

H-W Stretch Run Gets Underway Tonight



BLOCKED ATTEMPT—Warrenton's Chocky White reaches high to put a halting hand on an attempted shot by Middleburg's J. W. Bartholomew during second-half action at Middleburg on Tuesday night. Bartholomew and teammate Billy Watkins geared the wildcats' fast break that resulted in Warrenton's third defeat of the season. (Staff Photo).

Fourteen basketball teams head down the Halifax-Warren home stretch tonight with Warrenton and Enfield the odds-on favorites to cross the finish line first.

Enfield seems assured of breaking the wire in the girls' division. Presently standing 10-0 in league competition, the Demonettes have easily taken the measure of all opposition this season and have but two games remaining between them and the league crown. Davie will furnish the competition tonight and a week from now the Halifax County sextet will close regular season play at Littleton.

Warrenton, 9-1 in the boys' division, have an Enfield quintet and their best effort of the season to thank for their perch atop the seven-team league.

Enfield knocked off Weldon, previously unbeaten in H-W circles, a couple of weeks ago, and Warrenton, looking for revenge for its only loop defeat, took a 72-52 decision from Weldon here on last Friday night.

The Jackets were red hot in that one, hitting on 64 per cent of their shots from the floor in the first half to knock the props from under the visiting Tornados.

Forward Clinton Neal, who popped in 16 points to lead the devastating Yellow Jacket point machine, was one of the four starters in the double figures. Guard Gordon Haithcock bucketed 13 points and Billy Benson and Chocky White added 11 each as the Jackets had Weldon on the ropes by a 43-20 count at intermission.

The second half was just as miserable for Coach Don Johnson's charges as Al Blalock and Billy Mitchiner came off the bench to keep the Jackets stinging. William Hudson led Weldon with 17 markers.

In the opener Tempe Selden took a last-second shot which hit the rim, bounced high into the air and dropped through the basket as the horn was sounding to give the Lady Tornados a 28-25 verdict over the Warrenton sextet.

Coach Janice Allen's lassies

exhibited a better brand of ball than they did in the first meeting of the two clubs and almost sent the visitors home with a dual loss.

Knox Polk, who finished with 11 points, led a Warrenton effort that built up a five-point first half lead that was gradually chipped away in the last two frames. Glo Elias led the Weldon attack with 17 points.

The Jackets, who can not afford to stumble in either their home game with Littleton tonight or their encounter with Davie on next Friday night, have a neck-and-neck race going on among four starters for point honors.

Clinton Neal, the team's leading scorer with 140 points for the year is being pushed hard by Herman Rooker (139), Billy Benson (138) and Chocky White (135). Gordon Haithcock, the fifth starter, has contributed 80 points en route to the Jackets' over-all 12-3 record.

Knox Polk, who has three

more regular-season games, including a game at Towsville on Tuesday night, in which to reach the 20-point mark for the season, is presently dropping points in at a 19.9 rate. Starters Brenda Davis and Sandra Jones are adding more scoring punch to the Jacket attack, with Davis averaging 7.9 and Jones 6.1.

Norlina, which was rudely upended by Davie last Friday night and knocked out of third place in the boys' division, hosts Weldon tonight in a game that could develop into the top game in conference action.

The Blue Waves were downed by an improved Davie quintet, 63-50, in spite of Billy Fuller's 25-point effort. Davie led by ten at halftime, 31-21, with Buck Dickens and Billy Waters leading the way with 21 and 18 points, respectively, dropped the curtain on Norlina's bid for third place.

In the opening game Norlina's Gayle Williams, with 20 points, and Betsy Ellington

