



Eagles Notch District Cage Championship

Old Rival Jordan To Be Next Foe

Revival Of H-O-R-S-E Featured On Television

For all you super fans, this Thursday and Friday will have more good basketball on TV than there has ever been before in a two-day period. My brother Dave figures a person with cable TV can watch 14 hours of live college basketball each day as the NCAA field narrows from 64 to 32, and he has plans to watch about 11 or 12 hours on both days.

I'm not that much of a fan. When I think of watching that much basketball, the first thing that comes to my mind is how boring all those endings will be as coaches instruct their players to foul "intentionally" and then call all those time-outs to stop the clock.

I have a solution to these problems, some of which I have tried out during the summers at the Prep Stars Invitational All Star Basketball Camp. For example, we give a point for a foul and let the offensive team retain possession. College coaches like this rule, at least at summer camp, because it enables them to see who can really play defense—without fouling. Fouls, of course, are committed less often because players realize quickly that fouling never pays.

If you don't like the idea of giving a point, then why not one free throw plus the ball—just like a technical foul? I think a technical foul is an appropriate penalty for end-of-game fouls, and I think it would add a lot to the game, both by speeding it up and by forcing teams to play basketball at the end instead of H-O-R-S-E, the standing, shooting game that kids often play on playgrounds.

Another rule I would like to see changed regards the time-outs that Dean Smith has taught the basketball world to conserve until the end of a game. In his typical style, Smith has made the most of the strategy, but the game has suffered in the process. A good change, which I imagine Dean Smith would support, would be to make all end-of-game time-outs (time-outs, say, in the last three minutes) just ten seconds long.

Ten second time-outs would give a well-prepared coach like Smith sufficient time to call a set offense or defense, or time to put in a substitute, and of course they would stop the clock, which is the primary reason they are called. Right now it is just a quirk of the rules—and because of coaches' desires to talk, talk, talk—that time-outs take so much time even though everyone realizes they are called for the purpose of stopping the clock.

We have another rule which we use regularly at Prep Stars, which I particularly like, although it is a more radical departure from the rules you are accustomed to. Everytime the ball goes out of bounds, it changes possession. The thinking is this: no offense ever plans for a deflection. In other words, players realize, when a ball goes out of bounds, that they have done something wrong, though often they retain possession. With the automatic change-of-possession rule, referees no longer have to watch carefully who hit the ball out, and there is consequently much less arguing over calls. There are other benefits as well. A shot blocked out of bounds is, even now, applauded as a good defensive play, yet the offense still gets it out and gets to try again. With the change-of-possession rule, the defense gets the ball and gets to savor the good play. It works the same way with any deflection out of bounds. In other words, good defense is rewarded, and the game is speeded up.

You can think about these rules as you're watching the NCAA playoffs, though only the absence of the 45 second rule will be talked about by commentators. Duke and NC State seem to be the two teams best able to play with no shot clock. Both have the team speed to effectively pressure teams who try to stall on them, and Duke especially should be able to stall quite well on its own should they get a lead near the end. Carolina and Georgia Tech, on the other hand, will need to get ahead in the NCAA games, otherwise their big frontlines will soon become liabilities rather than assets. Big players are not traditionally good at pressuring a deliberate team into turnovers. But then again, it will all depend on the different pairings as to who will finally benefit or be hurt by the absence of the shot clock. And of course, with the ACC this year, who can say what will happen? It's time to just sit back and enjoy — 28 hours worth, or all that you can.

By CONSHERTO WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

How sweet it is! The District I 3-A Championship now belongs to Coach James Howell's varsity Eagles of Warren County High School. They earned the distinguished title after defeating Washington in last Wednesday's final game of district competition. The final score was 69-55, giving the Eagles an impressive 25-and-three overall record.

The first point of the game was made by Washington's Earl Raulolph with 5:41 showing on the clock. Jeffrey Hayes made the first Eagle point soon after, tying the score at two each. The Eagles scored three more field goals before Washington's Steve Austin made the next field goal. Derrick Alston ended the first period with a field goal with five seconds remaining, giving the Eagles a 14-8 lead.

Washington played a game of catch-up during the second period. Adrian Dudley brought his team to within one point after scoring four points on the charity stripe. Monte Steverson, with assistance from senior point Jeffrey Hayes poured in 10 points during the second period, and by the half, the Eagle team effort had rebuilt the lead to seven, 31-24.

