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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Athletic competition in our nation's schools has become very much a part of our American life. Its value in human relationships and satisfactions are immeasurable.

One of the biggest reasons that so much interest has been created in the United States concerning athletics, especially basketball, is due to the fact that so many intercollegiate athletic conferences have been formed. Associations, leagues, or conferences have been organized to set up standards, policies, and regulations by which competitions may be governed and a degree of fairness may be maintained. One of the main advantages in the conference is in the scheduling of games between the member institutions. This results in creating rivalry, more interest and consequently, greater attendance.

Athletic conferences have been in existence in this country for a little more than fifty years. Their history and development coincide with the advancement of college athletics. Athletic conferences have had a wholesome effect upon the constant improvement of conditions in the administration of all college athletics.¹ Forsythe indicates that

¹William Leonard Hughes and Jesse Feiring Williams, Sports Their Organization and Administration (New York: A.S. Barnes and Company, 1944), p. 132.

there are athletic conferences or activity associations in all of the states at the present time.²

The game called basketball is another reason that athletics have come to play such a large part in our American way of life. A United States single game attendance record was set at the Los Angeles (California) Coliseum, April 8, 1953 as 36,256 spectators paid to see the Harlem Globe Trotters play.³ According to a 1957 survey conducted by the Converse Basketball Yearbook there was a world wide attendance figure of some 158,129,623 basketball spectators. Of this world wide figure, 112,848,698 of these spectators reside in the United States.⁴ This shows quite an advance since the cold winter afternoon when a group of young men, under the directions of Doctor James Naismith, nailed a couple of peach baskets to a gymnasium railing in Springfield, Massachusetts and played a sport that was later to become known as basketball.⁵

This study deals with basketball in an intercollegiate athletic conference. The growth and trends of basketball in the North State

²Charles E. Forsythe, Administration of High School Athletics (New York: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1954), p. 35.

³Bill Margolis, "Globe Trotters Win 161 Straight", Converse Basketball Yearbook, Thirty-Second Edition, 1953, p. 19.

⁴Associated Press dispatch, Greensboro (North Carolina) Daily News, November 16, 1957.

⁵Wilton Garrison, "Charlotte Man In First Contest," The Charlotte Observer, December 18, 1939.

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will be very evident as the year by year basketball history of this conference is revealed.

I. THE PROBLEM

Statement of the problem. It was the purpose of this investigation (1) to secure and compile the necessary data to present a clear and concise history relative to basketball in the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; (2) to gather and present a brief review of information concerning the origin, growth, development, and administration of the Conference; (3) to compile lists and tables of the coaches, regular season games, tournament games, championships, all star teams, individual holders of Conference records, team Conference records, and other interesting facts of the Conference.

Importance of the study. A study of basketball in the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference has never been made. This investigation will bring together scattered facts and pieces of information that will be written into an accurate history of basketball in the Conference so that it may be used as a reliable reference in the future. This study should be a profitable study to those who administer competitive athletics. A new coach coming into the Conference would be an example of a person in need of such a study. With the compiled statistics and tables, newspaper sports writers may use the manuscript as a source of information. The results of this investigation will serve to preserve information that might be lost in future years. It will also reveal the trend of basketball

in the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

II. PROCEDURE AND SOURCE OF DATA

Method of procedure. The writer began work on the problem by listing in outline form a number of points on which to base the historical research work. It was necessary to talk to the present Conference basketball coaches and to several of the men who helped form the Conference in order to find out if this study had ever been attempted or accomplished. One of the Conference officers with whom the problem was discussed was Doctor David E. Faust of Catawba College. Doctor Faust has held the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the North State Conference since January 16, 1935. It was necessary to confer with him to obtain basic information for further investigation into the problem.

Sources of data. The majority of the material for this study came from the micro-filmed back files of the Greensboro Daily News, Greensboro, N.C. Other newspapers that were consulted: The Winston Salem Journal and Sentinel, Winston Salem, N.C., The Asheville Citizen, Asheville, N.C., The Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, N.C., The High Point Enterprise, High Point, N.C., The Raleigh News and Observer, Raleigh, N.C., The Watagua Democrat, Boone, N.C., The Salisbury Post, Salisbury, N.C., and The Appalachian, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N.C. Data and information was also obtained from the minutes of the meetings of the Conference, college catalogues, college yearbooks, basketball scorebooks, personal scrapbooks, pamphlets, and personal interviews with

college officials and newspapermen who are familiar with the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Another source of data that the writer consulted was a thesis by Emerson.⁶ His study deals with the formation and development of the Constitution and the internal administrative functions of the Conference up to the year 1948.

III. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED

Conference and North State Conference. Throughout this report the terms "Conference" and "North State Conference" appear many times and shall be interpreted as meaning the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The nine North Carolina colleges which make up the Conference are located geographically throughout the state. These schools are: Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N.C., Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N.C., Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C., East Carolina College, Greenville, N.C., Elon College, Elon College, N.C., Guilford College, Guilford, N.C., High Point College, High Point, N.C., Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C., and Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, N.C.

Percentage Method. The term "percentage method" in this report shall be interpreted as the means by which the Conference Secretary computes the standings of the colleges and selects a Conference regular

⁶ Fred Benedict Emerson, "History of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference" (Unpublished Master's Thesis, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1948).

playing season. The seeded spots in the annual tournament are also determined by these standings. The percentage is derived by dividing the total number of Conference games played into the number of Conference games won.

Season. Throughout this report the term "season" shall be interpreted as meaning the regular basketball season including the tournament games at the end of the season. A basketball season is usually the last two months of one calendar year and the first three months of the next calendar year. When referring to a particular season of play the latter year date will be used. For example, High Point College was the winner of the North State Conference Tournament in the playing season covering parts of 1952 and 1953. In this report they will be referred to as the 1953 Basketball Champion of the North State Conference.

Regular Season Conference Champion. The term "regular season Conference champion" refers to the team that has the best won and lost record, as determined by the percentage method, at the end of the regular scheduled games. These standings are computed before the Conference tournament is started and determine in what place various teams will be placed for the tournament play.

The North State Conference Champion or the Tournament Winner. Eight of the nine member institutions are chosen according to their regular season won-lost record to play in the annual Conference tournament. The

winner of this annual tournament is considered the Conference champion. The Conference basketball championship was determined by the Conference won-lost record until a change was made at the annual winter meeting December 14, 1940. At this meeting it was decided that the winner of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball tournament would be the Conference champion for the current year.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE THESIS

The remainder of this study will be organized as follows:

Chapter II. Review of the Formation and Major Problems of the Conference

Chapter III. Member Institutions

Chapter IV. A Yearly Summary of Basketball in the North State Conference

Chapter V. Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations

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CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF THE FORMATION AND MAJOR PROBLEMS OF THE NORTH STATE CONFERENCE

This chapter will show the organization and development of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The writer used extensively a copy of the By-Laws and Constitution, the minutes of the meetings of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and a study of the Conference by Emerson to supply, in part, the necessary information. Other information in this chapter was taken from various newspapers and Conference correspondence borrowed from Doctor David E. Faust of Catawba College.

I. HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

The North Carolina College Conference was formed October 7, 1921, for the purpose of furthering the cause of education in North Carolina. This Conference, in turn, organized the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference on February 25, 1928.¹ The primary interest of this latter conference was in promoting athletics in the larger colleges and universities such as Duke University, North Carolina State College, the University of North Carolina, and Wake Forest College. The smaller four year institutions in the state that were participating in intercollegiate

¹Fred Benedict Emerson, "History of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference" (Unpublished Master's Thesis, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1948), p. 25.

athletics were members of both organizations, as were the large schools, but they were beginning to feel as though they were being left out. Their needs were not being met by the present athletic organizations.

In April, 1930, there was a meeting at Guilford College, the purpose of which was to consider the matter of forming an athletic association among the smaller schools of the state. The athletic association was to handle problems peculiar to those smaller colleges of the state that engaged in intercollegiate athletics. At this meeting it was decided unanimously that an athletic association of the smaller colleges of the state be formed within the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and that the association would be subjected to the rules of the conference. The association would include these six member institutions: Atlantic Christian College, Catawba College, Elon College, Guilford College, High Point College, and Lenoir Rhyne College. At this meeting it was also decided to include Appalachian State Teachers College, pending its admission to the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and to the North Carolina College Conference.²

On May 13, 1930 six of the colleges mentioned above (Atlantic Christian College was absent) met at Lenoir Rhyne College and adopted a proposed constitution. That year the association was approved by both the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the North Carolina College Conference.³

²Ibid.

³Ibid., p. 26.

This conference of small North Carolina colleges was organized as the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. It outlined its intention to work in accord with the purposes, constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The spirit of the Association was to make no change in the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association that are contrary to or conflict with the spirit of the rules and regulations, concerning the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.⁴

From 1930 to 1936, the North State Intercollegiate Association of the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference successfully operated its conference without assistance from the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The larger colleges (Duke University, North Carolina State College, the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest College, and Davidson College) in North Carolina were members of a conference that had no dealings with the North State Conference. This left the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with no function to perform and there was a movement to disband the organization.

With a view toward disbanding the conference, the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association presented to the North Carolina College Conference the following request:

We, the Executive Committee of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association, having been so authorized at the last meeting of the Association, on May 23rd, 1936, respectfully request that our Association, composed of the following named institutions, be

⁴Ibid., p. 27.

granted recognition by the North Carolina College Conference:

Appalachian State Teachers College
 Atlantic Christian College
 Catawba College
 Elon College
 Guilford College
 High Point College
 Lenoir Rhyne College
 Western Carolina Teachers College

Respectfully submitted:

The North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association

By: The Executive Committee
 F.C. Shepard, Chairman and President
 David E. Faust, Secretary
 D.J. Walker, Vice-President
 S.J. Marion, Commissioner.⁵

Official recognition having been granted by the North Carolina College Conference, the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association became an independent intercollegiate athletic conference on November 5, 1936.

In 1937, when the constitution and by-laws of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association were revised, the name of the Conference was changed to North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The revised constitution and by-laws, along with the change in name, were adopted on May 15, 1937.⁶

Western Carolina Teachers College became the eighth member of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 1932. In 1947, East Carolina Teachers College requested membership and was accepted into the

⁵Ibid., p. 28.

⁶Ibid.

Conference.⁷ This made a Conference consisting of nine member institutions, and at that time, it brought into the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference all of the small four-year colleges in North Carolina that competed on an intercollegiate athletic level. Since 1947, two other North Carolina colleges have become four-year schools and have applied for admission to the North State Conference, but they have not been admitted.

On May 17, 1949, Doctor E.G. Purdon, Guilford President and head of the North State Conference and Doctor David E. Faust, Secretary-Treasurer of the same group, met with Doctor C.C. Norton of Wofford College and President of the South Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Walter A. Johnson, Athletic Director of Presbyterian College and Vice-President of the Palmetto group; and J.M. Lesesne, of Erskine College, Secretary-Treasurer. These officials met at the Hotel Charlotte, Charlotte, N.C., for the purpose of discussing a proposed merger of the two small conferences.⁸

Negotiations were carried on between the two conferences for two years but the merger was never completed. The South Carolina group insisted on having a certain rule concerning the playing of transferees put into the constitution, the North State group had (and still has) a different rule concerning the playing of transferees. Finally negotiations

⁷Information gained by interview between Coach Howard Porter and the writer, January 4, 1958.

⁸Dick Pierce, "North State Receives Facts On Conference Merger," The Charlotte Observer, May 18, 1949, p. 4B.

were ended November 2, 1951, by this letter bearing a Presbyterian College letterhead:

Dr. David E. Faust
North State I.A.C.
Catawba College
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Faust:

A called meeting of the South Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held at Presbyterian College on October 30, 1951 for the purpose of discussing the proposed merger of the N.C.I.A.A. with the S.C.I.A.A.

After considerable discussion the Executive Committee was requested to inform the N.C.I.A.A. that "the S.C.I.A.A. schools feel that a merger of the two conferences at this time is not advisable, but the S.C.I.A.A. is not adverse to re-opening negotiations for the proposed merger at a latter time."

With kindest good wishes to the members of your conference, I am

Sincerely yours,

E.P. Thompson
President S.C.I.A.A.⁹

II. CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Officers and committees. The officers of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasure, and a Commissioner. The duties of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasure are those usually performed by these officers. The President has the power to call a special meeting when he considers such a meeting necessary for the good of the Conference.

⁹Letter from Mr. E.P. Thompson to Doctor David E. Faust, November 2, 1951.

If three member institutions unite in a request for a special meeting, the President must call the meeting within ten days (provided each member institution receives notice of the meeting within five days before the meeting).

It is the duty of the Commissioner to rule upon the eligibility of participants in the Conference. An example of a Commissioner performing his duty occurred in January, 1958:

North State Conference Commissioner C. R. Hinshaw threw a bombshell into the loop's basketball race yesterday with announcement that championship contender East Carolina must forfeit three victories for use of an ineligible player.

The Commissioner announced that an investigation conducted by his office showed that Craig Reid, a 5-9 junior from Rocky Mount, was ineligible when he participated in three early season contests against Catawba, Guilford and High Point. The Bucs won all three of the games.

According to Dr. Hinshaw, his investigation disclosed that Reid, a junior college transfer, had not completed requirements for junior college graduation, as required by the North State Conference rules.¹⁰

The Commissioner's decision is final unless three institutions request the case to be reviewed before the whole Conference. Pending review of the case, the Commissioner's decision stands.¹¹

The Officers of the Organization shall constitute an Executive Committee to handle business in the interim of meetings. The election of officers of the Conference shall be held at the fall meeting for a

¹⁰ Moses Crutchfield, "Penalty On Bucs Shifts Emphasis On Busy North State Cage Night," Greensboro (North Carolina) Daily News, January 18, 1958.

¹¹ Constitution And By-Laws Of The North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, 1955, p. 2.

term of one year. The Conference requires faculty responsibility and control of intercollegiate athletics, and the Conference will look only to the administrative Officers of the member institutions for the enforcement of its rules.¹²

There are four committees (the Executive Committee, the Minor Sports Committee, the Major Sports Committee, and the Basketball Committee) which do the majority of the committee work of the Conference. The Major Sports Committee takes care of any business pertaining to the major sports (football, basketball, or baseball) that may require the work of a committee. The duty of the Basketball Committee, appointed at the spring meeting, is to sponsor the basketball tournament which is held each year to determine the Conference basketball championship.¹³

Eligibility. Before the small colleges of North Carolina adopted a constitution, the eligibility rules which applied to their intercollegiate athletic games were set up by the athletic conference of the North Carolina College Conference.¹⁴

At a meeting of the newly formed Conference on May 15, 1930 the schools decided to adopt the same eligibility rules by which the North Carolina College Conference operated. At the December 6, 1930 meeting

¹²Ibid.

¹³Fred Benedict Emerson, "History of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference," (Unpublished Master's Thesis, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1948), p. 30.

¹⁴Ibid., p. 32.

a resolution was passed stating that no student was eligible to participate in athletics if he entered school two weeks after the beginning of classes.¹⁵

It was ruled also that, when a school protested the eligibility of a player from another school, the protest containing grounds upon which the protest was based should be presented to the Commissioner in duplicate. The Commissioner should then send a copy to the institution concerned. At this December, 1930, meeting it was decided that a list of all proposed players in a sport should be in the hands of the Commissioner, on forms provided, at least ten days before the sport was to begin.

Regarding the possibility of a school playing an ineligible player the athletic conference, on May 13, 1934, adopted the following resolution:

We believe that each member institution in the conference through its faculty control of athletics will exercise every precaution and care in the investigation of an athlete's complete record. However, in case an athlete should misrepresent facts (either orally or written) and the institution should innocently play an ineligible athlete in any contest, such game or games shall not be forfeited if the investigation shows the player to have been ineligible at the time such games were played. On the other hand, if investigation shows that the faculty committee has not made proper investigation and an ineligible athlete has been used, such games should be forfeited by the guilty institution as a matter of good sportsmanship.¹⁶

Regarding the length of time for eligibility in varsity competition, the Conference has the following rule:

¹⁵Ibid.

¹⁶Ibid., p. 34.

No person shall represent any institution or institutions for more than four years of junior varsity or varsity competition within a period of five years from the date of registration in any institution of college rank.¹⁷

At its meeting on December 14, 1940 the Conference ruled that, for a returning service man, the duration of his time in service would not be counted against his normal term of eligibility. On December 13, 1944 the Conference interpreted the ruling in the above material thus: that a service man's term of eligibility would begin to count again at the fall session of the next school year after the service man was discharged. All service men then registered in member colleges of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference were to be eligible for intercollegiate athletics as of December 13, 1944. This ruling was to include members of the V-12 and other similar groups.¹⁸

A military man returning from active service who had attended a North State Conference school and had competed in a given sport, could transfer to another school in the Conference and be eligible immediately except in the sport in which he had already participated. If he was a transfer from a non-Conference school he was eligible in all sports immediately.¹⁹

On December 6, 1946 the North State Conference approved a resolution that any student who had previously been a professional athlete should be eligible to compete on Conference teams in sports other than

¹⁷ Constitution and By-Laws, Op. cit., p. 10.

¹⁸ Emerson, Op. cit., p. 35.

¹⁹ Constitution and By-Laws, Op. cit., p. 11.

those in which he had had his professional experience.²¹

The present rule concerning professionalism in the North State Conference is:

Any person who signs or enters into any written contract, with a professional team or any representative of a professional team to participate in athletics shall be ineligible to compete in intercollegiate sports in this Conference.²²

Publicity and the press. Publicity is a vital necessity in the promotion of athletics. The member colleges of the North State Conference are keenly aware of the value of publicity by the press. This is evidenced by the endeavor of the Conference to appropriate funds in order to secure publicity agents. In 1930 the Conference appointed Mr. James Harper of Guilford College as the publicity agent for the Conference.

The Conference first appropriated money for the purpose of publicity at their meeting in May, 1935. At this meeting each school was assessed \$5 per year for publicity, and a committee of three was appointed by the Conference to select and direct the publicity. This procedure of handling publicity was evidently continued until the meeting on December 11, 1937 when Mr. Moses Crutchfield of Elon College was elected publicity agent of the Conference. At the meeting on May 13, 1939 the publicity was left to the Executive Committee. A year later, on May 11, 1940 the Conference voted to employ a press reporter and to assess the

²¹Emerson, op. cit., p. 37.

