

Mt. Olive Boys Win East Central 2-A Tournament

EAST DUPLIN GIRLS UPSET MT. OLIVE FORECAST CENTRAL CROWN

MT. OLIVE, JAMES KENAN, EAST DUPLIN, AND WALLACE-ROSE HILL ENTER DISTRICT 2-A TOURNAMENT IN JACKSONVILLE



Who wouldn't be all smiles? Mt. Olive's Coach Jimmy Williams seem to be real pleased with what Bill Taylor is saying. The Mt. Olive team had just won the East Central 2-A Conference tournament championship, defeating the East Duplin Panthers for the crown. The Panthers of Williams will take a perfect 23-0 record to the District 2-A Playoffs in Jacksonville this week.



Coach Larry Stewart of East Duplin feels pretty good about this time. His Panther girls upset the Mt. Olive girls in the East Central Conference basketball tournament for the championship. On Coach Stewart's right stands a real happy player in All Conference, Judy Smith, and as equally happy on the left is another all conference in Ada Thigpen. These two girls were outstanding in the tournament.

The East Central 2-A Conference basketball tournament got underway this past Tuesday night in Kenansville with a real bang. Every night was almost a complete sell out as the first ECC basketball tournament ended with glory for Coach Jimmy Williams' Mt. Olive boys winning the championship.

Coach Williams' boys, one of the most outstanding teams ever to play in the huge gym, captured the 2-A conference crown defeating a real good East Duplin team, and run their undefeated record to 23-0. Coach Dave McClenny's equally outstanding girls team fell to a real scrappy sextet of Coach Larry Stewart's from East Duplin in the championship game.

Williams' undefeated Panther boys along with East Duplin, Wallace-RH, and James Kenan travel down to the District 2-A Playoffs in Jacksonville this week.

The ECC tourney opened with the girls of Coach L. S. Guy from North Duplin and the Lady Bulldogs from Wallace dropping James Kenan and Jones Central from the tournament. The Bulldog girls came from behind to stop the Rocket girls 25-23, behind the shooting of Sue Jessup. All-Conference Pam McCullen, and the outstanding "scholastic-athletic" in the county, almost outscored the entire Kenan girls team with 22 points as Guy's Lady Rebels defeated Kenan 44-27. Peggy Lanier, JK's selection to the all-conference team was high for the Lady Tigers with 14 points.

The first night also saw two boys teams lose out as Coach Bill Helton's Tiger boys edged a real good Richlands team 44-40, behind the fine play of C. H. Pope, David Hinson, Scotty Lockamy. Another Tiger that looked real good on defense was young stringbean Vance Alphin for JK Hinson was James Kenan's choice on the all conference team. Senior Freddie Mohn, an outstanding athletic at the Wildest school and an all conference selection set the scoring in their only game with 17 points.

In the second boys game the Jones Central Rockets pulled the first upset by edging Wallace-Rose Hill in overtime, 57-56. The Rockets John Davis was high scorer for the winners with 28 points, Joe Batts and W-RH with 20.

On Wednesday evening of the tourney the "to be champs"

from East Duplin under Coach Stewart came close to losing but All Conference Clara Whaley and All Conference Thomasine Sanderson led them to a 21-17 win. The MO girls drew a bye, since Burgaw withdrew, and they were the regular season champions.

Coach McClenny's Panther girls had their hands full in the first outings Coach Guy's Lady Rebels almost pulled the biggest upset. Depth finally determined the winners by a 35-31 score and of course it was the big team from Mount Olive.

All Conference Mary Barwick led the MO girls with 20 points. Pam McCullen led the Rebel girls on their way out with 14. Once again the East Duplin girls had to really fight to down a scrappy Wallace-Rose Hill team 25-21, behind the shooting of Clara Whaley. Whaley was the leading girl scorer in the tournament with 33 points. On the same night Coach Billy Bostic's East Duplin boys side tracked the Rockets from Jones Central 76-66, behind the shooting of Harry "scotter" Miller and Charlie Lanier. Lanier, the big man in the Panther attack, was an all conference selection along with Miller. Lanier, is just a junior and averaged better than 20 points per game for Bostic's Panthers. Little deadeye Miller hit a season high against the Rockets with 32 points.

