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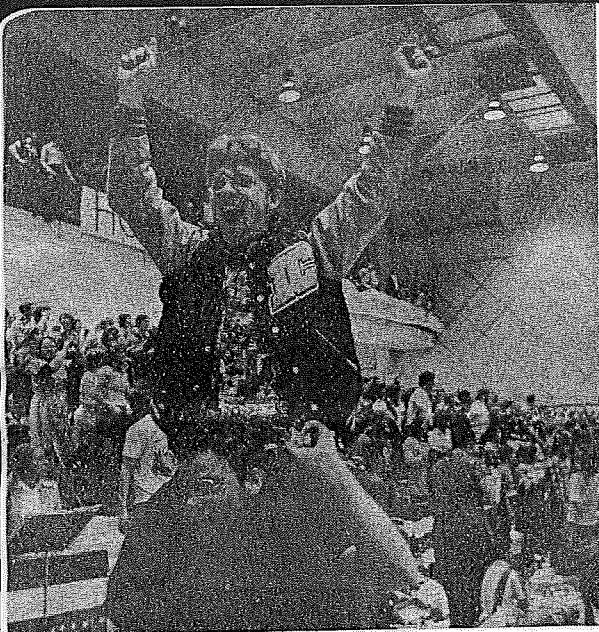
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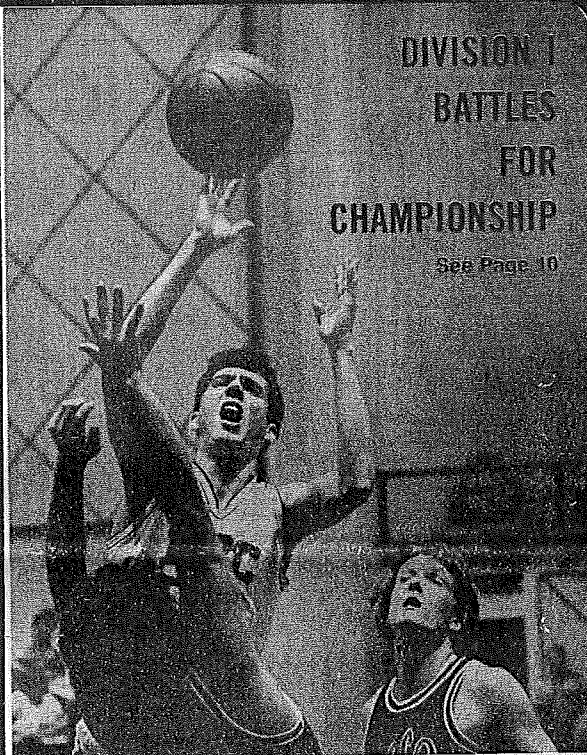
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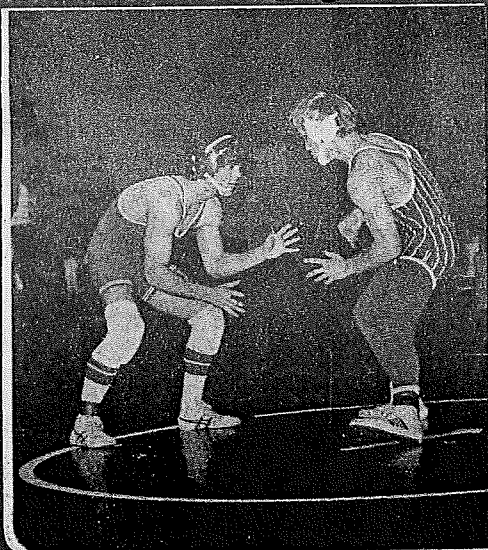
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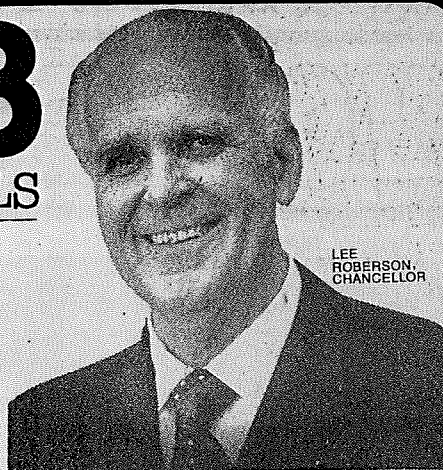
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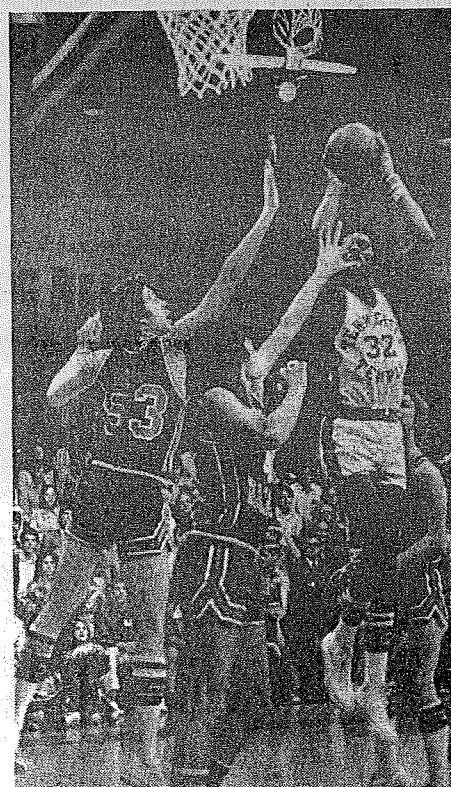
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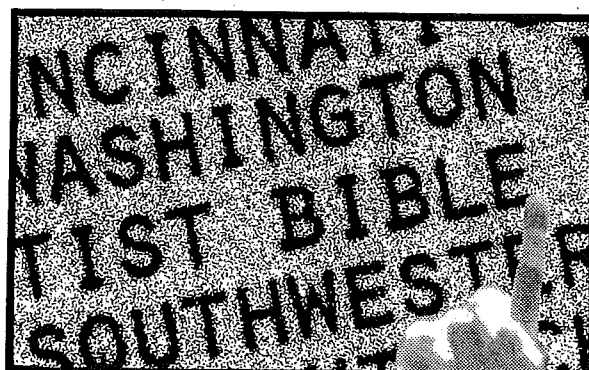
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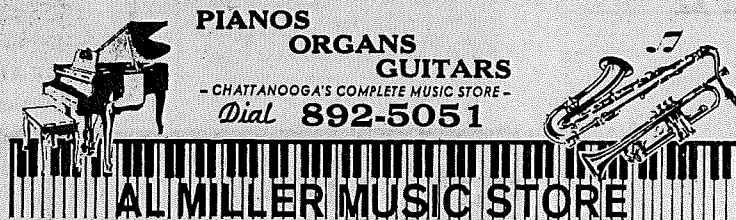


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We will have the complete results of the Division I Basketball Championship in Chattanooga, Tennessee. You can look forward to exciting stories, statistics and photos in the April issue of the VOICE OF THE NCCAA.

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HISTORY OF THE NCCAA

The National Christian College Athletic Association was born in Canton, Ohio, in 1968, with its purpose to provide national competition among Christian colleges. Emanating from that meeting were plans to conduct a national basketball tournament. Detroit, Michigan, became the site of that first NCCAA National Basketball Tournament. Lee College (Cleveland, Tennessee) had the distinction of winning the first championship.