²²Constitution and By-Laws, op. cit., pp. 3-4.

member institutions the usual \$5 fee. At the meeting on May 18, 1946, the Conference was again able to employ the services of Mr. Moses Crutchfield, sports writer for the Greensboro Daily News, as publicity agent for the North State Conference. His services were to be used for a period of nine months, beginning on August 20, 1946, at a fee of \$25 per month. This attempt by the Conference to promote athletic publicity, representing an increase in expenditure, was probably motivated by the increased funds in the treasure which had been derived from the annual Conference basketball tournament.

The publicity agreement with Mr. Moses Crutchfield, now associate sports editor of the Greensboro Daily News, has been renewed at each subsequent Conference spring meeting. The present publicity arrangements have proven most successful.

Championships. It is the purpose of the North State Conference to award championships in all intercollegiate sports where a winner can be determined. The by-laws of the intercollegiate athletic constitution states the following about championships:

The Conference championship in each sport shall be awarded by vote of the Conference. To be eligible for the championship, the following minimum number of contests shall be played: FOOTBALL, five games; BASKETBALL, twelve games to be eligible for the Conference tournament. The winner of the tournament shall be declared the Conference basketball champion.²⁴

²³Emerson, op. cit., p. 43.

²⁴Constitution and By-Laws, op. cit., p. 6.

The North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball championship was determined by the Conference season record until a change was made at the Conference meeting on December 14, 1940. At this meeting it was decided that the winner of the annual Conference tournament would be the champion for the year.

In the seeding of teams for the annual North State tournament the plan adopted in 1947 is used. Team number one in Conference standing is placed at the top of the upper bracket; team number two is placed at the top of the lower bracket; team three and team four match for the bottom of the top and lower brackets, the other four teams draw for positions. The eight top teams in the final Conference standings are invited to the tournament. The annual tournament has been held in the Lexington Y.M.C.A. gymnasium, Lexington, North Carolina each year since the 1953-1954 season. Prior to the 1953-1954 season, the tournament had been played in High Point, N.C., Elkin, N.C., Statesville, N.C., and Winston Salem, N.C.²⁵

Summary. The material collected and presented in this chapter shows the history of the formation of the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The intercollegiate athletic set up existing in North Carolina prior to 1930 was not meeting the needs of the smaller colleges in the state. In April, 1930, there was a meeting held at Guilford College for the purpose of establishing an intercollegiate athletic organization for the smaller colleges. The organization

²⁵Information gained by interview between Doctor Earl Ruth and the writer, January 8, 1958.

established at this meeting was called the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association and it operated under the auspices of the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the North Carolina College Conference until 1936. In 1936 the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association requested to be released from its affiliation with the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the North Carolina College Conference. The request was granted the same year. The Conference adopted its present title in 1937. The Conference has a membership of nine members. Other colleges have applied for membership but they have not been admitted.

The Conference requires faculty responsibility and control of intercollegiate athletics, and the Conference will look only to the administrative Officers of the member institutions for the enforcement of its rules. The Commissioner rules upon the eligibility of the participants. His decision is final unless three member institutions request the case to be reviewed before the whole Conference. Special eligibility rules governed the participating of former service men after World War II. Professional athletes are no longer permitted to play in the North State Conference. Favorable publicity has always been desired by the Conference and Mr. Moses Crutchfield of the Greensboro Daily News has been very helpful in this matter. In 1940 the Conference started awarding the basketball championship by playing a tournament at the end of each season. Prior to this date the championship had been awarded to the team with the best regular season record.

CHAPTER III

MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

This chapter will give a brief history of each of the nine North Carolina colleges that hold membership in the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. A brief description of the internal functions and physical features of the institutions will be presented along with the basketball facilities, coaches, and the school athletic nicknames.

I. COLLEGES

Appalachian State Teachers College. This fifty-nine year old college is located at Boone, N.C. It began in the summer of 1889, as Watagua Academy. In 1903, the General Assembly of North Carolina authorized the establishing of a new state institution in northwestern North Carolina under the name of the Appalachian Training School for Teachers. In 1925, the Legislature changed the name to Appalachian State Normal School. The Legislature again revised the school charter in 1929 and changed the name to Appalachian State Teachers College.

The institution is co-educational. The college is authorized to grant the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Bachelor of Science degree, and the Master of Arts degree. Appalachian State Teachers College is an accredited member of the North Carolina College Conference, the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. The entire college plant has a value

of approximately \$10,000,000. Total individual registration for the winter quarter in 1957 set a school record with 2,186 students.¹

The "Mountaineers" are coached by Mr. Bob Light. They play their home basketball games in the New Physical Education Building. This modern building, opened in November, 1955, has a gymnasium with a seating capacity of around 2,600. It also contains adequate locker rooms and accommodations for overnight visiting teams.

Atlantic Christian College. Located at Wilson, N.C., this college was incorporated on May 11, 1902. The school is under the auspices of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention. In May, 1922, the North Carolina Board of Education recognized the school as a Grade A college. Atlantic Christian College is co-educational. The Bachelor of Arts degree is conferred by the school.

The campus is located in a quiet section of the Northern part of Wilson. The nine main buildings are substantial brick structures and some of them have modern architecture. The furnishings compare favorably with similiar institutions. A small athletic field, with tennis and basketball courts, furnishes opportunity for recreation in the open air. During the regular season 1957-1958 the student body consisted of approximately 683 students.

Atlantic Christian College is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Association of American Colleges,

¹News item in the Watagua Democrat, December 12, 1957.

the North Carolina College Conference, the North Carolina Council of Church-Related Colleges, the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges, and the Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ.

The "Bulldogs" play their home basketball games in the Wilson Gymnasium. This gymnasium, located on the Atlantic Christian College campus, has a seating capacity of around 800. James E. McComas, better known as "Jack" when he starred on the North Carolina State Basketball Team, is the head basketball coach.²

Catawba College. Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C., was founded by the Reformed Church on December 3, 1851, at Newton, N.C. The college was re-located at Salisbury in 1923. At first it was open to men only, but in 1880 women were admitted. Since that time the institution has been co-educational.

Catawba College holds membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Association of American Colleges, the National Commission on Christian Higher Education, the North Carolina College Conference, and the Conference of Church-Related Colleges of North Carolina. The total enrollment of the college is 733. The college offers the Bachelor of Arts degree. Catawba's campus has a total of one hundred and ninety acres on which twenty buildings are located. These buildings are relatively new and well adapted to their respective uses.

²Atlantic Christian College Bulletin, 1957-1958, Vol. XXXV, No. 2 (Wilson: February, 1957).

Doctor Earl B. Ruth is the coach of the Catawba College Basketball Team. The "Indians" play their home games in the Linn-Corriher Gymnasium which has a seating capacity of around 800.³

East Carolina College. This college, located at Greenville, N.C., was established by an act of the General Assembly in 1907 under the name of East Carolina Teachers Training School. The name of the college was changed to East Carolina Teachers College by an act of Legislature in 1921. In 1951, the Legislature changed the name to East Carolina College. The charter of the school states that the school shall be maintained by the state for the purpose of giving young men and women such education and training as shall fit and qualify them to teach in the public schools.

The college has a spacious campus of one hundred and thirty acres on which there are twenty-seven buildings. East Carolina College is authorized to grant the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Bachelor of Science degree, and the Master of Arts degree. The net enrollment for the regular school year of 1955-1956 was 3,315. The sum of the annual enrollment since the college first opened its doors is 55,235.

East Carolina College is an accredited member of the American Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Association of American Colleges, the North Carolina College Conference, the National Association of Business Teachers-Training Institution, the National Commission of Accrediting Association of American Colleges, the National Association of Schools for

³Catawba College Bulletin, 1957-1958, Vol. 33, No. 1 (Salisbury: April, 1957).

Music, and the American Association of University Women.⁴

Under the guidance of Mr. Howard G. Porter the "Pirates" play their home basketball games in Memorial Gymnasium. This gymnasium is one of the newest in the Conference and it has a seating capacity of 2,500.

Elon College. This college is located at Elon College, N.C. It was chartered and incorporated by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, March 11, 1889. The college is supported by the Congregation Christian Church. There are nineteen buildings on the campus. These buildings are thoroughly equipped for living and studying and several, recently constructed, are fire-proof and modern in every detail.

The college is co-educational, and it confers the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Science degree. There was an enrollment of 924 students in the regular school year of 1955-1956.

Elon College is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Association of American Colleges, the North Carolina College Conference, the North Carolina Conference of Church-Related Colleges, and it is approved by the New York State Board of Education.⁵

Alumni Memorial Gymnasium was opened in 1949 and it has a seating capacity of 4,250. This is where the "Christians" play their home basketball games under the leadership of Coach "Doc" Mathis.

⁴East Carolina College Bulletin, 1957-1958, Vol. 48, No. 3 (Greenville: May 1957).

⁵Elon College Bulletin, 1957, Vol. LIII, No. 3 (Elon College: January, 1957).

Guilford College. This college was started on January 31, 1834, as New Garden Boarding School. It was founded at its present location, Guilford College, N.C. In 1889 this institution was given authority to grant degrees, and its name was changed to Guilford College. The college is under the influence of the Society of Friends.

Guilford College has always been a co-educational institution. In fact, it has the distinction of being the oldest co-educational institution in the South. The enrollment of the college is restricted to five hundred and fifty degree students. The campus and athletic field consists of thirty acres. The degrees offered are the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science.

The college is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the National Commission on Accrediting. It is a member of the Association of American Colleges, the North Carolina State Department of Education, and it is on the approval list of the American Medical Association.⁶

The gymnasium, erected in 1940, provides adequately for the social, recreational, and athletic activities of the college. It will seat approximately 850. The "Quakers" are coached by one of their former athletes, Mr. Bob Shoaf.

High Point College. Located at High Point, N.C., this college had its origin with the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina. It is

⁶Guilford College Bulletin, 1957-1958, Vol. 2, No. 3 (Guilford College: March 1, 1957).

now under the sponsorship of the over-all Methodist Church. The college was opened for work on September 15, 1924, with a total of 132 students. High Point College is co-educational, with 589 men and 295 women, making a total enrollment of 884 students in the regular first semester classes of 1955-1956. The Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees are offered.

The physical plant consists of an administration building, dormitories for men and women, a library, a new gymnasium, a modern reception hall, Albion Millis football stadium, and a baseball park. This beautiful fifty acres of campus is located in one of the better residential sections of the city of High Point.

High Point is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the University Senate, the North Carolina College Conference, and the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction. The college is a member of the Association of American Colleges, the Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church, and of the North Carolina Council of Church-Sponsored Colleges.⁷

The "Panthers" are coached by Mr. Virgil Yow. They play their home basketball games in Alumni Gymnasium. This new gymnasium, opened in the fall of 1957, has a seating capacity of 3,150.

Lenoir Rhyne College. Located at Hickory, N.C., this college is owned and operated by the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. The school was formally opened on September 1, 1891. The

⁷High Point College Bulletin, 1956-1957, Vol. 32, No. 3 (High Point: March, 1956).

spacious campus was the gift of Captain Walter Lenoir, in whose honor the college was originally named. In 1923 the name of the college was changed to Lenoir Rhyne College in honor of Mr. D.E. Rhyne, who gave large sums of money toward the endowment of the school.

The Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees are conferred by the college. Lenoir Rhyne College is co-educational. The Luthern school has a total enrollment of 963 students.

The institution is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Association of American Colleges, the National Association of Business Teacher Training Institutions, and it is registered as a Standard College by the Department of Public Instruction of the states of North Carolina, New York, and Pennsylvania, and of other states to which application has been made.⁸

In February, 1957, Lenoir Rhyne College opened its new Shuford Memorial Gymnasium at the cost of \$525,000. This modern structure has a seating capacity of 3,660 and it is where the "Bears" play their home basketball games. Lenoir Rhyne is coached by one of their former players, Coach Bill Wells.

Western Carolina College. This college is located at Cullowhee, N.C., which is in the western part of North Carolina between the Blue Ridge and the Smokey Mountains. It dates its beginning to 1889 when it was started as a semi-private institution. For fifteen years it was known everywhere

⁸Lenoir Rhyne College Bulletin, 1956-1957, Vol. 47, No.2 (Hickory: March, 1957).

as Cullowhee High School. The Legislature appropriated money in 1893 for the establishment of the Normal Department. In 1905 the name was changed by Legislative enactment to Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School. The name of the institution was changed to Cullowhee State Normal School in 1925. The name was again changed in 1929 to Western Carolina Teachers College. The college is state-owned and state controlled. The institution has always been co-educational.

Western Carolina College is a member of the North Carolina College Conference, the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the American Association of Colleges for Teachers Education. It is rated a Standard Training College for Teachers by the North Carolina Department of Education. The college grants the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Bachelor of Science degree, and the Master of Arts degree.⁹

The "Catamounts" play their home basketball games in Reid Gymnasium. This new, modern field-house has a seating capacity of around 2,000. It was opened in the fall of 1956. Western Carolina is coached by one of their former athletes, Mr. Jim Gudger.

Summary. The information gathered and presented in this chapter shows that there are nine four-year colleges in North Carolina that make up the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Six of these (Atlantic Christian College, Catawba College, Elon College, Guilford College, High Point College, and Lenoir Rhyne College) are denominational,

⁹Western Carolina College, 1957-1958, Vol. 3, No. 2 (Cullowhee: March, 1957).

and receives financial support from its denominational church. These six schools are known as liberal arts colleges, and they are considered charter members of the Conference because they were the original group that formed the association.

The other three schools of the Conference (Appalachian State Teachers College, East Carolina College, and Western Carolina College) are owned and operated by the state. These three schools are teacher colleges whose function it is to prepare teachers for the public schools of North Carolina. They also offer studies and degrees in other fields of endeavor other than teacher training.

Most of the colleges have gymnasiums that have been built in the past ten years. Another notable feature of this chapter is that most of the colleges employ one of their graduates to do their basketball coaching.

CHAPTER IV

A YEARLY SUMMARY OF BASKETBALL IN THE NORTH STATE CONFERENCE

In presenting the twenty-seven year history of basketball in the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference the writer feels that a clearer, more concise work may be developed if the information is divided into three main periods. The first section of this chapter will deal with the years between 1931 and 1940 and shall be titled "The First Ten Years." The second section of the chapter will cover the period of time between 1941 and 1950 and shall be called "War Time Basketball." The third section, "The Growth and Expansion Period," deals with the years between 1951 and 1958.

During the first five or six years that the Conference was in operation, newspaper publicity was scarce and often incomplete. The majority of the historical information in this chapter was obtained by studying micro-film of the Greensboro Daily News.

I. THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF CONFERENCE PLAY

In the first ten years of the North State Conference basketball play the team that ended the season with the best won-lost record was declared the Conference champion. In the final tabulations only the games with the other Conference teams were counted in determining the championship. During this period of time the Conference was referred to as the "Little Seven" or the "Little Eight."

1931. In the fall of 1930 the group of small colleges usually referred to as the "Little Seven" were preparing for their first season of basketball play in the newly formed organization, the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Three consecutive years before the 1931 season Coach Julian Beall's High Point College teams had won the "Little Seven" championship.¹ Now that the first year of North State Conference play was set to start, it was somewhat of a different story. Before the playing got under way, it seemed that all of the teams were about evenly matched though sports writers gave a slight vote of confidence to Appalachian State Teachers College.²

Once the playing started, it didn't take Appalachian and Catawba College long to establish the fact that they were the teams with the power. After Coach Johnson's Appalachian team defeated Catawba at Salisbury, February 8, 1931, it seemed that the pre-season favorite had lived up to its advance notice. However, this set the stage for a fact that has prevailed since basketball started in the Conference--the team picked to win the championship has won the honors a less number of times than the teams chosen to end up in second, third, or fourth place!

Appalachian, who had led the standings all season, lost two games in the latter part of the year. These two losses allowed Catawba to move into the top position but they had to beat Guilford to remain there. If

¹News item in the Greensboro Daily News, January 16, 1931.

²Ibid., January 19, 1931.

³Ibid., February 9, 1931.

Catawba beat Guilford, it would mean that Catawba would be the first North State Conference champion. If Guilford won, it would mean that Catawba and Appalachian was in a tie for the championship. Guilford, the host team, won 33 to 23.⁴ The Greensboro Record has this to say concerning the tie for the championship:

The basketball championship of the North State Conference for the 1931 season will remain unsettled because of the refusal of the Catawba Indians to meet the Appalachian Mountaineers in a post season clash, it was learned by the Greensboro Record today.⁵

Hayworth, of Guilford College, scored 109 points for a nine point per game average as he led the newly formed Conference in scoring.⁶ His efforts were mainly responsible for Guilford College ending the season in third place.

The 1931 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Appalachian.....	7	2
Catawba.....	7	2
Guilford.....	9	4
Elon.....	4	5
High Point.....	5	8
Atlantic Christian....	2	7
Lenoir Rhyne.....	2	9

The 1931 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Hinson.....Appalachian	F..Peeler.....Catawba
F..Hayworth....Guilford	F..Caddell....Elon
C..Traylor.....Atlantic Christian	C..Canipe.....Appalachian
G..Lemmon.....Lenoir Rhyne	G..Litman.....High Point
G..Rollins.....Elon	G..Hausser....Catawba ⁷

⁴Ibid., February 27, 1931.

⁵Ibid., February 28, 1931.

⁶Ibid., March 3, 1931.

⁷Ibid.,

1932. In the second year of play the North State Conference schools started making a name for themselves. Guilford College opened the season by losing a 49 to 23 decision to the University of North Carolina. Union College of Kentucky lost a 39 to 37 game to Appalachian.⁸ Wake Forest College barely defeated Guilford as they won a game by a 34 to 31 score.⁹ Elon College, the 1932 North State Conference basketball champion, won from Davidson College 32 to 30.¹⁰

In the early season play Elon College, coached by Mr. D. C. (Pea-head) Walker, and Appalachian State Teachers College took over the top positions in the standings by both teams winning their first four Conference games. Two things happened in the latter part of the season that made it seem like the 1931 season was being played over. First, Appalachian started off by winning most of their games, faded in the latter part of the season and dropped to third place in the final standings. Guilford College, in repeating their 1931 strong finish, defeated Elon College 29 to 24 in the only Conference game that Elon lost during the 1932 season.

Guilford College was the team point leader for the season with 588 points, Appalachian was second with 522 points, and Elon ended the season with 461 points. Hayworth of Guilford College led the Conference individual scoring with 163 points. Purnell, also from Guilford, was only one point behind the leader as he ended the season with a total of 162 points.

⁸Ibid., January 9, 1932.

¹⁰Ibid., January 27, 1932.

⁹Ibid., January 23, 1932.

