

BLUE DEVIL BOYS — Off to a fast start, the Blue Devils are rated one of the top teams in the North Piedmont Conference. Coach Harlan Bowman has high hopes for his squad during the coming conference campaign. The team members are, first row, left to right, Johnny Cabe, Eddie Barnett,

Coach Bowman, Johnny Barrier and Tim Roach. Second row: Jimmy McLean, manager, Ronnie Wilson, Mike Robinson, Tommy Deal, Gary Roach, Bill Earnhardt, Tony Hastings, Gary Karriker, Gary Laws and Jerry Follette, manager.

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Senior High Cagers, Statesville Battle Tonight On Devils' Court

Mooreville's Senior High cagers are all set for their return battle against Statesville tonight (Thursday) on the local court. This will be the fifth game for both Mooreville squads and they will be out to reverse a double loss suffered at the hands of the Greyhounds earlier in the pre-season practice games.

The two squads played at Kannapolis Tuesday night and the results of that game will be found elsewhere in today's paper.

Coach Harlan Bowman and his five, through last Friday night's game against Odell, sported a 2-1 record for the year. The local lassie sextet is yet to win a contest. Bowman has high hopes his squad will be better prepared for the fast-breaking Statesville attack while Coach Roy Boyles' girls are determined to register their first victory of the year.

In their outing Friday night against Odell, the local girls just couldn't hit the bucket and came out on the short end of a 40-19 score. Judy Freeze, with five points, was top scorer for the Devil lassies while Rene Gibson tallied four points and Sandy Torrence three to pace the anemic offense for Coach Boyles' outfit. Bren Pennington with 16 points almost outscored the entire Mooreville team in gaining high scoring honors for the night.

The Devils' defensive combination of Drema Walters, Susan Cook and Manchie Poore just couldn't keep the Odell tossers away from the basket. Also seeing action in the game were Barber Moore, Nancy Warren, Linda Sholar, Beverly Lee, Valerie Oliphant, Jan Brown, Becky Wylie, Toni Brown, Donna Helms and Shirley Sherill.

The Mooreville boys had the night of their lives as the Odell boys tried a deep freeze. In the amazing first half, Odell failed to score, with Mooreville leading 11-0 at the end of the first half.

They open their 1964 conference season January 10 in another home game against West Rowan.

IN CHURCH CAGE LEAGUE

Prospect Boys, Girls Are Leaders

A two-game program Tuesday night completed the 1963 schedule for the Mooreville area's church basketball league. Games will resume at the civic center January 6.

Scheduled to meet in the final pre-Christmas round of play Tuesday were St. Mark's and its brother Lutheran, St. Luke's. A match between Central Methodist and Second Presbyterian was to follow.

The combination girls team representing First Baptist and St. Mark's met the ladies of Prospect Monday in the opener. In the second game Monday First Baptist and Prospect men collided.

In games to date, the Prospect men and women have jumped ahead of the pack in impressive wins. The Prospect ladies dismantled Rocky Mount 35-7, while the men defeated Second Presbyterian 47-40.

