

Eagles Make Good Showing

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The Eagles made a good showing for the county by defeating their first opponent, Southern Durham, on Dec. 27 by a score of 52 to 50 in the first round of the Durham Sun Holiday Tournament.

Southern Durham dominated the first half of the game. Ending the half with a two-point lead, Southern Durham had 14 to the Eagles' 12.

During the third period the Eagles made a dynamic come back, tying the score 40 to 40 with 1:13 on the clock. Southern Durham made one shot and one foul shot to put them up, by three points. Sean Mosely made the Eagles' final shot with ten seconds on the clock. The period ended with Southern Durham having a 43 to 42 lead over the Eagles.

The final period was much of the same. The Eagles trailed by a couple of points until 4:06 was left. Then, Sean Mosely made a shot to tie the score at 48. Monte

Stevenson broke the tie was able to break at 3:25 to give the strong Eagles their first lead of the period.

Southern Durham then had possession of the ball and stalled time until 58 seconds were left. The Eagles played a strong defensive game at this point and Jeffrey Hayes unluckily received a foul call. This allowed Southern Durham to tie the game 50 to 50. With two seconds on the clock Monte Stevenson made a badly needed field goal that gave the Eagles a victory, however slim.

Monte Stevenson led the Eagles with 16 points. Derrick Alston, Sean Mosely and Clarence Watson each contributed 10 points. Jeffrey Hayes scored four points and Wayne Durham had two.

For Southern Durham, William Bullock had 20 points and was the top-scorer. Brian Merritt had 14 and Dylan Kelly had eight. Brian Davis and Rodney Jones each helped with four points.

Kinston High School

Friday, Dec. 28, during the second round of the Durham Sun Holiday Tournament. Kinston handed the Eagles their second loss of the season by a score of 69 to 60, bringing the Eagles' over-all record to seven and two.

The first half of the game displayed the excellent talent of both teams. The Eagles stuck to Kinston in the first period of the game. Jeffrey Hayes made the final Eagle field goal with 35 seconds on the clock to end the period with the Eagles down by two, 16 to 14.

Monte Stevenson made a shot with 3:55 on the clock that cut Kinston's lead to only two points. However, at this point in the game the Eagles committed several fouls that gave Kinston a significant lead. Derrick Alston committed a foul that led to four points. Clarence Watson also made a foul with 1:50 on the clock that gave Kinston a 30 to 24 lead. Sean Mosely put the team on the road to recovery with two much needed foul shots, followed by a field goal. Sean's points ended the first half with the Eagles having 28 to Kinston's 32.

Charles Shackelford, Kinston's six-foot nine-inch senior center, opened the second half of the game with a field goal. Derrick Alston made the first Eagle field goal of the period with 5:24 on the clock to make the score 30 to 34. With 3:08 on the clock Sean Mosely tied the score at 37 to 37 by making a field goal and one foul shot. Then, Kinston's hot player, six-foot five-inch senior, Tony Dawson, made two field goals to go along with three points he made in free throws to put Kinston in a 44 to 37 lead. The Eagles were able to cut the lead to 46 to 41 at the end of the period.

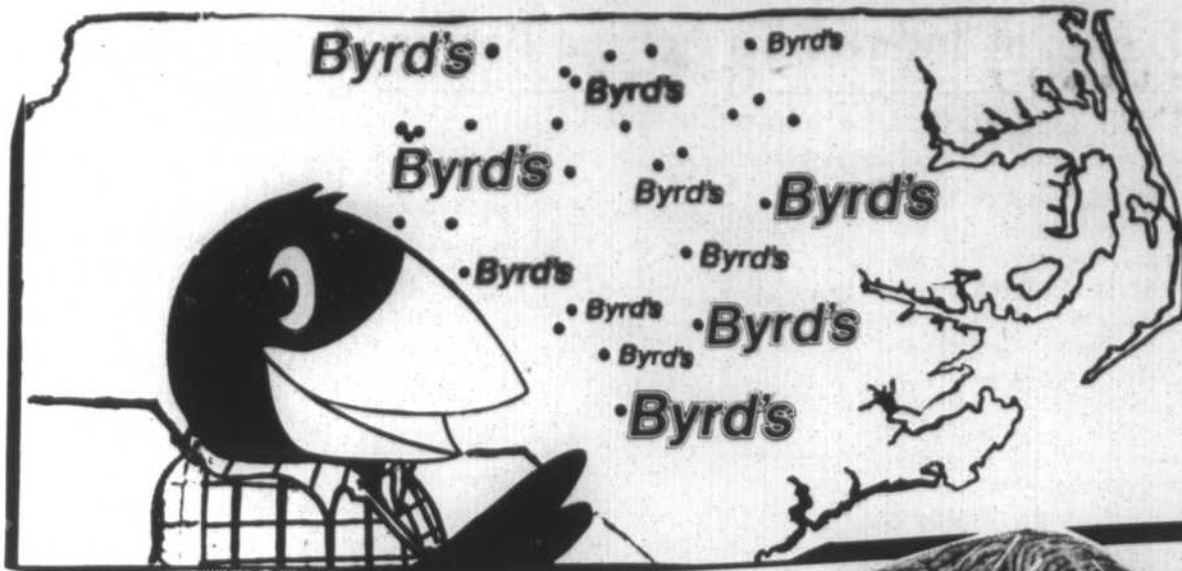
Jeffrey Hayes made a field goal right of the jump ball to open the final period of the game. Kinston clearly out-shot the Eagles during this period. Tony Dawson burned the net for his Kinston team. With 1:32 on the clock Kinston had a 13-point lead, 67 to 54 and both teams entered their second string teams. The Eagles then made six points, but allowed Kinston to make only two.