The 1932 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Elon.....	7	1
Guilford.....	9	4
Appalachian.....	6	4
Catawba.....	3	4
High Point.....	4	8
Lenoir Rhyne.....	3	8
Atlantic Christian....	1	6

Top Ten Scorers (no record of an all Conference team could be found):

1. Hayworth....Guilford....163	6. Little.....Lenoir Rhyne.....102
2. Purnell....Guilford....162	7. McConnell....Appalachian..... 95
3. Rollins....Elon.....153	8. Pastime.....Guilford..... 93
4. Cardell....Elon.....123	9. Traylor.....Atlantic Christian.. 92
5. Hastings....High Point..119	10. Livingstone...Appalachian..... 91 ¹¹

1933. With Western Carolina Teachers College admitted to the North State Conference for its first year of play, the Conference became known as the "Little Eight" instead of the "Little Seven." Western Carolina playing only a limited schedule, ended the season with a record of 4 wins and 3 loses which placed them fifth in the final season standings.¹²

Lenoir Rhyne, Catawba, and Appalachian were the teams that led the league during the first part of the season. At mid-season Atlantic Christian and Guilford showed signs of becoming the league leaders but they could not stand the pace in the final weeks of play. Guilford, after a very rapid rise in the standings, lost six straight Conference games to keep them from being potential Conference leaders. Lenoir Rhyne, after losing to Appalachian 51 to 20 in the first part of the season, finally

¹¹Ibid., March 12, 1932.

¹²News item in the Greensboro Record, March 1, 1933.

won the championship from Appalachian by a matter of a few percentage points.¹³ Lenoir Rhyne's final record was won 9-lost 5 as compared to Appalachian's won 7-lost 4 record.

A final scoring record for the year could not be located. On February 21, Broadus Culler of High Point College was leading the Conference with 177 points and Lloyd Little of Lenoir Rhyne was in second place with 155.¹⁴

The 1933 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Lenoir Rhyne.....	9	5
Appalachian.....	7	4
Elon.....	4	3
Atlantic Christian....	5	4
Western Carolina.....	3	4
Catawba.....	4	6
Guilford.....	4	7
High Point.....	4	7 ¹⁵

The 1933 All Conference Team:

F..Culler.....High Point	F..Thomas.....Western Carolina
F..Little.....Lenoir Rhyne	F..Witmer.....Catawba
C..Traylor.....Atlantic Christian	C..McConnell....Appalachian
G..Goins.....Appalachian	G..Johnson.....Elon
G..Stasavich....Lenoir Rhyne	G..Purnell.....Guilford ¹⁶

1934. Elon, Guilford, Appalachian, and High Point were the teams that dominated the top four positions throughout the entire season. High Point defeated Elon 27 to 25 in the middle of January but the Elon team won the next game from High Point to take the league lead.¹⁷ Near the end of the season Guilford defeated High Point in a game that put Guilford in a

¹³Ibid., January 9, 1933.

¹⁶News, op. cit., February 27, 1933.

¹⁴Ibid., February 21, 1933.

¹⁷Ibid., February 3, 1934.

¹⁵News item in the Greensboro Daily News, March 1, 1933.

tie for first place with Elon.¹⁸ As in the 1931 season, two teams ended the regular season in a tie for first place so the two teams involved are considered Conference co-champions. Appalachian, if they had won all nine of their scheduled Conference games would not have been the champion. The Conference had ruled that each member institution had to play ten Conference games before they would be considered to be in contention for the championship.

The 1934 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Elon.....	8	2
Guilford.....	8	2
Appalachian.....	7	2
High Point.....	8	6
Western Carolina.....	5	6
Lenoir Rhyne.....	5	8
Catawba.....	2	9
Atlantic Christian.....	1	9 ¹⁹

The 1934 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Culler.....High Point	F..Tuck.....Elon
F..Smith.....Elon	F..Weston.....Guilford
C..McConnell....Appalachian	C..Johnson.....Elon
G..Hughes.....Elon	G..Williams....High Point
G..Stasavich....Lenoir Rhyne	G..Griffin.....Guilford

Most Outstanding Player: Everett McConnell, Appalachian.²⁰

1935. High Point won their first four Conference games by defeating Appalachian, Atlantic Christian, and Catawba to gain the early season league lead. Lenoir Rhyne and Elon also showed signs of having potential championship material as they defeated their opponents in the early season

¹⁸Ibid., March 19, 1934.

¹⁹Ibid., February 23, 1934.

²⁰News item in the Greensboro Record, February 28, 1934.

games. There was no doubt as to the championship of the Conference as Elon defeated High Point 43 to 20²¹ and then defeated Lenoir Rhyne 36 to 25²² to end their playing season with a 10 won-1 lost Conference record. This was the best season record that had been compiled in the five year history of the Conference.

Atlantic Christian College opened a new gymnasium (dedicated in a game with High Point College, January 5, 1935)²³ but failed to win a Conference game the entire season. Guilford College, known for its strong finishes, won their last four consecutive games to allow them to end the season in the number three position.

Several of the North State Conference schools entered the Tri-State Basketball Tournament played at Charlotte, N.C. This tournament was made up of college teams from Virginia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Elon College defeated Lynchburg College of Lynchburg, Virginia, by a 51 to 27 score for the tournament championship.²⁴ Individual members of the North State Conference who made the All Tri-State Tournament Team were: Broadus Culler, High Point; Hal Bradley, Elon; Paul Cheek, Elon; C. W. Martin, High Point; Clarence Stasavich, Lenoir Rhyne; and Paul Royce, Elon.

The 1935 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Elon.....	10	1
High Point.....	9	4
Guilford.....	6	4
Catawba.....	7	5
Lenoir Rhyne.....	8	6

²¹Ibid., January 29, 1935.

²²Ibid., February 13, 1935.

²³Ibid., January 13, 1935.

²⁴News item in the Charlotte Observer, March 1, 1935.

Appalachian.....	4	6
Western Carolina.....	1	8
Atlantic Christian....	0	12 ²⁵

The 1935 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Billy Leath.....Lenoir Rhyne	F..Howard Smith.....Elon
F..Broadus Culler.....High Point	F..Bill Fullerton.....Catawba
C..Everett McConnell...Appalachian	C..Hal Bradley.....Elon
G..Paul Cheek.....Elon	G..Parker.....Guilford
G..Paul Roye.....Elon	G..Clarence Stasavich...Lenoir Rhyne

Most Outstanding Player: Broadus Culler, High Point College.²⁶

1936. It can be said that the 1936 season was one of the most interesting. Appalachian started the season off by defeating highly regarded High Point College 28 to 27 in one of the major upset games of the year.²⁷ High Point then proceeded to win their next eleven consecutive Conference games to erase any doubt as to the Conference winner. High Point's 11 won-1 lost record replaced Elon's 1935 10 won-1 lost record as being the best in the history of the Conference.

= Another highlight of the season was that Elon and Appalachian played each other for the first time in the history of the Conference. On February 14, 1936, Elon defeated Appalachian 46 to 33 to win the first game played between the two institutions.

At the end of the regular playing season all eight teams in the Conference met at High Point College and played in what was called the first annual North State Conference basketball tournament. This tournament

²⁵Record, op. cit., March 3, 1935.

²⁷Record, op. cit., January 14, 1936.

²⁶Observer, log. cit.

was not played to decide the championship of the Conference. High Point had already won the Conference honors. They also won the tournament by defeating Catawba, Elon, and Lenoir Rhyne in that order in three nights of play. Broadus Culler, High Point College player, was honored at the final game of the tournament by being named captain of the All Tournament Team. It was also announced that he had made the All Conference Team four consecutive years.²⁸

Paul Roye of Elon College led the 1936 season in individual scoring as he accumulated 167 points. Broadus Culler of High Point was second in individual scoring with a total of 158 points.

The 1936 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
High Point.....	11	1
Lenoir Rhyne.....	9	4
Elon.....	8	4
Western Carolina.....	7	4
Catawba.....	6	4
Appalachian.....	2	8
Guilford.....	2	9
Atlantic Christian....	1	10 ²⁹

The 1936 All Conference Team (picked by Paul Caldwell):

1st Team	2nd Team
F..Broadus Culler...High Point	F..Setzer Wesson...Guilford
F..Reece McSwain...Lenoir Rhyne	F..Hank Bauer.....Catawba
C..Bill Tucker.....Lenoir Rhyne	C..Wayne Harris....High Point
G..Paul Roye.....Elon	G..Sam Woodward....Western Carolina
G..Ray Intereri.....High Point	G..Fleix Little....Lenoir Rhyne ³⁰

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round
 Western Carolina 45, Atlantic Christian 36
 Lenoir Rhyne 51, Guilford 24
 Elon 56, Appalachian 31
 High Point 59, Catawba 35³¹

²⁸News, op. cit., March 1, 1936.

²⁹Ibid., February 26, 1936.

³⁰Ibid., February 25, 1936.

³¹Ibid., February 28, 1936.

2nd. Round

Western Carolina 29, Lenoir Rhyne 48
 High Point 36, Elon 34³²

Finals

High Point 49, Lenoir Rhyne 39³³

The 1936 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
Broadus Culler.....High Point	Howard Smith....Elon
Sammy Pritchard....Catawba	Bill Tucker.....Lenoir Rhyne
Hal Bradley.....Elon	Lloyd Little....Lenoir Rhyne
Ray Intereri.....High Point	Paul Roye.....Elon
Reece McSwain.....Lenoir Rhyne	Glenn Towery....High Point

Most Outstanding Player: Broadus Culler, High Point College.³⁴

1937. Despite a 32 to 28 defeat by Appalachian, High Point led the league standings for the first part of the season. At mid-season Western Carolina managed to gain the number one position by a margin of a few percentage points but they did not remain there long as Elon defeated them 49 to 13. On February 13, 1937, it took Elon two overtime periods to defeat High Point and take the league lead.³⁵

Elon won the Conference championship as they defeated Appalachian in Elon's last game of the season. High Point had a chance to tie Elon for the championship if they could defeat Lenoir Rhyne in their last game of the season. High Point was favored to win the game but Lenoir Rhyne won by a 39 to 36 score.³⁶ This gave Elon undisputed possession of first place and consequently, the Conference honors.

³²Ibid., February 28, 1937.

³³Ibid., March 1, 1937.

³⁴Ibid.

³⁵Ibid., February 14, 1937.

³⁶Ibid., March 2, 1937.

The 1937 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Elon.....	11	2
Lenoir Rhyne.....	12	3
High Point.....	10	3
Appalachian.....	4	6
Western Carolina.....	3	5
Catawba.....	5	8
Atlantic Christian....	2	9
Guilford.....	0	10 ³⁷

The 1937 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Sammy Pritchard...Catawba	F..Reece McSwain...Lenoir Rhyne
F..Wayne Harris.....High Point	F..Lloyd Whitley...Elon
C..Bill Tucker.....Lenoir Rhyne	C..Hal Bradley.....Elon
G..Paul Roye.....Elon	G..Glenn Towery....High Point
G..Joe Amendola.....Lenoir Rhyne	G..Ervin Smart.....Appalachian

Most Outstanding Player: Paul Roye, Elon College.³⁸

1938. Before Elon College started the defense of their 1937 North State Conference title they accomplished two noteworthy things. First, they defeated Washington and Lee. Second, they defeated Virginia Military Institute. Both of these schools were much larger than Elon and both of the institutions hold membership in the Southern Conference. In fact, Washington and Lee had won the 1937 Southern Conference basketball title. Elon College was picked to win the 1938 North State championship.

High Point, Lenoir Rhyne, and Appalachian were the teams picked to provide the greatest amount of opposition for Elon. High Point and Catawba won their first three Conference games of the season but Elon defeated both of them twice before the season was completed. Elon assured themselves of the Conference championship by defeating Appalachian 47 to 32

³⁷Record, op. cit., March 2, 1937.

³⁸Ibid., February 25, 1937.

at Boone, N.C., February 21, 1938.³⁹ The next night at Hickory, N.C., Lenoir Rhyne defeated Elon 40 to 36 to prevent Elon from having an undefeated season.⁴⁰

Ervin Smart of Appalachian was the leading individual scorer with 135 points. Lenoir Rhyne's Bill Tucker was second as he accumulated 133 points.⁴¹

The 1938 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Elon.....	11	1
High Point.....	11	3
Lenoir Rhyne.....	10	4
Appalachian.....	6	6
Catawba.....	6	7
Western Carolina.....	2	4
Atlantic Christian....	1	11
Guilford.....	1	12 ⁴²

The 1938 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Lloyd Whitley.....Elon	F..Ike Fesmire....Elon
F..Reece McSwain.....Lenoir Rhyne	F..Ervin Smart....Appalachian
C..Hal Bradley.....Elon	C..Hugh Hampton...High Point
G..Phil Hudson.....Appalachian	G..Paul Mando.....Lenoir Rhyne
G..Richard Cromish...Elon	G..Wayne Harris...High Point

= Most Outstanding Player: Hal Bradley, Elon College.⁴³

1939. High Point College was selected by sports writers as the team most likely to win the 1939 North State Conference basketball championship. It seemed that Catawba, after winning their first two Conference games, was going to be in contention for the title but their winning ways

³⁹News, op. cit., February 22, 1938.

⁴⁰Ibid., February 23, 1938.

⁴¹Ibid., February 26, 1938.

⁴²Record, op. cit., March 3, 1938.

⁴³Ibid., February 22, 1938.

did not continue throughout the season. High Point lost two games before the season was over but their eleven Conference wins and two Conference defeats gave them the best record and the championship. Appalachian and Lenoir Rhyne were the only teams that defeated High Point. Elon College finished strong and ended the season one-half game behind the Conference winners.

High Point also won the district A.A.U. (American Amateur Union) basketball tournament that was played at the High Point College gymnasium. In the finals of the tournament, High Point defeated the semi-professional McCrary basketball team of Asheboro, N.C. 46 to 44.⁴⁴ After this game High Point's coach, Virgil Yow, announced that his team had been invited to play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) tournament at Kansas City, Missouri. This was the first time that any North Carolina basketball team had been invited to play in the national tournament. High Point accepted the invitation and lost their first game to Nebraska State Teachers College of Peru, Nebraska 55 to 46.⁴⁵

The 1939 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
High Point.....	11	2
Elon.....	10	2
Appalachian.....	8	4
Lenoir Rhyne.....	7	4
Catawba.....	6	6
Western Carolina.....	2	6
Atlantic Christian....	0	8
Guilford.....	0	10 ⁴⁶

⁴⁴News, op. cit., February 28, 1939.

⁴⁵Ibid., March 14, 1939.

⁴⁶Record, op. cit., February 21, 1939.

The 1939 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Jack Samet.....High Point	F..Ike Fesmire....Elon
F..Jack Gardner.....Elon	F..John Novotny...Appalachian
C..Hugh Hampton.....High Point	C..Sam Audrey....Western Carolina
G..Glenn Towery.....High Point	G..Fleix Little...Lenoir Rhyne
G..Sammy Pritchard...Catawba	G..Phil Hudson....Appalachian

Most Outstanding Player: Jack Samet, High Point College.⁴⁷

1940. High Point College and Elon College were considered the teams that had the best chance of winning the 1940 Conference championship. The Appalachian team showed that it had to be considered as a potential championship contender as they almost defeated the nationally ranked University of North Carolina team.⁴⁸ After losing to the University of North Carolina, Appalachian defeated North Carolina State College of the Southern Conference.

In the North State Conference Appalachian did not lose a game until they had won the championship. Elon was the only team that defeated the strong Appalachian team and that was by a 24 to 22 score after Appalachian had won enough games to be assured of the number one position.

Appalachian received an invitation to go to Kansas City and play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament. In their first game they defeated Bemidji State Teachers College of Bemidji, Minnesota by a score of 43 to 34.⁴⁹ San Diego State (California) defeated Appalachian 48 to 46 in the second round of play.⁵⁰

⁴⁷Ibid.

⁴⁸Ibid., January 10, 1940.

⁴⁹Ibid., March 12, 1940.

⁵⁰Ibid., March 13, 1940.

The 1940 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Appalachian.....	12	1
Elon.....	11	3
Western Carblina.....	8	4
High Point.....	9	5
Catawba.....	6	8
Atlantic Christian....	4	8
Lenoir Rhyne.....	2	12
Guilford.....	1	12 ⁵¹

The 1940 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Danny Miller....Appalachian	F..Tom Davis.....Catawba
F..Lloyd Whitley...Elon	F..Sam Audrey.....Western Carolina
C..Bryon Stuart....Appalachian	C..Hugh Hampton...High Point
G..John Novotny....Appalachian	G..Phil Hudson....Appalachian
G..Jack Gardner....Elon	G..Jack Moran.....High Point

Most Outstanding Player: Danny Miller, Appalachian.⁵²

II. WAR TIME BASKETBALL

1941. The biggest change relative to basketball in the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference occurred during the 1941 season. The officials of the Conference voted to determine the basketball championship by having a tournament at the end of the regular playing season. The only bearing that the regular playing season standings would have would be to determine in what position the teams would be placed for the tournament play.

Although most of the importance had been taken off of winning the regular season honors, the teams still fought as furiously for the number

⁵¹Ibid., February 27, 1940.

⁵²News item in the Salisbury Post, March 10, 1940.

one position as in the previous years. The only advantage in placing first in the regular season was that the number one team would be seeded first in the tournament. Appalachian, the defending Conference champion, defeated Elon 39 to 27 on January 22, to take the league lead from High Point.⁵³ The next week High Point regained the lead by defeating Appalachian. Elon College, the team that had been close to the number one position all season, defeated Appalachian 59 to 49 in the last game of the season and this victory gave Elon the regular season championship.

The first round of the first annual North State Conference tournament was played without any upsets. In the second round of play both High Point and Elon were upset by Catawba and Appalachian, respectively. In the finals Catawba led most of the game but Appalachian, with Danny Miller scoring 21 points, emerged victorious. Miller was awarded the most outstanding player award for the first North State Conference tournament.

One noteworthy event of the season was the scoring ability of Elon's Jack Gardner. He surpassed Hugh Hampton's Conference scoring record of 314 points in the middle of February and spent the rest of the season adding to his own record. No final record could be found concerning his total number of points but it can safely be said that it was around 400 points. Gardner was rewarded by being placed on the All Conference team by a unanimous vote of the Conference coaches. World War II intervened and Gardner never played his senior year in the Conference. He was named to the All Conference team the three years that he did play in the Conference.

⁵³News item in the Asheville Citizen, January 23, 1941.