— 1968 —
Lee College captures
first NCCAA tournament
in Detroit, Michigan

At the initial tournament, the NCCAA adopted a constitution and voted to move the tournament to Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention Visitor's Bureau. During the ensuing four years the eight team tournament was dominated by Azusa Pacific. Under Coach Cliff Hamlow, Azusa captured the successful tournament each of the four years.

— 1969-72 —
Azusa Pacific wins
next four tournaments
in Chattanooga, Tennessee

In 1973, the NCCAA launched into other national sports competition. Cross-country, track, and soccer were sanctioned for national honors. Eastern Mennonite captured the first national cross-country title. Malone College took the initial national title in track. Northeastern Bible College (new Jersey) became the first NCCAA Soccer Champion capturing the crown held at Messiah College Pennsylvania.)

— 1973 —
Jim Wondstra becomes
first recipient of
the Murchison Award

In 1974, the Kenneth and Clara Murchison Foundation established an award to the outstanding Christian basketball player of the nation. The purpose of the NCCAA Murchison Award is to enhance the Christian purpose of athletics and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in the evangelical colleges/universities across the nation. Jim Wondstra of Northwestern College (Iowa) became the first recipient.

— 1974 —
National Basketball
Tournament moved to
Chattanooga, TN

The Brainerd Optimist Club of Chattanooga voted in 1974 to sponsor the National Basketball Tournament. This highly successful civic group has enhanced the stability of the NCCAA. Hard working men have sold tickets, manned concessions stands, and performed behind-the-scenes details to make the NCCAA National Basketball Tournament a "first-class tournament".

— 1975 —

Division II is born
Ft. Wayne Bible College
wins first tournament

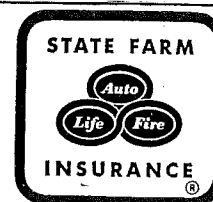
Bible Colleges which had competed well against the liberal arts Christian colleges submitted a plan to add a second division to the NCCAA for basketball competition. The NCCAA coaches adopted their proposal in 1975 and thus Division II was born. Division II sponsors its own national basketball tournament and awards. Baptist Bible College

(Pennsylvania) hosted the first Division II tournament which was won by Fort Wayne Bible College. The 1975 Murchison Award winner, Todd Habegger, of Fort Wayne Bible, was MVP in the tournament. Springfield, Missouri, is the new site of the tournament.

Basketball Division I and II, Cross Country, Soccer, Wrestling, and Track and Field, are now providing national tournaments and meets for NCCAA schools.

— 1978 —
NCCAA is ALIVE and
WELL and GROWING

Under the direction of President Howard Nourse of John Wesley College (Michigan) and Executive Secretary E. C. Haskell, Jr., the NCCAA is moving forward. It is very much alive and well. Christian colleges across America can rejoice in the strides being taken to provide an outlet for athletic competition on a national scope.



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Dear Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to Chattanooga the participants in the 1978 NCCAA National Basketball Tournament. I want to commend this organization and the Brainerd Optimist Club for their sponsorship of this fine event.

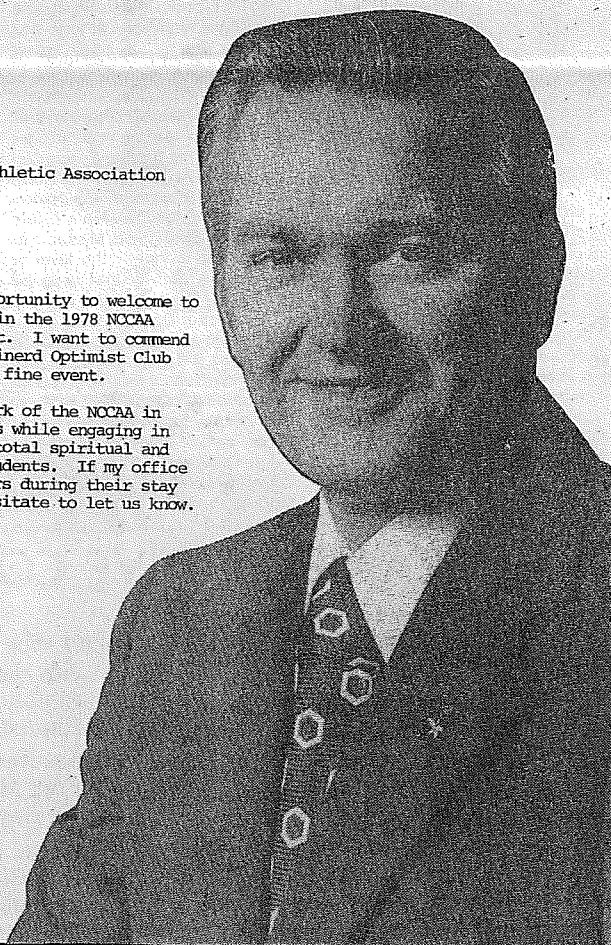
I appreciate the wonderful work of the NCCAA in presenting a Christian witness while engaging in sports, thus emphasizing the total spiritual and physical well-being of the students. If my office can assist any of your visitors during their stay in our city, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Pat Rose

Charles A. Rose

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E. C. HASKELL



A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

by
C. Bruce Spencer
Editor and Publisher

A LOT TO TALK ABOUT

**WOW... I Ain't Never
Seen Nothing Like That!**

WOW! Now I know how the man felt who said, "I've been to two county fairs... three hawg callins' and a creek baptism... an I ain't never seen nothing like that." I am referring to the south region NCCAA basketball game between Lee College and Tennessee Temple in which Lee bested Temple by one point in a real "cliff hanger" to win the honor of participating in the NCCAA national championship tournament for Division II.

Keep in mind that I was a cheer leader at the University of Chat-

tanooga back in the early fifties. Also keep in mind that I was a real Georgia Bulldog booster in the late fifties in the heyday of the great Wally Butts. With this in mind I can truthfully say that the competitive spirit, the moral and enthusiasm of the fans and the support of the schools witnessed at the Lee/Temple game surpassed anything that I recall in a college game of any type, anywhere, at anytime.

Hopefully, my impression of the competitive spirit of the NCCAA, as reflected in the above-mentioned contest, is indicative of the overall spirit of the league in which we play. From the firsthand report of the Managing Editor Michael Largent, who covered the Nation Tournament for Division I (Bible College) in Springfield, Missouri, in March, this is indeed the level of competitive activity that is to be expected. Mike came back with the glowing reports of the tournament, the people and the level of play.

If what we have seen in the events surrounding our first two issues of the **VOICE OF THE NCCAA** is any indication of what the future holds, we are certainly headed in the right direction. At no time in my business career have I ever been more enthusiastic about a project

as I am about this paper. Someone once said that the key to success is to "find a void in the marketplace and fill it". Well in the case of the NCCAA the need for a publication was obvious and hopefully we have met the need.

At this point we have received nothing but "praise" for our first efforts. The first edition was designed to show the organizational structure of the NCCAA and the diversity of sports now being promoted in the NCCAA. We had coverage of basketball, baseball, cross country, soccer and volleyball. In emphasizing the organizational structure of the NCCAA we showed our readers how the various regions and districts are broken down for team play. We hope that all our readers will keep Volume I, Number 1, not only for reference but as a "collectors item". You never can tell — one day that very first edition of the **VOICE OF THE NCCAA** might be worth something!

