



HERALD SPORTS

By TONY TOMPKINS

The game of the year was supposed to be played last Saturday afternoon on television between the Wolfpack of N. C. State and the UCLA Bruins, but it turned out to be the flop of the year.

Everyone has been singing the praises of the Wolfpack as if they were invincible, but the Bruins put an end to that sort of thinking.

Bill Walton only played about half of the game for UCLA, and if State couldn't beat them without him, well, something is wrong with the State team. It certainly looks as if State can be had this year, so maybe all of the ACC teams have taken note of this.

In this week's basketball poll, Maryland is second, North Carolina is fourth, State is now fifth and South Carolina is now fifteenth in the nation. Not bad for this area. Also, Clemson and Wake Forest have received honorable mention votes this week.

Wasn't it nice to see N. C. State win the Liberty Bowl game against Kansas 31 to 18 Monday night. It was a big win for the Atlantic Coast Conference and it was especially nice to see the State fullback, Stan Fritts, win the Most Valuable Player Award.

Here are a few of the holiday Bowl game predictions that I promised you.

FIESTA BOWL: Arizona State over Pittsburgh. The Sun Devils are just too tough for the Pitt boys.

TANGERINE BOWL: Florida over Miami (Ohio). This one should be a mismatch.

PEACH BOWL: Maryland over Georgia. The Terps are really defense minded, plus, they can score big too.

ASTRO-BLUEBONNET BOWL: Houston over Tulane. This one could be very close.

GATOR BOWL: Texas Tech over Tennessee. The Red Raiders should win this one in a close tilt.

SUN BOWL: Missouri over Auburn. Missouri should win by a couple of touchdowns.

SUGAR BOWL: Alabama over Notre Dame. I went to school at Bama and the Tide will win this close tilt.

COTTON BOWL: Texas over Nebraska. Roosevelt Leakes will be the difference in this one.

ORANGE BOWL: Penn State over L.S.U.: The Tigers had better figure a way to stop Cappelletti or it will be a long evening.

ROSE BOWL: Southern Cal over Ohio State. Would you believe SC will make it two years in a row.

Well, let's just wait and see how they all come out. Maybe I will just be lucky enough to get all of them right.

Freshman star Walter Davis of the University of North Carolina, who enjoyed his best offensive game in UNC's 101 to 84 victory over Kentucky, today was picked as the Atlantic Coast Conference's rookie basketball player of the week.

The 6-foot-5 swingman from Pineville, N. C., was selected by a committee of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association.

After missing the Vermont game with a slight ankle sprain, Davis came into his own against Kentucky. In an eleven minute stretch, he hit on five of seven shots from the floor and his only free throw chance. He pulled down two rebounds and dished off several assists. He finished with 15 points, hitting seven of 12 shots overall.

On Saturday night, in an 81 to 63 Tar Heel win over East Tennessee State, Davis scored eight points, grabbed three rebounds and was credited with four assists in 18 minutes of play.

In four games, he is averaging 10.8 points a game and 4.5 rebounds a game.

Who is going to win the City Industrial Basketball League title this year? Everyone points to BVD Textiles as the team to beat, but after the action this week, look out for darkhorse teams Oxford, Carolina Throwing and Southern Excavation to have quite a say in it.

Oxford has a veteran team back with some added new faces on the team. John Costner and Gregory Ows are among the newcomers, while James Tate and Sonny Moore are among the veterans.

BVD Textiles has added some of the Duplex players of last year in the form of Danny McDowell and Charlie Rhodes. Back from last year are Charles Curry, Charlie Jones and June Barnes. Another newcomer is former Mountaineer Randy Wingo.

Southern Excavation is led by Harold Williams, Larry Williams and Ken Cash. They are a new entry into the league. Glenn Perkins is another newcomer on the list.

Kinder Manufacturing will be led by Bobby Howze again this year, but prospects don't look too bright at the present time.

Bessemer City Machine Shop will be led by Tommy Carpenter, but help is badly needed if BC is going to challenge for the top spot.