Appalachian went to Kansas City and played in the national basketball tournament. They defeated Baker University of Baldwin, Kansas 63 to 42 in the first round of play.⁵⁴ In the second round Appalachian defeated the University of Baltimore (Maryland) 48 to 36.⁵⁵ In the third round Santa Barbara of California defeated Appalachian 36 to 29.⁵⁶ This marked the first time that any team from North Carolina had reached the third round of the national tournament.

The 1941 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Elon.....	12	2
High Point.....	11	2
Appalachian.....	11	2
Catawba.....	7	7
Lenoir Rhyne.....	5	8
Atlantic Christian....	4	10
Western Carolina.....	3	7
Guilford.....	0	12 ⁵⁷

The 1941 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	
F..Danny Miller.....	Appalachian
F..Jack Gardner.....	Elon
C..Belus Smawley.....	Appalachian
G..Marcel Malfregot...	High Point
G..Franklin Gudger....	Western Carolina
F..Tom Davis.....	Catawba
F..George Zuras....	High Point
C..Bill Keene.....	High Point
G..Jack Moran.....	High Point
G..John Novotny....	Appalachian

Most Outstanding Player: Jack Gardner, Elon College.⁵⁸

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round
 Catawba 52, Guilford 29
 Appalachian 55, Western Carolina 44
 High Point 60, Atlantic Christian 31
 Elon 47, Lenoir Rhyne 42

⁵⁴Record, op. cit., March 11, 1941.

⁵⁵Ibid., March 12, 1941.

⁵⁶Ibid., March 14, 1941.

⁵⁷News, op. cit.,
 February 20, 1941.

⁵⁸Ibid. February 21,
 1941.

2nd. Round
 Catawba 35, High Point 29
 Appalachian 41, Elon 34⁵⁹

Finals
 Appalachian 51, Catawba 40⁶⁰

The 1941 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

F..Danny Miller.....Appalachian	F..Jack Gardner.....Elon
F..Tom Davis.....Catawba	F..Marcel Malfregot...High Point
C..Belus Smawley....Appalachian	C..Franklin Gudger...Western Carolina
G..John Novotny.....Appalachian	G..Max Zyvith.....Elon
G..Seymour Barron...Catawba	G..Bobby Wilkins.....Catawba

Most Outstanding Player: Danny Miller, Appalachian.⁶¹

1942. Never before in the eleven year history of the North State Conference had any one team so completely dominated the Conference as High Point College did during the 1942 season. They won seventeen consecutive basketball games before any team defeated them. Elon College was the only team that defeated High Point until they lost out in the national basketball tournament at Kansas City. High Point won the regular season honors with a 13 won-1 lost record.

In the North State tournament High Point was seeded number one. They won the tournament with three decisive victories, beating Lenoir Rhyne 71 to 31, Elon 52 to 21, and Appalachian 50 to 34. High Point placed four men on the All Tournament Team.

In the first game of the national basketball tournament at Kansas City, High Point defeated Yankton South Dakota College 44 to 37.⁶² High

⁵⁹Ibid., February 21, 1941.

⁶⁰Ibid., February 23, 1941.

⁶¹Ibid.

⁶²Ibid., February 8, 1942.

Point was defeated by Warrenbury, Missouri's Central State Teachers College 59 to 40 in the second round of play.⁶³

The 1942 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
High Point.....	13	1
Appalachian.....	10	3
Elon.....	8	4
Catawba.....	7	6
Lenoir Rhyne.....	5	9
Western Carolina.....	4	6
Atlantic Christian....	3	10 ⁶⁴
Guilford.....	1	12 ⁶⁴

The 1942 All Conference Team:

(no record could be found)

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round

Catawba 53, Guilford 28
 Appalachian 54, Western Carolina 45
 Elon 48, Atlantic Christian 39⁶⁵
 High Point 71, Lenoir Rhyne 31⁶⁵

2nd. Round

High Point 52, Elon 21
 Appalachian 48, Catawba 39⁶⁶

Finals

High Point 50, Appalachian 34⁶⁷

The 1942 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

F..Hilliard Nance.....High Point
 F..Belus Smawley.....Appalachian
 C..Bill Keene.....High Point
 G..Danny Miller.....Appalachian
 G..Marcel Malfregot...High Point
 and
 John Novotny.....Appalachian⁶⁸

2nd. Team

F..Derwood Honeycutt...Catawba
 F..Joe Ferebee.....Catawba
 C..Hugh Mashburn.....Lenoir Rhyne
 G..Jerry Couihan.....High Point
 G..Franklin Gudger....Western Carolina

⁶³Ibid., March 12, 1942.

⁶⁴Ibid., February 25, 1942.

⁶⁵Ibid., February 27, 1942.

⁶⁶Ibid., February 28, 1942.

⁶⁷Ibid., March 1, 1942.

⁶⁸Ibid.

1943. The war was beginning to affect basketball in the North State Conference in a very serious way. Elon College and Lenoir Rhyne College abolished all intercollegiate sports for the duration of the war. Atlantic Christian College dropped basketball in the middle of the basketball season.⁶⁹ All of the schools that did participate played a limited schedule because of the travel restrictions.

Appalachian and Catawba were the teams that won most of their Conference basketball games. Appalachian actually won every game that they played but had to forfeit four of them because it was discovered that they had played an ineligible player.⁷⁰ Catawba won the regular season championship with a 7 won-1 lost record.

The annual tournament was played but only four teams participated. Appalachian defeated Western Carolina 36 to 31 in the finals. Catawba defeated High Point in the consolation game. This is the only year that a consolation game has been played in the North State Conference tournament.

Appalachian, after being given consideration for the National Invitation Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York, received the invitation to play in the national tournament at Kansas City. Appalachian accepted the Kansas City invitation and this made three out of the past four years that they had played in this national tournament. In the first round of play Appalachian defeated Simpson Teachers College

⁶⁹Ibid., February 14, 1943.

⁷⁰Ibid., February 6, 1943.

of Iowa 48 to 31.⁷¹ In the second round Appalachian defeated Kansas Wesleyan 54 to 50.⁷² Appalachian was defeated by Maryville Teachers College of Missouri 46 to 34 in the third round of play.⁷³

The 1943 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Catawba.....	7	1
Appalachian.....	4	4
Atlantic Christian....	1	1
Western Carolina.....	4	4
High Point.....	3	5 ⁷⁴
Guilford.....	1	5 ⁷⁴

The 1943 All Conference Team: (picked by tournament officials and coaches)

F..Belus Smawley.....Appalachian
 F..Buddy Hawkins.....Appalachian
 C..George Nostrand...High Point
 G..Bobby Wilkins.....Catawba
 G..Frank Olson.....Western Carolina⁷⁵

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round

Western Carolina 41, Catawba 36
 Appalachian 41, High Point 23⁷⁶

Finals

Appalachian 36, Western Carolina 31 (championship)
 Catawba 40, High Point 38 (consolation)⁷⁷

1944. The war almost caused all of the basketball playing to be called off during this year. From the little information that could be located, it appears that Catawba College was the team that won most of its basketball games. Most of the playing was done against service teams

⁷¹Ibid., March 10, 1943.

⁷²Ibid., March 11, 1943.

⁷³Ibid., March 12, 1943.

⁷⁴Record, op. cit., February 16, 1943.

⁷⁵Ibid., February 17, 1943.

⁷⁶Ibid., February 20, 1943.

⁷⁷Ibid., February 21, 1943.

and not against member institutions. The schools in the Conference that competed played a very limited schedule. The final standings and the All Conference Team could not be found. The North State Conference tournament was not played and the Conference does not have an official recognized champion for the 1944 basketball season.

1945. The armed services were still requiring man power and the North State Conference continued to operate under this severe handicap. High Point College played a girl on their varsity basketball team! This is the only girl that has ever played on a varsity team in the North State Conference. High Point received nationwide publicity by being featured on newsreels and several leading magazines for playing Miss Nancy Isen-Hour.⁷⁸

Catawba College dominated the Conference basketball play. As early as February 10, they clinched the season honors by defeating High Point 47 to 21.⁷⁹ Catawba's last game of the season was one of their closest and in this game they defeated Lenoir Rhyne College by a 33 to 32 score.⁸⁰ This gave Catawba a perfect record of ten wins and no losses and this automatically gave them the regular season championship. The North State Conference tournament was not played at the end of the 1945 season.

Catawba received an invitation to play in the national basketball tournament at Kansas City. They accepted the invitation after their fans

⁷⁸News, op. cit., February 21, 1945.

⁸⁰Ibid., February 17, 1945.

⁷⁹Ibid., February 11, 1945.

and supporters donated the money to pay the teams expenses to the national tournament. Central Normal College of Danville, Indiana defeated Catawba 53 to 39 in the first round.⁸¹

The 1945 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Catawba.....	10	0
Guilford.....	8	4
High Point.....	7	3
Appalachian.....	3	5
Lenoir Rhyne.....	3	8
Elon.....	3	8
Atlantic Christian....	0	5 ⁸²

The 1945 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Robert Van Hoy.....Catawba	F..John Jones.....Appalachian
F..Arthur Sheek.....High Point	F..Benjamin Ashew....Atlantic Christian
C..Paul Marklin.....Catawba	C..Binford Farlowe...Guilford
G..Carroll Bowen.....Catawba	G..Robert Foust.....Elon
G..Malcolm Sullivan...High Point	G..Herman Baxter.....Lenoir Rhyne

Most Outstanding Player: Paul Marklin, Catawba College.⁸³

1946. Catawba started strong but when they played Appalachian at Salisbury, January 26, they were beaten by a 51 to 43 score. The Greensboro Daily News states:

Catawba's Indians suffered their first North State Conference defeat since 1943 tonight when they went down, 51-43, before the attack⁸⁴ of the Appalachian college quintet here before a capacity crowd.

This Catawba loss put Elon in the Conference lead. They did not stay number one long as High Point upset them and this allowed Catawba to regain the number one position. In the middle of February Appalachian

⁸¹Ibid., March 15, 1945.

⁸³Ibid., February 19, 1945.

⁸²Ibid., February 28, 1945.

⁸⁴Ibid., January 27, 1946.

defeated Elon 55 to 42 and it was thought that Catawba had won another regular season championship. However, High Point College won their last seven games in succession to put them ahead of Catawba by one-half game and give them the 1946 regular season honors. The North State Conference tournament was not played. This is the last year that the tournament was not played.

Guilford College, who won only four games and lost ten, had the Conference's highest scorer in Irie Leonard who scored 187 points. Elon College, the third place team in the final standings, had the second highest scorer, Roney Gates, who scored 164 points.⁸⁵

High Point College was invited to represent the district (North and South Carolina) in the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament at Kansas City. This marked High Point's third trip to the national tournament since 1939.⁸⁶ Houston University (Texas) defeated High Point 63 to 34 in the first round of play.⁸⁷

The 1946 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
High Point.....	10	3
Catawba.....	9	3
Elon.....	8	4
Appalachian.....	7	5
Western Carolina.....	5	4
Atlantic Christian....	3	5
Guilford.....	4	10
Lenoir Rhyne.....	1	13 ⁸⁸

The 1946 All Conference Team:

1st. Team
F..Irie Leonard.....Guilford

2nd. Team
F..Jack Hammond....High Point

⁸⁵Ibid., March 5, 1946.

⁸⁷Ibid., March 12, 1946.

⁸⁶Ibid., March 2, 1946.

⁸⁸Ibid.

F..Warren Burns.....Elon	F..Frank Olsen.....Western Carolina
C..Roney Cates.....Elon	C..Vincent Cale.....High Point
G..Tinker McGinnis...Catawba	G..Fuller Brooks.....Appalachian
G..Albert Hiatt.....Appalachian	G..Russell Tombarady...High Point

Most Outstanding Player: Irie Leonard, Guilford College and Warren Burns, Elon College (tie for the most votes).⁸⁹

1947. When Appalachian and Catawba played each other they were tied for the league lead with identical records of 3 wins and no losses. Appalachian won the game by a 45 to 37 score.⁹⁰ High Point managed to gain the league lead by a half game during the season but Appalachian, back from an upset by Elon College, defeated High Point to regain the lead. They remained the number one team for the rest of the year. High Point defeated Appalachian in their last scheduled game but Appalachian's percentage was still one-half game above High Point's.⁹¹

In the first round of the first postwar North State Conference basketball tournament three out of the top four seeded teams were upset. Elon College, the only one of the top four seeded teams that made it to the second round, defeated Western Carolina by a margin of two points in the final game of the tournament. In the final game, two of the first men ever to score over 400 points in a single season played against each other. The expected high scoring of these two stars did not develop as Roney Cates of Elon scored only 15 and Jim Gudger of Western Carolina scored 10. The game was not decided until Elon's Ed Drew scored a field goal with only

⁸⁹Ibid., March 4, 1946.

⁹¹Ibid., February 16, 1947.

⁹⁰Ibid., January 25, 1947,

five seconds remaining in the game.

Western Carolina Teachers College was the team from the North State Conference to go to the national tournament. They were defeated in their first game by Canterbury College of Danville, Indiana by a score of 68 to 55.⁹²

Roney Cates of Elon led the season scoring with 457 points in 26 games. Jim Gudger of Western Carolina ended the season in second place with 421 points. Both of these players were named to the Greensboro Daily News All State Team.

The 1947 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Appalachian.....	11	2
High Point.....	10	4
Elon.....	8	4
Catawba.....	5	6
Western Carolina.....	2	5
Atlantic Christian....	2	5
Guilford.....	3	8
Lenoir Rhyne.....	3	10 ⁹³

The 1947 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Buddy Hawkins...Appalachian	F..Ted Moran.....High Point
F..Bill Sheets.....High Point	F..Leslie Wey.....Appalachian
C..Jim Gudger.....Western Carolina	C..Roney Cates.....Elon
G..Warren Burns....Elon	G..Charlie Richardson...Catawba
G..Frank Henry.....High Point	G..Clair Olson.....Western Carolina

Most Outstanding Player: Buddy Hawkins, Appalachian and Bill Sheets, High Point (tie for the most votes).⁹⁴

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round
Elon 64, Atlantic Christian 46

⁹²Ibid., March 12, 1947.

⁹⁴Ibid., February 26, 1947.

⁹³Ibid., February 24, 1947.

Western Carolina 49, Catawba 38
 Lenoir Rhyne 64, Appalachian 63
 Guilford 53, High Point 47⁹⁵

2nd. Round

Elon 62, Lenoir Rhyne 53
 Western Carolina 53, Guilford 40⁹⁶

Finals

Elon 53, Western Carolina 51⁹⁷

Additional Honors:

All State

Roney Cates.....Elon College
 Jim Gudger.....Western Carolina⁹⁸

1948. The league lead changed hands several times between Catawba, High Point, Appalachian, and East Carolina Teachers College. East Carolina, admitted to the North State Conference for its first year of play, led the standings at mid-season as they made a strong bid for the championship. East Carolina's winning ways did not last throughout the season. In a game played two nights before the tournament was to start High Point defeated Appalachian in a game that gave High Point the league lead. The next night High Point defeated Lenoir Rhyne 76 to 75 to win the 1948 regular season championship.⁹⁹ This was High Point's sixth consecutive Conference victory.

The tournament, which had always been played at High Point College, was moved to the Gilvin Roth YMCA in Elkin, N.C. High Point was seeded number one. They reached the finals but Appalachian defeated them by a

⁹⁵Ibid., February 25, 1947.

⁹⁸Ibid., March 9, 1947

⁹⁶Ibid., February 26, 1947.

⁹⁹Ibid., February 16, 1948.

⁹⁷Ibid., February 27, 1947.

74 to 59 score. This victory gave Appalachian three tournament championships. No other team had won the tournament more than one time.

Appalachian State Teachers College was the team that represented the Carolinas in the national basketball tournament played at Kansas City. Lawrence Institute of Technology of Detroit, Michigan defeated Appalachian 76 to 48 in the first round of play.

Ted Moran of High Point College won the Conference season scoring with 333 points. Western Carolina's Bob McGinn scored 318 points for the second place honors. Bob McGinn was also named to the All State Basketball Team.

The 1948 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
High Point.....	10	4
Appalachian.....	10	5
East Carolina.....	6	4
Catawba.....	8	6
Elon.....	8	8
Western Carolina.....	7	7
Lenoir Rhyne.....	7	9
Guilford.....	5	7
Atlantic Christian....	2	13 ¹⁰⁰

The 1948 All Conference Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Ronald Craven...Appalachian	F..Bob Tate.....Western Carolina
F..Bob McGinn.....Western Carolina	F..Leslie Wey.....Appalachian
C..Fred McCall.....Lenoir Rhyne	C..Ted Moran.....High Point
G..Tom Beach.....Appalachian	G..Larry Graham...Catawba
G..Jack Elkins.....Guilford	G..Bill Wells.....Lenoir Rhyne ¹⁰¹

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round
Appalachian 58, Elon 45

¹⁰⁰Ibid., February 25, 1948.

¹⁰¹Ibid.

Catawba 59, Lenoir Rhyne 45
 Guilford 53, East Carolina 36
 High Point 62, Western Carolina 60 (two overtimes)¹⁰²

2nd. Round
 Appalachian 60, Catawba 51
 High Point 55, Guilford 49¹⁰³

Finals
 Appalachian 74, High Point 59¹⁰⁴

The 1948 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
F..Bob McGinn.....Western Carolina	F..Ronald Craven.....Appalachian
F..Leslie Wey.....Appalachian	F..Bill Sheets.....High Point
C..Ted Moran.....High Point	C..Howard Barnhorst....Western Carolina
G..Glenn Causey...Appalachian	G..Charlie Richardson...Catawba
G..Albert Hiatt...Appalachian	G..Frank Henry.....High Point

Most Outstanding Player: Ted Moran, High Point College.¹⁰⁵

Additional Honors:

All State
 Bob McGinn...Western Carolina¹⁰⁶

1949. High Point College led the league until Western Carolina defeated them 60 to 56 in an overtime period. Catawba College took the number one position at that point and proceeded to win the regular season championship. Appalachian won the second place honors by defeating Catawba in the last scheduled game before the annual tournament started.

In the North State tournament Appalachian was the only one of the top four seeded teams to survive the first round of play. This was the second time in the history of the tournament that three of the top four seeded teams were defeated in the first round of play. With Tony Sellari

¹⁰²Ibid., February 27, 1948.

¹⁰⁵Ibid., March 1, 1948.

¹⁰³Ibid., February 28, 1948.

¹⁰⁶Ibid., March 7, 1948.

¹⁰⁴Ibid., February 29, 1948.

leading sixth seeded Lenoir Rhyne, they won the championship by defeating Appalachian 57 to 55 in the finals of the tournament. This was the first tournament that Lenoir Rhyne had ever won.