As yet we have not had time to calculate the response to our several requests in the first issue. I am specifically referring to our need for Associate Editors. By the time the third issue comes around we will know more about the availability of talent and what our continu-

This tournament issue of the **NCCAA VOICE** brings to mind the number of hardworking individuals who are contributing hours of work in order to make the NCCAA a success.

Thanks, of course, goes to the District Chairmen who are key personnel in this growing organization. Next we must mention the work of the National Sports Chairmen who have helped make each of our national tournaments this year a real success.

In Chattanooga, we must give a great big word of thanks to Herb Priddy and the Brainerd Optimists for their dedication, donations, and desire to put on a class tournament.

The Executive Committee has spent hours on the details of the national organization, and, last but not least, thank you for your support, for your interest, prayers, for your suggestions, and willingness to help.

Let's all put our shoulder to the wheel and make the commitment that is so necessary to make this great, national organization what it should be and can be for the glory of God.

ing needs will be. Hopefully we will have more than enough support from across the country.

Advertising is still the foundation of a publication such as this and we are working hard to attract the attention of the nation's sports product manufacturers. The colleges that belong to the NCCAA have, for the most part, been overlooked by the major producers simply because there was no way to effectively advertise to this segment of the market. This is no longer true and we believe that with the passing of time we can build a firm foundation of constant advertising support that will enable us to put out a bigger and better publication. Any assistance that you can give us in this area will be greatly appreciated.

Just for the record... we had our share of problems getting organized. Shipping and mailing of the first edition was a real chore and a learning experience. As you know, the **VOICE OF THE NCCAA** is shipped to each campus in bulk via UPS each month. This requires almost one hundred different packages varying from twenty-five papers to several of more than two hundred fifty papers. It will take a while to get our system down pat.

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The next issue is scheduled for April and will contain all the excitement and details of the National Basketball Tournament for Division II teams as well as a variety of other newsworthy and interesting articles about the expanding activities of the NCCAA. I hope you will be with us!

That's A Lot to Talk About... for now!

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The original organization of the NCCAA has divided the United States into eight geographic districts. Member schools within those districts function in the beginning levels of legislative action, eligibility, and tournament play throughout the year. For various tournaments there have been special formats developed such as the six team playoffs with five regions and an at-large team for this week's Division I Basketball Tournament.

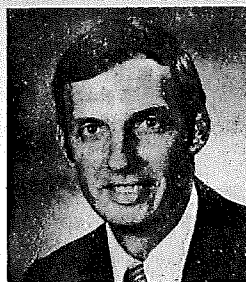
It is especially noteworthy that an organization run on a national basis, getting its direction from the national office, functions quite well through the eight district chairmen's leadership. It is at this level that —

- 1) The eligibility status of member schools is identified and any existing problems are corrected.
- 2) That new member colleges are processed for membership.
- 3) That play-off procedures for the determination of national participants is developed.
- 4) Regulation of the membership with the national office is delegated through the district chairmen.

It is throughout this structure that we have come to the point of the development of a very solid organization, both in structure and legislative and financial stability.

We have reached a point where we can look ahead to development of full time positions at the national level to give even greater and more thorough leadership to the district level of management.

In the Tournament Issue of the **VOICE OF THE NCCAA**, I would like to express on behalf of the Executive Committee a warm welcome to another National Basketball Tournament for Division schools, and to the national meeting of the NCCAA member schools.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I think it is fitting at this time that we are emphasizing the national meeting of coaches, district chairmen, and the executive committee in a general meeting of member schools on Saturday. As we reflect on issues that will effect the organization on a national scope — giving an understanding of the foundation of the legislative activity — the NCCAA can be recognized. That foundation is the district level and the individuals who function as district chairmen in each of the eight districts.

The NCCAA is working because individuals of member schools are working at the various tasks that need to be done.

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SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Athletes must be nominated by their basketball coach and certified by the NCCAA Executive Secretary.
- The Murchison Award nomination forms must be used for nominations and be submitted to the office of the Executive Secretary by February 15th of each year.
- The Executive Secretary of the NCCAA will submit complete dossiers of all nominees to members of the selection committee by March 1.
- Final selection of the recipient will be made by the selection committee, composed of nationally prominent sports personalities.
- Presentation of the award will be made during the NCCAA National Basketball Tournament kick-off banquet.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Including JOHN WOODEN, former Head Basketball Coach, University of California at Los Angeles; NORM EVANS, All Pro Tackle for the Miami Dolphins; BOBBY RICHARDSON, New York Yankee Great and Former Head Baseball Coach at the University of South Carolina.

QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL TO BE NOMINATED

- Be a team member of a Christian college recognized by the NCCAA.
- Must possess a vital Christian testimony on and off of the court.
- Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities.
- Be highly skilled
- Junior or senior student in good academic standing.

NATURE OF THE AWARDS

- ONE AWARD TO THE INDIVIDUAL
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 - A. A trophy
 - B. A gift of \$2,000 for the athletic program.

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We consider this a worthwhile undertaking since it renders a service to the community in bringing to our city some of the best basketball teams in small colleges throughout the country, from California to the East coast. People in Chattanooga are able to see basketball of high quality, and the city is also known all over the nation for its hospitality.

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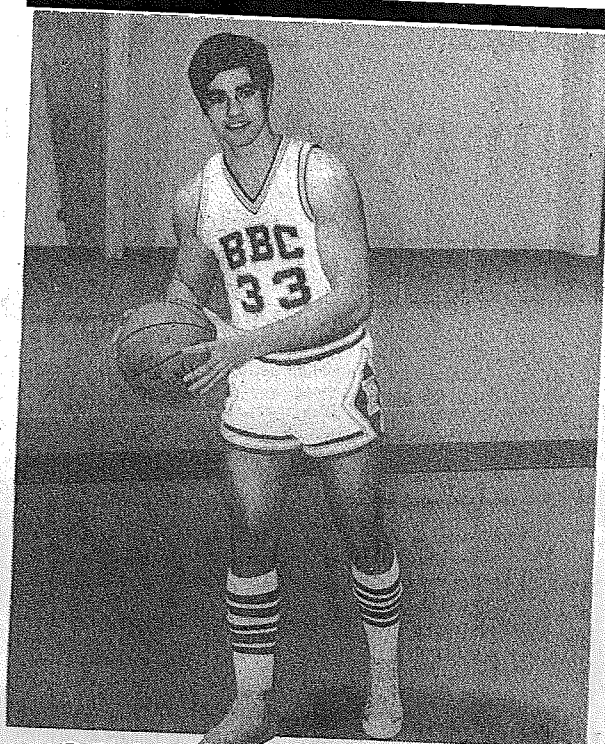


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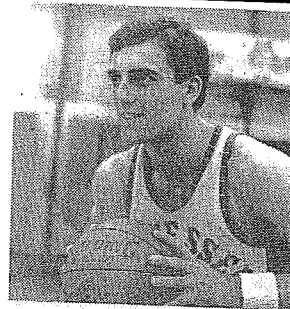
RICK COLE WINS MURCHISON AWARD!

RICK COLE of Baptist Bible College (PA) has been named recipient of the MURCHISON AWARD for 1978! An honor that only the most outstanding basketball player in the NCCAA can claim.