Carolina Throwing, another newcomer in the basketball league, will be led by Theo Smith, Jimmy Jolly, Wayne Goode, Jerry Henderson, Keith Parker, Wayne Bridges and Danny Ward. This team could present quite a challenge to the other teams.

All in all, it should be quite a race for the title this year.

The Optimist Banquet was held Monday night and the Most Valuable Player winner was Rodney Deaton. Now, Rodney is quite a fine young man, and it was quite a pleasure for me to see him get this outstanding award.

Rodney has a bright future in football and someday soon, he should be both a blessing and surprise for the Kings Mountain football team of the future.

Kings Mountain's Butch Blalock is still setting a torrid pace in the race for the scoring crown and if he continues his present surge, he is going to shatter quite a few records.

Sandra Byers is third in the girl's scoring race while teammate Kathy Ledford is tied for fifth position.

Fans in Baltimore, Maryland, still love Johnny Unitas. They just named a street after him. It wasn't Unitas Avenue, nor Unitas Street, nor Unitas Boulevard, but, of all

K M Mounties Drop Two As Blalock Soars

Butch, KM Girls Having A Fine Year In SWC

The Kings Mountain "Mountaineers", despite the record breaking scoring spree of senior Butch Blalock, dropped a pair of games this past week to Crest and Shelby. The Mounties lost a toughie to Crest at home by the score of 67 to 62 and Tuesday night, they were beaten at Shelby by the score of 90 to 62.

In the Crest game, Blalock scored 32 points and he came back for a total of 43 points against Shelby.

The Kings Mountain "Mountainettes" fared a little bit better in these two outings, as they lost to Crest by the score of 51 to 41, but came back to beat the Shelby lassies 38 to 29.

In the Crest games, the boys came from eight points back to get within two points (at 62-60) with two minutes left in the game. Mountie mistakes cost them the ballgame as they repeatedly lost the ball. Blalock led all scorers with a total of 32 points, 21 of them coming in the final quarter. Larry Hamrick helped the KM team by chipping in with a total of 17 points.

Alvin Gentry, with a total of 24 points, and Kenneth Petty, with a total of 10 points, led the winners.

In the girl's game, the KM lassies were handed their first conference defeat of the year by the Lady Chargers 51 to 41. Kathy Ledford led the KM scoring attack with a total of 12 points, while Pat Boyce led the Chargers with a total of 24 points.

A strong second quarter scoring spree by Shelby enabled the Golden Lions to breeze by the Mounties 90 to 62 at Shelby, despite a strong 43 point scoring performance by KM's Butch Blalock.

In the girl's game, Shelby was handed their second defeat of the season, both by Kings Mountain, by the score of 38 to 29.

Blalock led the KM scoring with a total of 43 points, while McKissick (28 points), Brooks (17 points), Cash (16 points), and Toms (14 points) led the Shelby attack.

In the girl's game, Kathy Ledford paced the KM attack with a total of 18 points while Smith scored 10 points for Shelby.

Butch Blalock, Kings Mountain's high scoring forward, has tallied a total of 200 points in 8 games so far this season for a 32.5 scoring average. Butch just may rewrite the Southwest Conference scoring marks before the season is over.

Friday night the opening game will pit Elon's Fighting Christians against the Lenoir Rhyne Bears. The opening game is set for 7 o'clock.

The second game Friday will feature the host Gardner-Webb Bulldogs and the Presbyterian Blue Hose of Clinton, S. C. The Blue Hose will play in the first game Saturday night and the winners will play for the title in the second game.

Elon will bring a 7-2 record into tournament play. The Christians scored an impressive 79-61 win over Campbell College. Campbell earlier in the season defeated the Bulldogs 83-81. The Christians defeated Belmont Abbey 84-72 early in the season.

Presbyterian will be making its first appearance at Gardner-Webb. Big wins to date include a 74-68 victory over UNC-Asheville and 74-70 over a strong Mars Hill team. P. C. is averaging 86.3 points per game.

Lenoir Rhyne will be making its second appearance in the annual holiday tournament. In 1971 the Bears defeated Gardner-Webb in the championship game 84-79. The Bears have been strong on the road defeating Elon in Burlington 78-68 and Belmont Abbey in Belmont 65-59.