Coach Williams power-packed Panthers ran past the Tigers in the semifinals 70-46, with big center Larry Jones collecting 22 points. Jones, an all conference selection, was the outstanding player in the tournament. Scotty Lockamy, a real good steady performer set the attack for JK with 19 points.

On the final night of the tournament it was all Mt. Olive and East Duplin and the house was packed.

The stage was set for two of the most spectacular performances ever seen in the Kenan Auditorium. Of course the girls would out perform the boys. McClenny's Mt. Olive girls had come all the way and were unbeaten in the conference, but little did he or anyone else know that Stewart's East Duplin girls were going to take him into two overtimes and drop his great team from the undefeated ranks. Much could be said about the boys game, that is in the first half, but it was all MO in the second half.

The East Duplin girls playing like they never played be-

fore took an 8-5, first quarter lead and went even further out front leading 20-10, at the half. In the third period MO outscored them 11-9, and really put the freeze on in the fourth scoring 8 points while ED failed to score. This tied the score 29-29 at the end of the regular game. Two all conference selections made the score 31-31 at the first over time. Barwick for Mount Olive and Ada Thigpen for ED. Then in the second overtime Judy Smith hit a free throw and Clara Whaley hit another for the championship.

The undefeated Mount Olive boys really had to go all out in the first half against a fired up East Duplin team, but it was just too much Jones, and Simmons. And another steady for MO, Dickie Reaves. Jones, "Mr. Inside" in the MO attack, hit from everywhere and came out with 32 points and an outstanding job well done. Mr. Outside, Doug Simmons was third high in the scoring for MO with 23 points and Reves came in with 24. Charlie Lanier set the pace for East Duplin's cause with 23 points and Harry Miller had 17.

FACTS FROM THE TOURNAMENT
Most outstanding "Scholastic-

others that were standouts . . . Harry Miller, Doug Simmons, Dickie Reaves, Charlie Lanier, James was the leading scorer with 73 points, ED's Lanier was second high with 60. Miller and Simmons had 59 each and Reaves 55. Clara Whaley led the girls with 33. Pam McCullen had 36 for high. Mary Barwick had 31 . . . All Conference team: Doug Simmons and Larry Jones Mt. Olive; David Hinson, James Kenan; Charlie Lanier and Harry Miller, East Duplin; Freddie Mohn, Richlands; Don Hardison and John Wilkins, Wallace-Rose Hill; Wesley Smith, Jones Central; and Gerald King, North Duplin. For the girls team it was Pam McCullen, North Duplin; Carolyn Holmes, Diane Lee, and Mary Del Barwick, Mt. Olive; Thomasine Sanderson and Clara Whaley of East Duplin; Patty Tollestred, Richlands; Terry Kennedy, North Duplin;



C.H. Pope, Jr., of James Kenan High was presented the coveted award as Duplin County's most outstanding "Scholastic Athlete" of 1964 at the recent conference tournament. This award is sponsored by the Duplin Times Progress Sentinel.

outstanding student as well as in athletics was presented the scholastic-athletic award for 1964. . . . C. H. has the high scholastic average for three and one half years of any senior athlete in the county.

. . . in fact C. H. was the only senior boy that plays basketball in the county that has an "A" average over the past three and a half years. Any boy should be real proud of this honor and if you see C. H. . . you tell him so . . . Pam McCullen of North Duplin was the



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girl that received the 'scholastic - Athlete' award for 1964. Pam . . . just like C. H., was the only senior girl playing basketball that had an "A" average. I would like to say congratulation to Pam and C. H. for this outstanding achievement. Who will be the winner next year . . . maybe you.

The sportsmanship trophies were presented to the North Duplin boys and the Richlands girls . . . Mt. Olive girls regular season champions in the conference with a 13-0 record. East Duplin defeated the MO girls for the tournament championship. The coach of the year should be Jimmy Williams of Mt. Olive. They defeated East Duplin for the tourney champions and are now 23-0 for the season . . . Larry Jones, 6'5" center for Mount Olive was this writer's selection as the player . . .

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Ada Thigpen, East Duplin; Peggy Lanier, James Kenan; Sue Scott, Richlands; Marjorie Wells, Wallace-Rose Hill. . . this year an all conference cheerleaders selection was made: Kat Fountain and Harriet O'Leary of James Kenan, Annette Fountain and Sylvia Mercer of East Duplin, Allene Lowe of Mt. Olive, and Janet Bell, Linda Lanier and Georgia Hall of Wallace-Rose Hill.