Warren County junior, Stanley Jefferson, hit the final shot with one second on the clock to cut the Eagle defeat to nine, making the final score 69 to 60.

Warren County High had only two players in double figures. Monte Stevenson had 16 points and Sean Mosely had 13. Derrick Alston made nine points and Jeffrey Hayes made eight. Wayne Durham followed with six points. Clarence Watson, Mark Taylor and Haywood Williams scored two points each.

Kinston's hot player, Tony Dawson, scored the game high 28 points. Charles Shackelford contributed 22 points. Maurice Hardy scored eight points and Rodney Davis made four. Chris Bradshaw, Michael Thomas, and Kevin Parker made two points each. Bobby Jarman made one point.

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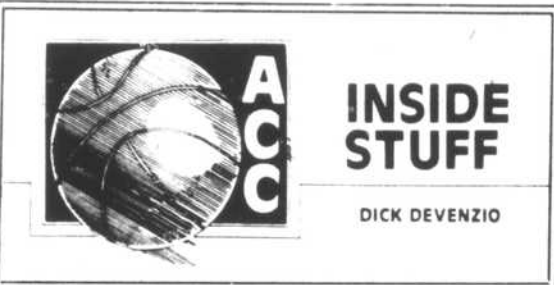
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There aren't too many NCAA rules I agree with. Regulatory bodies often seem to cause more problems than they solve; and I put the NCAA squarely in that category.

Are you aware of the annual outcry regarding the abysmally low graduation rates of student-athletes throughout the country? The ACC is no different. Last year about one-third of the ACC's scholarship athletes in school for four years actually graduated.

At NCAA meetings, people sit around between coffee breaks and presumably try to come up with schemes to do something about the problem. But it has never been obvious to me that they really want to solve the problem. If they did, it would be simple.

Here, digest this masterpiece of common sense that should be obvious to most pre-schoolers: attack the source of the problem.

To make sure players start graduating, it is simply necessary to punish the schools whose players do not graduate.

This is so simple you have to wonder how anyone cannot be cynical about the NCAA.

What would be difficult about this?

Let each basketball team, for example, have the 14 scholarships it has now, and make the official signing date for high school players June 1-AFTER graduation. Make the rule that EACH SCHOOL MAY GIVE AS MANY SCHOLARSHIPS AS IT HAS PLAYERS GRADUATING.

If no one graduates, then there are no scholarships to give. Under this plan, coaches who pay mere lip service to academics would soon be without any scholarship players—and they would lose.

I would add this rule as well: NO COACH MAY ACCEPT A JOB AT A SCHOOL WITH MORE SCHOLARSHIPS TO GIVE THAN HE HAD AT THE SCHOOL HE IS LEAVING.

This would keep coaches from hurting one program and then moving merrily on to another. If a coach truly wanted to move onward and upward in his career, he would have to become the educator/counselor they all claim to be.

Another aspect...What if a school offered a kid a scholarship prior to June 1, contingent of course on a certain player graduating on time, and then the player did not graduate? Would that leave the high school player out in no man's land?

Not necessarily. Why not make it a rule that if a kid is offered a scholarship which cannot by rule be given, then the kid can choose the school of his choice but the scholarship must be paid by the offering school?

With this rule, schools not adequately concerned with academics would actually be paying for other schools' sports programs. This could happen easily enough. Teams are already accustomed to sharing bowl payouts, and TV revenues, so paying each other for scholarships would be simple.

Let's go one step further now. Any team which finishes a year with 14 scholarships—the full quota, meaning every scholarship athlete who has entered has graduated—would be given the right to offer a seven or eight year scholarship, allowing a kid to get a scholarship that would take him all the way through Law School or Medical School.

Do you realize it is against NCAA rules for a school to offer a kid a seven-year scholarship? Why should it be? There is sufficient money at many schools to do this. But it is not allowed BY RULE, although the rules do permit schools to offer five new scholarships every year even though no one ever graduates with this money.

So what about it? Do you think it would be so difficult to implement these rules? Do you think the NCAA really cares about kids graduating?

I don't.

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