Washington tried again desperately in the third period to take the lead. Frankie Warren cut the lead to four points with 3:21 left on the clock, 29-33. However, the strong Eagle offense quickly built the lead back to 10 by the end of the period, 41-31.

It was an action-packed fourth period as both teams tried to capture the 1985 District I 3-A title. Washington poured in 24 points, but it was no match for the Eagles' efforts. The Warren County squad scored 29 points during the final period, ending the game in a 14-point victory, 69-55.

Sylvester Davis, 5'8" point guard, stated with a big smile on his face, "It's a shame that one of us had to lose, after such a hard game; but since only one team can win, why not the Eagles?"

The Eagles are only two games away from competing in the State Championship game in

Greensboro. Friday, March 15, will find them matched against Durham Jordan in the first round of the Eastern 3-A Regional at 8:30 p. m. at Wilson Beddingfield High.

Warren County was ranked first in the East at the end of the regular season. One of the three Eagle losses was to Jordan in the season opener, but Warren County beat Jordan in two other meetings this season. Jordan won the state 3-A title in 1981, followed by Warren County in 1982.

Friday night may find Jordan seeking revenge!

In The Service

Army Pfc. Terrence A. Alston, son of James C. and Mamie T. Alston of Rt. 1, Warrenton, has arrived for duty in Glussen, West Germany.

Alston, a cannon crewman with the 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery, was previously assigned in Vicenza, Italy.

He is a 1983 graduate of Warren County High School.

Army Staff Sgt. Lena A. Kearney, daughter of Elizabeth Talley of Rt. 2, Macon, has arrived for duty at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Kearney, a supply sergeant with the 85th Medical Battalion, was previously assigned at Camp Casey, South Korea.

She is a 1973 graduate of John Graham High School, Warrenton.

Airman Calvin E. Williams, son of Charles J. and Neda R. Williams of Warrenton has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks at Lackland, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Williams will now begin on-the-job training in the structural and pavements field at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

He is a 1984 graduate of Warren County High School.

Reunion Set

The 1978 graduating class of John Graham High School is holding a reunion April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Warren County High School.

Cost is \$8 per person or \$15 a couple.

Those wishing to attend should send a cashier's check or money order to Patsy Alston, P. O. Box 442, Warrenton, N. C. 27589 or call Ms. Alston at 257-1691 or Moneak Alston at 257-4561.

Anyone with information on how to contact students no longer living in the county should also contact the Alstons.

The deadline for purchase of tickets is March 22.



Coach James Howell, far right, and his Warren County High varsity boys celebrate victory following their win over Washington High last Wednesday, making them the District I 3-A basketball cham-

pions. The Eagles will return to action on Friday against Durham Jordan in Wilson as they continue their drive toward the state finals. (Photo by Consherto Williams)

Recreation Registration Is Scheduled

Warren County Recreation has announced that registration will begin this week for T-Ball, Pee-Wee, and Junior Baseball.

Registration for these activities will begin on Saturday, March 16, from 10-11:30 a. m. at the Army Field (beside the National Guard Armory in

Warrenton). Other registration dates are: Monday, March 18 and 25; and Wednesday, March 20 and 27, from 6-7 p.m. at the Armory Field. Registration will also be held on Saturday, March 23 and 30, at Armory Field from 10-11:30 a.m.

T-Ball will be for boys and girls, ages six through eight. Children must be six before October 15 and under nine before October 15. Pee-Wee will be open to boys, ages nine and ten. Boys must be nine before October 15 and under 11 before October 15. Junior baseball will be for boys, ages 11-12. Boys must be 11 before Oc-

tober 15 and under 13 before October 15. Participants must attend registration in order to play.

Plenty of Light

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Winners of the storytelling contest at Northside School shown are, front row, left to right, Chandra Sledge (2nd place), Kellye Worth (3rd place), Tiwanda Talley (1st place), Thaddeus Overby (1st place), Marcel Thomas (3rd place), and Marcus Tunstall (2nd place). Pictured on the second row, left to right, are Joseph Hayes (2nd place), Sherida Averette (1st place), Bennie Pulliam (3rd place), Kim Lewis (3rd place) and Anthony Martin (2nd place). Kim Perkinson (1st place) is not shown. (Community Schools Photo)