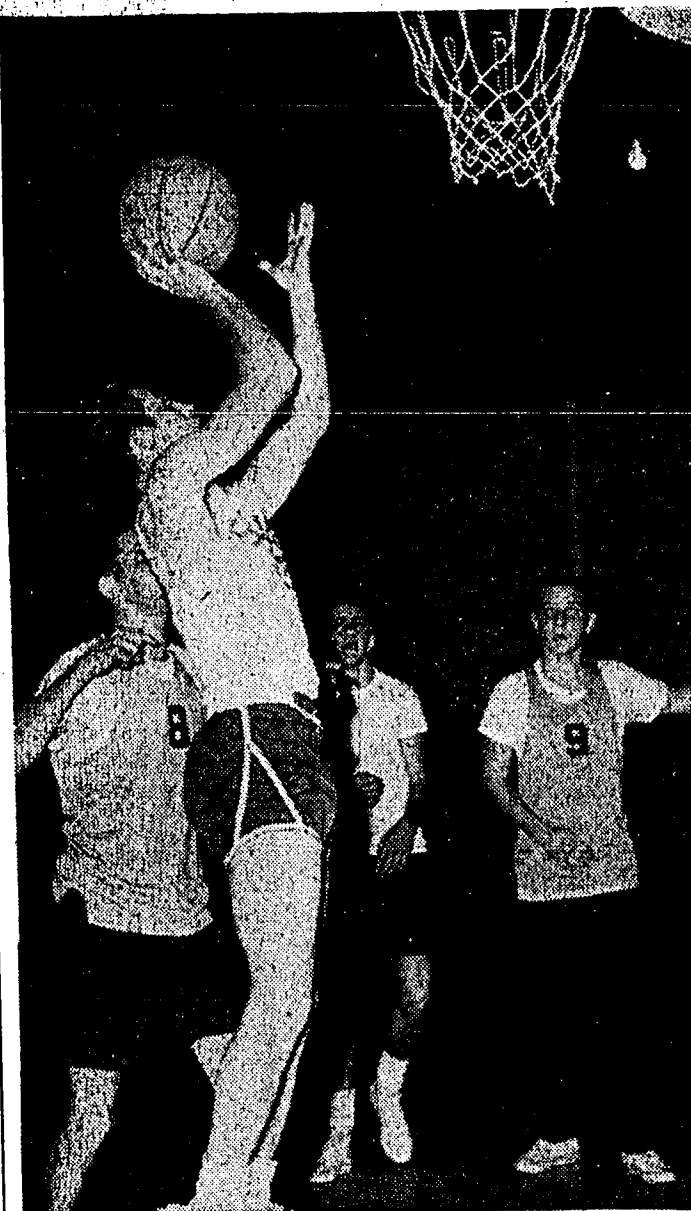
In the Prospect-Rocky Mount clash, Bobbie Bentley led all scorers with 16 points. She got help from Alice Rummage, who accounted for 11 points, and Mary Lib Kipka, who scored nine points. Martha Current got five of Rocky Mount's total.

Bobby Boyd, a flashy guard, poured in 22 points to pace Prospect over the defending tournament champions. Richard Bentley added 10 points to the winning cause. For the losers, Harlan Bowman scored 21 points and was a defensive stalwart. Burl Talbert contributed 13 markers.

Church league action began with an intra-denominational meeting between the men of First Baptist and Southside Baptist. Frankie Meadows paced First Baptist to a narrow 31-30 victory. Meadows scored 10 points and played a fine defensive game. Johnny Washburn added nine points to the winner's column. For Southside, Billy Godbout got nine, followed by Ted Towell with eight.

Southside bounced back from the defeat to plaster Berea Baptist with a 55-19 licking. Everett Goodman of Southside topped all scoring for the evening with 22.

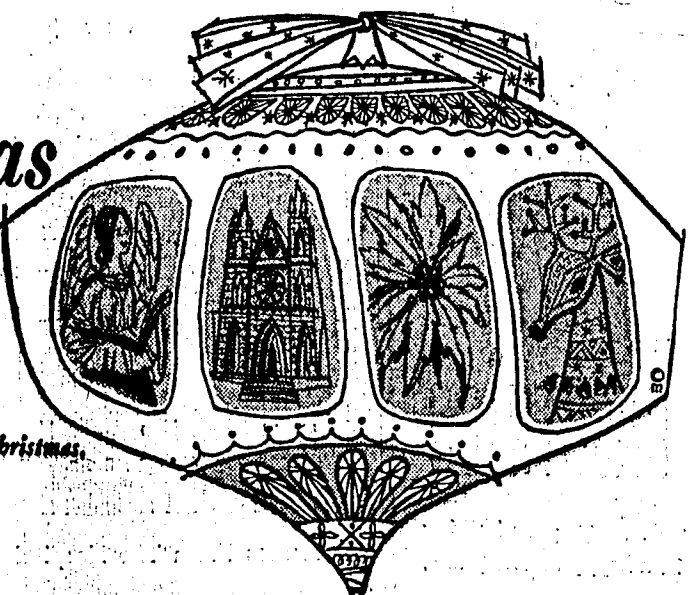
The St. Mark's men opened with an impressive win over outgunned Berea. Larry Beaver poured in 20 points as the Lutherans galloped to a 69-37 triumph. Jack Anderson added 15 for St. Mark's. Berea's best shot came from Larry Bue, who collected 13 points.