This was the first year that a playoff was used to determine which college would get to go to the national tournament at Kansas City. The playoff game was between the winner of the small colleges of South Carolina and the North State Conference winner. The colleges that make up this North and South Carolina area are located in district 26 as determined by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Erskine College won the right to represent district 26 in the national tournament by defeating Lenoir Rhyne College 74 to 58.¹⁰⁷ This is the only year in the history of the Conference that a team from the North State Conference has not been the representative of the district.

The 1949 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Catawba.....	12	2
Appalachian.....	12	4
High Point.....	11	5
Western Carolina.....	8	5
East Carolina.....	7	7
Lenoir Rhyne.....	7	9
Atlantic Christian....	6	10
Guilford.....	3	10
Elon.....	1	5 ¹⁰⁸

The 1949 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

Glenn Causey...Appalachian	Ted Moran.....High Point
Larry Graham...Catawba	Charlie Bill Moye...East Carolina
Paul Glazer...Atlantic Christian	Bill Waiz.....High Point
Albert Hiatt...Appalachian	Bill Wells.....Lenoir Rhyne
Bob McGinn.....Western Carolina	

¹⁰⁷Ibid., March 2, 1949.

¹⁰⁹Ibid., February 23, 1949.

¹⁰⁸Ibid., February 21, 1949.

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round

East Carolina 49, Western Carolina 43
 Lenoir Rhyne 55, High Point 49
 Appalachian 82, Atlantic Christian 50
 Guilford 60, Catawba 55¹¹⁰

2nd. Round

Appalachian 69, East Carolina 52
 Lenoir Rhyne 42, Guilford 40¹¹¹

Finals

Lenoir Rhyne 57, Appalachian 55¹¹²

The 1949 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

Tony Sellari....Lenoir Rhyne	Leo Kantorski...Lenoir Rhyne
Louis Collie....East Carolina	J.T. Venable....Guilford
Charles Hope....Appalachian	Jim Walser.....Catawba
D.W. Winstead...Lenoir Rhyne	Sam Moir.....Appalachian
Al Johns.....Guilford	Jack Everton....East Carolina

Most Outstanding Player: Tony Sellari, Lenoir Rhyne College.¹¹³

1950. East Carolina, Lenoir Rhyne, and High Point were the early season leaders as they won most of their games. High Point was the only one of the three that continued to win throughout the season. The only game that High Point lost was to East Carolina and that was by a 58 to 53 score. This broke High Point's winning record at 18 consecutive games. High Point won the regular season championship with a record of 15 wins and 1 loss.

Elon College opened its new gymnasium on January 14, 1949 by playing Catawba. Approximately 2,250 spectators, one of the largest crowds ever to witness a North State Conference basketball game, watched Catawba win from Elon by a score of 66 to 51. This was the first of the new gymnasiums

¹¹⁰Ibid., February 25, 1949.

¹¹¹Ibid., February 26, 1949.

¹¹²Ibid., February 27, 1949.

¹¹³Ibid., February 28, 1949.

that opened up in the Conference in the next few years.

High Point was seeded number one in the North State Conference tournament. They were beaten by Elon College in the second round of play. The next night Appalachian defeated Elon for the Conference championship. This made four times that Appalachian had won the tournament. To date this game is the last game that Appalachian has won in the North State tournament.

The district playoffs were held at Statesville, N.C. and Appalachian won the right to represent the district in the national tournament. They won the honors by defeating Erskine College 57 to 54. In the national tournament at Kansas City, Appalachian lost their first game to Brooklyn College (New York) 79 to 75.¹¹⁴

Leonard Hunt of High Point College led the Conference in total scoring with 356 points. Larry Graham of Catawba had the best point per game average with a mark of 15.3 per game. He scored 353 points. Both Graham and Hunt were named to the All State Team.

The 1950 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
High Point.....	15	1
Appalachian.....	12	4
Catawba.....	8	6
East Carolina.....	9	7
Lenoir Rhyne.....	8	8
Atlantic Christian..	6	10
Guilford.....	5	10
Elon.....	5	11
Western Carolina.....	1	12 ¹¹⁵

¹¹⁴Ibid., March 13, 1950.

¹¹⁵Ibid., February 19, 1950.

The 1950 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

Glenn Causey.....Appalachian	Pete Martin.....Appalachian
Paul Glazer.....Atlantic Christian	Warren Russell.....East Carolina
Larry Graham.....Catawba	Tony Sellari.....Lenoir Rhyne
Leonard Hunt.....High Point	Ed Sueta.....High Point
Dick Hall.....Guilford	Bill Wells.....Lenoir Rhyne ¹¹⁶

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round

Lenoir Rhyne 52, East Carolina 34
 Elon 69, Catawba 58
 Appalachian 70, Guilford 59
 High Point 91, Atlantic Christian 53¹¹⁷

2nd. Round

Appalachian 84, Lenoir Rhyne 76
 Elon 74, High Point 69¹¹⁸

Finals

Appalachian 67, Elon 53¹¹⁹

The 1950 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

Glenn Causey.....Appalachian
 Don Haithcox.....Elon
 James Hamrick.....Elon
 Charlie Hope.....Appalachian
 Leo Kantorski.....Lenoir Rhyne

2nd. Team

Bill Wells.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Pete Martin.....Appalachian
 Leonard Hunt.....High Point
 Jessie Joyce.....High Point
 Bill Waiz.....High Point

Most Outstanding Player: Glenn Causey, Appalachian.¹²⁰

District Playoffs:

One Game

Appalachian 57, Erskine 54 (played at Statesville, N.C.)¹²¹

¹¹⁶Ibid., February 22, 1950.¹¹⁹Ibid., February 26, 1950.¹¹⁷Ibid., February 24, 1950.¹²⁰Ibid.¹¹⁸Ibid., February 25, 1950.¹²¹Ibid., March 2, 1950.

Additional Honors:

All State
 Larry Graham....Catawba College
 Leonard Hunt....High Point College¹²²

III. THE GROWTH AND EXPANSION PERIOD

Basketball in the North State Conference has taken a definite trend for the better since the 1950 season. All of the schools except two have built bigger and better, larger seating places in which a better brand of basketball may be played. The home court does not mean as much as it once did. All of the new playing areas are uniform and official in all respects. Officials are booked from a central office and this is a better method than was once used. One of the biggest faults in the Conference today is the failure of the Conference to procure a non-school official to perform the important task of the Commissioner.

1951. Appalachian and High Point College shared the league lead until East Carolina and Lenoir Rhyne moved into the top positions at the mid-season point. Finally High Point defeated East Carolina allowing Lenoir Rhyne to take over the top position. It took until the final night of play to determine the positions of the top teams and Lenoir Rhyne won the regular season championship with a 12 won-3 loss record.¹²³

Atlantic Christian was defeated by High Point 188 to 88 in the highest scoring game of the year. Jessie Joyce and Ed Sueta, both of

¹²²Ibid., March 15, 1950.

¹²³Ibid., February 19, 1951.

High Point College, scored 44 and 40 points respectively. Sueta set a new Conference scoring record before the season was over. He accumulated a total of 529 points. Ronald Rogers of Western Carolina was in second place with 528 points to his credit.

Number one seeded Lenoir Rhyne College was defeated in the first round of the tournament by East Carolina. With Bill Waiz pacing High Point over Western Carolina, Elon, and East Carolina they won the 1951 North State Conference championship. This was High Point's second tournament championship.

High Point also won the right to represent district 26 in the national tournament. In the district playoffs they defeated Lenoir Rhyne, Catawba, and East Carolina in that order. In the national tournament High Point lost their first game to East Texas Baptist College of Marshall, Texas by a 67 to 64 score.¹²⁴

The 1951 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Lenoir Rhyne.....	13	3
Appalachian.....	12	4
Catawba.....	10	4
High Point.....	10	6
East Carolina.....	9	6
Elon.....	9	7
Guilford.....	3	12
Western Carolina.....	2	12
Atlantic Christian... 1	15	¹²⁵

The 1951 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

Larry Graham.....Catawba	Joe Hunt.....Appalachian
Bill Nunsucker....Catawba	Jessie Joyce....High Point

¹²⁴Ibid., March 14, 1951.

¹²⁵Ibid., February 19, 1951.

Ben Kendall.....Elon	Tony Sellari.....Lenoir Rhyne
Ronald Rogers.....Western Carolina	Ed Sueta.....High Point
Warren Russell.....East Carolina	Bill Wells.....Lenoir Rhyne

Most Outstanding Player: Larry Graham, Catawba; Bill Wells, Lenoir Rhyne; Warren Russell, East Carolina (tie for the most votes).¹²⁶

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round

High Point 86, Western Carolina 80
 Catawba 94, Guilford 61
 Elon 60, Appalachian 54
 East Carolina 76, Lenoir Rhyne 71¹²⁷

2nd Round

High Point 67, Elon 60
 East Carolina 69, Catawba 62¹²⁸

Finals

High Point 66, East Carolina 62¹²⁹

The 1951 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

Warren Russell.....East Carolina
 Bobby Hodges.....East Carolina
 Bill Waiz.....High Point
 Ronald Rogers.....Western Carolina
 Ben Kendall.....Elon

2nd. Team

Louis Collie.....East Carolina
 Toddy Fennell.....East Carolina
 Ed Sueta.....High Point
 Larry Graham.....Catawba
 Tony Sellari.....Lenoir Rhyne

Most Outstanding Player: Bill Waiz, High Point College.¹³⁰

District Playoffs:

1st. Round

High Point 66, Lenoir Rhyne 61 (at Hickory, N.C.)¹³¹
 East Carolina 77, Appalachian 69 (at Hickory, N.C.)
 High Point 87, Catawba 71 (at Hickory, N.C.)¹³²

¹²⁶Ibid., February 21, 1951.

¹²⁷Ibid., February 23, 1951.

¹²⁸Ibid., February 24, 1951.

¹²⁹Ibid., February 26, 1951.

¹³⁰Ibid., February 25, 1951.

¹³¹Ibid., February 28, 1951.

¹³²Ibid., March 1, 1951.

2nd. Round
 High Point 83, East Carolina 70 (at Elon College, N.C.)¹³³

Additional Honors:

All State
 Larry Graham...Catawba College
 Ronald Rogers...Western Carolina
 Warren Russell...East Carolina¹³⁴

1952. High Point College, winning most of their early season games, led the league for the first part of the season. Appalachian took the lead for a short time and then toward mid-season four teams shared or were tied for the lead during a two week period. Elon finally emerged as the team to lead the standings until the final week of play and then Appalachian again tied for the number one position. Both Appalachian and Elon ended the season with identical 12 won-1 loss records and this gave them a regular season co-championship.

Appalachian went into the Conference seeded first but lost to the Guilford College team in the first round of play. Sixth seeded Lenoir Rhyne, with Tony Sellari scoring 36, 28, and 17 points in three consecutive nights, won the North State Conference championship. Sellari set two new tournament records. He scored the most in a single tournament game, 36, and the greatest total in three tournament games, 81.

Ed Sueta of High Point set a new individual scoring record for the Conference. In setting the new record Sueta scored a total of 637 points. Western Carolina's Ronald Rogers was second with 624 points.

¹³³Ibid., March 6, 1951.

¹³⁴Ibid., March 4, 1951.

In the district playoffs of the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics Elon College defeated East Carolina in the finals to win the honor of representing the district in the national basketball tournament. Elon lost their first game in Kansas City to Millikin University of Decatur, Illinois by a one sided score of 101 to 69.¹³⁵

The 1952 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Appalachian.....	12	1
Elon.....	12	1
East Carolina.....	10	4
High Point.....	11	5
Guilford.....	8	8
Lenoir Rhyne.....	7	7
Western Carolina.....	7	9
Catawba.....	3	13
Atlantic Christian...	0	16 ¹³⁶

The 1952 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

Don Haitheox.....Elon	John Pyecha.....Appalachian
Bobby Hodges.....East Carolina	Ronald Rogers.....Western Carolina
Bill Hunsucker....Catawba	Warren Russell....East Carolina
Ben Kendall.....Elon	Tony Sellari.....Lenoir Rhyne
Don McLeod.....Guilford	Ed Sueta.....High Point

Most Outstanding Player: Warren Russell, East Carolina; Tony Sellari, Lenoir Rhyne; and Ed Sueta, High Point (tie for the most votes)¹³⁷

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round
 High Point 69, Western Carolina 54
 Lenoir Rhyne 85, East Carolina 72
 Elon 84, Catawba 55
 Guilford 63, Appalachian 57¹³⁸

¹³⁵Ibid., March 11, 1952.

¹³⁷Ibid., February 27, 1952.

¹³⁶Ibid. February 25, 1952.

¹³⁸Ibid., February 29, 1952.

2nd. Round
 High Point 63, Elon 58
 Lenoir Rhyne 71, Guilford 65¹³⁹

Finals
 Lenoir Rhyne 74, High Point 59¹⁴⁰

The 1952 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
Tony Sellari....Lenoir Rhyne	Jimmy Newson.....Lenoir Rhyne
Ed Sueta.....High Point	Paul Loypersbery....Lenoir Rhyne
Jessie Joyce....High Point	Ronald Rogers.....Western Carolina
Bob Shoaf.....Guilford	Bobby Davidson.....High Point
Don Haithcox....Elon	Ben Kendall.....Elon

Most Outstanding Player: Tony Sellari, Lenoir Rhyne.¹⁴¹

District Playoffs: (played at Elon College, N.C.)

1st. Round
 Elon 72, Appalachian 65
 East Carolina 69, High Point 61¹⁴²

Finals
 Elon 75, East Carolina 67¹⁴³

Additional Honors:

Little All American
 Ronald Rogers....Western Carolina¹⁴⁴

All State
 Ronald Rogers....Western Carolina
 Ben Kendall.....Elon College
 Tony Sellari.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Ed Sueta.....High Point¹⁴⁵

¹³⁹Ibid., March 1, 1952.

¹⁴⁰Ibid., March 2, 1952.

¹⁴¹Ibid., March 3, 1952.

¹⁴²Ibid., March 4, 1952.

¹⁴³Ibid.

¹⁴⁴Ibid., February 29, 1952.

¹⁴⁵Ibid., March 10, 1952.

1953. Elon College was the host to a pre-season basketball tournament called the Piedmont Hosiery Basketball Tournament. In the first round High Point defeated Appalachian 80 to 70 and Elon defeated Guilford 63 to 48.¹⁴⁶ In the second round of the two day tournament High Point defeated Elon 80 to 78 in an overtime period for the tournament championship. In the consolation game Appalachian defeated Guilford 66 to 61. The 1953 season was the only year that the tournament was ever played.

The Piedmont Hosiery All Tournament Team:

F..Bob Shoaf.....Guilford	C..Dee Atkinson.....Elon
F..Ben Kendall.....Elon	G..Kent Moseley.....High Point
F..Jack Mallory.....Elon	G..Bobby Davidson.....High Point
F..Arville Stanley....Appalachian	G..Ralph Hodges.....Appalachian
C..Howard Alexander...High Point	G..Gary Hildebrand....Guilford ¹⁴⁷

East Carolina got off to a fast start in the Conference by winning their first five Conference games. After Lenoir Rhyne defeated East Carolina, Western Carolina also defeated East Carolina in a game that gave the league leadership to Western Carolina. East Carolina regained the number one position the next week as High Point defeated Western Carolina by a score of 90 to 87. In this game played at Cullowhee, N.C., High Point was 19 points behind with 10 minutes remaining to play. High Point won the game by three points as Howard Alexander scored 21 of High Point's points in the 10 minute period.¹⁴⁸ East Carolina lost only two Conference games all season and their 14 won-2 loss record gave them the regular season championship.

¹⁴⁶News item in the Winston Salem Journal, December 12, 1952.

¹⁴⁷Ibid., December 13, 1952.

¹⁴⁸Ibid., January 25, 1953.

The North State tournament was played at Winston Salem, N.C. High Point, who won the fourth seeded position by drawing for it (there was a tie for fourth place in the regular season standings), won the 1953 North State Conference championship. With Kent Moseley and Howard Alexander playing outstanding basketball for High Point they defeated eighth-seeded Catawba, first-seeded East Carolina, and second-seeded Elon in that order for the tournament championship.

East Carolina won the district playoffs and went to Kansas City, Missouri for the national basketball tournament. Arkansas Tech of Russellville, Arkansas defeated East Carolina 85 to 81 in the first round of play.¹⁴⁹

Ronald Rogers of Western Carolina led the Conference in total points scored with 686 for a 22.8 point per game average. Bob Shoaf of Guilford College had the best average per game as he posted a mark of 23.4.¹⁵⁰

The 1953 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
East Carolina.....	14	2
Western Carolina.....	11	5
Elon.....	11	5
High Point.....	9	7
Lenoir Rhyne.....	9	7
Guilford.....	5	11
Appalachian.....	5	11
Catawba.....	4	12
Atlantic Christian... 4	12	151

The 1953 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

Howard Alexander....High Point	Roland Barker....Lenoir Rhyne
Dee Atkinson.....Elon	Billy Hawkins....Elon

¹⁴⁹News, op. cit., March 11, 1953.

¹⁵¹Ibid., February 22, 1953.

¹⁵⁰Ibid., March 19, 1953.

Bobby Hodges.....East Carolina	Ronald Rogers.....Western Carolina
Cecil McCormick....Western Carolina	Warren Russell....East Carolina
Jim Pebbles.....Atlantic Christian	Bob Shoaf.....Guilford ¹⁵²

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round
 High Point 73, Catawba 61
 Western Carolina 90, Lenoir Rhyne 70¹⁵³
 East Carolina 85, Guilford 57
 Elon 95, Appalachian 56¹⁵⁴

2nd. Round
 High Point 65, East Carolina 63
 Elon 80, Western Carolina 65¹⁵⁵

Finals
 High Point 66, Elon 63¹⁵⁶

The 1953 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team	2nd. Team
Kent Moseley.....High Point	Bobby Hodges.....East Carolina
Jack Malloy.....Elon	Bobby Davidson....High Point
Howard Alexander....High Point	Bill Hawkins.....Elon
Ronald Rogers.....Western Carolina	Jack Musten.....Elon
Dee Atkinson.....Elon	Sonny Russell.....East Carolina

Most Outstanding Player: Kent Moseley, High Point College.¹⁵⁷

District Playoffs: (at Greenville, N.C.)

1st. Round
 East Carolina 103, High Point 73
 Elon 79, Erskine 75¹⁵⁸

2nd. Round
 East Carolina 72, Elon 56 (championship)
 High Point 82, Erskine 70 (consolation)¹⁵⁹

¹⁵²Ibid., February 25, 1953.