The 2.7 GPA honor student has the kind of qualifications that would make any coach cry for happiness. He is only 5'-11", 175 pounds, but he can play his position, guard, and everyone else's too. On defense, his coach Jim Huckaby writes: "His quickness and strength have been effectively used to hold opponents to half their season average while scoring over twenty-six points per game in return. He is the key to our pressure man-to-man system. He has excellent lateral movement and is a superior rebounder for his size. He leads the team in steals and has forced our opponents into more turnovers than any other member of the team." On leadership, Coach Huckaby says, "Rick is our team leader! The entire team rallies around him. He sets the example in practice as well as in the games. His unselfishness is contagious. He leads the team in every statistical area except rebounding. When the pressure is on, all of us look to Rick. The better the opponent, the better he plays. He means as much to us as Phil Ford does to the University of North Carolina. He is probably the most popular athlete on our campus. He has the respect of our entire student body, faculty, and staff." On Christian leadership: "Rick is a vibrant Christian whose love for Christ and others has made him an outstanding Christian worker, especially with youth. He has spent the past two summers working with young people in camps, churches and schools. He has been privileged to lead dozens of young men to the Savior. He is the most unselfish and other-person-centered athlete to ever play for me in my eighteen years of collegiate coaching. If humility, self-sacrifice, love for others and personal dedication characterizes a Christian, then Rick's testimony and influence can be called outstanding."

And, in his comments and recommendations, Coach Huckaby states: "Rick is one of the most grateful and appreciative athletes I have ever known. Maybe it is because both of his parents are deaf mutes. Maybe it is because he was not a Christian until he was eighteen years old. At any rate, all of us at BBC feel greatly privileged to have Rick in our student body and on our team. I pray that y sons will grow up with Rick's qualities. He is certainly the best of two worlds that interest me — Christianity and Athletics."

Up to the time of nomination (February 15, 1978), Rick has scored an average of 26.1 points per game with a total season of 495 points. His high game was 41 points against Berkshire Christian College. From the floor, Rick shot 51.6%, while shooting 68.6% from the free-throw line, and making 5.9 assists per game with a season total of 112. And on defense, Rick came down with 101 rebounds averaging 5.3 per game with a high game of 10 against Berkshire.



Last year's winner, DAN SMITH, a senior at Tennessee Temple Schools was selected as the selection committee's second choice.

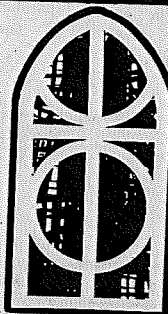
MEL SVENDSEN, a junior at Northeastern Bible College, was listed as the third choice.

Rick Cole has a list of honors as long as your arm, with such outstanding Team Awards as: NCCAA Division II National Runner-up (two years); NCCAA District and Regional Champion (two years); Tip-Off Tournament Champion (three years); Kiwanis Tournament Champion; National Statistical Leader for Division II, NCCAA. His Individual Awards are: All-Conference (two years); All-District, NCCAA (two years); All-American, Division II; All-Tournament, Division II (two years) (MVP); MVP All-Tip-Off Tournament (two years); All-Kiwanis Tournament; Team MVP (two years).

And now he has another honor, and possibly the biggest of all, he is the winner of the Merchison Award, he is the most outstanding basketball player in the NCCAA!

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According to statistics the teams are only three games apart in the won/lost category. Team strength, ability and records also appear to be well in balance.

Representing the South Region, and the host team for the tournament, will be Lee College from Cleveland, Tennessee. Lee earned their birth by virtue of their spectacular one point victory over Tennessee Temple in the final week before the tournament. Last years champion, Bethany (Oklahoma) Nazarene, did "not make the cut" and will not appear to defend their crown. With this in mind, the tournament appears to be wide open.

Joining Lee (19-13) on the court will be Biola (19-13) from LaMirda, California, a former winner in 1976, Geneva College (19-13), Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Olivet Nazarene, Kankakee, Illinois, Mid-America Nazarene (15-12) from Olathe, Kansas and Northwest Nazarene (22-9) from (the at-large team) from Nampa, Idaho.

Seedings for the tournament were based on season records and Litkenhous ratings with the pairing being made on Sunday, March 12 in Chattanooga. The top two seeds drew byes, with the other four teams being paired off for Thursday nights opening schedule.

Due to large crowds which the tournament drew last year, the tournament was moved to the excellent facilities of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Known as Maclellan (Big Mac) Gymnasium, the facility will seat more than four thousand with plenty of room for the overflow crowds expected.

This tournament follows by two weeks, the Division I national tournament held recently in Springfield, Missouri (see report elsewhere in this issue) which was for NCCAA colleges in the Bible College category. According to reports, the Division I contest will be a "tough act to follow". Hopefully this event will continue the upward trend now apparent for the NCCAA.

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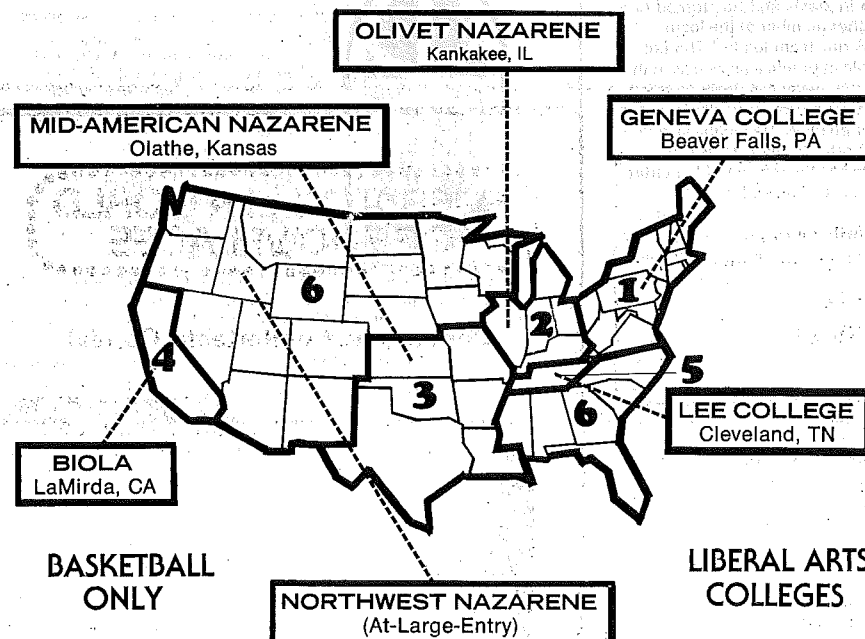
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**DIVISION II
COACH OF THE YEAR**



1977 BASKETBALL ALL-AMERICANS

DIVISION I

FIRST TEAM

Otis Garrison
Bethany Nazarene College
6'2" senior, Tacoma, Washington
10.7 ppg., 4.2 assists per game

Alvin Holland
Central Wesleyan College
6'5" senior, Seneca, South Carolina
22 ppg., 12 rebounds per game

Doug Noll
Grace College
6'2" junior, Winona Lake, Indiana
26.2 ppg.

Mark Miller
Westmont College
6'5" senior, Arcadia, California
16.9 ppg., 8.8 rebounds

Bob Vanderhoff
Messiah College
6'3" senior, Pleasantville, New Jersey
23 ppg.

