

Mounts win finale and ...wait 'til next year

by Keith Yeisley
Dallas' basketball season ended at home Friday night with a 64-62 victory over a very tough Wyoming Seminary team. The win enabled Coach Clint Brobst and his charges to realize their objective set at the beginning of the season, a 500 won-lost record with seven wins and seven losses.

After an exhibition season in which the local team won only one game, not many thought that the 500 record was realistic, but Coaches Brobst and Charlie Preece worked their charges long and hard and improvement was seen in a dramatic fashion as the season progressed.

Wyoming Seminary almost upset the Mountaineers at the Seminary gym in the first half of the season, losing by only four points, 55-51. In that contest, however, Dallas was able to hang on to the 12 point lead they had mounted at halftime to keep the Blue Knights at arm's length.

However, Coach Vandenburg's scrappy Blue Knight team never let the host Dallas five pull away

for a big lead in Friday's game. The first quarter featured exceptionally sloppy play, with the Mountaineers able to sink but three field goals and the Blue Knights able to answer with only two.

Senior Bob Bruggeworth for the Mountaineers took charge in the second quarter, however, scoring all nine of his evening's points in the period, allowing the Mounts to take a 30-25 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Balanced scoring (all six of the Blue Knights that played in the game hit the scoring column) in the third period enabled the Knights to stay within five (48-43) at the buzzer. Walt Weir hit four for seven from the field (59 percent) for eight of Dallas' 18 third period points.

Paul Jobson, who scored a career high and team high 36 points just three nights earlier against Hanover, passed up many shooting opportunities and scored just four points which came on 2 for 4 shooting from the field. However, the rangy sophomore hit six for six from the free-throw line

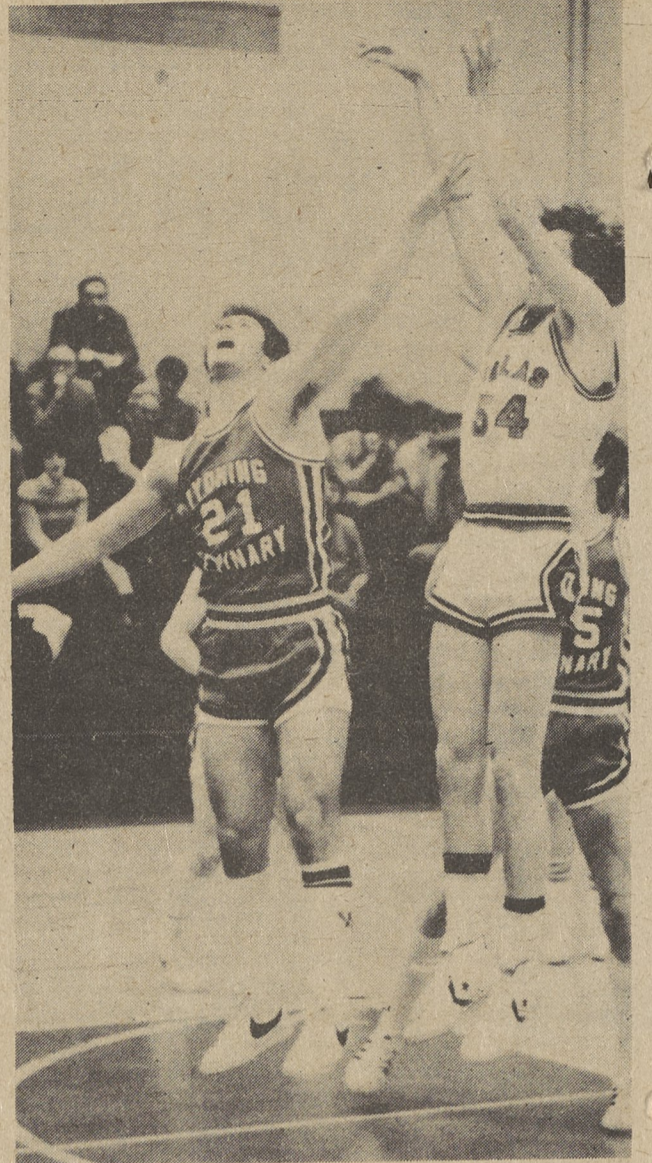
and ended up with 10 points. Walt Weir ended up with 15 points, and "Mr. Reliable" Scott Keller, another junior, ended the game with 14 markers.

