Nancy Wilson, Margaret Carroll and Virginia Roberson.

Warrenton hosts Middleburg in a non-conference match on Tuesday night before getting into Halifax-Warren competition on December 8 in a game at Norlina.

COACH PRICE UNVEILS WAVES IN PLAY TONIGHT
Coach Bob Price unveils his 1961-62 Norlina High basketball editions tonight when the Blue Waves host Enfield in the Halifax-Warren Conference debut for both clubs.

Four returning lettermen, headed by all-conference selection Billy Fuller, promise to give Price an improvement over last year's boys' squad, and the Wavelets, losing only forward Linda Stegall via the

graduation route, seem capable of staying near the top of the race all season long.

"Our girls should definitely do better than they did last year," Price said. "Thus far they have shown improvement with every practice session and I think they will be ready for Enfield."

Expected to start at forwards in tonight's contest for the Norlina quintet are juniors Gayle Williams and Ann Edwards, both lettermen. Rounding out the Norlina attack will either be sophomore Betsy Elington, also a letterman, or Hazel Perkinson, who saw considerable duty last season.

Defensively the Norlina lassies seem even stronger, with all three starters back from last year at guard positions. Shirley Stainback, a junior, and senior Alice Rooker are definite starters, and seniors Peggy Felts and Margaret Paschall will vie for the third starting spot.

In Enfield the Wavelets will be meeting what many observers feel will be one of the strongest teams in the seven-team conference. Enfield was not hurt by graduation and showed improvement with each game last season.

In the nightcap Price is expected to start Fuller, a 6-2 senior, at center, Jimmy Burton, 6-2 senior, and either sophomore Buck Wiggins, 6-1, or Arthur King, a 5-11 senior at forwards. Two lettermen, 5-3 Andrew Hundley and 5-10 Jimmy Burton are getting the starting nod at guards.

A team with average speed, Price is hoping that his team's shooting ability will overcome any physical handicaps of the team.

Halifax-Warren Conference Schedule

- Dec. 1—Warrenton at Gold Sand; Enfield at Norlina; Weldon at Littleton; Davie at Aurelian Springs.
- Dec. 5—Middleburg at Warrenton; Norlina at Aycock.
- Dec. 8—Warrenton at Norlina; Weldon at Davie; Enfield at Aurelian Springs.
- Dec. 12—Aurelian Springs at Warrenton; Norlina at Littleton; Weldon at Enfield.
- Dec. 15—Warrenton at Enfield; Norlina at Aurelian Springs; Davie at Littleton.
- Dec. 19—Middleburg at Norlina.
- Dec. 20—Townsville at Warrenton.
- Jan. 2—Norlina at Middleburg.
- Jan. 5—Warrenton at Enfield; Norlina at Aurelian Springs; Davie at Littleton.
- Jan. 9—Warrenton at Littleton; Davie at Norlina; Littleton at Aurelian Springs.
- Jan. 12—Davie at Warrenton; Littleton at Enfield; Aurelian Springs at Weldon.
- Jan. 23—Gold Sand at Warrenton; Norlina at Enfield; Littleton at Weldon; Aurelian Springs at Davie.
- Jan. 26—Norlina at Warrenton; Davie at Weldon; Aurelian Springs at Enfield.
- Feb. 2—Warrenton at Aurelian Springs; Littleton at Norlina; Enfield at Weldon.
- Feb. 6—Weldon at Warrenton; Norlina at Davie; Aurelian Springs at Littleton.
- Feb. 9—Weldon at Warrenton; Norlina at Davie; Aurelian Springs at Littleton.
- Feb. 13—Warrenton at Middleburg; Aycock at Norlina.
- Feb. 16—Littleton at Warrenton; Weldon at Norlina; Davie at Enfield.
- Feb. 20—Warrenton at Townsville.
- Feb. 23—Warrenton at Davie; Enfield at Littleton; Weldon at Aurelian Springs.

Field Goal Blasts Hopes Of John Graham For Win

	WA.	WI.
First Downs	11	16
Net Yards Rushing	94	193
Net Yards Passing	131	95
Passes	13-7	15-7
Passes Int.	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Punts	5-30	3-34
Yards Penalized	0	10

SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Warrenton	7 0 7 0—14
Windsor	6 0 0 9—15

By BOB WILLIAMS
Rocky Mount Evening Telegram Sports Writer

ROCKY MOUNT—Gene Bowen, an outstanding senior end who specializes in catching touchdown passes, showed off another football talent here Friday night and as a result of his versatility Windsor High School today is the proud possessor of the Class A North-eastern Regional championship.

Bowen, a 6-2 175-pound pass-snatching whiz, had hauled in 17 touchdown passes going into Friday night's title game with John Graham High of Warrenton, and he made it No. 18 with a TD catch in the first quarter. But his biggest play of the year came with 17 seconds left in the game when he split the uprights perfectly on a 27-yard field goal that gave Windsor a great 15-14 victory.