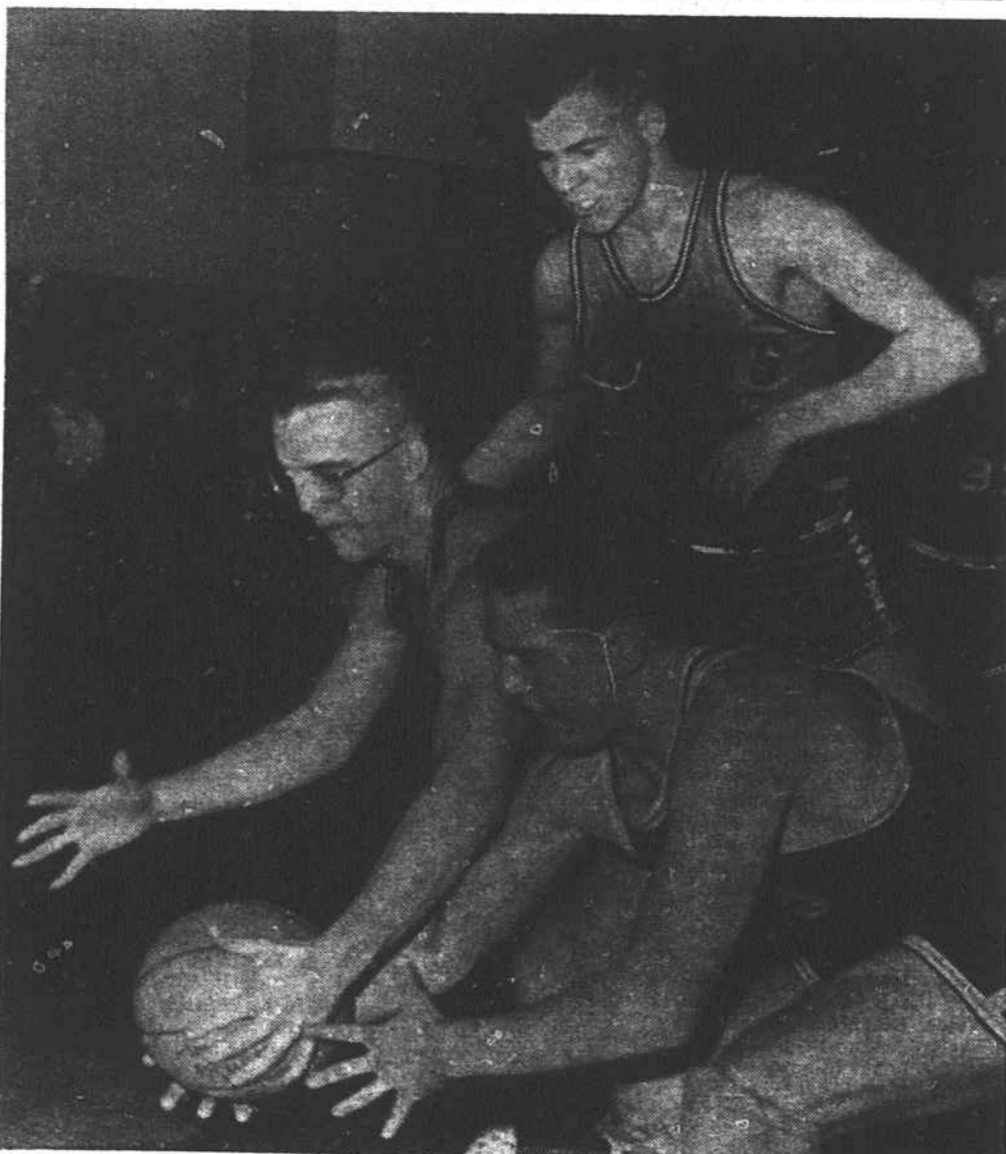
with 16 blazed the way to a 43-32 win over the Davie sextet, kept in contention for the first few minutes by Dorothy Balmer and Cathy Ives, who each had 11 points for the night.

Littleton also sees action tonight and Coach Tommy Satterfield's crew is anxious to try out Halifax-Warren competition once again after getting a morale-booster from a 63-33 decision over Aurelian Springs on last Friday night.

It was their second win of the season and the Jays took advantage of it to put three players in the double figures, headed by Whit Neville, who topped both teams with 22 points. Phil Qualls led Aurelian Springs with 14.

In the girls' contest Vivian Gibson hit for 21 and Betty Freuler netted 20 as the Hornettes downed the Lady Jays, 42-35. Betsy Clark led Littleton with 16 points.

Following tonight's contest at Warrenton, the Littleton clubs end the regular season on their home court next Friday night against Enfield.



FIGHT FOR CONTROL—Clinton Neal of Warrenton (wearing glasses) and Middleburg forward Eddie Royster fight for ball control during the Middleburg-Warrenton contest on Tuesday night. Behind Neal is the Yellow Jackets' Herman Rooker. Rooker and forward Billy Benson shouldered Warrenton's scoring burden with 11 each, but it was not enough to keep Middleburg from notching its 18th straight victory. (Staff Photo)

Norlina Girls And Aycock Boys Win In Doubleheader

Norlina gave a former student's team a dubious welcome Tuesday night when it upended Coach Jimmy Overby's cagers, 69-63, in a non-conference battle.

The Blue Waves, who led by four points at intermission, broke the contest open in the third quarter with a 25-point surge, but had to fight off a rallying Aycock club in the final frame before taking the victory.

Billy Fuller led the Norlina scoring with 24 points, but surrendered scoring honors to Jerry Hoyle, top scorer in the Vance County conference, who finished with 28 markers.

Coach Bob Price had four players in the double digits, with Buck Wiggins netting 13, Andrew Hundley 14 and White 12, Danny Wright and Marshall Coghill each hit in the double figures for Overby's charges.

In the opening game Coach John Newell's sextet rolled to a 37-34 victory over the Norlina team, which held a 14-11 first quarter advantage.

Peggy Pegram took scoring laurels for both teams with 22 points, and Norlina's Gayle Williams led her club with 14. Aycock pulled in front in the third period and swapped baskets with the Wavelets for the remainder of the contest. The win gave Aycock's lassies a 13-5 over-all record.

BOYS GAME

Aycock	Norlina
Blanks 7	Fuller 24
Coghill 11	Burton 6
Hoyle 28	Wiggins 13
Wright 12	A. Hundley 14
Pegram 2	White 12
Subs: Aycock—W. Adcock 2, Brame 1; Norlina—Perkinson, Brantley, Pearce, J. Hundley, Bowers.	

