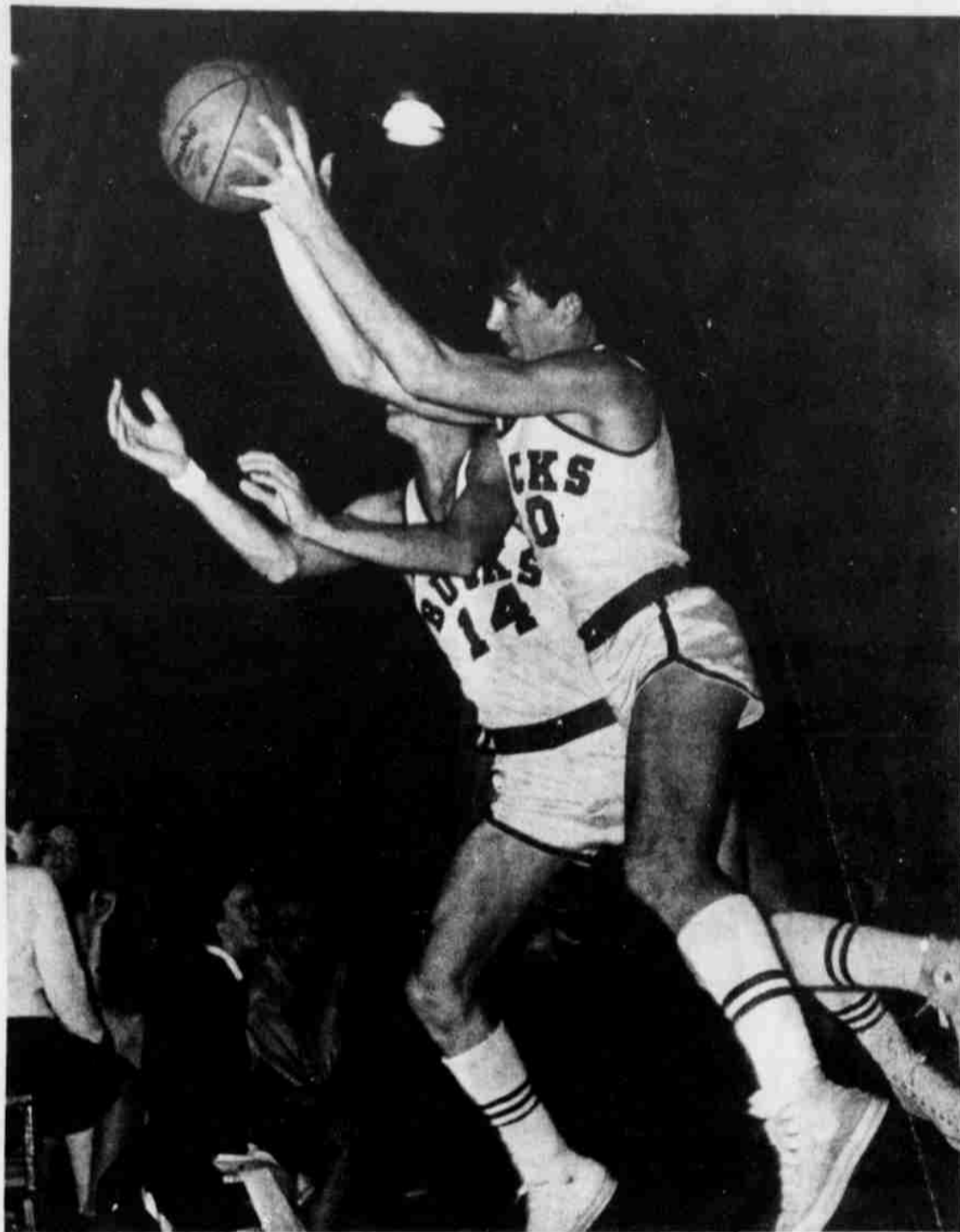


Bucks Lose To Stedman In Final Minutes



Raeferd and Stedman, rated about even by prognosticators, squared off in a head-to-head battle here Tuesday night, and for the better part of four quarters, it was anybody's ballgame before Stedman pulled away to win it, 65-56.

The final score was hardly indicative of the roughshod battle, in which a total of 38 personal and two technical fouls were called, and fully that many infractions were ignored by the officials.

The two teams were deadlocked, 12-12, at the end of the first quarter, and at halftime, Stedman held a bare one-point lead.

That quickly vanished after the intermission when the Bucks apparently found the range and forged ahead by four points midway in the third period.

There, their good fortune waned, and by the end of the third stanza, Stedman held a five-point advantage, 45-40.

Again the Bucks rallied, and with only 1:41 remaining, Willie McCoy hit with a twisting jump shot to tie the score at 54-54. That's when Lady Luck walked out the back door on the Bucks.

Jimmy West hit with a two-pointer to make it 56-54, Stedman, with 1:03 remaining. Lamar Johnson was fouled by Jeff McNeill and pumped in two free throws to make it 58-54, Stedman, and only 55 seconds to go.

From there in, the Bucks fought vainly for possession and had to foul the ball-hawking visitors—a necessary but desperate strategy which seldom works to the trailing team's advantage.