SECOND TEAM

Joe Ricke
6'6" senior, Nyack College

Tim Warkentin
6'8" junior, Biola College

Bob Signorino
6'2" senior, Covenant College

Jeff Armstrong
6'2" senior, Point Loma College

Bonnie White
6'1" junior, LeTourneau College

HONORABLE MENTION

Kevin Creasman, Geneva
Jerry Cline, Bryan
Danny Smith, Tennessee Temple
Kevin Fulton, Bethel
Rich McLavish, John Wesley
Jared Yoder, Bethel
Eric Bergstol, Kings

DIVISION II

Don Hiebenthal
6'2", sophomore, Western Baptist Bible
Salem, Oregon. 16.6 ppg.

Jim Edwards
6'4", senior, Baptist Bible College
Springfield, Missouri. 19.2 ppg., 9.5 rs.

David Sellers
6'1", senior, Moody Bible Institute
Chicago, Illinois. 27.8 ppg.

Rick Cole
5'10", junior, Baptist Bible College
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. 23.4 ppg.

Tom Penland
6'3", senior, Toccoa Falls Bible College
Toccoa Falls, Georgia. 19.5 ppg.

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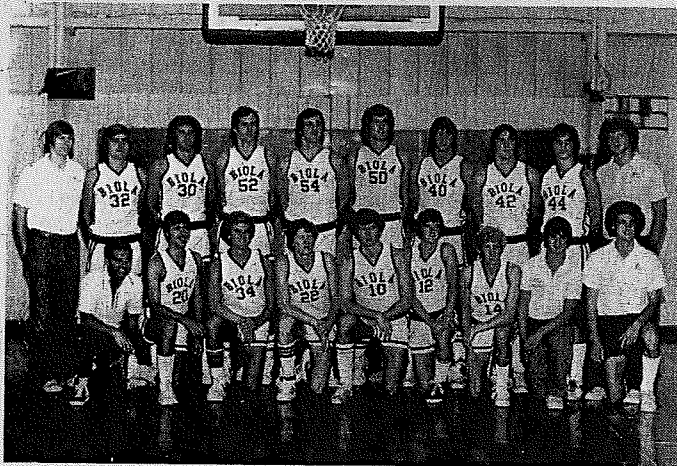
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Won: 19 Lost: 13 HEAD COACH: HOWARD LYON

BIOLA COLLEGE

La Mirada, California

"EAGLES"

Number	Light	Dark	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
54			Warkentin, Tim	C	6-9	230	Sr.	Reedley, CA
52			Ballif, Stan	C	6-8	210	So.	San Diego, CA
50			Bunn, Mike	C	6-7	215	Sr.	Prescott, AZ
44			Vurbeff, Gregg	F	6-4	180	Fr.	Washington, DC
42			Fry, Joel	F	6-5	205	So.	Walnut Creek, CA
40			Siefken, Tim	F	6-6	215	So.	Ojai, CA
34			Peterson, Ross	G	6-0	167	So.	Los Gatos, CA
32			Cole, Brad	F-G	6-4	205	Sr.	Sacramento, CA
30			Hoffman, Don	F	6-6	200	So.	La Habra, CA
22			Berglund, Greg	G	6-3	175	So.	Northridge, CA
20			Corsi, Steve	G	5-11	150	So.	Rosemead, CA
14			Rackliffe, Dave	G	5-11	145	So.	La Habra, CA
12			Nissen, Larry	G	5-11	155	Sr.	Fullerton, CA
10			Sargent, Jim	G-F	6-2	190	Jr.	Garden Grove, CA

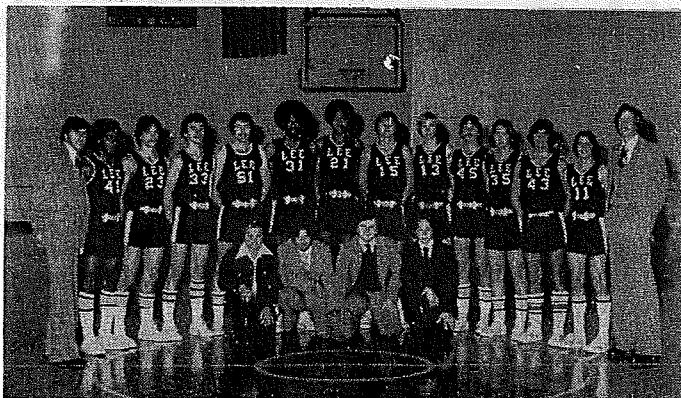


Won: 12 Lost: 16 HEAD COACH: JIM CHRISTOPHER

GENEVA COLLEGE

Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

10	11	Gallagher, Pat	G	5-7	120	Fr.	Library, PA
12	13	Louco, Dave	G	6-0	150	So.	Westville, NJ
24	15	Horchler, Jeff	G	6-0	150	Sr.	New Castle, PA
50	21	McCarthy, Mark	F	6-2	160	So.	Mansfield, OH
32	33	Cressman, Kevin	F	6-7	180	Sr.	Flat Rock, MI
22	35	Hogan, Joe	F	6-2	180	Jr.	New Brighton, PA
40	41	Schumacker, James	F	6-3	175	Fr.	Penfield, NY
14	43	Scott, David	F	6-6	200	Fr.	Greenville, PA
42	45	Schumacher, John	F	6-4	190	Sr.	Penfield, NY
44	53	Bell, Joe	F	6-4	224	Jr.	Beaver Falls, PA
54	55	Ropke, Steven	C	7-0	235	Sr.	Milanville, PA



LEE COLLEGE

Cleveland, Tennessee

"VIKINGS"

HEAD COACH: EARL ROWAN

W-M	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class	Hometown
40-41	George Bowles	G	6-2	170	JR	Del Ray, FL
42-43	Chuck Clark	G	6-2	175	FR	Cleveland, TN
50-51	Larry Dunn	F	6-4	202	JR	Dayton, OH
10-11	Keith Lewis	G	5-8	128	SO	Everglades, FL
12-13	Lowell Odom	F	6-5	160	FR	Cleveland, TN
14-15	Gary Ray	F	6-5	180	FR	Madison, AL
32-33	Randy Steele	G	6-3	165	JR	Lebanon, OH
22-23	Paul Walker	F	6-1	167	SR	Athol, GA
44-45	Rocky Wilson	F	6-3	190	SO	Hickory, NC
30-31	Sam Herkley	F	6-5	185	SR	Ooltewah, TN

Anytime there's a national tournament around you can expect a lot of things to be just a little bit exaggerated. For example, the stories are possibly a tad more spectacular, there is more excitement in the air, more spirit, more action, more thrills, and for all but the champions, more disappointment.

GAME 1 THURSDAY, MARCH 2 6:30 P.M.

The first group to be disappointed were from Houston, Texas. The team from Gulf Coast Bible College were outscored by the host team, Baptist Bible College of Springfield, MO. The final score was 81-70.

