

Wrestlers lose to Flyers; beat Southwest 56-0

The Statesman wrestling team opened its season Tuesday, December 3, with a 24-22 loss to a tough Berkeley team. Highlights of this meet were pins by Webster wrestlers David Miller and Bill Schroer.

Undaunted by their first defeat, the Statesmen bounced back December 6 to beat Southwest, 56-0. This score falls only four points short of a perfect 60-0 score. Out of 12 matches, Webster won all 12, taking 10 of them with pins. Bill Cason, John Angel, Bill Schroer, and Bob Droege pinned their opponents in the first round.

The following Tuesday, December 10, the matmen met defeat at Hazelwood, 33-11. Only three Webster boys were able to take their matches.

Last Friday Webster wrestlers fell to a strong Lindbergh team. But Ron Mautz gave a sparkling performance when he pinned his opponent in the first round.

Coach Lenard "Bear" Bryant feels optimistic about this year's team. He said, "We should do better this year than we have done for four or five years. We have a large team with many experienced boys." Out of the 55 wrestlers, seven are returning seniors and fifteen are freshmen from the



Photo by Paul Mickey Norton gains the advantage in his match at the Webster-Southwest wrestling meet... junior high schools.

Two A-team wrestlers stand out in particular. They are Ron Mautz, last year's state heavyweight champion, and John Snyder, a 165 pound senior, who recently moved here from New York.

This year the team has two complete sets of mats, enabling both an A-team and a B-team to wrestle in competition. The B-team has a record of two wins and one loss. They defeated Berkeley and Southwest and lost to Hazelwood.

B-team cagers win three straight

The B-team handed the Clayton Greyhounds a 40-29 defeat in a game played December 13 at Clayton. Webster led all the way under the high scoring of Chuck Foster with 9 points, and Art Welhoelter and Jim Holtgrieve both with 8 points.

Webster played host to the Southwest Longhorns in Robert's Gym December 10 and solidly defeated them.

The game started fast with Webster scoring 23 points in the first quarter and Southwest, 6. Good de-

Eye on Sports

by Roy Harris

The first few varsity basketball games have shown that sportsmanship on the part of Webster fans has not improved, despite pleas from players, coaches, and cheerleaders. Organized cheering is still blemished by boos and jeers from the stands.

Granted, the first two games were disappointments, one being lost in the final seconds, and the other being decided in the first quarter. But if the team seemed to falter early in the Southwest game due to a tight Southwest defense, perhaps it was more decisively beaten by the dubious "support" of its student body than by its opponents.

Webster fans are constantly creating an image of their school for the students of other schools. If the image is a bad one, the fans who have made it so are actually traitors to the basic Webster ideals of integrity and sportsmanship.

Spirit and tradition are important parts of our teams, and if fans dampen spirit, our teams cannot win. Fair-weather cheerers have never helped their team win a close ball game or come from behind to beat an opponent.

Yatesmen meet Kirkwood tonight

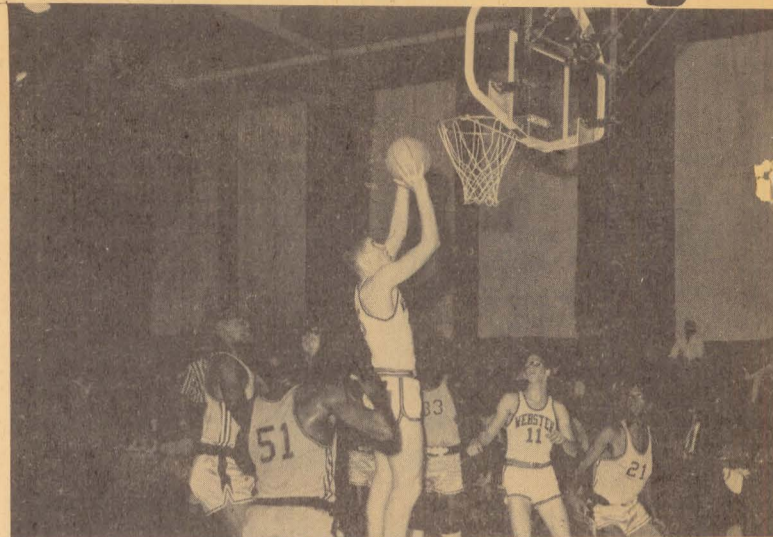


Photo by Paul Gary Cobb jumps high above McKinley players with his shot. Cobb scored 21 points. Ronnie Howren (11) waits for a rebound.

"Kirkwood is always tough. They have beaten us the last eight times we faced them, and our boys are hungry." These were the remarks that Coach Tyke Yates made after the Statesmen had gained their first victory of the season by downing the Clayton Greyhounds 70-50.

In the third game of the season

Mr. Yates starts twenty-third year as Webster coach

"He's a great coach, and the whole team is behind him." "Coach Yates knows his basketball, and it's a pleasure to play under his direction." These were typical of the comments from various team members about Mr. Tyke Yates, Webster basketball coach and Dean of Students. Another cager said, "Mr. Yates usually gives the team a little pep talk just before the game, to sort of get us in spirit."

Coach Yates has been at Webster since 1941, teaching physical education for 17 years, and now is Dean of Students.

When asked how his basketball squads in the past have stood up, Mr. Yates just smiled and pulled out a huge folder of team records. But the coach did refer to one particular year. "I'll never forget the team of '53. We had won 27 straight, and the night of the big one our captain fell and sprained an ankle in the first three minutes of the game. We lost that one by three or four points, but we came back to end the season with a 28-1 record."

Coach Yates added that he has only one grievance--"Webster has never won a state tournament, and to win one is my fondest wish."

Friday, December 13, the Yatesmen invaded Clayton. Webster's brilliant passing and fast breaks helped down the Greyhounds 70-50.

Senior Dave Stewart starting in his first game of the season, scored 26 points.

Theopolis Franks starting forward, pumped in 13 points. Bob Mabry saw limited service, but his two long jumpers in the final period iced up the game for Webster.

Southwest triumphs

Southwest High met the Statesmen Tuesday, December 10, in Roberts Gym, and won by the score of 53-26. Webster was in early foul trouble, and scored only 12 points in a frigid first half. Southwest built up an early lead and forced Webster to handle the ball quickly. The Statesmen shot 6 for 21 in the first half and only 4 for 21 in the final two quarters.

Dave Stewart played only in the second half, and gathered six points to share high point honors with Bob Mabry.

The basketball season opened with McKinley High visiting Webster Friday, December 6. McKinley overcame a 12 point third quarter lead to edge the Statesmen 58-56.

Cobb nets 21

Gary Cobb, who gathered 21 points and many rebounds, nearly turned defeat into victory in the closing seconds. With only four seconds left Cobb was fouled. Gary calmly sank the first of his free throws, and then bounced the ball off the rim to Tom Stuber, however, the Statesmen could not sink the tying shot.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Jan. 3—Kirkwood	there
Jan. 7—Affton	here
Jan. 10—Ferguson	there
Jan. 14—Normandy	here
Jan. 17—Riverview	there
Jan. 21—Mehlville	there
Jan. 24—U. City	here
Jan. 31—Country Day	here

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