DISTRICT 2-A PLAYOFFS
Wallace-Rose Hill defeated Morehead City in the first game in overtime, 65-62. Joe Batts led the attack for the Bulldogs with 25 points. George Dill had 20 and Rodney Kemp 22 to lead Morehead. Batts was the big man in the overtime getting seven points.

DISTRICT 2-A PLAYOFFS
Wallace-Rose Hill 13 13 7 17 13-65
Morehead 10 13 20 11 10-62
W-RH: Hardison 9, Milstead, Terry Kennedy, North Duplin;

DISTRICT 2-A PAIRING
Tuesday:
7:00 Morehead City vs Wallace-Rose Hill
8:30 Beaufort vs James Kenan
Wednesday:
7:00 Havelock vs East Duplin
8:30 Mt. Olive vs Camp Lejeune
Friday:
Semifinals at 7:00 and 8:30
Saturday:
8:00 Finals
DISTRICT 1-A TOURNAMENT
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Kenansville, North Carolina
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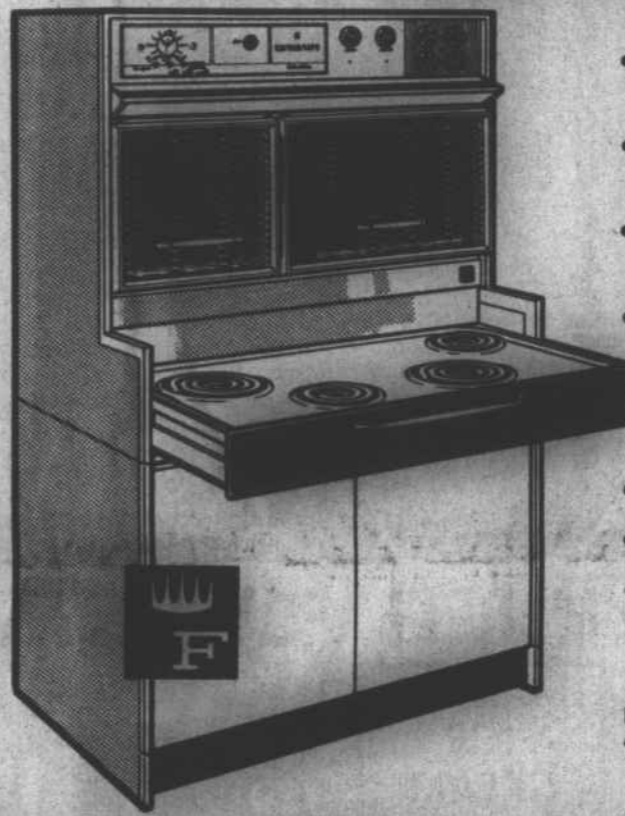
DANCE
The Simmons - Mewbern-Turner Post of the American Legion plans to have a dance at the Hut at Maxwell's Mill Saturday night, March 7. Music by the Rhythmaires of Goldsboro. A small admission charge will benefit a Legion cause. The public is invited.

James Kenan: Lockamy 13, Quinn, Brinson, Jones, Britt 8, Alphin 7, Ingram, Byrd 4, Grady, Pope 3, Hasty 4.

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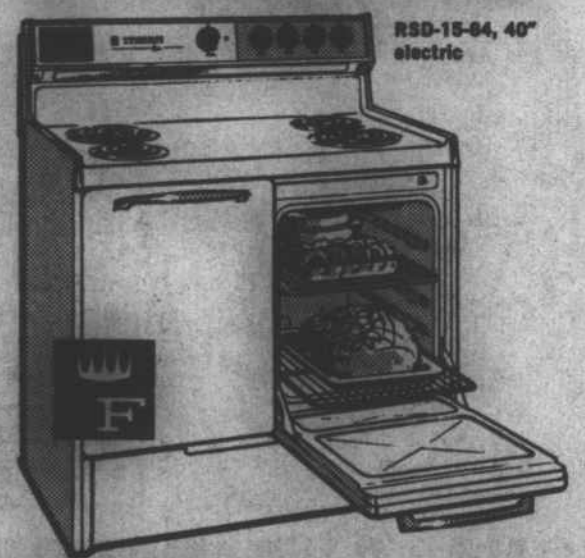


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