Seniors playing their last game were Frank Manusky, Rick Wilson, John Prater, and Bob Bruggeworth. As a token of their appreciation of the support of the cheerleaders, and statisticians, the team and coaches chipped in to buy carnations for the appreciative young ladies. This was quite a surprise for the girls, but they provided a surprise of their own as they threw a party featuring cake and soda for the players after the game.

The coaches said they were relieved that their charges were able to hold on for the victory in the season-ending game, and were already talking about strategy and plans for next season. The Mounts, after starting out as a disorganized group of varied talents, is just now beginning to peak, so one can understand the cry of one young female fan as people were streaming out of the gym, "...Wait til' next year!"



MANUSKY HITS—Center Manusky of Dallas puts the ball up in the Wyoming Seminary game as several Blue Knights seem to find something else more interesting. (Photo by Mark Moran)



JUMP SHOT—Paul Jobson of Dallas (54) displays his form against Wyoming Seminary. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Jobson scores 36 in loss to Hanover

by Keith Yeisley
In the last game to be played in the small "matchbox" Hanover gymnasium, the host Hanover Hawkeyes prevailed over a high-scoring Dallas Mountaineer team 103-92.

To try to understand how small the gym is is impossible until one is able to see for oneself that the

circle in the middle of the floor (for the initial jump ball) intersects the four circles, and a "long jumper" from the "corner" is about 15 feet!

The fans are crowded into three rows of bleachers, with the front-row fans' feet resting on the playing surface. It does give the fans a real sense of involvement in the game,

however, and it was interesting to see how the strategy of the teams involved has to be modified with the limitations of the playing area.

Dallas Coach Clint Brobst prepared his charges for the "shootout" by taping off a section of the large Dallas floor to simulate the confines of the Hawkeyes gym. Time after

time in practice, the Mounts stepped "out of bounds" under the basket and on the sides, due to the habit of playing on a larger floor.

The Hanover contingent knows the floor very well and was able to use the limited floor space to the best advantage. This was a good Hanover team, however, having ended up

the first half of the season in a three-way tie for the top spot, before losing in a playoff game.

The Dallas five came out on the short end of a 72-68 decision at home in January and felt they had a reasonable change of upsetting the taller, more experienced Hawkeyes. However, even though Dallas stayed in the game for over one half, the Hanover boys kept the pressure on and broke into the century mark for the first time this season.

Coaches Brobst and Charles Preece felt that the offensive philosophy of their team could prove to be an asset in the Hanover "Band Box". This philosophy calls for shooting from the wings and point by three of the league's high-percentage shooters, Paul Jobson, Walt Weir and Jim Thomas. Frank Manusky and Scott Keller, with very little room to work in their positions beneath the boards, would have to get their scoring on rebounding.

Following their coaches' instructions, the Dallas quintet came out "bombing", with Weir hitting his first three long jumpers (finishing the first quarter with 5-7 for 71 percent), Jobson swishing the nets for three of his trademark shots, Thomas popping in two long shots from "half court" (on this floor, the "top of the key"), and Frank Manusky ripping down rebounds and laying three of them back in for three for four shooting in the first quarter.

although the boys shot nearly 60 percent from the floor, they were unsuccessful on all ten of their free throw attempts. The Mounts continued their torrid shooting in the

second quarter, paced by Walt Weir's three for four and Frank Manusky's three for four. Weir shot 8 for 11 from the floor for 73 percent in the half, almost all coming from the right wing, about 12 feet from the hoop.