¹⁵³Ibid., February 26, 1953.

¹⁵⁴Ibid., February 27, 1953.

¹⁵⁵Ibid., February 28, 1953.

¹⁵⁶Ibid., March 1, 1953.

¹⁵⁷Ibid., March 2, 1953.

¹⁵⁸Ibid., March 4, 1953.

¹⁵⁹Ibid., March 5, 1953.

Additional Honors:

Little All American
 Ronald Rogers...Western Carolina

All State
 Ronald Rogers...Western Carolina
 Warren Russell...East Carolina¹⁶⁰

1954. East Carolina College completely dominated the 1954 North State Conference basketball season. Western Carolina Teachers College was the only team that defeated East Carolina during the regular season play and that was by a 68 to 65 score. East Carolina won the regular season championship with a 15 won-1 loss record--one of the best records ever recorded in the history of the Conference.

In the North State Conference tournament, which was moved to the city of Lexington, N.C., East Carolina was seeded number one. They won the tournament by defeating Atlantic Christian in the finals and this made the second time in the history of the tournament that the first seeded team had won the championship. High Point, seeded first in 1942, is the only other team to have accomplished this feat. Bobby Hodges of East Carolina scored 91 points in three tournament games to set a new scoring record.¹⁶¹ High Point College, the defending Conference champion, failed to win enough games to qualify for the annual tournament. This is the only time in the history of the tournament that the defending champion has failed to play for the championship.

¹⁶⁰News item in the Raleigh News and Observer, March 9, 1953.

¹⁶¹News item in the High Point Enterprise, March 1, 1954.

East Carolina won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics district playoffs. This was the second consecutive year that East Carolina had won the district 26 championship and it was also the second year that they were the Conference's representative to the national basketball tournament at Kansas City. As in the preceeding year, they were beaten in the first round of play. This time St. Benedicts of Atchison, Kansas defeated East Carolina by a score of 68 to 61.¹⁶²

Jim Hamilton of Lenoir Rhyne College won the district 26 coach of the year honor. This was the first time that the district had ever selected anyone for this honor.

Bobby Hodges of East Carolina averaged 26.6 points per game. He led the individual scoring with 664 points. Both of these figures led the Conference for the 1954 season. Kent Moseley of High Point was second in total scoring with 569 points.¹⁶³

The 1954 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
East Carolina.....	15	1
Lenoir Rhyne.....	13	3
Western Carolina.....	11	5
Atlantic Christian... 9	8	8
Elon.....	8	8
Guilford.....	5	11
Appalachian.....	4	12
Catawba.....	4	12
High Point.....	3	13 ¹⁶⁴

The 1954 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

¹⁶²News, op. cit., February 22, 1954.

¹⁶⁴Ibid., March 10, 1954.

¹⁶³Ibid., March 11, 1954.

Bill Atkins.....Guilford	Jimmy Jordan....Western Carolina
Bill Becham.....Atlantic Christian	Kent Moseley....High Point
Cecil Heath.....East Carolina	Floyd Propst....Lenoir Rhyne
Bobby Hodges.....East Carolina	Bob Ray.....Western Carolina
Charles Huffman....East Carolina	Raeferd Wells...Lenoir Rhyne ¹⁶⁵

North State Conference Tournament Results:

1st. Round

Elon 84, Western Carolina 77
 Atlantic Christian 100, Catawba 74¹⁶⁶
 East Carolina 75, Guilford 54
 Lenoir Rhyne 86, Appalachian 61¹⁶⁷

2nd. Round

East Carolina 80, Elon 65
 Atlantic Christian 77, Lenoir Rhyne 73¹⁶⁸

Finals

East Carolina 86, Atlantic Christian 75¹⁶⁹

The 1954 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

Bobby Hodges.....East Carolina
 Charlie Huffman....East Carolina
 John Marley.....Atlantic Christian
 Billy Tomlinson....Atlantic Christian
 Floyd Propst.....Lenoir Rhyne

2nd. Team

Don Harris.....East Carolina
 J.C. Thomas.....East Carolina
 Bob Ortmyer.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Bobby Callicutt....Guilford
 Jerry Williams.....Atlantic Christian

Most Outstanding Player: Bobby Hodges, East Carolina.¹⁷⁰

District Playoffs: (at Greenville, N.C.)

1st. Round

East Carolina 80, Presbyterian 71
 Erskine 81, Lenoir Rhyne 78¹⁷¹

¹⁶⁵Ibid., February 24, 1954.

¹⁶⁶Ibid., February 25, 1954.

¹⁶⁷Ibid., February 26, 1954.

¹⁶⁸Ibid., February 27, 1954.

¹⁶⁹Ibid., February 28, 1954.

¹⁷⁰Ibid., March 1, 1954.

¹⁷¹Ibid., March 3, 1954.

Finals
 East Carolina 86, Erskine 64 (championship)
 Presbyterian 83, Lenoir Rhyne 81 (consolation)¹⁷²

Additional Honors:

All State
 Bobby Hodges.....East Carolina
 Charlie Huffman...East Carolina¹⁷³

1955. This could very appropriately be called the year of team high scores and the writing of the North State Conference basketball record book. Throughout the season it was a common occurrence for teams to score over a hundred points per game.

Atlantic Christian started the season off very strong as they won the first nine Conference games that they played. The first week in February East Carolina defeated Atlantic Christian 82 to 77 to spoil their unblemished record.¹⁷⁴ Lenoir Rhyne also defeated Atlantic Christian 109 to 98 in a game that tied the two teams for the league lead. Lenoir Rhyne losing their first two Conference games, won their last 14 games in succession and this gave them the regular season championship.

Raeferd Wells, Lenoir Rhyne's sophomore center, set several scoring records. Wells scored 55 points in one game one week after John Pyecha of Appalachian had scored 50 in a single game. In scoring 810 points during the season Wells averaged 28.9 points per game. Pyecha was second in the Conference in total scoring with 645 points. Both Wells and Pyecha

¹⁷²Ibid., March 4, 1954.

¹⁷⁴Ibid. February 3, 1955.

¹⁷³Ibid., March 7, 1954.

were named to the Helms Foundation All American Basketball Team.¹⁷⁵

Atlantic Christian College was seeded second for the North State Conference tournament. With Billy Wedegon scoring 29 points for Atlantic Christian in the final game, they defeated Lenoir Rhyne, the top seeded team, by a score of 108 to 85. This was the first time that Atlantic Christian had won the North State Conference basketball championship. They have never won a regular season championship.

In the district 26 playoffs of the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics Atlantic Christian defeated Lenoir Rhyne in the finals to win the right to represent the district in the national basketball tournament. In their first game Atlantic Christian defeated Evansville College of Indiana by a score of 95 to 88.¹⁷⁶ In Atlantic Christian's second game they lost to Arkansas Tech by a 93 to 74 score.¹⁷⁷

The 1955 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Lenoir Rhyne.....	14	2
Atlantic Christian...13	3	
East Carolina.....12	4	
Elon.....10	6	
Appalachian..... 9	7	
High Point..... 5	11	
Catawba..... 3	13	
Guilford..... 3	13	
Western Carolina..... 3	13 ¹⁷⁸	

The 1955 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

¹⁷⁵Information gained by a letter from Mr. Moses Crutchfield, Associate Sports Editor, Greensboro Daily News, May 3, 1958.

¹⁷⁶News, op. cit., March 9, 1955.

¹⁷⁸Ibid., February 20, 1955.

¹⁷⁷Ibid., March 11, 1955.

Bill Atkins....Guilford	Bob Ortmyer.....Lenoir Rhyne
Don Harris.....East Carolina	Floyd Propst.....Lenoir Rhyne
Cecil Heath....East Carolina	John Pyecha.....Appalachian
Dave Maddox....Elon	RaeFord Wells....Lenoir Rhyne
John Marley....Atlantic Christian	Billy Williams....Atlantic Christian ¹⁷⁹

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round

Elon 102, Guilford 60
 Atlantic Christian 83, Catawba 62¹⁸⁰
 High Point 91, East Carolina 70
 Lenoir Rhyne 91, Appalachian 81¹⁸¹

2nd. Round

Lenoir Rhyne 80, Elon 71
 Atlantic Christian 82, High Point 69¹⁸²

Finals

Atlantic Christian 108, Lenoir Rhyne 85¹⁸³

The 1955 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

Billy Wedgeon....Atlantic Christian
 John Marley.....Atlantic Christian
 Ed Juratic.....Elon
 RaeFord Wells....Lenoir Rhyne
 Jack Powell.....High Point

2nd. Team

Bob Ortmyer.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Floyd Propst.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Jerry Williams...Atlantic Christian
 Bobby Davidson...High Point
 Dave Abernathy...Appalachian

Most Outstanding Player: Billy Wedgeon, Atlantic Christian.¹⁸⁴

District Playoffs:

1st. Round

Lenoir Rhyne 100, Presbyterian 90 (at Hickory, N.C.)
 Atlantic Christian 107, East Carolina 98 (at Kinston, N.C.)¹⁸⁵

Finals

Atlantic Christian 94, Lenoir Rhyne 85 (at Greensboro, N.C.)¹⁸⁶

¹⁷⁹Ibid., February 23, 1955.

¹⁸⁰Ibid., February 24, 1955.

¹⁸¹Ibid., February 25, 1955.

¹⁸²Ibid., February 26, 1955.

¹⁸³Ibid., February 27, 1955.

¹⁸⁴Ibid., February 28, 1955.

¹⁸⁵Ibid., March 1, 1955.

¹⁸⁶Ibid., March 3, 1955.

Additional Honors:

Little All American
 John Pyecha....Appalachian State Teachers College
 Raeford Wells..Lenoir Rhyne College¹⁸⁷

All State
 John Marley.....Atlantic Christian College
 Raeford Wells....Lenoir Rhyne College¹⁸⁸

1956. East Carolina won the first eight Conference games that they played. Western Carolina was the first team that defeated East Carolina and that was at Cullowhee, N.C. by a score of 73 to 68.¹⁸⁹ In the middle of February Elon also defeated East Carolina but this defeat did not keep East from winning the regular season championship. Atlantic Christian and Lenoir Rhyne ended the season tied for the number two position. Elon College, with a record of 11 wins and 5 losses, ended the regular season play in fourth place.

East Carolina was the number one seeded team in the North State Conference tournament. Elon was chosen by the coaches as the team most likely to win the tournament. Elon won the tournament but they had to play in the first overtime period ever played in the finals of the North State Conference. They defeated Lenoir Rhyne 71 to 67 in this overtime game. This was Elon's first Conference championship since the 1947 tournament. One tournament record was set and one tied in the 1956 tournament. Lenoir Rhyne defeated Atlantic Christian 113 to 96 to establish a new single game scoring record.

¹⁸⁷Information gained by an interview with Mr. Francis Hoover, May 22, 1958.

¹⁸⁸News, op. cit., March 6, 1956.

¹⁸⁹Ibid., January 23, 1956.

Bill Bowen, Western Carolina, scored 36 points in one game to tie the tournament record.

Elon College also won the right to represent the Carolinas in the national tournament at Kansas City by winning the district playoffs. The playoffs were held in South Carolina and Elon defeated Presbyterian College 84 to 79 in the finals. In the first round of play at the national basketball tournament Pittsburg State Teachers College of Pittsburg, Kansas won from Elon by a score of 77 to 55.¹⁹⁰

Dave Abernathy of Appalachian had the best point per game average with a mark of 24.9. Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, led the Conference in total points with 612 for a 24.5 per game average.¹⁹¹ Wells was also named to the All State Team for the second consecutive year. Coach Doc Mathis of Elon College was named the districts' coach of the year.¹⁹²

The 1956 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
East Carolina.....	13	3
Atlantic Christian....	12	4
Lenoir Rhyne.....	12	4
Elon.....	11	5
Western Carolina.....	8	8
Appalachian.....	6	10
High Point.....	6	10
Catawba.....	3	13
Guilford.....	1	15 ¹⁹³

The 1956 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

Dave Abernathy....Appalachian	Kim Buchanan....Atlantic Christian
Dee Atkinson.....Elon	Don Harris.....East Carolina

¹⁹⁰Ibid., March 14, 1956.

¹⁹¹Ibid., March 23, 1956.

¹⁹²Ibid., March 8, 1956.

¹⁹³Ibid., February 20, 1956.

Ben Kendall.....Elon
 John Marley....Atlantic Christian
 Bob Ortmyer....Lenoir Rhyne

Jack Powell.....High Point
 J. C. Thomas.....East Carolina
 Raeford Wells....Lenoir Rhyne¹⁹⁴

North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round

Elon 97, Appalachian 74
 East Carolina 91, Catawba 70¹⁹⁵
 Lenoir Rhyne 88, High Point 67
 Atlantic Christian 82, Western Carolina 80¹⁹⁶

2nd. Round

Lenoir Rhyne 113, Atlantic Christian 96
 Elon 82, East Carolina 64¹⁹⁷

Finals

Elon 71, Lenoir Rhyne 67 (overtime)¹⁹⁸

The 1956 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

Ben Kendall.....Elon
 Dee Atkinson....Elon
 Ed Juratic.....Elon
 Bob Ortmyer.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Bill Bowen.....Western Carolina

2nd. Team

Raeford Wells.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Floyd Propst.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Dave Abernathy....Appalachian
 Jerry Williams....Atlantic Christian
 Don Harris and Carvel Nichols
 (both East Carolina, tie)

Most Outstanding Player: Ben Kendall, Elon College.¹⁹⁹

District Playoffs:

1st. Round

Elon 81, Erskine 69 (at Due West, S.C.)
 Presbyterian 106, East Carolina 84 (at Clinton, S.C.)²⁰⁰

Finals

Elon 84, Presbyterian 79 (at Clinton, S.C.)²⁰¹

¹⁹⁴Ibid., February 22, 1956.

¹⁹⁵Ibid., February 23, 1956.

¹⁹⁶Ibid., February 24, 1956.

¹⁹⁷Ibid., February 25, 1956.

¹⁹⁸Ibid., February 26, 1956.

¹⁹⁹Ibid., February 28, 1956.

²⁰⁰Ibid., March 6, 1956.

²⁰¹Ibid., March 7, 1956.

Additional Honors:

All State
Raeford Wells....Lenoir Rhyne College²⁰²

1957. Lenoir Rhyne College won every North State Conference basketball game that it played during the regular playing season of 1957. This was the first time in the history of the Conference that a team had ended the regular season with a perfect all-won mark. Appalachian won every game that they played during the 1943 season but three of their games were forfeited by the Conference when it was discovered that they had played an ineligible player. During the 1957 season Lenoir Rhyne also opened their new Shuford Memorial Gymnasium.²⁰³ This is one of the best gymnasiums in the Conference.

Lenoir Rhyne was the first team in history to enter the North State Conference tournament with an undefeated record. The best records until the 1957 tournament were: High Point had a 13 won-1 lost record in 1942; High Point had a 15 won-1 lost record in 1950; and East Carolina had a 15 won-1 lost record in 1954. Lenoir Rhyne won the tournament as they won their 24 consecutive game. This made the third time in the history of tournament that the first place team had won the tournament. Raeford Wells of Lenoir Rhyne College set a new single game scoring record with 39 points.²⁰⁴

²⁰²Ibid., March 4, 1956.

²⁰⁴Ibid., March 2, 1957.

²⁰³Ibid., January 17, 1957.

Lenoir Rhyne lost their first game in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics district playoffs to Presbyterian College by a 54 to 52 score. Elon College won the district playoffs and went to Kansas City. Pacific Lutheran of Parkland, Washington defeated Elon 76 to 61 in the first round of play.²⁰⁵

Coach Jim Hamilton of Lenoir Rhyne was awarded the coach of the year honors.²⁰⁶ Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, was selected as the most outstanding player in district 26. He was also named to the All State Team for the third consecutive year.²⁰⁷ Wells led the 1957 North State Conference scoring with 688 points for an average of 26.5 points per game. Dave Abernathy of Appalachian was second in the Conference with an average of 22 points per game.²⁰⁸

The 1957 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Lenoir Rhyne.....	16	0
Elon.....	12	4
Western Carolina.....	11	5
Atlantic Christian...10	6	6
High Point.....10	6	6
East Carolina.....	6	10
Guilford.....	3	13
Appalachian.....	2	14
Catawba.....	2	14 ²⁰⁹

The 1957 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

²⁰⁵Ibid., March 7, 1957.

²⁰⁷Ibid., March 10, 1957.

²⁰⁶Ibid., March 1, 1957.

²⁰⁸Ibid., March 14, 1957.

²⁰⁹Ibid., February 22, 1957, Playoff game to break tie for eighth place, Catawba defeated Appalachian 71 to 56 at Statesville, N.C., February 27, 1957.

Dee Atkinson.....Elon	John Marley.....Atlantic Christian
Bill Bowen.....Western Carolina	Jack Powell.....High Point
Walter Cornwell...Lenoir Rhyne	Tommy Sellari...Lenoir Rhyne
Jimmy Crump.....Elon	Jack Underwood...Atlantic Christian
Ed Juratic.....Elon	RaeFord Wells...Lenoir Rhyne

Most Outstanding Player: Dee Atkinson, Elon; Bill Bowen, Western Carolina; RaeFord Wells, Lenoir Rhyne.²¹⁰

North State Conference Tournament Results:

1st. Round

Atlantic Christian 82, High Point 73
 Lenoir Rhyne 70, Guilford 58²¹¹
 Western Carolina 83, East Carolina 69
 Catawba 73, Elon 62²¹²

2nd. Round

Lenoir Rhyne 90, Atlantic Christian 70
 Western Carolina 74, Catawba 73²¹³

Finals

Lenoir Rhyne 71, Western Carolina 58²¹⁴

The 1957 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

RaeFord Wells.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Bill Bowen.....Western Carolina
 Tommy Sellari.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Walter Cornwell....Lenoir Rhyne
 Harris Pryor.....Western Carolina

2nd. Team

Woody Helfrick....Catawba
 Bill Wedgeon.....Atlantic Christian
 Jack Underwood....Atlantic Christian
 Jimmy Crump.....Elon
 Randell Shields...Western Carolina

Most Outstanding Player: Tommy Sellari, Lenoir Rhyne College.²¹⁵

District Playoffs: (at Elon College, N.C.)

1st. Round

Presbyterian 54, Lenoir Rhyne 52
 Elon 60, Erskine 38²¹⁶

²¹⁰Ibid., February 27, 1957.

