

Bucs to challenge

Wildcats defend title at Zachary

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 Destrehan's Wildcats will be trying to defend their title in the Zachary Invitational Basketball Tournament starting in the Zachary gym Thursday afternoon.

Five games, four boys and one girls are scheduled for today's first round of the double elimination tournament.

Host Zachary opens today's boys action against Belaire at 1:15. Destrehan faces Chaneyville at 5 followed by Lee meeting Port Allen at 6:30 and Broadmoor going against West Feliciana at 8.

Belaire plays West Feliciana at 3:30 in the lone girls' contest scheduled. Host Zachary faces Scotlandville at 1:15 Friday in the tournament's other first round girls contest.

Four games are slated to be played in Friday's second round of boys action starting at 3:30, 5, 6:30 and 8.

Four games are also planned for Saturday's final round beginning with the girls consolation at 2 and title contest at 6:30. The boys consolation match will start at 3:30 with third place and championship contests set for 5 and 8 o'clock.

Destrehan, coached by Billy Picard defeated Belaire in overtime for last year's Zachary title enroute to the District 7-AAA championship and a berth in the Top-24 state tournament at Alexandria.

The Wildcats are led by the play of Mike Green. Green, a 6-4, senior is the team's leading scorer and rebounder. Nathan Scott, Theron Cojoe and Dwayne Washington are the other Destrehan standouts.

Broadmoor Bucaneers, coached by Charles Miranda could be Destrehan's

chief challenge. The Bucs, 10-1 and currently riding a nine-game winning streak are led by Ken Tubbs and Craig Hudson.

Zachary's host Broncos, coached by Tom Burkhardt will be a force to be reckoned with in the tournament also.

Darryl Lawrence, a 6-5, senior, Terry Schillings, Donald Stewart and Warren Banks are the leading Bronco players.

Belaire's Bengals are hoping to improve on their runnerup finish to Destrehan of a year ago.

Coach Tommy Hess' Bengals are led by Max Lewis, Dave Manuel and David Crier.

Guevara Johnson, Kelvin Barnes and Eugene Daniels will be leading the hopes for coach Kenny Almond's Lee Rebels.

Ronnie Jones, Jimmy Snowden James Evans and Percy Dominick will lead coach Johnny Cress' Chaneyville Dragons into the tournament.

Port Allen, coached by Joe Saia will count on Joe Shields, Johnny Clay and Mike Dunn.

West Feliciana, coached by Al Lemline is led by Mike Scott, Anthony Rogers and Everett Gay.

Zachary's girls are rated as the top girls team followed by Belaire, Scotlandville, Belaire and West Feliciana.

The tournament is noted for close contest as evident from last year's action which saw nine of 15 games decided by a margin of six or less points.

A 10-player all-tournament team in both boys and girls play will be announced at the conclusion of Saturday night's boys championship finals. Team trophies will be presented the first, second, third, and consolation winners in boys play. A first, second and consolation trophy will be awarded in the girls' division.



Staff photo by Gary Hunter

INDIANS READY — Istrouma's Indians are ready to open the 30th Wedge Kyes Basketball Tournament Thursday afternoon at 1:30 against French Settlement. From left are coach Paul Smith, Keith Bailey, Elton Veals, Marvin Forrest, James Atkins and Calvin Anderson. The tourney runs through Saturday at the Istrouma Gym.

Wedge Kyes tourney today

By JOE PLANAS
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 Keeper of the Kyes?
 Who knows... White Castle would like to think it could repeat.

Little French Settlement would like to believe it could come closer than last year.

One of the other six teams entered would probably like to harbor thoughts of getting to the top, especially top-seeded St. Amant. The Thirtieth Wedge Kyes Basketball Tourney starting Thursday afternoon at the Istrouma Gym will supply the answers. The tourney started in 1950 as the Metropolitan Invitational Tournament and later became the Wedge Kyes tourney, named in honor of the former Istrouma coach and Baker principal. There was no tourney in 1971.