The thrilling finish brought a horde of Windsor fans storming onto the Municipal Stadium field in a wild display of joyous pandemonium, and left Warrenton's fans stunned with heartbreak.

The defeat was a crushing one for Warrenton, for the fighting Yellow Jackets had led Windsor most of the way after overcoming an early deficit. And for Windsor, a team that simply never gave up, Bowen's dramatic field goal was like turning certain defeat into unbelievable triumph for Warrenton had led by 14-12 before the kick boomed over and through the uprights.

It was Windsor's 12th straight win of the season, and in addition to the championship laurels, coach Ben Strifert's Lions hold the distinction of finishing the year as the only undefeated Class A team in Eastern North Carolina. The loss was the second of the year for Warrenton, which won nine games in a highly successful season under young coach Preacher Parker.

There was hardly a dry eye in the Warrenton dressing room, but Coach Parker managed a smile because, as he put it, "We have had a very fine season. The boys gave it all they had. They did the best they could, and that's all

that we can ask of them." Parker praised Windsor. "They have a fine team," he said. "They hit hard, and they kept coming at us. We couldn't step them after second touchdown." And then the smile disappeared and with a soft voice that expressed a feeling of emptiness Parker said, "It was a hard way to lose, a heart-breaking way."

Both teams had a host of stars. Hard-hitting fullback Steve Clark scored both Warrenton touchdowns, while Yellow Jacket quarterback Clinton Neal played a great game and a halfback Gordon Heathcock showed off his fine and fancy running ability. Guard George Pittard and Herman Rooker played strong defensive games for the losers, as did center Billy Rogers and Neal.

Windsor's attack was carried almost entirely by the tremendous running of fullback Randy White, running and passing of quarterback Kenny Sallenger and the pass receiving of Bowen. Guard Joe Jackson, tackle Eugene Mizelle and Sallenger were defensive giants.

White was a tremendous runner all night for Windsor. The Lions gained 194 yards rushing, and the 166-pound senior fullback ground out 136 of those yards, carrying the ball 24 times. Of Warrenton's 93 yards rushing Clark got 54 on 16 carries and Heathcock netted 33 yards.

It took a great rally for Windsor to claim the victory, with a pass interception and a short punt helping the Lions' cause greatly.

Windsor scored the first time it had the ball, marching 84 yards in 12 plays for a 6-0 lead in the opening quarter. White had runs of 15, 14 and 15 yards in that drive, with Sallenger passing five yards to Bowen for the TD. It was Sallenger's 23rd touchdown pass of the year. White tried to run for the point but was stopped by Heathcock.

Warrenton came right back after the kickoff and marched 64 yards to score. The big

play was a 7-yard pass from Neal to Rooker that carried to the one, from where Clark slammed over. Heathcock ran the point for a 7-6 Warrenton lead.

Windsor moved back as if to score again, a 42-yard pass from Sallenger to Bowen carrying to the Warrenton 30, but the Jackets held for downs.

There were no more threats until early in the third quarter when Neal returned a punt 34 yards to the Warrenton 41, from where the Jackets drove for their second TD. A 19-yard dash by Heathcock and a 14-yard pass from Neal to Billy Mitchiner carried to the five, and Clark ripped over left tackle to score from the three. Neal ran the point for a 14-6 Warrenton lead.

Warrenton then made two great defensive stands, stopping Windsor on the 20 and the 29, and it looked like Warrenton was well on its way to victory. But then a short jump pass by Neal was intercepted by Windsor on the Warrenton 37, and the Lions went in to score, Sallenger sneaking over from the one. A run for the point was not good and Windsor trailed by 14-12.

There were only four minutes left to play when Windsor kicked off, and Warrenton needed to keep the ball as long as possible. They got one first down, then had to punt. Neal got a high snap from center, hurried his kick and the ball went only 19 yards. Windsor taking over at its own 47 with less than two minutes

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to play. White got the final started with runs of 15 and eight yards, and then Sallenger passed to Bowen for 11 yards to the Warrenton 15. White got seven on a reverse play to the eight and two passes fell incomplete, the second one on a fake field goal.

Then with 17 seconds left on fourth down Bowen stepped back for his first field goal attempt of the year. The ball was spotted on the 17, and one clean swing of Bowen's leg sent the ball arching far, high and perfect.

Warrenton pulled off a couple of laterals on the final kickoff return, getting to mid-field. There was time for one

Cards of Thanks

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I wish to take this means of thanking my relatives, friends, co-workers, Dr. Kornegay and the Warren General Hospital staff for the many acts of kindness, flowers, cards and visits shown me during my recent illness. I am deeply grateful.
ELLA KEARNEY
CHRISTMAS

The Rev. and Mrs. Raleigh Carroll wish to thank the many people who were kind enough to assist them when they were involved in a recent wreck. Your visits, kind deeds and concern were greatly appreciated when Mrs. Carroll was hospitalized. Our many thanks to the doctors and staff of Warren General Hospital.

play, but a screen pass got over the weekend. Guests on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vaughan, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Breedlove, Jr., and family of Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Aycock and son of Elberon.

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