²¹¹Ibid., February 28, 1957.

²¹²Ibid., March 1, 1957.

²¹³Ibid., March 2, 1957.

²¹⁴Ibid., March 3, 1957.

²¹⁵Ibid., March 4, 1957.

²¹⁶Ibid., March 6, 1957.

Finals
Elon 82, Presbyterian 67²¹⁷

North State Selections on the All District Team:

Raeferd Wells.....Lenoir Rhyne	Jack Underwood...Atlantic Christian
Walter Cornwell...Lenoir Rhyne	Jack Powell.....High Point
Jimmy Crump.....Elon	Bill Huegele.....High Point
Dee Atkinson.....Elon	Bill Bowen.....Western Carolina
John Marley.....Atlantic Christian	

Most Outstanding Player: Raeferd Wells, Lenoir Rhyne College.²¹⁸

Additional Honors:

Little All American
Raeferd Wells....Lenoir Rhyne College

All State
Raeferd Wells....Lenoir Rhyne College²¹⁹

1958. The 1958 basketball season was the most hectic in the history of the Conference. Forfeits and suspensions received almost as much of the publicity as the actual playing of the games. In the early season play Lenoir Rhyne, East Carolina, and High Point moved into the league leading positions. East Carolina took a big move downward as they lost three of their victories because of a Conference ruling concerning player eligibility.²²⁰ In the actual playing, High Point and Lenoir Rhyne each lost a single game and this jeopardized their first place positions. It began to seem that any of the Conference teams could win the championship. However, the game that Lenoir Rhyne lost to Western Carolina by 10 points was their only defeat of the season and their 15 won-1 lost record placed them on

²¹⁷Ibid., March 7, 1957.

²¹⁹Ibid., March 10, 1957.

²¹⁸Ibid., March 5, 1957.

²²⁰See page 14.

top of the final standings for the second consecutive year. This game was the only Conference game that Lenoir Rhyne lost during the 1957 and 1958 basketball seasons.

Lenoir Rhyne's winning record was also one of the biggest surprises of the season. They were suppose to have a mediocre year. From their championship team of the preceeding year, they had lost their All American center, Raeford Wells, and their head coach, Jim Hamilton. Coach Hamilton had taken a leave of absence and Lenoir Rhyne was coached by Bill Wells, a newcomer to the college coaching field.

Lenoir Rhyne was seeded first in the Conference tournament. When they defeated High Point College in the finals it marked only the fourth time in the 15 year old tournament that the top seeded team had won the annual affair. This was the first time in the history of the tournament that a team had succeeded itself as the tournament winner. Appalachian and Lenoir Rhyne are tied for the most tournament championships with four each.

High Point was the surprise team of the tournament. Although they finished the regular season in second place, they were not expected to reach the finals because their top two scorers did not get to play in the tournament due to injuries. Nevertheless, Coach Virgil Yow's team managed to score one field goal more than Lenoir Rhyne in the final game. One field goal was not enough as Lenoir Rhyne scored on 29 out of 41 free throw attempts.

Lenoir Rhyne, in winning all the honors for the season, defeated

East Carolina and then Belmont Abbey as they won the right to represent the district in the national basketball tournament. This was the first time that Lenoir Rhyne had won the right to go to Kansas City. Drury College of Missouri defeated Lenoir Rhyne 78 to 75 in the first round of play.²²¹

Another highlight of the season was when Belus Smawley, former Appalachian star athlete and professional basketball player, was honored by being named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics hall of fame.²²² This is one of the biggest honors ever bestowed upon a North State Conference basketball player.

Dick Whitis of Lenoir Rhyne led the Conference in individual scoring with 491 points. Danny Sewell, High Point, averaged 21.9 points per game to led the Conference in that department. Sewell and Tommy Sellari, Lenoir Rhyne, were named to the All State Team. Sewell was also selected as the most outstanding player in the district. Bill Wells, Lenoir Rhyne coach, was chosen as the district coach of the year.²²³

The 1958 Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Lenoir Rhyne.....	15	1
High Point.....	11	5
Western Carolina.....	10	6
Catawba.....	8	8
East Carolina.....	8	8
Atlantic Christian...	7	9
Appalachian.....	6	10
Elon.....	4	12
Guilford.....	3	13 ²²⁴

²²¹Ibid., March 12, 1958.

²²²Ibid., February 28, 1958.

²²³Ibid., March 4, 1958.

²²⁴Ibid., February 25, 1958.

The 1958 All Conference Team:

(listed alphabetically)

Jessel Curry.....East Carolina	Bill Huegele.....High Point
Frank DeRita.....Elon	Don King.....Appalachian
Jack Frauson.....Western Carolina	Tommy Sellari....Lenoir Rhyne
Woody Helfrick....Catawba	Danny Sewell.....High Point
Don Hemrick.....Guilford	Dick Whitis.....Lenoir Rhyne ²²⁵

The North State Tournament Results:

1st. Round

East Carolina 78, Appalachian 77
 High Point 74, Atlantic Christian 51²²⁶
 Lenoir Rhyne 77, Catawba 59
 Western Carolina 68, Elon 57²²⁷

2nd. Round

High Point 79, East Carolina 72
 Lenoir Rhyne 53, Western Carolina 51²²⁸

Finals

Lenoir Rhyne 79, High Point 64²²⁹

The 1958 All Tournament Team:

1st. Team

Tommy Sellari.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Dick Whitis.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Ken Norman.....Lenoir Rhyne
 Bobby Pharr.....High Point
 Maury Beauchot....High Point

2nd. Team

Harris Pryor.....Western Carolina
 Steve Afendis.....High Point
 Jessel Curry.....East Carolina
 Randall Shields....Western Carolina
 Phil Crockett.....High Point

Most Outstanding Player: Tommy Sellari, Lenoir Rhyne College.²³⁰

District Playoffs:

1st. Round

Belmont Abbey 67, Erskine 46 (at Belmont, N.C.)
 Lenoir Rhyne 102, East Carolina 79 (at Hickory, N.C.)²³¹

²²⁵Ibid., February 26, 1958.

²²⁹Ibid., March 2, 1958.

²²⁶Ibid., February 27, 1958.

²³⁰Ibid., March 4, 1958.

²²⁷Ibid., February 28, 1958.

²³¹Ibid., March 5, 1958.

²²⁸Ibid., March 1, 1958.

Finals
 Lenoir Rhyne 61, Belmont Abbey 53 (at Salisbury, N.C.)²³²

North State Selections on the All District Team:

Tommy Sellari....Lenoir Rhyne	Bill Huegele....High Point
Dick Whitis.....Lenoir Rhyne	Don Ryan.....Atlantic Christian
Danny Sewell.....High Point	Jessel Curry....East Carolina

Most Outstanding Player: Danny Sewell, High Point College.²³³

Additional Honors:

Little All American
 (none)

All State
 Tommy Sellari....Lenoir Rhyne College
 Danny Sewell.....High Point College²³⁴

Summary. The information and material presented in this chapter shows some of the most outstanding events concerning basketball in the North State Conference. Many of the points have not been elaborated on because the writer feels that they may be expressed better in the form of figures and tables. Such tables start on page 97.

By studying the scores, won and lost records, final season standings, and the annual tournament information presented in this chapter, a definite upward trend in the brand of basketball may be seen. The next chapter will give more detailed information on the major topics listed in this chapter.

²³²Ibid., March 6, 1958.

²³⁴Ibid., March 9, 1958.

²³³Ibid., March 4, 1958.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This investigation has traced the growth and development of basketball in The North State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. A brief review of information concerning the origin, growth, development, and administration of the internal functions of the Conference have also been presented. Tables have been constructed and presented in order that a more concise history of the players, coaches, and schools of the Conference may be revealed.

I. SUMMARY

The Conference was formed in 1930 as part of the North Carolina College Conference. The present name of the Conference was adopted in 1936. Before this date the Conference was referred to as the North State Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Originally there were seven members of the Association. Western Carolina entered in 1933 and East Carolina was admitted in 1948. This made a total membership of nine and that is the number of which the Conference is composed of today. Other colleges have applied for admission but as of this date they have not been admitted.

The basketball championship of the Conference was determined by the percentage method until the playing season of 1941. At that time the Conference members decided to play a tournament at the end of the regular playing season and let the winner of this tournament be considered the Conference champion. This method has been used very successfully since

it was inaugurated in 1941. The Conference has no recognized champion for the years 1944, 1945, and 1946 because the tournament was not played during these years. Although World War II caused the tournament to be called off during these years, some of the schools did manage to continue playing throughout this three year period. Publicity and records are incomplete for this period but from all indications Catawba College was the team that won more basketball games than any of the other colleges that were participating.

In the tables information is presented with regard to the coaches and their records at various schools, won and lost records, composites of all games played in the regular season and in the tournament, and the information regarding the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics district 26 and national playoffs. Other tables show the players of the Conference who have been selected on the Helms Foundation All American Team, The Greensboro Daily News All State Team, and the members of the Conference who have been selected to the All Conference Team three and four times.

II. CONCLUSIONS

The results of this investigation reveal that:

- (1) At first basketball participation in the North State Conference was regulated by rules set up by the North Carolina College Conference.
- (2) Today the Conference is independent of the North Carolina College Conference and operates on its own.

- (3) Rules and regulations have been violated and action has been taken against the violators.
- (4) The basketball teams have been fairly well balanced throughout the history of the Conference.
- (5) Three of the member institutions have never won the Conference championship.
- (6) Two of the schools have never won the tournament.
- (7) Appalachian, who had won 15 of 18 tournament games through 1950, has not won a tournament game since 1950.
- (8) East Carolina has never defeated High Point in the tournament. They have played four times.
- (9) East Carolina, admitted to the Conference last, has the best consistent winning record.
- (10) Lenoir Rhyne College is the team that has taken most of the honors in the past few years. They are now tied with Appalachian for the most tournament championships. Both have four to their credit. Lenoir Rhyne won their first tournament in 1949.
- (11) The upset has always been an outstanding factor in the annual tournament. Only four times in the 15 year history of the tournament has the number one team emerged as the winner.
- (12) Lenoir Rhyne College and players from Lenoir Rhyne hold most of the Conference records. Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, holds most of the individual records of the Conference.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended by the writer that:

(1) An investigation be made dealing with a history of football, baseball, golf, and tennis in the Conference.

(2) A study concerning only the annual North State Conference tournament be made.

(3) A study dealing only with the distribution of regular season games in the Conference be made.

(4) Clearer rules governing eligibility and scholarships be studied and, if feasible, established in the Conference.

(5) The Commissioner of the Conference be someone who is not connected or affiliated with any of the member institutions.

(6) Committees be set up to study the possibility of splitting the Conference. The state schools seem to be growing faster than the Church*Related schools and eventually the smaller ones will find it difficult to continue to compete successfully.

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TABLE I

COACHES AND SCHOOLS REGULAR SEASON RECORDS

	APPALACHIAN STATE	ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN	CATAWBA COLLEGE	ELON COLLEGE	EAST CAROLINA	GUILFORD COLLEGE	HIGH POINT	LENOIR RHYNE	WESTERN CAROLINA
1931	Johnny Johnson 7-2	2-7	Harry Warner 7-2	D.C. Walker 4-5		John Anderson 9-4	Julian Beall 5-8	Dick Gurley 2-9	
1932	Johnny Johnson 6-4	1-6	Harry Warner 3-4	D.C. Walker 7-1		John Anderson 9-4	Julian Beall 4-8	Dick Gurley 3-8	
1933	Johnny Johnson 7-4	5-4	Harry Warner 4-6	D.C. Walker 4-3		John Anderson 4-7	Virgil Yow 4-7	Pat Shores 9-5	C.O. Poindexter 3-4
1934	Gene Garbee 7-2	F.A. Hodges 1-9	Harry Warner 2-9	D.C. Walker 8-2		John Anderson 8-2	Virgil Yow 8-6	Pat Shores 5-8	C.C. Poindexter 5-6
1935	Gene Garbee 4-6	A.J. Rose 0-12	Gordon Kirkland 7-5	D.C. Walker 10-1		John Anderson 6-4	Virgil Yow 9-4	Pat Shores 8-6	C.C. Poindexter 1-8
1936	Flucie Stewart 2-8	A.J. Rose 1-10		D.C. Walker 8-4		John Anderson 2-9	Virgil Yow 11-1	Pat Shores 9-4	C.C. Poindexter 7-4
1937	Flucie Stewart 4-6	A.J. Rose 2-9	"Doc" Mathis 5-8	D.C. Walker 11-2		Harry Hodges 0-10	Virgil Yow 10-3	Pat Shores 12-3	Ralph James 3-5
1938	Flucie Stewart 6-6	A.J. Rose 1-11	Tom Brown 6-7	Horace Hendrickson 11-1		Hlock Smith 1-12	Virgil Yow 11-3	Pat Shores 10-4	Ralph James 2-4
1939	Flucie Stewart 8-4	Bill Herring 0-8	Tom Brown 6-6	Horace Hendrickson 10-2		Hlock Smith 0-10	Virgil Yow 11-2	Pat Shores 7-4	Ralph James 2-6
1940	Flucie Stewart 12-1	Bill Herring 4-8	Tom Brown 6-8	Horace Hendrickson 11-3		Hlock Smith 1-12	Virgil Yow 9-5	Pat Shores 2-12	Jim Whatley 8-4

TABLE I

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	APPALACHIAN STATE	ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN	CATAWBA COLLEGE	ELON COLLEGE	EAST CAROLINA	GUILFORD COLLEGE	HIGH POINT	LENOIR RHINE	WESTERN CAROLINA
1941	Clyde Canipe 11-2	Bill Herring 4-10	Tom Brown 7-7	Horace Hendrickson 12-2		Hock Smith 0-12	Virgil Yow 11-2	Pat Shores 5-8	Jim Whatley 3-7
1942	Clyde Canipe 10-3	Bill Herring 3-10	Tom Brown 7-6	Horace Hendrickson 8-4		Hock Smith 1-12	Virgil Yow 13-1	Pat Shores 5-7	Jim Whatley 4-6
1943	Belus Smawley 4-4	Bill Herring 1-1	Gordon Kirkland 7-1			E.G. Purdom 1-5	Virgil Yow 3-5		Marion McDonald 4-4
1944			Gordon Kirkland			Bob Jamieson	Virgil Yow		
1945	Raymond Eggers 3-5	M.J. Bird 0-5	Gordon Kirkland 10-0	Lacy Adcox 3-8		Robert Doak 8-4	Virgil Yow 7-3	Shore Neal 3-8	
1946	Francis Hoover 7-5	M.J. Bird 3-5	Dwight Holshouser 9-3	Lacy Adcox 8-4		Paul Lentz 4-10	Ralph James 10-3		
1947	Flucie Stewart 11-2		Earl Ruth 5-6	Hap Perry 8-4		Paul Lentz 3-8	Ralph James 10-4		Marion McDonald 2-5
1948	Francis Hoover 10-5		Earl Ruth 8-6	Garland Causey 8-8	Howard Porter 6-4	Paul Lentz 5-7	Ralph James 10-4		Tuck McConnell 7-7
1949	Francis Hoover 12-4		Earl Ruth 12-2		Howard Porter 7-7	Paul Lentz 3-10	Ralph James 11-5		Tuck McConnell 8-5
1950	Francis Hoover 12-4		Earl Ruth 8-6	"Doc" Mathis 5-11	Howard Porter 9-7	Paul Lentz 5-10	Ralph James 15-1		Tuck McConnell 1-12

TABLE I
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	APPALACHIAN STATE	ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN	CATAWBA COLLEGE	DELON COLLEGE	EAST CAROLINA	GULFORD COLLEGE	HIGH POINT	LENOIR RHYNE	WESTERN CAROLINA
1951	Francis Hoover 12-4	Bill Crutchfield 1-15	Earl Ruth 10-4	"Doc" Mathis 9-7	Howard Porter 9-6	Paul Lentz 3-12	C.Q. Smith 10-6	Jim Hamilton 13-3	Jim Gudger 2-12
1952	Francis Hoover 12-1	Jack McComas 0-16	Bob Sprangler 3-13	"Doc" Mathis 12-1	Howard Porter 10-4	Dave Meredith 8-8	Bob Davis 11-5	Jim Hamilton 7-7	Jim Gudger 7-9
1953	Francis Hoover 5-11	Jack McComas 4-12	Earl Ruth 4-12	"Doc" Mathis 11-5	Howard Porter 14-2	Dave Meredith 5-11	Bob Davis 9-7	Jim Hamilton 9-7	Jim Gudger 11-5
1954	Francis Hoover 4-12	Jack McComas 9-8	Earl Ruth 4-12	"Doc" Mathis 8-8	Howard Porter 15-1	Dave Meredith 5-11	Virgil Yow 3-13	Jim Hamilton 13-3	Jim Gudger 11-5
1955	Francis Hoover 9-7	Jack McComas 13-3	Earl Ruth 3-13	"Doc" Mathis 10-6	Howard Porter 12-4	Dave Meredith 3-13	Virgil Yow 5-11	Jim Hamilton 14-2	Jim Gudger 3-13
1956	Francis Hoover 6-10	Jack McComas 12-4	Earl Ruth 3-13	"Doc" Mathis 11-5	Howard Porter 13-3	Dave Meredith 1-15	Virgil Yow 6-10	Jim Hamilton 12-4	Jim Gudger 8-8
1957	Francis Hoover 2-15	Jack McComas 10-6	Earl Ruth 3-14	"Doc" Mathis 12-4	Howard Porter 6-13	Bob Shoaf 3-13	Virgil Yow 10-6	Jim Hamilton 16-0	Jim Gudger 11-5
1958	Bob Light 6-10	Jack McComas 7-9	Earl Ruth 8-8	"Doc" Mathis 4-12	Howard Porter 8-8	Bob Shoaf 3-13	Virgil Yow 11-5	Bill Wells 15-1	Jim Gudger 10-6