Richard McNeill fouled Lamar Johnson on a layup, tempers flared, and both teams were assessed with technical fouls, Johnson getting two extra shots for the personal against him. He hit three of the four for a 61-54 Stedman lead, and Bill Senter connected on two free throws, because of the technical against Stedman, to make it 61-56, Stedman.

Sammy Prince, subbing for Butch Womble, who had fouled out late in the final quarter, was fouled, but missed on a one-and-one situation. Tommy Baker fouled Jimmy West, who netted two points, and Senter fouled Johnson, who tallied a final two free throws for the 65-56 winning margin.

Senter poured in 20 points to lead the Bucks. Danny Walters rebounded well and scored 13 points before fouling out with about five minutes to go. Richard McNeill got 11 points before he was ejected, Jeff McNeill hit for 8, Baker had 4, and McCoy added 2 on his game-tying basket.

Lynn Smith was the big gun for Stedman, netting 23 points with some sensational shooting. Hobbs accounted for 13 points, Johnson got 8, Franklin Cain netted 6, West tallied 9 and Dexter Crumpler got 6 for Stedman.

In the preliminary, Stedman girls defeated the Buckettes, 39-27, after the local girls netted only eight points in the

first half. Trailing by 26-8 at intermission, the Buckettes outscored the visitors, 19-13, in the second half, but the rally was not enough.

Pam McMillian got eight points for the Buckettes, Sharon Ashburn netted 6, Kathy Bounds got 3, Judy Scott and Sue Walters each had one point to complete the scoring.

For Stedman, Lillie McDowell hit for 17 points, Sharon Kibett netted 10 and Sue McCullen got 9. Cheryl Ricks netted two points and Anita Russ got one to account for the Stedman total.

It was only the second loss of the season against five wins for the Bucks, defending champions of the Southeastern 3-A Conference. Stedman is a member of the Pioneer 3-A Conference and is defending champion of that league.

Last year, it may be remembered, the Bucks lost two games just before the Christmas break and two more immediately afterward (one of them to Stedman) for their only four losses of the regular season.

At this point, then, the 1967-68 Bucks are one game ahead of last year's winning pace, but can lose only two more for the remainder of the season to equal last year's record.

They were beaten during the regular season last year by Stedman, Clinton, Rockingham and Hamlet, all on courts away from home.

BOYS

RAEFORD (56) -- Senter 20, J. McNeill 6, T. Baker 4, McCoy 2, R. McNeill 11, Walters 13, Womble, S. Prince.
STEDMAN (65) -- Smith 23, West 9, Hobbs 13, Crumpler 6, Johnson 8, Cain 6.
Halftime: Stedman, 26-27.

GIRLS

RAEFORD (27) -- Ashburn 6, McMillian 8, Bounds 6, Scott 1, Tanner, Howell, Walters 1, Smith 3.
STEDMAN (39) -- McDowell 17, Ricks 2, Kibett 10, McCullen 9, Faircloth, Russ 1, Bryant, Paulk.
Halftime: Stedman, 27-8.

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I HAVE IT--Sammy Prince, who got in the game after three Raeferd players either fouled out or were ejected, goes after a rebound, along with Bill Senter, in the closing minutes of the game. Stedman pulled away in the

final two minutes of the contest, breaking a 54-54 tie and going on to win, 65-56. It was the second loss of the season for the Bucks.

Mat Team At Hamlet

Hoke High wrestlers return to the mat tonight in a maiden match against Hamlet, which fielded a mat team for the first time this year.

Winner of two matches and loser of one thus far this season, the Bucks are favored to

take the measure of the Richmond County squad, which entered a team when a wrestling conference was formed this year.

In their only loss of the season, the Bucks were upset by Fayetteville 28-25.



HAVE A SEAT--Bill Senter, Raeferd playmaker, took a rude spill into the stands Tuesday night when fouled driving toward the basket in the Raeferd-Stedman game at Hoke High School gym. A total of 37 fouls were called in the rousing-and-tumble contest.

Lt. Kenneth Rauch Gets Wings In Navy

Lt. (jg) Kenneth N. Rauch climaxed his Naval air training December 29 and in ceremonies at the Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas, Rauch was designated a Naval Aviator. His wife Virginia, was present to pin on his Navy "Wings of Gold."

Rauch is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. He is married to the former Virginia Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Wood Sr. of Raeferd. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch have one son, Kenneth Jr.

While in Kingsville, assigned to Training Squadron 21, Rauch was named to the Navy's "High Flier" list for top academic grades in the Naval Air Advanced Training Command. This is an honor Rauch has held throughout his tour with the Air Training Command, being so named at each of the units to which he has been attached. As a flight student, Rauch was named as Training Squadron 21's "Student of the Month" for November.

After a brief stay in Raeferd visiting Mrs. Rauch's parents, Lieutenant Rauch will report to Naval Justice School,



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Newport, R. I. where Rauch will attend classes in the Naval school for Military Law. Upon completion of training in Newport, he will be assigned to Attack Squadron 125, Lemoore, Cal. While assigned to VA-125, Rauch will be flying the Navy A-4 Skyhawk, a single-seat aircraft carrier based jet attack bomber, preparing for service in aircraft carrier combat operations.

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