BBC (MO)	FG	FT	PF
Wilcox	2	0	0
Larrabee	1	0	0
Pride	3	0	1
Woods	2	0	0
Johnson	11	1	2
Hale	0	0	2
Dickenson	7	3	3
Schnelle	7	3	3
Tierney	2	2	5
Whitten	0	0	2
GCBC			

	FG	FT	PF
Mozingo	0	0	0
Stanfield	7	0	4
McNeely	0	0	0
Parker	1	2	2
Emory	8	4	3
Egelston	1	0	0
Tate	7	2	4
Russell	3	2	1
Church	0	0	0
Barton	1	0	0

Score: BBC (MO) — 81 GCBC — 70

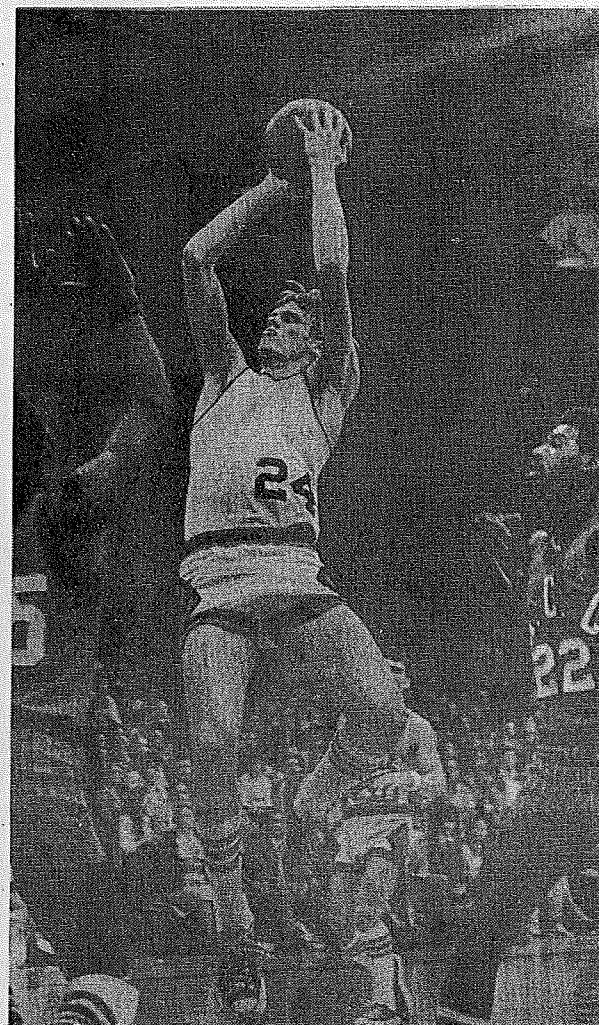
GAME 2 THURSDAY, MARCH 2 8:30 P.M.

The second game saw Trinity Bible Institute of Ellendale, North Carolina eliminated by Kentucky Christian College. KCC stopped TBI cold by outshooting them with a 53% accuracy mark to their 36%. The final score was Kentucky Christian 70, Trinity Bible 56.

KCC	FG	FT	PF
Hammond	8	0	0
McCarthy	6	3	3
Mitchell	4	4	4
Davilla	3	1	3
Perry	1	0	2
McKenzie	3	1	3
Gifford	1	0	0
Speece	1	0	3
Cole	2	0	0
Carter	0	2	0
TBI			

	FG	FT	PF
Harvey	1	0	2
Blair	1	0	1
Seer	1	0	3
Hayslip	0	0	0
Graesser	2	0	1
D. Warner	6	3	3
M. Warner	5	0	2
Olson	0	0	1
Johnson	5	0	2
Weinmeister	4	3	3

Score: KCC — 70 TBI — 56



GAME 3 FRIDAY, MARCH 3 6:30 P.M.

The next night saw number one seeded Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, PA methodically do its stuff against Kentucky Christian, defeating them 93 to 74 in the semi-finals. Rock Cole of BBC(PA) came within one bucket of tying the Division II tournament record for the most points in one game with a sizzling 34 point game, hitting 14 of 27 from the floor and 6 of 6 from the charity stripe. Aaron Mitchell of KCC contacted for 26 points, making him the second highest scorer for the game.

BBC (PA)

	FG	FT	PF
Cole	14	6	3
Giffey	1	1	2
Ryall	6	4	4
Stewart	0	0	0
P. Gelatt	3	1	2
Malin	4	5	1
D. Gelatt	2	4	0
McCullough	4	0	3
Webber	0	0	0
KCC	FG	FT	PF
Hammond	7	2	4

McCarthy	2	0	2
Mitchell	13	2	4
Davilla	6	2	5
Perry	1	0	2
Gifford	0	0	0
Speece	1	2	0
Cole	0	0	2
Welsh	2	2	0
Scoring by periods:			
BBC (PA)	43	50	93
KCC	36	38	74

GAME 4 MARCH, 4 8:30 P.M.

Friday night's semi-final action saw the number two seeded Ozark Bible College of Joplin, MO fall to the hot-wristed Patriots of Baptist Bible (MO), 84-78. Scott Dickenson pumped in 26 points while his teammate, Pat Tierney, grabbed a record-breaking 20 rebounds, to key the victory. Tierney's new record broke a three-year old Division II tourney mark of 17 rebounds in one game. Ozark had an edge on field goal shooting, hitting 34 of 73 for 47% to BBC (MO)'s 36 of 81 for 44%. But the real problem was Ozark's turnovers, making 19 while The Patriots only gave up eight.

Thus the stage was set. Ozark

faced off with Kentucky Christian for the consolation spot, and Baptist Bible of Missouri met Baptist Bible of Pennsylvania for the Championship.

BBC (MO)	FG	FT	PF
Wilcox	6	1	1
Larrabee	0	2	0
Pride	1	2	2
Woods	0	2	1
Johnson	7	2	4
Hale	9	0	1
Dickenson	13	0	1
Schnelle	5	1	4
Tierney	4	2	4
OBC	FG	FT	PF
Brown	1	0	1
Gibson	7	0	2
Allen	4	0	2
Luper	3	0	5
Engberg	4	0	2
Hughes	0	0	0
Dally	0	0	0
Burton	5	6	5
Rutherford	10	4	4

Scoring by periods:

BBC (MO)	45	39	84
OBC	29	39	78

GAME 5 SATURDAY, MARCH 5

The last night of basketball in Springfield left nothing to be desired in the way of excitement. The crowd of 3-4000 was high with the spirit of the event, the competition was fierce, and a lot was at stake for the schools. That was the night that determined which team would be number one in the NCCAA Division II.

In the opening game, Ozark was pitted against Kentucky Christian. The first half was nick-and-tuck all the way with Ozark finally coming out on top 50 to 48.

