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North Duplin Upsets Beulaville In Duplin County Basketball Finals; First Tournament Championship In Rebel History. Ken Avent Stars

Larry Stewart's B. F. Grady Girls Edge Beulaville 29-28, In Finals. All-Conf. Forwards Judy Patterson - Faye Harper Lead Grady Sextet To Championship. Rita Sumner Everybody's All-Conference Led The Powerful Beulaville Team.

Coach Jack Carr's Chinquapin Boys And Girls Win Consolation Championship. Indians Leading Scorer, Carlton Raynor Was High In Recent Tourney With 48 Points.

By Joe Cochrin
Duplin County Basketball Tournament held last week in Kenansville. The second-seeded Rebels defeated James Kenan 51-38, in the first

round last Tuesday. And then turned the real big upset of the tourney dropping a powerful Beulaville team 48-43. Saturday night for the championship. The Beulaville Panthers entered the tournament with a perfect 8-0 conference record. They had just beat the Rebels about two weeks ago by twenty points and eleven in an earlier game. The well coached Rebels did their biggest damage in the third quarter scoring 15 points while Beulaville managed only eight. Coach Billy Bostic's Panthers just seemed to not be up to par and Kenneth Avent played the killer role for North Duplin. Coach Bostic, selected "Coach of the Year," stated after the game, "Our boys played good ball but just could not hit from outside."

All-Conference Sophomore Jerry Simpson, one of the finest ball handlers in Panther history, failed to connect throughout the tournament and All-Conference Larry Herring kept the big red and white in the tourney until the finals. Larry did an outstanding job in the championship game with 22 points and most of Beulaville's rebounds. Of course Mr. Avent of the Rebels turned in the outstanding performance in the tournament. Coach Kaleel credits Avent for the Championship going to North Duplin with his rebounding. And I feel everyone who attended the best tournament in years will agree. Doug Kennedy, Pete Warren, and Joe Hollingsworth were very instrumental in the Rebels cause.

Coach Bostic's Panthers were without the services of Sloan Thigpen, a real beard man, and with Simpson not hitting Beulaville was hampered and the tourney favorite went down in defeat. If my records are correct it is the first time in over a decade that Beulaville, after getting to the finals lost the championship game.

We could go on and on re-playing the tournament but the results would still be the same because it is now part of history in Duplin County basketball. The real surprise all season and in the tournament was the Beulaville girls. As all sports-minded fans know Beulaville's girls of a year ago were one of the best all round girls teams in Duplin history. All those girls are gone except Rita Sumner, the only returning letterman. They were definitely out as far as a championship was concerned. Bostic made the statement early in the season that if the girls play five hundred ball that was about all he could expect. They ended the regular season with a 15-1 record and the only loss was to the Grady champions. Tied with B. F. Grady for conference championship and only lost by one point to the same team that beat them by only one point during the regular season. That in my opinion is the outstanding team as far as experience goes and a fine job by, naturally the coach of the year.

Beulaville, the Duplin County conference champions will play the winner in Sampson County. That I feel sure will be Midway High in the District II Playoffs in Kenansville which gets underway the last of this week. Midway as you know has one of the most outstanding high school records in the state this year. So let's all turn out and support our team from Beulaville.

Back to the tournament last week which was really full of exciting moments as well as heartbreaking at times. The Chinquapin boys of Coach Jack Carr really looked good in all their games. High scoring Carlton Raynor lead all scoring with a total of 49 points and his

teammate R. C. Henderson was tied for second high with 32. In the James Kenan games Raynor hit for 17 points eight from the outside. In the Beulaville game he again hit on eight from the outside in the most exciting game won by Beulaville 38-37. Senior guard Pete Warren from North Duplin was high scorer for a single game. Warren hit 10 baskets from outside and had five of seven from the line for a total of 25 points against James Kenan. Ferring of Beulaville with a 21-0 per game for the season was third high in the tournament with 31 points. Warren tied Henderson of Chinquapin for second high with 32. Kenneth Avent of the Rebels was fourth with 26 and his teammate Doug Kennedy was fifth with 22. James Kenan's towering Charles Lockamy was sixth with 18. Sylvia Brown, James Kenan's leading scorer, was high for a single game with 21 against North Duplin. Beulaville's Rita Sumner was high for the tourney with 28 points. Grady's Judy Patterson was second high with 23.

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Magnolia News

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Book Club Met
The Magnolia Book Club met on Wednesday afternoon, February 22, with Mrs. Paul Bass. News books were discussed by the members. The Washington's birthday party in decoration was carried out. Mrs. Bass served cherry tarts topped with whipped cream and coffee to all attending.

W M S Meeting
The regular meeting of the Magnolia Baptist W. M. S. was held at the church on Tuesday night "Witnessing where we are" was the subject given by Mrs. Clifton Goy. Mrs. Paul Bass, President was in charge of the business session. Plans were made for the week of Prayer March 6-10. Mrs. Fred Johnson, Stewardship chairman led in the discussion of the importance of Missions offering. Mrs. Julia Tucker closed the meeting with prayer.

Week Of Prayer
at the Magnolia Baptist Church March 6-10. Miss Katie Murphy of Rose Hill will be there Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. The G. A.'s will be in charge Monday afternoon. Other meetings will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30 p. m.
Every one is invited to visit these meetings for prayer and inspiration.

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