Thursday's schedule has Istrouma meeting French Settlement at 1:30 p.m., and White Castle taking on Holden at 5:30. Baker and Catholic face each other at 7 p.m., and St. Amant goes against Southern Lab in the 8:30 game. Friday's schedule opens at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday's first game begins at 5 p.m. The finals are scheduled Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Last year, Double-A White Castle

outshot French Settlement, 47-43, to capture the Wedge Kyes championship. Third-place honors went to coach Paul Smith's Istrouma Indians, who beat Glen Oaks, 66-63, and the consolation championship was taken by Catholic High in a 59-56 decision over Baker.

White Castle postman Bobby Jones, who played a big role in the Bulldogs' title win in the Kyes last season, is one of four senior starters for coach John Bueche. Other probable starters are seniors John Morris, Clarence Rogers and Kim Knight. Only sophomore in the White Castle starting lineup is Jackie Johnson, a 5-10 guard.

Jones is averaging 17 points and 10 rebounds per game.

French Settlement doesn't have Sherman Payton, the Keyes' Best Offensive Player of '78, and coach Gerald Keller's Lions have only one senior starter in 5-11 Fabian Brignac. Sophs Rodney Levy, Michael Picou and Marlon Irvin and junior Terry Youngblood are the other Lion starters. According to the roster, not one of French Settlement's starters measure six feet. At 5-10, Youngblood leads his team in both scoring (22.6) and rebounding (10).

A 64-59 victor over Baker in the finals of

the Oakerland Classic last week, Istrouma starts seniors Elton Veals, Marvin Forrest and Keith Bailey along with juniors Calvin Anderson and James Atkins. Veals and Forrest handle most of the Istrouma rebounding, and Veals and Bailey lead the team in scoring.

Coach Tommy Wall's St. Amant 'Gators were seeded first in the tourney, mainly on the strength of 6-2 senior Butch Pierre, who had a 25.6 scoring average prior to hurting his ankle a couple of weeks ago. Senior Nat Spears, juniors John Williams and Shane Harris and soph Greg Perkins are other St. Amant starters.

Pierre did not play in St. Amant's 59-53 victory over Donaldsonville Tuesday night. Spears and Williams lead the 'Gators in rebounding.

KYES NOTES — Baker's Drew boys, Billy and Don, lead coach Earl Langlois' Baker Buffs in scoring... Billy is averaging 13.6 and Don about 9.2... Juniors Carlos Bradford and Wilbert Ferdinand are the top rebounders for the Buffs... Senior Wendell Harrison is the other Buff starter... Taking in nine rebounds per game, Catholic High's Ben Beychok leads the Grizzlies in that department. Jeff LeDuff of Catholic High

has been averaging about 15 points per game for coach Glen Randow's Grizzlies.

Footballer Neal Dellocono is another starter for CHS... Seniors David Hood, Thomas Cruko and David Jones lead Holden's Rockets into the tournament.

Juniors Greg Hill and Brian Easley are the other Holden starters... Holden won back-to-back Kyes tournaments in '63 and '64 under coach Alton Leggette... Leggette's '63 team dumped Leon McGraw's squad, 59-53, in double overtime behind Ed Green in '63... Leggette's '64 team beat John Hutchinson's Indians, 66-64, in overtime...

Leggette also coached the '74 Denham Springs to the Kyes title in a 62-60 victory over Johnny Cress' Chaneyville Dragons... French Settlement's Terry Youngblood scored 39 points Tuesday night as the Lions knocked off Class A St. John of Plaquemine in a 70-50 game... In the first Metropolitan Invitational in 1950, Grady Hornsby's Denham Springs Yellow Jackets defeated Eddie Harelson's Catholic High Bruins, 58-41. Donald Ray Hood of Denham was Most Valuable Player, and Latham Sutton of the Yellow Jackets was the tourney's high scorer with 42 points.

Prep basketball

St. Helena takes tourney victory

LIVE OAK — The St. Helena Indians defeated the Mamepas Wolves 86-42 in the opening round of the Live Oak Tournament here Wednesday.

In the girls' bracket, Live Oak, Hammond, Walker and Maurepas took first-round victories.