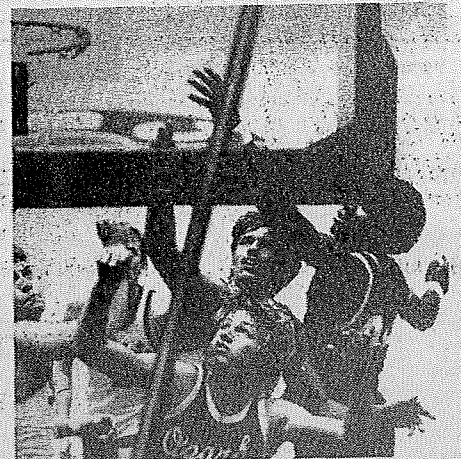
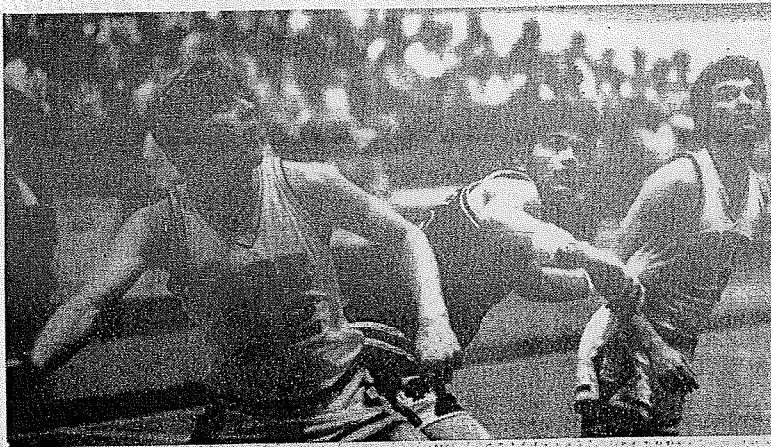
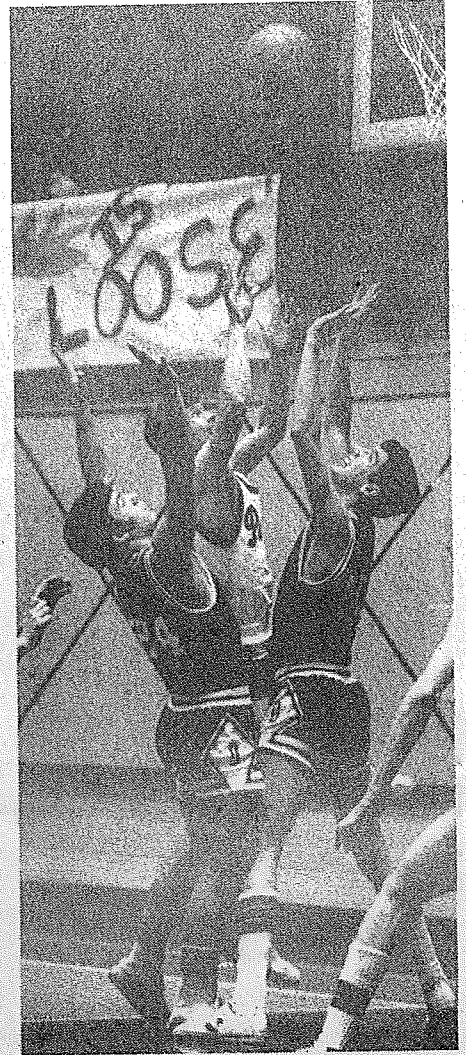
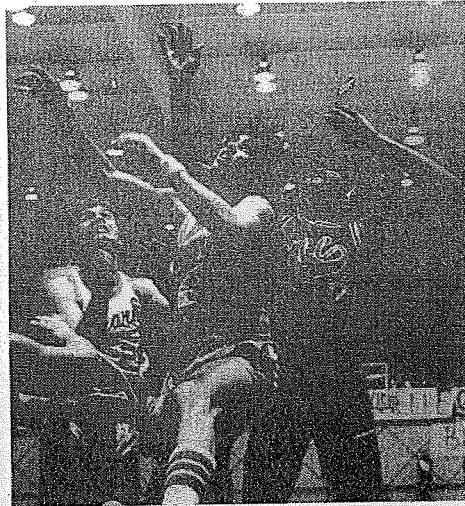
The second half have KCC the sad news that they had been defeated at the hand of Kelly Burton and Dick Gibson, who both shot for 22 points while teammates Dudley Rutherford and Doug Engberg had 19 and 12 points, respectfully. Kentucky Christian had help from Aaron Mitchell's 19 points while Eddie Hammond and Matt Davilla added 14 each and Kurt Speece 10, but it wasn't enough.

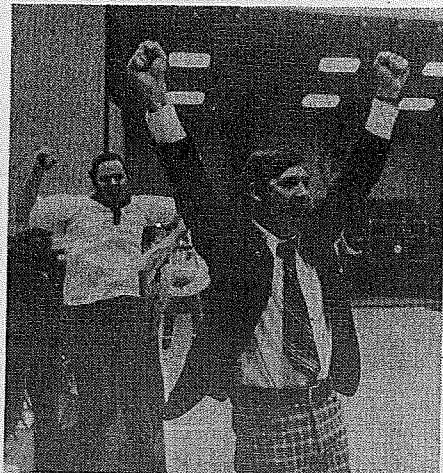
OBC	FG	FT	PF
Brown	2	3	3
Gibson	11	0	4
Allen	4	0	4
Luper	0	0	1
Engsborg	5	2	3
Hughes	1	0	0
Siemens	0	0	0
Dally	0	0	0
Burton	11	0	0
Rutherford	8	3	4
KCC	FG	FT	PF
Hammond	7	0	5
Welsh	0	0	0
Mitchell	7	5	3
Davilla	7	0	4
Perry	2	3	1
McKenzie	2	1	3
Gifford	3	1	2
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Scores by periods:

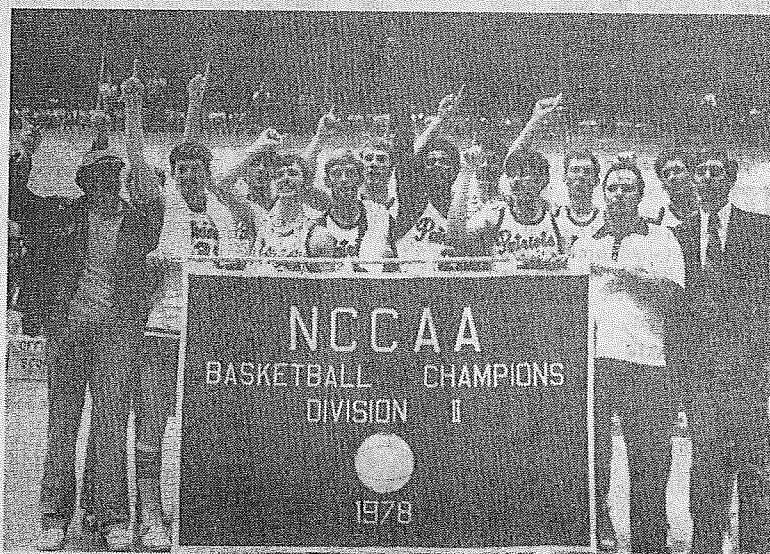
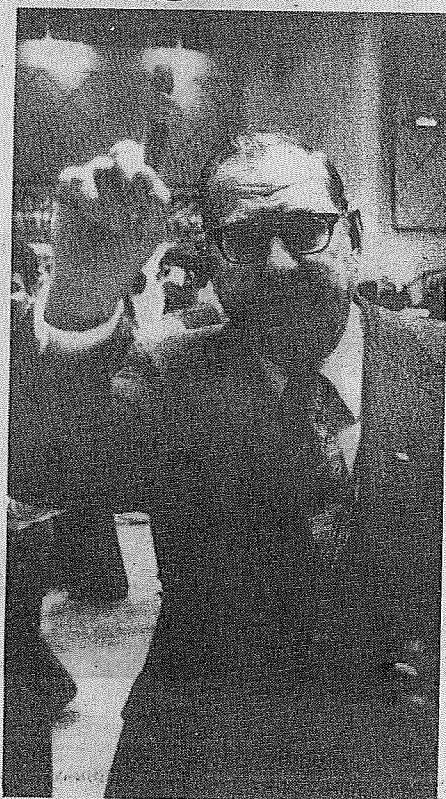
OBC	50	42	92
KCC	48	33	81

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**WE'RE
NUMBER
ONE!**



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**GAME 6 SATURDAY MARCH 6
8:30 P.M.**

And then there was the final game! The stands had already erupted into pandemonium and cheering, but when the Patriots of Springfield came onto the court to start their warm-ups, the fans went wild! This was it. Our chance to win the National Basketball Championship. And sure enough, they did. But it didn't look like they were going to at first, because at the halftime buzzer they were down by 12 points, 42 to 30. Whatever Coach Mike Shepis said to his team must have been good, because it worked. Schenelle scored 12 of his 18 game points in the second half, and grabbed 21 rebounds which broke the meet record which had just been set the night before. Wilcox added 14, Tierney had 12, and Gary Johnson scored 11 for the Patriots.