UP AND IN — Larry Beaver of St. Mark's is all alone as he gets off a shot under the basket. Guard Beaver hit the lay-up and other shots from farther out as he dumped in 20 points to lead the Lutherans recently in a 62-37 romp over Berea Baptist. This action is typical of games played on the civic center court by members of the church basketball league conducted by the local recreation department. A full schedule of games for both men and women teams will resume January 6.

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RED IMP LEADERS — During a recent practice, coaches of the distaff side of Junior High basketball got together with leaders of the team to go over some of the strategy the Red Imps plan to use in their season that opened last week when the Imps met Landis here. Coaches Dan Woody and Barbara Dennis, left, talk things over with ninth graders who are members of the starting unit. The players, from left, are forward Jeannie Talbert, forward Judy Kistler, guard Jane Church, guard Jane Kelly and roving guard Lisa Alexander. Miss Kelly and Miss Alexander are team co-captains.

Junior High Pulls Surprise; Wins Both Tilts In First Game

Who would have thought it possible? The Junior High basketball team won both ends of a twin-bill last week.

The Imp boys were complete masters in whipping Landis 44-23. The sextet battle was a real defensive gem with the local lassies coming out on top of a 7-6 score.

Judy Robinson was the top scorer in lassic battle, collecting three of the seven points gathered in by the winners. Robinson, an eighth grader, is in her second year of junior high ball. She drew the praise of Coach Dan Woody for her fine performance, both offensively and defensively, at the roving guard position.

The contest was anyone's game until the final whistle. The Mooreville defense put on its biggest show in the final quarter of the game, holding the visitors scoreless while adding two points for the victory margin.

Jane Kelly, Jane Church and Lisa Alexander, along with Robinson, were by far the top players for the locals who were credited with fine defensive ability. The first quarter saw each team scoring one point, while in the second chapter the Landis girls tallied four while the Mooreville girls only got three and the score stood at halftime, Landis 5, Mooreville 4.

In the third quarter, the visiting Landis lassies got one point and were shut out in the final six minutes while the Imp sextet totaled three points for their opening victory.

Defense, hustle and shooting ability made the difference as Coach Dave Richardson's lads rolled to a 44-23 margin over the Landis five. The contest remained close in the early stages of the game. When Landis went into a full press, the abilities of Mike Deaton, who tallied 19 points, and big John Beam, who totaled 12, carried the Imp charges to victory.

The Imps scored six in the first quarter, 14 in the big second period to hold a 20-14 lead at halftime. In the final two stanzas, Richardson's boys continued to build the lead as his fast-running charges got loose for fast breaking lay-ups and close shots at the basket.

Newcomers Bill Keeter, John Verble and Tony Levan also drew the praise of the coach for their fine performances in the opening tilt. With the game out of reach for the visitors, Richardson cleared his bench giving his reserves game time.

Other boys who saw action were Mitchell Coggins, who scored one point; Chuck Byrd, Joe Benson, James Benfield and Ricky Moore.

The locals will have plenty of time to rest up and have many practice sessions before their next game January 20 at Troutman.



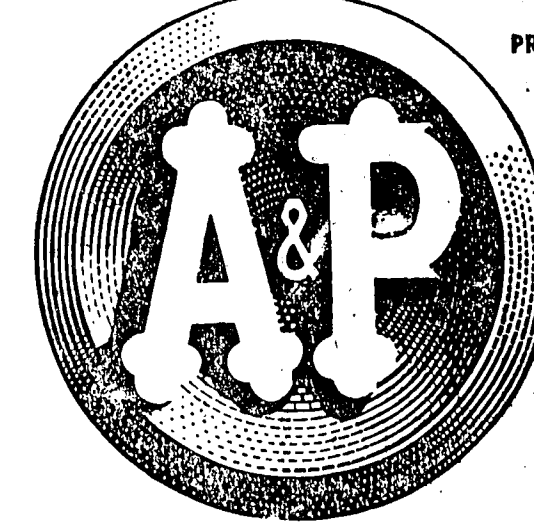
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