The Bulldogs will be seeking their second consecutive holiday tournament crown. Last season the Bulldogs won the championship defeating Western Carolina University 80-71. The Bulldogs, who are sporting a 7-2 record, will enter the tournament with a four-game winning streak.

Tickets for the annual Bulldog Holiday Basketball Tournament are now on sale at a reduced price for advance sales.

The tournament will be held December 28-29 and it will feature Lenoir Rhyne, Presbyterian College, Elon College and Gardner-Webb.

Advance tickets for the four games will be \$4.00 for adults; \$2.50 for students. Adult tickets at the door will be \$2.50 for each night and student tickets will be \$1.50 each. There will be no individual night tickets sold in advance.

Games for the two-day tournament will begin each night at 7 o'clock.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Loy's Men's Shop, Smith Drugs and Suttle Drugs, all in Shelby and at Bowling Springs Drug and the athletic department in Bowling Springs.

Christmas Eve Service At 11 P.M.

Annual Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at First Presbyterian church Monday night at 11 p.m.

Dr. Paul Ausley will lead the responsive readings and members of the Session will serve communion to worshippers.

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BOWLING ...right down your alley...

The Kings Mountain (mixed) Duckpin league, which bowls each week in Kannapolis, is beginning to tighten up once again and don't be surprised if you see a new leader pretty soon.

John Dilling's team took four games from Bob Herndon's team and Jenny Oates led the way with a game high of 124 and a 314 series.

In the best match of the night, Rod Houser's team took our games from Jim Hardy's team in a surprise upset. Houser and Ted Solomon each won a 132 game high, while Houser edged with a 367 series to Ted's 34 series. Ronnie Cuberton had a 129 game high and a 360 series while Jim Hardy chipped in with a 331 series.

Albert Brackett's team and Ed Ranny Blanton's team split their four games on the night at the Lady. Betty Hullebrand had a 112 game high and a 296 series to lead the Blanton team. Gerald Hipp had a 111 game high and a 319 series while Betty Wells chipped in with a 274 series.

Standing:

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GBL. Lists names like Brackett's, Hardy, Houser's, Herndon's, Blanton's, Dilling's.

G-W To Host Holiday Tourney

BOWLING SPRINGS, N. C.—Four of the areas finest NAIA basketball teams will be taking part in the 8th Annual Gardner-Webb Holiday Tournament Dec. 28-29.

Three strong District 26 representatives, Elon, Lenoir Rhyne, and Gardner-Webb, along with District 6 representative, Presbyterian, will be fighting for the tourney crown.

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KATHY LEDFORD — Kings Mountain guard is having a banner year. She had her season high of 18 points against Shelby.



JOANNE PROCTOR — Joanne is playing an outstanding defense for the KM lassies.

BVD Textiles, Car. Throwing Lead League

The Kings Mountain Industrial Basketball League opened up this past Monday night and action resumed again on Tuesday night before the six teams took a Christmas break. Action will resume again on December 27 at the Community Center.

In Monday night action, Southern Excavation turned back Bessemer City 44 to 34. Ken Cash, with 15 points, and Drew Pearson, with 14 points, led the winners, while Tommy Carpenter poured in 15 points for the losers.

BVD Textiles romped past Kinder by the score of 93 to 22. June Barnes (24 points), Charlie Jones (16 points) and Charles Curry (14 points) led the winners while Bobby Howze scored 10 points for the losers.

Carolina Throwing turned back Oxford Industries in a close battle by the score of 66 to 56. Jimmy Jolly (22 points), Jerry Henderson (19 points) and Theo Smith (18 points) led the winners while Gregory Laowes (12 points) and James Tate (10 points) led the losers.

In Tuesday night action, Carolina Throwing, after a slow start, blasted Kinder 67 to 22. Jerry Henderson (19 points), Theo Smith (19 points) and Jimmy Jolly (14 points) led the winners while Frank Paramater scored 6 points for Kinder.

Oxford broke a 25 all halftime score and went on to defeat Southern Excavation by the score of 57 to 45. Gregory Laowes (21 points) and James Tate (20 points) led the winners, while Glenn Perkins and Ken Cash scored 9 points apiece for the losers.