TABLE II

REGULAR SEASON AND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

YEAR	TEAM	RECORD	COACH	TOURNAMENT WINNER	COACH
1931	Appalachian	7 2	Johnny Johnson	Appalachian	Clyde Canipe
	Catawba	7 2	Harry Warner	High Point	Virgil Yow
1932	Elon	7 1	D.C. Walker	Appalachian	Belus Smawley
1933	Lenoir Rhyne	9 5	Pat Shores	No Tournament	No Tournament
1934	Elon	8 2	D.C. Walker	No Tournament	No Tournament
	Gaillard	8 2	John Anderson	Elon	Hap Perry
1935	Elon	10 1	D.C. Walker	Appalachian	Francis Hoover
1936	High Point	11 1	Virgil Yow	Lenoir Rhyne	Fred Emerson
1937	Elon	11 2	D.C. Walker	Appalachian	Francis Hoover
1938	Elon	11 1	Horance Hendrickson	High Point	C.Q. Smith
1939	High Point	11 2	Virgil Yow	Lenoir Rhyne	Jim Hamilton
1940	Appalachian	12 1	Flucie Stewart	High Point	Bob Davis
				East Carolina	Howard Porter
				Atlantic Christian	Jack McComas
				Elon	"Doc" Mathis
				Lenoir Rhyne	Jim Hamilton
				Lenoir Rhyne	Bill Wells
1941	Elon	12 2	Horace Hendrickson	High Point	Bob Davis
1942	High Point	13 1	Virgil Yow	Appalachian	Clyde Canipe
1943	Catawba	7 1	Gordon Kirkland	High Point	Virgil Yow
1944	No Records			Appalachian	Belus Smawley
1945	Catawba	10 0	Gordon Kirkland	No Tournament	No Tournament
1946	High Point	10 3	Ralph James	No Tournament	No Tournament
1947	Appalachian	11 2	Flucie Stewart	Elon	Hap Perry
1948	High Point	10 4	Ralph James	Appalachian	Francis Hoover
1949	Catawba	12 2	Earl Ruth	Lenoir Rhyne	Fred Emerson
1950	High Point	15 1	Ralph James	Appalachian	Francis Hoover
1951	Lenoir Rhyne	13 3	Jim Hamilton	High Point	C.Q. Smith
1952	Appalachian	12 1	Francis Hoover	Lenoir Rhyne	Jim Hamilton
	Elon	12 1	"Doc" Mathis	High Point	Bob Davis
1953	East Carolina	14 2	Howard Porter	East Carolina	Howard Porter
1954	East Carolina	15 1	Howard Porter	Atlantic Christian	Jack McComas
1955	Lenoir Rhyne	14 2	Jim Hamilton	Elon	"Doc" Mathis
1956	East Carolina	13 3	Howard Porter	Lenoir Rhyne	Jim Hamilton
1957	Lenoir Rhyne	10 0	Jim Hamilton	Lenoir Rhyne	Jim Hamilton
1958	Lenoir Rhyne	15 1	Bill Wells	Lenoir Rhyne	Bill Wells

TABLE III
 THE COMPOSITE OF ALL REGULAR SEASON CONFERENCE GAMES

TEAMS	WON	LOST	PERCENTAGE
East Carolina	109	59	.618
High Point	155	91	.630
Lenoir Rhyne	118	101	.594
Elon	130	94	.580
Appalachian	136	104	.550
Catawba	111	126	.468
Western Carolina	97	113	.460
Atlantic Christian	83	142	.324
Guilford	61	174	.259

TABLE IV

NORTH STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES DISTRIBUTION

TEAMS	APPALACHIAN STATE		ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN		CATAWBA COLLEGE		EAST CAROLINA		ELON COLLEGE		GUILFORD COLLEGE		HIGH POINT		LENOIR RHYNE		WESTERN CAROLINA	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Appalachian				f,	a,b, e,	a,b, e,	o,	f,	h,j, m,	a,e, g,	m,	g,	b,	c,e,	d,f, k,l,	g,	a,b, c,	
Atlantic Christian	f,				k,l,	k,l,	k,		b,d,				a,g, o,	l,n, m,n,	k,l,		m,	
Catawba	a,b, e,		k,l,		h,m,	h,m,	h,m,		g,i,	n,	f,	a,b, h,	j,	a,c, o,	e,	c,d, n,		
East Carolina	f,	o,		k,					m,	k,	e,	j,k,	h,j, l,o,	g,i,	h,	n,	f,	
Elon	a,e, g,	h,j, m,		b,d,	g,i,	g,i,	k,	m,			l,	l,	b,h, i,j,	g,	l,	a,d, m,	o,	d,j, k,
Guilford	g,	i,			a,b, h,	f,	j,k, e,	e,	l,				e,	d,	f,i, n,		d,	
High Point	c,e,	b,	h,n,	a,g, o,	a,c, j,	j,	h,j, l,o,		g,	b,h, i,j,	d,	e,			f,i, m,o,	b,		e,h, i,
Lenoir Rhyne	g,	d,f, k,l,	k,l,	m,n,	e,	o,	g,i,	g,i,	l,	l,	f,i, m,	n,	b,	f,i, m,o,		j,	n,o,	
Western Carolina	a,b, c,		m,		c,d, n,		f,	n,	d,j, k,	o,	d,		e,h, i,	n,o,	j,			

How To Read Table

Read across top and down. Example, Catawba has won one of their three tournament games with Elon. Catawba won in 1957 (n), lost in 1950 (g), and lost in 1952 (i).

Code To Years

a...1941 e...1948 i...1952 m...1956
 b...1942 f...1949 j...1953 n...1957
 c...1943 g...1950 k...1954 o...1958
 d...1947 h...1951 l...1955

TABLE V
 COMPOSITE OF ALL NORTH STATE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT GAMES*

TEAMS	WON	LOST	PERCENTAGE
Lenoir Rhyne	19	10	.689
High Point	18	12	.600
Appalachian	15	10	.600
Elon	16	11	.592
East Carolina	9	10	.473
Atlantic Christian	7	9	.437
Western Carolina	7	13	.350
Catawba	7	15	.318
Guilford	4	12	.250

*This table includes the 1943 tournament when only four teams competed. The table also includes the consolation game of this tournament. The table does not include the 1936 tournament.

TABLE VI
 COMPOSITE OF ALL REGULAR SEASON CONFERENCE GAMES
 AND ALL CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT GAMES *

TEAMS	WON	LOST	PERCENTAGE
East Carolina	118	69	.630
High Point	173	103	.627
Lenoir Rhyne	167	111	.600
Elon	146	105	.581
Appalachian	151	114	.569
Western Carolina	104	126	.456
Catawba	118	141	.455
Atlantic Christian	90	151	.373
Guilford	65	186	.259

*This table does not include the 1936 tournament.

TABLE VII

THE FINALS OF THE NORTH STATE TOURNAMENT

YEAR	WON	SEEDED NUMBER	LOST	SCORE
1941	Appalachian	3	Catawba	51-40
1942	High Point	1	Appalachian	50-34
1943	Appalachian	2	Western Carolina	36-31
1944, 1945, 1946	--No Tournament			
1947	Elon	3	Western Carolina	53-51
1948	Appalachian	2	High Point	74-59
1949	Lenoir Rhyne	6	Appalachian	57-55
1950	Appalachian	2	Elon	67-53
1951	High Point	4	East Carolina	66-62
1952	Lenoir Rhyne	6	High Point	74-59
1953	High Point	4	Elon	66-63
1954	East Carolina	1	Atlantic Christian	86-75
1955	Atlantic Christian	2	Lenoir Rhyne	108-85
1956	Elon	4	Lenoir Rhyne	71-67
1957	Lenoir Rhyne	1	Western Carolina	71-58
1958	Lenoir Rhyne	1	High Point	79-64

TABLE VIII

RESULTS OF TOP-SEEDED TEAM IN NORTH STATE TOURNAMENT

YEAR	TOP-SEEDED TEAM	RESULTS
1941	Elon	Lost first round to Appalachian
1942	High Point	Won tournament
1943	Catawba	Lost first round to Western Carolina
1944, 1945, 1946	--No tournament	
1947	Appalachian	Lost first round to Lenoir Rhyne
1948	High Point	Lost in finals to Appalachian
1949	Catawba	Lost in first round to Guilford
1950	High Point	Lost in second round to Elon
1951	Lenoir Rhyne	Lost in the first round to East Carolina
1952	Appalachian	Lost in the first round to Guilford
1953	East Carolina	Lost in the second round to High Point
1954	East Carolina	Won tournament
1955	Lenoir Rhyne	Lost in the finals to Atlantic Christian
1956	East Carolina	Lost in the second round to Elon
1957	Lenoir Rhyne	Won tournament
1958	Lenoir Rhyne	Won tournament

TABLE IX

DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICT 26 PLAYOFF GAMES

BETWEEN NORTH STATE TEAMS

TEAMS	APPALACHIAN STATE		ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN		CATAWBA COLLEGE		EAST CAROLINA		ELON COLLEGE		GUILFORD COLLEGE		HIGH POINT		LENOIR RHYNE		WESTERN CAROLINA		
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	
Appalachian							a,		b,										
Atlantic Christian							d,									d,			
Catawba											a,								
East Carolina	a,		d,					b,	c,				a,	b,c,e,					
Elon		b,					c,	b,											
Guilford																			
High Point							a,	b,c,a,								a,			
Lenoir Rhyne				d,				e,											
Western Carolina																			

How To Read Table

Read across top and down. Example, East Carolina defeated Appalachian in 1951 (a).

Code To Years

a..1951 c..1953 e..1958
 b..1952 d..1955

TABLE X
 COMPOSITE OF ALL DISTRICT 26 PLAYOFF GAMES
 INVOLVING NORTH STATE TEAMS

TEAMS	WON	LOST	PERCENTAGE
Atlantic Christian	2	0	1.000
Elon	2	1	.666
High Point	3	2	.600
East Carolina	4	4	.500
Appalachian	0	2	.000
Catawba	0	1	.000
Guilford	0	0	.000
Western Carolina	0	0	.000

TABLE XI

COMPOSITE OF ALL GAMES BETWEEN CONFERENCE MEMBERS*

TEAMS	WON	LOST	PERCENTAGE
High Point	181	105	.632
East Carolina	122	73	.625
Lenoir Rhyne	170	114	.598
Elon	150	108	.581
Appalachian	151	119	.559
Western Carolina	105	127	.456
Catawba	118	143	.452
Atlantic Christian	92	157	.370
Guilford	66	188	.259

*This table includes all regular season games, Conference tournament games, the 1936 Conference tournament, the 1953 Piedmont Hosiery Tournament, and the district 26 playoff games.

TABLE XII
 SUMMARY OF REGULAR SEASON, TOURNAMENT,
 AND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGULAR SEASON WINNER		
Team	Won	Tied
High Point	6	0
Lenoir Rhyne	5	0
Elon	5	2
East Carolina	3	0
Catawba	3	1
Appalachian	2	2
Guilford	0	1

TOURNAMENT WINNER	
Team	Number of Times
Appalachian	4
Lenoir Rhyne	4
High Point	3
Elon	2
Atlantic Christian	1
East Carolina	1

THE CONFERENCE WINNER		
Team	Won	Tied
Elon	6	1
Appalachian	5	1
High Point	5	0
Lenoir Rhyne	5	0
East Carolina	1	0
Atlantic Christian	1	0
Catawba	0	1
Guilford	0	1

TABLE XIII

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- 1939 High Point lost to Nebraska State Teachers College 55 to 46
- 1940 Appalachian beat Bemidji State Teachers College (Minnesota) 43 to 34
Appalachian lost to San Diego (California) 48 to 46
- 1941 Appalachian beat Baker University (Kansas) 63 to 42
Appalachian beat the University of Baltimore 48 to 36
Appalachian lost to Santa Barbara (California) 36 to 29
- 1942 High Point beat Yankton South Dakota College 44 to 37
High Point lost to Central State Teachers College (Missouri) 59 to 40
- 1943 Appalachian beat Simpson Teachers (Iowa) 48 to 31
Appalachian beat Kansas Wesleyan 54 to 50
Appalachian lost to Maryville Teachers (Missouri) 46 to 34
- 1945 Catawba lost to Central Normal College (Indiana) 53 to 39
- 1946 High Point lost to the University of Houston (Texas) 63 to 34
- 1947 Western Carolina lost to Canterbury College (Indiana) 68 to 55
- 1948 Appalachian lost to Lawrence Institute of Technology (Michigan) 76 to 48
- 1949 Erskine (South Carolina) lost to Regis College (Colorado) 71 to 47
- 1950 Appalachian lost to Brooklyn College (New York) 79 to 75
- 1951 High Point lost to East Texas Baptist College 67 to 64
- 1952 Elon lost to Millikin University (Illinois) 101 to 69
- 1953 East Carolina lost to Arkansas Tech 85 to 81
- 1954 East Carolina lost to St. Benedicts (Kansas) 68 to 61
- 1955 Atlantic Christian beat Evansville College (Indiana) 95 to 88
Atlantic Christian lost to Arkansas Tech 93 to 74
- 1956 Elon lost to Pittsburg State Teachers College (Kansas) 77 to 55
- 1957 Elon lost to Pacific Lutheran (Washington) 76 to 61
- 1958 Lenoir Rhyne lost to Drury College (Missouri) 78 to 73

TABLE XIV
COMPOSITE OF NATIONAL TOURNAMENT GAMES

Teams	Number of Trips	Won	Lost	Playing Percentage
Appalachian	5	5	5	.500
High Point	4	1	4	.200
Elon	3	0	3	.000
East Carolina	2	0	2	.000
Atlantic Christian	1	1	1	.500
Catawba	1	0	1	.000
Lenoir Rhyne	1	0	1	.000
Western Carolina	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>.000</u>
Totals	18	7	18	.280

TABLE XV

NORTH STATE CONFERENCE PLAYERS SELECTED ON THE
HELMS FOUNDATION ALL AMERICAN TEAM

1943	Belus Smawley*	Appalachian
1952	Ronald Rogers	Western Carolina
1955	Raeford Wells	Lenoir Rhyne
1956	Raeford Wells	Lenoir Rhyne
	John Pyecha	Appalachian
1957	Raeford Wells	Lenoir Rhyne

*Made the All Tournament Team at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics basketball tournament. This All Tournament Team is now recognized as the All American Team.

TABLE XVI

NORTH STATE CONFERENCE ALL STATERS*

1947	Roney Cates	Elon
	Jim Gudger	Western Carolina
1948	Bob McGinn	Western Carolina
1950	Larry Graham	Catawba
	Leonard Hunt	High Point
1951	Larry Graham	Catawba
	Ronald Rogers	Western Carolina
	Warren Russell	East Carolina
1952	Ben Kendall	Elon
	Ronald Rogers	Western Carolina
	Tony Sellari	Lenoir Rhyne
	Ed Sueta	High Point
1953	Ronald Rogers**	Western Carolina
	Warren Russell	East Carolina
1954	Bobby Hodges	East Carolina
	Charlie Huffman	East Carolina
1955	John Marley	Atlantic Christian
	Raeford Wells	Lenoir Rhyne
1956	Raeford Wells	Lenoir Rhyne
1957	Raeford Wells**	Lenoir Rhyne
1958	Tommy Sellari	Lenoir Rhyne
	Danny Sewell	High Point

*Greensboro Daily News All State Team

**Three years on team

TABLE XVII
FOUR YEAR SELECTIONS ON THE ALL NORTH
STATE CONFERENCE TEAM*

Player	School	Years
Broadus Culler.....	High Point.....	1933, 34, 35, 36
Larry Graham.....	Catawba.....	1948, 49, 50, 51
Bill Wells.....	Lenoir Rhyne.....	1948, 49, 50, 51
Warren Russell.....	East Carolina....	1950, 51, 52, 53
Ræford Wells.....	Lenoir Rhyne.....	1954, 55, 56, 57

TABLE XVIII
THREE YEAR SELECTIONS ON THE ALL NORTH
STATE CONFERENCE TEAM*

Player	School	Years
Clarence Stasavich....	Lenoir Rhyne.....	1933, 34, 35
Everette McConnell....	Appalachian.....	1933, 34, 35
Paul Roye.....	Elon.....	1935, 36, 37
Hal Bradley.....	Elon.....	1935, 37, 38
Reece McSwain.....	Lenoir Rhyne.....	1936, 37, 38
Wayne Harris.....	High Point.....	1936, 37, 38
Lloyd Whitley.....	Elon.....	1937, 38, 40
Phil Hudson.....	Appalachian.....	1938, 39, 40
Hugh Hampton.....	High Point.....	1938, 39, 40
Jack Gardner.....	Elon.....	1939, 40, 41
John Novotny.....	Appalachian.....	1939, 40, 41
Ted Moran.....	High Point.....	1947, 48, 49
Tony Sellari.....	Lenoir Rhyne.....	1950, 51, 52
Ed Sueta.....	High Point.....	1950, 51, 52
Ben Kendall.....	Elon.....	1950, 51, 56
Ronald Rogers.....	Western Carolina....	1951, 52, 53
Bobby Hodges.....	East Carolina.....	1952, 53, 54
Dee Atkinson.....	Elon.....	1953, 56, 57
John Marley.....	Atlantic Christian..	1955, 56, 57

*The All Conference Teams for 1932, 1942, 1943 (only five men listed), and 1944 could not be found.

TABLE XIX

NORTH STATE CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE (season)--28.9 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, 1955.

TOTAL POINTS (season)--810 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, 1955.

TOTAL FIELD GOALS (season)--264 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, 1955.

TOTAL FREE THROWS (season)--282 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, 1955.

MOST POINTS (single game)--55 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, vs. Guilford, 1955.

MOST FREE THROWS (single game)--27 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, vs. Guilford, 1955.

MOST FIELD GOALS (single game)--18 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, and Dee Atkinson, Elon, 1956.

TOTAL POINTS (career)--2,627 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, 1954 to 1957.

HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE (career)--24.8 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, 1954 to 1957.

MOST REBOUNDS (single game)--44 by Bob Ortnyer, Lenoir Rhyne, vs. Guilford, 1955.

CHAPTER XX

NORTH STATE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT RECORDS

TEAM RECORDS

- MOST POINTS (one team)--113 by Lenoir Rhyne vs. Atlantic Christian in semifinals 1956 (113 to 96).
- MOST POINTS (two teams)--209 by Lenoir Rhyne vs. Atlantic Christian in semifinals 1956 (113 to 96).
- MOST FREE THROWS (one team-single game)--54 by Atlantic Christian vs. Lenoir Rhyne in finals 1955.
- MOST FIELD GOALS (one team-single game)--37 by Atlantic Christian and Elon. Atlantic Christian vs. Catawba (100 to 74) first round 1954, and Elon vs. Appalachian (95 to 56) first round in 1953.
- MOST PERSONAL FOULS (one team-single game)--46 by Atlantic Christian in losing to Lenoir Rhyne 113 to 96 in 1956 semifinals.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

- MOST POINTS (one game)--39 by Raeford Wells, Lenoir Rhyne, vs. Atlantic Christian in semifinals of 1957 tournament.
- MOST POINTS (tournament)--90 by Bobby Hodges of East Carolina in three games of 1954 tournament.

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