

Wildcats Finish Undeclared

E.E. Smith 7th and 8th grade boys basketball team finished the 1976-77 season undefeated with their win over N. F. Grady 34-32. The win left the Wildcats 10-0 for the season, extending their winning streak to 15 games.

As usual, the Smith team started slowly, falling behind 8-1 before starting to come back. They cut the lead to 8-6 at the end of the first quarter. Ronald Moore got the 'cats' cracked up in the second quarter with his shooting, to keep the Wildcats close at half-time. The third quarter saw the Wildcats outscore Grady 15-7 to take the lead they never gave up with Moore and Melver leading the scoring. Moore finished the game with 18 points, Melver 10, Barden 7, Brinson 3 and Vann 1. Garner led Grady with 13 points. Barden pulled down 13 rebounds for the Wildcats, and Norman Vann had 7 to lead in that department.

The victory capped an excellent season for the Wildcats. They were a team that always fought back when they were down, such as being down by 9 points with two minutes left in the first game against Faison, and down by 10 in the fourth quarter of the second game with Beulaville, and coming back to win. Melver and Moore averaged in double figures in scoring, and Barden and Kornegay averaged in double figures in rebounding. The bench usually gave help when it was needed

with Norman Vann and Kern Lanier as standouts in that area. Seven of the Wildcats return next year for the 7th and 8th grade team and the others move up to the 9th grade team. It was a fulfilling season for the Wildcats, who also won the football championship, and have now captured the basketball championship, and went undefeated in both sports under Coaches Vann and Futch.

Pro Gene Briggs reports a Pat Mullin Golf Tournament was staged at Rockfish of Wallace Saturday afternoon, February 5. "It was kinda windy and cool, but 36 golfers came and enjoyed the afternoon," Briggs stated. "We had nine celebrities and twenty-seven members playing. Among the celebrities were Pat Mullin, a batting coach for Detroit, Don Cook, another Detroit player, Jim Perry, another big leaguer, Matt Waska, Mike Turyk, and Marty Kurta, three golf professionals from upstate New York, along with the class from Rockfish." Cook's team of Bobby Matthews, Mac Horrell and Mitchell Paul won the tourney with a best ball 63. Waska's team of Neal Carlton, Buddy Pope and Pickett Boney tied with Turyk and Kurta's team with a best ball 64. Members of the Turyk team included Lynwood Denton, John Boney and Bobby Blanton. On the Kurta team were Warren Hepler, Albert Concl and Wesley Sronce.

Valentine's Dance: Duplin members are reminded of the Valentine Dance Saturday night, February 12. Take your Valentine out to the music of the Santeo Combo. Committee in charge includes Mr. and Mrs. John Whitfield, Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holton, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Quinn and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens. Time 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"I'm anxious to make this shot. That's my mother-in-law up there on the clubhouse porch." "Don't be a fool. You can't hit her at a distance of 200 yards."

Duplin CC will host the Ladies Sandtrappers League this month on Tuesday, February 22. Ladies, come on out and start warming up... Coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. Tee time 10:00.

SWCC Pro Mac McKeithan and the following members, Lynwood Kennedy, George Kornegay, Harvey Reinhardt, Durwood Kennedy, Jack Williams, Buddy Pope, Jay Bundy, Carroll Williams, Dennis Lane, Bryce Ficken, Chi Chi Goodson, Archie Parrish, Wayne Fardne, Bill Bunch and Harold Procythe tailed off to Myrtle Beach last weekend for a few days of golf on the sunny shores of South

Carolina. "We really had a good time and plenty of golf," Mr. Keithan said.

Duplin CC members are invited to a covered dish dinner and card party Friday night, February 18. An evening of food, bridge, canasta and/or whatever... the time 7 p.m. Record crowd attended last month. Hosts for the function will be Mr. and Mrs. Larry Warrington and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Costin.

According to J.C. Page at DCC, golf balls last longer if you keep them in the refrigerator. It is when you take them out on the golf course and hit them that you wear them out.

Rockfish Pro Gene Briggs reports greens at his club are in fair to good condition after all the bitter cold. "I think the proof of how good or how bad the grass is will come this summer," Briggs declared.

Duplin's Buster Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Johnson of Warsaw, will go on the tour and caddy for Sandra Palmer. Several weeks ago Buster caddied for Sandra in a tournament held at Doral Country Club. The former Mount Olive College golf star left February 7th for Florida where he plans to pick up the bag and follow Sandra all over the United States and some foreign countries. Best of luck, Buster.

The quickest way to meet new people is to pick up the wrong ball on the golf course.

We understand Mount Olive's gift to Southern Wayne, Pete Gurley, had a fire at his house... Hope it was not bad. Glad to hear you and the family were not hurt... Thank God.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OFFICE HOURS

In accordance with an order by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., the weekly office day for the Department of Revenue will be on Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. until further notice.

Duplin, Pender Leaders Named For Stadium Drive

Terry and Betty Quinn of Warsaw have been appointed chairmen of the East Carolina University Stadium Expansion Campaign for Duplin and Pender Counties. General Chairman R. L. (Roddy) Jones announced. A native of Duplin, Terry is a 1971 graduate of ECU and is non-Foods Division Manager with IGA Distributorship, Quinn Company, Inc.

The ECU Stadium Expansion Campaign is designed to raise at least \$2.5 million to increase seating capacity of Ficklen Stadium to nearly 40,000 and has been active in the Greenville-Pitt County area for several weeks. Jones added that with the Quinns' appointment, the state-wide campaign is now getting underway.

Mrs. Quinn is the former Betty R. White of Elizabeth City and is a 1972 graduate of ECU.

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The James Kenan Varsity Tigers ended the week with a win over Wallace-Rose Hill in four overtimes with a score of 78-76. The high scorers were Michael Southerland 20 pts., Stanley Broadie 18, and Leonza Nickelson with 10. Previously that week, the Tigers were defeated twice. Tuesday night they lost to Pender in the last quarter with a score of 54-61.

The high scorers were Stanley Broadie and Mike Southerland, with 14 points each. Friday night the Tigers were defeated by Dunn with a score of 53-81. The high scorers were Mike Southerland with 13 and Stanley Broadie 12.

The Baby Tigers had three wins this week. Tuesday they defeated Pender with a score of 44-43. The high scorers were Bruce Farris with 21, and Norwood Vann with 15. The game with Dunn was also a success with a score of 47-38. The high scorers were Ronnie Monk, 12 points, and Sampson Dixon, 10 points. The defeat of Wallace-Rose Hill ended with a score of 40-37. The high scorers were

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

Faison Police Chief Wade Wheelus recovered a 1974 automobile reported stolen earlier Wednesday in Burgaw. He charged the driver, James Brown, Jr., of Burgaw, with larceny of the automobile, owned by Rochelle Furniture Co. of Burgaw. Burgaw police were notified and they returned the car and suspect to Burgaw.

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