BVD Textiles started Bessemer City by the score of 65 to 36. Randy Wingo (17 points), Danny McDowell (16 points) and Charles Curry (12 points) led the winners while Robert Carpenter scored a total of 15 points for the losers.

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CAR—O—LINES

CHAPEL HILL—Bobby Jones, North Carolina's red-hot candidate for all-America, leads the Tar Heels in three major statistical categories after four games of the season.

Jones is on top in field goal percentage, rebounding and a n d scoring average and he isn't far behind the leader in the all-important assist category.

Most impressive mark recorded so far by Bobby is his field goal shooting percentage of 65.2. He has connected on 30 of 46 shots he has taken. He has 46 rebounds in four games and a scoring average of 17.0.

In the assist race, backcourt star Darrell Elston is the leader with 22 while Jones rank second with 20.

When Carolina whipped Kentucky at the Greensboro Coliseum last Monday night, it was another chapter in Dean Smith's amazing success story against the Wildcats.

Smith's Tar Heel teams now have won seven of nine games against Kentucky. Smith was 5-2 in the series against the famed Adolph Rupp and now has coached two consecutive victories over Joe Hall. In the overall Carolina-Kentucky series, it's the Tar Heels on top by 10-5.

Carolina continues to play some of its best basketball games at the Greensboro Coliseum. In games played in the Coliseum in the Dean Smith era, Carolina has scored 33 victories while losing only five times.

The Tar Heels are assured of playing at least four more games in the Greensboro Coliseum this year. Carolina will play twice in the Big Four tournament on Jan. 4 and 5, will meet Florida State on Feb. 16 and then take part in the Atlantic Coast conference tournament March 7-9.

Saturday night's game here against East Tennessee State will mark the second time the Tar Heels have faced the Buccaneers. The great Carolina team of 1971 which won the NIT championship, defeated East Tennessee State by 108-79.

By that score, Carolina set an NCAA record for the best field goal percentage in a single game. The Tar Heel hit at a 72.7 clip that night.

Carolina's game against Virginia Tech tonight in Charlotte matches two of the teams which made big splashes in the National Invitational tournament last year.

The Techmen were the surprise champions of that tournament, defeating Notre Dame in a hair-raising final. The Tar Heels were eliminated in the semifinals.

by Notre Dame, but came back to crush Alabama for third place.

Carolina has used 17 different players in varsity games this basketball season and all but two of them have scored. Five difference players averaging in double figures and a sixth player, guard Ray Harrison, has an average of 9.3.

The scoring leaders are Jones at 17.0, Mitch Kupchak at 15.8, Elston at 14.0, Walter Davis at 11.7 and John O'Donnell at 11.3.

One of the most popular players at Carolina in recent years is Charles Wadell who last year became the school's first three letterman since 1952.

After making all-ACC at a tight end on the Tar Heel football team this season, Wadell now is helping the Carolina basketball team in a reserve role. He has appeared in two games and has played extremely well.

GIRLS DIVISION

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GBL. Lists Burns, South Point, Kings Mountain, East Gaston, Shelby, Crest, R. S. Central, Lincolnston, Bessemer City, North Gaston, East Rutherford, Cherryville.

BOYS DIVISION

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GBL. Lists Crest, East Gaston, Shelby, Chase, Burns, Kings Mountain, Lincolnston, East Rutherford, South Point, R. S. Central, North Gaston, Bessemer City, Cherryville.

Youth Play Monday At Grace

Young people of Grace United Methodist church will present a Christmas play on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.

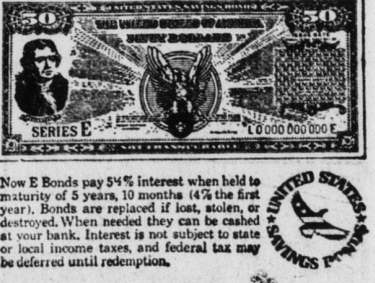
Mrs. Margie Dellinger is directing the play.

Santa Claus will distribute gifts and treats to children of the church after the program.

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