Live Oak defeated French Settlement 44-38 behind Tina Jenkins 15 points, while

the Hammond Lady Tors, led by Kim Milkey's 32 points, defeated the Denham Springs Yellow Jackets.

The Walker Lady Wildcats moved into the winners' bracket with a 50-38 victory over St. Helena, while Maurepas defeated Doyle 41-17. Peggy Hoover led the Lady Wolves with 21 points.

In St. Helena's 86-42 rout of Maurepas in

the boys' game, Roger Griffin led the Indians with 18 points.

Thursday's action beings at 1 p.m. with Live Oak meeting Doyle in the boys' bracket.

Score by quarters:
 St. Helena 21 19 26 20 — 86
 Maurepas 10 11 6 15 — 42
ST. HELENA — T. Gordon 7, 1-2; 15; R. Griffin 8, 2-3; 18; T. Hurst 3, 0-0; M. Lee 5, 0-0; D. Morris 5, 0-0; 10; M. Overton 2, 0-0; S. Wright 6, 0-0; R. Huse 0, 1-2; 1; T.

Live Oak: M. Hurst 1, 0-0; T. TOTALS: 41, 44, 86
MAUREPAS — B. Cowart 12, 4-10; M. Johnson 2, 0-2; J. Vicknair 4, 3-5; T. M. Deltans 1, 0-1; C. Dupuy 1, 0-1; T. Bruce 1, 0-0; G. Perkins 2, 0-0; A. Lauerzovich 0, 1-2; J. Patterson 1, 0-0; T. TOTALS: 17, 9-21; 42
 Fouled out — St. Helena 11, Maurepas 8
 Technical fouls — Maurepas bench

Woodland 56 Loranger 46

LORANGER — The Woodland Bulldogs defeated the Loranger Wolves 56-46 in a non-district basketball game here Tuesday night.

Forward Bruce Wheeler led the Bulldogs with 21 points, while James Pitts added 17. Wallace Dorsey added eight four-quarter points in a reserve role as the Bulldogs upped their record to 3-6.

Donald Cyprian led Lorganer with 19 points.

Loranger won the girls' varsity game 34-27 while Woodland took the boys junior varsity game 29-17.

Score by quarters:
 Woodland 14 17 4 21 — 56
 Loranger 12 11 9 14 — 46
WOODLAND — James Pitts 4, 5-4; 17; Shawn Morris 2, 0-0; Bruce Wheeler 9, 3-4; 21; Stanley Hall 2, 2-2; Willie Morgan 0, 1-1; Wallace Dorsey 4, 3-1; T. TOTALS: 23, 10-17, 56
LORANGER — Donald Cyprian 9, 1-4; 19; Don Popolis 2, 0-2; A. Curry 1, 1-2; S. K. Morse 2, 2-14; R. Fortensberry 1, 0-2; H. Wall 2, 0-0; T. TOTALS: 21, 4-10, 46
 Fouled out — Woodland 17, Loranger 14
 Fouled out — Hall (Woodland); Cyprian (Loranger)
 Technical fouls — Cyprian (Loranger)

BRABA scores

- Division II**
 Homeowners' Mortgage 77, Baton Rouge Insulation 60
 Mary Lou 77, Dow Chemical No. 1 63
 Forte & Tablado 74, Colletteown Seafood 63
- Division III**
 L.A. Electric-Samaha Construction 54, Farm Bureau Insurance 49
 Southeast Valve 65, Bobby's Group 58
 Woden Addition 48, McDonald's 711 44
- Division IV**
 Hi-Nabor 71, Darensbourg Construction 53
 Quality Equipment 51, Cop-Mat 39
 PHEM 71, Villa Del Rey Church of God 48

Prep wrestling

Trojans defeat Panthers

The Tara Trojans defeated the Brusly Panthers 37-29 in a dual wrestling meet at the Trojan gym Wednesday.

The Trojans took only two matches by pins, but claimed two by decisions and three by forfeits. Brusly had four pins for the meet and one decision.

