

Pirate Varsity and Jayvees Enjoy Week

The Perquimans Pirates, varsity and jayvee, recorded two impressive wins each in the past week. Both were conference wins against usual powers. It was the fifth straight win for the varsity and the seventh win in seven games for the jayvee.

Fred Rountree hit 4-of-4 free-throws and Edward White tossed in 12 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter Jan. 4 to lead the Pirates past Gates County, 83-72.

The Red Barons sliced a six-point Perquimans halftime lead to just a point, 53-52 going into the final period, but never could take the lead. The Pirates led from one to three points for most of the final period before breaking the game open in the final minute.

Fine free-throw shooting by the Pirates helped preserve the win. Perquimans hit 10-of-13 attempts in the last quarter and made 17-of-22 for the game. Leading scorer Mike Holley scored five of his 21 points at the line, hitting 5-of-7 while Rountree was 6-of-7 for the game. Ed White and Ellis Everett did not miss in their trips to the line.

Speedy guard, Garry Byrant, was influential in other ways. Byrant was credited with five steals many in the waning minutes of the game to persevere the win. He also shot for 14 points.

After a sluggish first half, the Pirates became inspired and played better ball the rest of the game. Holley came down with some big rebounds, 15 in the game, aided by Rountree and White, nine and eight respectively.

The next night, last Friday, the local boys completely demolished a

expected to be tough Murfreesboro. The two teams had met twice prior to game, both won by Perquimans. The difference in those games and the third was the score. The Pirates squeezed by the first two games. The final score in Friday's game was 72-36.

"This was our fourth game in four nights and I thought the guys did a real good job, especially on defense. We had no star. We got balanced scoring and good play from our bench. We're getting much better as the season goes along," coach Calvin Webster stated after the game.

The Pirates outscored the Raiders in every period, the fourth being the most one sided, 28 to 7. To add insult to injury, Pirate center, Mike Holley slam dunked a stolen ball from Murfreesboro. The majority of Pirate fans were overwhelmed by the excitement and it would have been best for Murfreesboro if they had started home then.

The first half was played fairly close. Down by 11 at half, no one in the gym was sure the Pirates had the game in hand. The lead was stretched to 14 point before the last quarter outburst.

Ellis Everett led all scorers with 18 points while Bryant added 12 and eight rebounds. Edward "Moose" White snared a game-high 14 rebounds and chipped in nine points. Fred Rountree scored eight points and garnered the same number of rebounds.

Perquimans is 3-1 in conference and 5-4 overall.

While the varsity are enjoying a very good season, the jayvees are doing even better. The



HOLLEY JUMPS — Pirate center, Mike Holley, goes up into the air for the ball. Later in the fourth quarter Holley brought the house down with his slam

dunk. Murfreesboro players seemed in awe of the feat and could not muster any comeback in the final moments. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

explosive junior Pirates have scored in the 90's in most of their games.

"The only reason we didn't score in the 90's tonight (against Murfreesboro)", stated Coach Pete Hunter, "is because our leading scorer, Tony

Hickson, was injured for tonight's game." Even so, the Pirates won 66-38.

Hunter may have something there. In the seven games the team has played the Pirates are averaging 82 points per game. Hickson was the

high scorer against the Gates County Red Barons with 23 points as they walked away, 95-68.

Johnie Frierson added 20 while George Jackson scored 18. Rounding out the scoring in the Gates game, Melvin Wilson and

Robert Mallory both scored 16 while Craig Perry made a basket for two. Jackson, who made up

the slack with the absence of Hickson, scored 22 points against Murfreesboro. Frierson was good for 17 while Robert Mallory hit on 13 points. Other Pirate scorers were Wilson with eight, Perry with five and Fonzie Miller with two.

Recreation Happenings

By BILLY WOOTEN



Adult basketball has started. There are seven teams vying for the title. Play is on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday night at the Union gym. Spectators are invited.

Midget basketball will begin Saturday morning. Five teams are in the running for the championship. The regular season will last into February.

My Senior Citizen bingo groups are still meeting; Memory Lane Club on Tuesday and Hertford Friendship on Thursday. Visitors are welcome. Hopefully, by next week several classes in various arts and crafts will be ready to be advertised. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information on these classes.

See ya next week

Midget basketball Tigers win two begins Saturday

The Midget Basketball League will begin play this Saturday morning at the high school gym. In the first game, the Falcons, under Coach Billy Wooten will meet Coach George White's Royals. The second game will feature last year's champs, the Devils, under first year Head Coach, Phil Woodell, against the Nuggets. The Nuggets are commanded by Ray Lassiter. The first part of the schedule is as follows:

January 13
Falcons vs. Royals
Devils vs. Nuggets

January 20
Bucks vs. Devils
Nuggets vs. Royals

January 27
Devils vs. Falcons
Bucks vs. Nuggets

February 3
Nuggets vs. Falcons
Royals vs. Bucks

February 7, 6:30 p.m.
Union School Gym
Devils vs. Royals
Falcons vs. Bucks

The first game, unless otherwise stated, will begin at 10 a.m. The second game will begin about an hour later. The public is invited to cheer the boys onto victory.

The Union School Tigers pulled off two impressive wins Monday against Gates County Junior High. The boys won by ten points, 40-30, but the score appears much closer than the game actually was. Everyone on the team scored.

They were James Riddick, eight pts.; Troy Jackson, six pts.; Gilbert Lightfoot, five pts.; Brad Frierson, Melvin Coston, and Rodney Gordon, four pts. each; Douglas Shannon, three points; George Long, Sam Holley, and Claud Wood, two pts. each.

The girls won their first game of the season winning 20-11. Scorers for the girls were Jackie White with 14 points, and Jaudice Colson and Venessa Whidbee with four points each.

The boys' record is 4-0 while the girls have won one and lost two. The next game is in Winfall today against Chowan.

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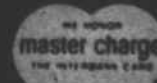
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