Score by periods:	9 11 12 31—63
Aycock	9 15 25 20—69
Norlina	

GIRLS GAME

Aycock	Norlina
Pegram 22	Williams 14
Darnell 8	Perkinson 10
Patterson 7	Ellington 6
Fuller	Edwards
Coghill	Stainback
Mustian	Rooker
Subs: Aycock—Abbott; Norlina—Draffin 4, Felts, Paschall, Floyd.	

Score by periods:	11 8 12 6—37
Aycock	14 8 5 7—34
Norlina	

Warrenton Is 18th Victim Of Middleburg Club, 51-32

Middleburg's unbeaten Wildcats roared to their 18th straight win Tuesday night as they used a fast break and hot hands to swamp Warrenton, 51-32, in the non-conference match at Middleburg.

Coach Joe Shepusin's hustling quintet broke the game open in the third quarter and raced away to their second win over the visiting Yellow Jackets.

Dropping 49 per cent of their shots for the night, Middleburg's reserves continued to build up the margin as they hit on seven of nine shots in the fourth quarter to make the game a rout. Warrenton hit on 12 of 48 for 25 per cent accuracy.

Both clubs were forced to go the distance minus a starter. Middleburg's Jimmy Brown and Warrenton's Gordon Haithcock each missed action because of a bout with the flu.

Middleburg trailed 3-0, and then 4-3 in the early stages, but took the lead at 5-4 and never trailed thereafter.

Billy Benson and Herman Rooker each finished with 11 points to lead Warrenton, which went down to its third loss of the season. J. W. Bartholomew added 14 points to the Middleburg cause and was the only other Wildcat to get in the double figures.

In the opening game Coach Janice Allen's Lady Jackets

took charge from the opening minute and led by a 21-8 count at halftime.

Sophomore Knox Polk topped all scorers as she dropped in 23 of Warrenton's points. Brenda Davis finished with 11 for the winners, while Middleburg, riddled with flu, was paced by Shirley Abbott and Louise Holloway, with a dozen markers each.

BOYS GAME

Warrenton	Middleburg
Neal 5	Holloway 8
Benson 11	Royster 8
Rooker 11	J. Anderson 6
Rogers 2	Watkins 20
White	Bartholomew 14
Subs: Warrenton—Drake 1, Link, Mitchiner 2, Blalock; Middleburg—B. Anderson, Nelson, Ellington, Robinson 2, Hendricks.	

Score by periods:	9 7 6 10—32
Warrenton	11 10 12 18—51
Middleburg	

GIRLS GAME

Warrenton	Middleburg
Davis 11	Holloway 12
Polk 23	Abbott 12
Jones 7	H. Hester 3
Wilson	Ellington 3
M. Carroll	Arrington
Fuller	B. Hester
Subs: Warrenton—Ellis 4, Fuller, Adams, McCowan, Rivers, Andrews, E. Carroll; Middleburg—Stainback, Hope, Watkins, Coghill, Huffman, V. Norwood.	

Littleton Splits

Zeb Vance's Rebels warmed up for their Saturday night outing with league-leading Middleburg as they took a 57-45 victory over a visiting Littleton quintet Tuesday night.

The Rebels, second ranked in the Vance County conference and a game behind the league leaders, had little difficulty with their Warren County visitors, and were ahead by a 19-6 margin at the first quarter turn.

Ronnie Harris dropped in 25 points from his guard position to lead Coach Lucius Bullock's charges, while Whit Neville was top gunner for Tommy Satterfield's club with 15 points, Billy Newman and John Allen both got in the double figure column for the winners, while Keywood Cheves and Charles Moore had a dozen markers each for the losers.

In the girls contest Littleton fought off a fourth-quarter attempt by the Zeb Vance sextet and gained a 32-29 verdict. B. J. West popped in 18 points for Littleton to lead both clubs, while Faye Beckham was high for the Lady Rebels with 17. The Lady Jays had an eight-point halftime lead but had to stay alert in the final stanza when they were outscored by their hostesses 11-5.

Tournament Planned

Warrenton is wrapping up plans for the annual Halifax-Warren Basketball Tournament to be held here for six nights beginning February 26.

Tournament Chairman Tom Brown, who heads a committee including School Superintendent J. R. Peeler and Coach "Preacher" Parker, said yesterday that the annual event was shaping up well and that his committee is hopeful of a record-breaking attendance for the 14-team tournament.

The tournament will begin on Monday night and will run through Saturday night, March 3, Brown said. All games will begin at 7 p. m. and the committee is hopeful that an ad-

mission of one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children will cover expenses. How the teams will be bracketed will not be known until coaches or representatives of all seven schools participating meet here on February 24 to determine the pairings.

Warrenton's gym, the newest in the conference, has a seating capacity of more than 1,000 spectators. Concessions will be sold at all games by members of the Warrenton Boosters Club.

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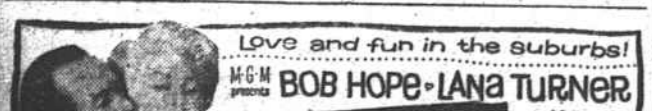
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