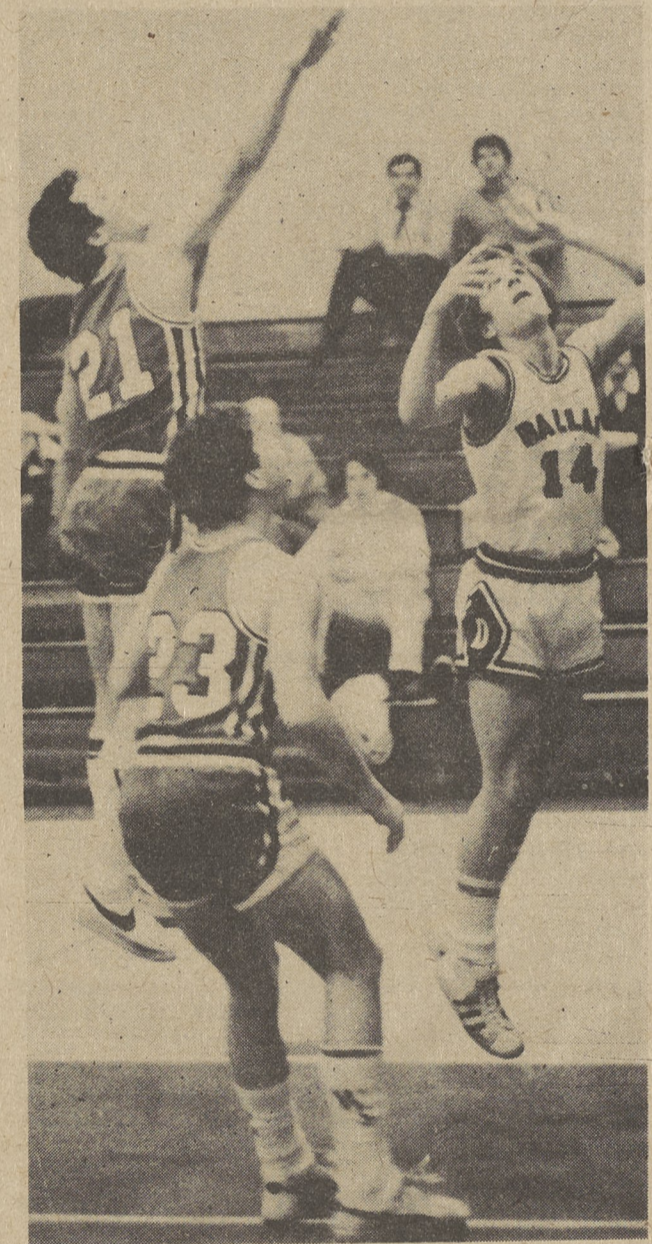
Manusky finished the half with six for eight, for an equally incredible 75 percent!

The shooting very naturally fell off somewhat in the second half, with Bob Bruggeworth's two for three showing the best percentage. By the fourth quarter, however, Jobson got red-hot as he kept the Back Mountain boys in the game with his fantastic six for eight from the floor, mostly on long jumpers and "turn-around" jumpers from inside the "key".

Jobson finished with a career-high and game-high 36 points, on 13 for 22 shooting (60 percent from the field and 10 for 11 (91 percent) from the line. Weir's 53 percent shooting was good for 24 points, and Manusky, playing aggressively on the boards, finished with 14 points on 44 percent shooting.

Hanover was led by 6'4" senior forward John Podczasy's season-high 32 points and 6'6" senior center Mike Kinney's 23 counters. Vic Kopko, Joe Gegaris and Mel Lawson also scored in double figures for the host Hawkeyes as did Dallas' Jim Thomas with 10.

As a good will gesture to the Hanover Hawkeyes, and as a remembrance of the Hawk's last game on their tiny court, Dallas Coach Clint Brobst presented them with a copy of the play-by-play action as recorded by Keith Yeisley.



CAN'T STOP PRATER—Dallas' John Prater tries a layup against Wyoming Seminary as defenders watch helplessly. (Photo by Mark Moran)

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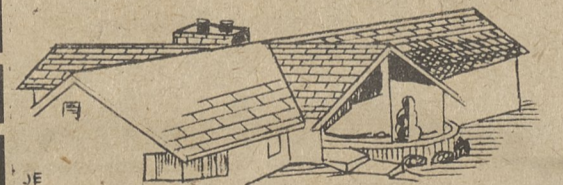
Men versus donkeys. That's right - men versus donkeys. The donkey basketball game scheduled at Dallas Senior High on March 10 at 7:30 p.m., will pit the senior high faculty against the junior high faculty in a game that will be filled with laughs, thrills, spills and fun galore.

It's "men versus donkeys", because players on both teams will have their problems moving stubborn donkeys toward the basket. They'll have trouble staying on the donkeys from time to time.

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