The Trojans are now 4-2 for the season, with victories last week over Baton Rouge Magnet (21-15) and Baker (36-31). The Trojans return to action Wednesday when they meet Redemptorist in a dual meet at the Wolves' gym.

- Results:**
 96 — Greg Lejeune (Brusly) pinned Brad Chavin (Tara) 1:20
 126 — Todd Miller (Tara) pinned Alan Tourciau (Brusly) 3:27
 112 — Doug Chiles (Tara) dec. Tim LeBlanc (Brusly) 8:2
 119 — Richie Deyazes (Brusly) pinned Alan Lightfoot (Tara) 1:20
 126 — David Hill (Tara) dec. Wayne Projean (Brusly) 19:10
 132 — Robert Hill (Tara) pinned Jeff Crowman (Tara) 4:50
 138 — Mark Sylvester (Tara) pinned Greg Lejeune (Brusly) 4:39
 145 — Martineaux (Brusly) dec. Mike Lopez (Tara) 17:0
 155 — Shelby Ramago (Brusly) pinned Todd Beale (Tara) 1:27
 167 — Byron Borrone (Tara) won by forfeit
 185 — Chuck Taylor (Tara) won by forfeit
 191 — David Rogers (Tara) won by forfeit

the Baker gym Wednesday.

Belaire's Darrel Boudreaux pinned David Redd of Baker in the heavyweight class to give the Bengals the narrow victory.

- Results:**
 96 — Rusty King (Belaire) won by forfeit
 105 — Ken Ledell (Belaire) dec. Matt Shelton (Baker) 7:0
 112 — Lorin Smith (Belaire) pinned Chris Gouner (Baker) 2:17
 119 — Bruce Bowman (Baker) pinned John Sanders (Belaire) 3:27
 126 — George Copit (Baker) dec. Tim Chitester (Belaire) 5:1
 132 — Brett Payne (Baker) dec. Tommy Perkins (Belaire) 8:7
 138 — Spencer Bishop (Baker) pinned Aubrey Mizell (Belaire) 5:2
 145 — James Copit (Baker) pinned David Orlande (Belaire) 4:5
 155 — Bobby Sartin (Belaire) dec. Dana Ash (Baker) 12:6
 167 — Rick Larkin (Belaire) dec. Robert Gejan (Baker) 8:4
 185 — Jack Carr (Belaire) tied Ken Woodward (Baker) 8:4
 191 — Darryl Boudreaux (Belaire) pinned David Redd (Baker) 2:49

South Cameron wins

LAFAYETTE — South Cameron defeated Northside in a dual wrestling meet at the Northside gym here Wednesday.

South Cameron ended the meet with 47 points, while Northside finished with 18.

South Cameron took nine of the 12 weight divisions, six by pins. The quickest pin of the meet when to Northside's Nerry Dooley, who only needed 18 seconds to finish South Cameron's Shannon Aucoin in the 119-pound class.

Results:
 96 — Robert Doxey (SC) dec. Layne Chasson (Northside) 27:2
 105 — Bryan Degnaud (Northside) pinned Kevin Serry (SC) 3:51
 112 — Jamie Marx (SC) pinned Tony Williams (Northside) 1:25

Bengals nip Buffs

The Belaire Bengals defeated the Baker Buffaloes 23-26 in a dual wrestling meet at

White Sox buy

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox announced Wednesday that they have purchased the contract of right-handed pitcher Bill Atkinson from the Montreal Expos on a conditional basis.

★Rein

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himself from consideration. Purvis, the defensive backfield coach, said Wednesday morning he was no longer considering the position.

"Coach Rein and I discussed the possibility of me staying at LSU, but I sensed that maybe he needed to add another coach of his choice," Purvis stated. "Therefore I withdrew my name from consideration."

Purvis emphasized, "LSU is an important part of my life, especially LSU football, and I wish Coach Rein and his staff the very best. I will continue to support this fine university in every way I can."

Five other long-time members of the LSU football staff who are not returning are Charlie Pevey, Jim Collier, Doug

Hamley, Lynn LeBlanc and Dave McCarty. Newcomers Jerry Bruner and Ken Martin, who joined LSU this season, also will not be retained.

Pevey, the quarterback coach, had been at LSU the longest, since 1960. Until returning to the coaching ranks this season, he had served since 1976 as McClendon's administrative assistant. Hamley, the linebacker coach, joined the staff in '62; McCarty, the offensive line coach, joined in '63; Collier, the receiver coach, joined in '65 and LeBlanc, the defensive line coach in '69. Bruner and Martin, from Florida State and Kansas, were in charge of the offensive line and backfield respectively.

Rein said Pevey and Hamley, both of whom have enough time in the state teacher retirement system to retire, "expressed they were in a position not to have to coach any more and they were quite willing to go ahead and retire."

Meanwhile, the Tiger football team, under the old staff, begins workouts Thursday for the Tangerine Bowl game a week from Saturday against Wake Forest.

A single workout is scheduled Thursday with two practices both Friday and Saturday. The team will leave for Orlando, Fla., the bowl site, Sunday and begin workouts there Monday at West Orange High School.

Cowgirls rout SLU, 86-60

LAKE CHARLES — McNeese State's Cowgirls surged to an early lead and were never in trouble as they defeated Southeastern Louisiana University's Lady Lions for the first time ever with a convincing 86-60 decision here Wednesday night.

Five players hit in double figures for the Cowgirls as they forged to a 50-26 advantage at the half and avenged an earlier setback in Hammond.

The win was the first for the Cowgirls over SLU in 14 meetings.

Pat Jean tossed in 20 points to lead McNeese to its victory. Aline Guidry added 15, Ann Robique 14, Pauline Habetz 11 and Christina Sheridan 10 in a winning effort.

Southeastern had but two players reach double figures in the contest. Claudia Warren tallied 14 and Rita Austin added 12. Austin also had 12 rebounds.

The two teams were virtually even in the rebound department (SLU led 35-34), but the Cowgirls shot 52 percent while the Lady Lions were hitting but 44 percent.

McNeese capitalized on numerous turnovers of the Lady Lions in the opening segment of the game and converted the errors into buckets to surge to the big lead.

The loss dropped the Lady Lions to 5-2 for the season and ended a five-game winning streak. SLU's next outing will be Dec. 31 when it hosts Northwestern.

SOUTHEASTERN (40) — Byrd 1, 2-2; 4; Wier 3, 2-2; 8; Warren 7, 0-4; 14; Mallett 1, 0-2; Roberts 1, 3-5; Austin 1, 1-1; Gaultner 2, 3-4; C. Lee 6, 0-4; Thomas 2, 0-1; TOTALS: 25, 10-16, 60
MCNEESE (46) — Mickal 1, 2-2; 4; Bobbert 2, 2-3; 4; Guidry 7, 1-1; Jean 8, 4-4; 26; Habetz 5, 1-2; 11; Thibodaux 2, 2-3; Robique 6, 2-2; 14; Sheridan 5, 0-4; 10; TOTALS: 36, 14-21, 86

Thompson leads Lady Wildcat win

THIBODAUX — A 37-point, 12-rebound performance by junior forward Shelia Thompson helped power Louisiana College to a 76-66 victory over Nicholls State.

At the end of the first half the score was tied at 37-all despite 24 first half points by Thompson. A more balanced attack in the second half paced by Thompson's 13 points and 10 points by center Beth Poole helped the Lady Wildcats pull out to a 50-41 lead early in the second half.

During the final minutes of the second half the Lady Colonels came back from a 10-point deficit at 64-54 to trim Louisiana College's lead to four at 66-62. Although Nicholls again trailed by only four after a jumper by Donna Wallace made the score 70-66, the Lady Wildcats pulled out to the final margin behind the field goal and two free throws by Poole and two free throws by Angela Self.

Wallace was nine of ten from the field for Nicholls and led the Lady Colonels in scoring with 19. Lydia Sawney was Nicholls' only other double figure scorer with 12, and also pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds.

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