Rick Cole guided The Defenders with 27 connections while Mark Malin added 13.

BBC (MO) hit 30 of 70 shots for 43%, while BBC (PA) shot the same percentage, connecting on 28 of 65. The Patriots out rebounded the Defenders, but committed more turnovers, 13-12.

There is no feeling quite like that feeling when you are ahead by 1 point and it is your ball, and there are only five seconds on the clock, then four, then three, then two, then one and the YOU ARE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

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Possibly the only one who could have been more excited, was the person in charge of the box office receipts when he found out that this tournament had broken even financially, for the first time ever! Thanks Springfield for a great tournament!

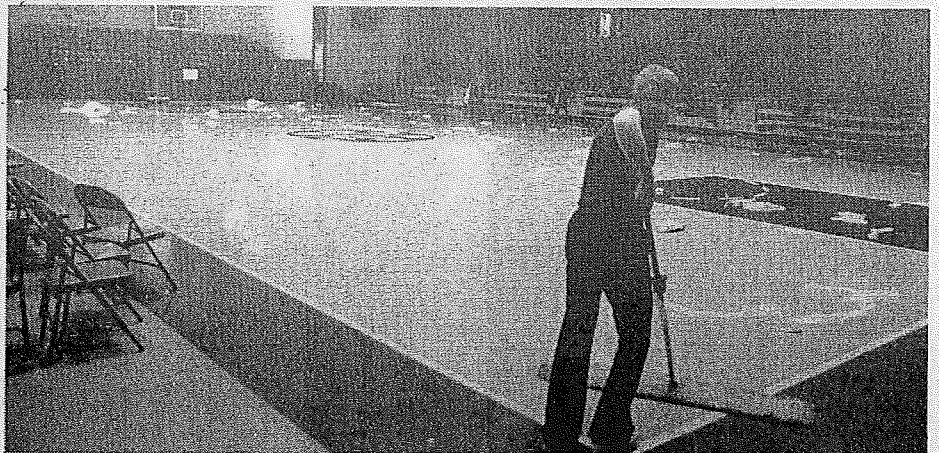
BBC	FG	FT	PF
Wilcox	6	2	3
Larrabee	0	2	1
Pride	1	0	4
Woods	1	0	0
Johnson	5	1	3
Dickenson	3	0	0
Schenelle	8	2	4
Tierney	6	0	2
BBC (PA)	FG	FT	PF
Cole	13	1	4
Griffey	2	0	0
Ryall	3	2	4
Stewart	0	0	2
P. Gelatt	2	2	1
Walker	1	2	3
Malin	5	3	3
D. Gelatt	2	0	1
McCullough	0	0	0

Score by periods:

BBC	30	37	67
PA	42	24	66

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MID-AMERICA NAZARENE Olathe, Kansas "PIONEERS"

No.	Name	Pos.	HI	WI	Yr	Hometown
15	Burgat, Keith	G	5-10	155	SR	Topeka, KS
21	Jakobitz, Judson	F	6-2	180	FR	Buffalo Lake, MN
55	King, Brad	C-F	6-6	195	JR	Fredonia, KS
35	Knipker, John	F	6-3	185	SR	Excelsior Springs, MO
42	Mills, Dan	C-F	6-2	200	JR	Connorsville, IN
32	Remole, Brad	G	6-1	180	SR	Huntsville, MO
12	Remole, Jim	G	5-11	160	JR	Moberly, MO
44	Steinmetz, Larry	F	6-3	190	JR	Shawnee Miss, KS



Won: 15 Lost: 12 HEAD COACH RON HILL

OLIVET NAZARENE COLLEGE Kankakee, Illinois

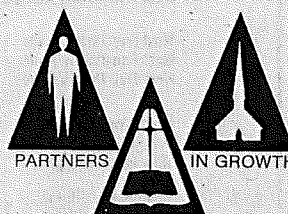
41	41	Brotheridge, Dave	F	6-5	190	Jr.	Rockfalls, IL
43	43	Steagall, Gerald	F	6-5	180	Sr.	Rockfalls, IL
45	45	Followell, Dennis	C	6-8	225	Sr.	Nashville, IN
5	5	Harris, Steve	G	6-2	165	Sr.	Rockfalls, IL
33	33	Harris, Sam	G	6-2	175	Sr.	Rockfalls, IL
51	51	Mayweather, Mike	F	6-2	180	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
11	11	Barr, Don	G	6-1	175	So.	Decatur, IL
13	13	Hutson, Jim	G	6-3	170	So.	Atlanta, GA
53	53	Corzett, Gary	F	6-4	175	Fr.	Rockfalls, IL
23	23	Jackson, Al	G	6-1	175	Sow	Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Won: 20 Lost: 7 HEAD COACH: FRANK WILSON

NORTHWEST NAZARENE

44	44	Duke Jackson	C	6-9	230	SO	Boise, ID
55	55	Jeff DiBene	F-C	6-8 1/2	225	SO	Nevada City, CA
33	33	Rommie Lewis	GF	6-6	204	SO	Mt. Home, ID
35	35	Pat Englehardt	GF	6-5	190	SO	Mt. Home, ID
43	43	Loring Larsen	FC	6-5	200	JR	Renton, WA
24	24	Fritz Jenkins	G	6-3	165	SR	Nampa, ID
23	23	Scott Shaw	G	6-2	170	SO	Concord, CA
25	25	Neal Stuart	G	6-1	164	JR	Meridian, ID
20	20	Rob Cantonwine	G	5-10	153	FR	Salem, OR



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FORMAT TO FOLLOW REGIONAL GUIDELINES

The original format of the VOICE will follow regional guidelines. It is suggested that regional information will be broken down into sports categories and our readers will be able to follow the overall activity of their region. This procedure will be aimed primarily at keeping up with regional schedules, scores and regional standings in the various sports.



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NCCAA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RECORDS

Individual Records (All two-game records come from semi-final and final round play)

Most Points	1 game: 42	1972 Don Eads	Eastern Nazarene
Most Points	2 games: 52	1975 Ralph Hodge	Olivet Nazarene
Most Points	3 games: 91	1972 Don Eads	Eastern Nazarene
Most Rebounds	1 game: 23	1977 Terry Wiley	Geneva
Most Rebounds	2 games: 33	1977 James Ransberg	Tennessee Temple
Most Rebounds	3 games: 47	1972 Vance Carr	Azusa Pacific
Most Field Goals Attempted	1 game: 35	1972 Vance Carr	Azusa Pacific
Most Field Goals Attempted	2 games: 50	1972 Vance Carr	Azusa Pacific
Most Field Goals Attempted	3 games: 88	1971 Steve Roberson	Tennessee Temple
Most Field Goals Made	1 game: 17	1971 Don Eads	Eastern Nazarene
Most Field Goals Made	2 games: 21	1974 Jeff Jantz	Bethany Nazarene
Most Field Goals Made		1976 Jim Shoff	Olivet Nazarene
Most Field Goals Made	3 games: 37	1971 Don Eads	Eastern Nazarene
Most Free Throws Attempted	1 game: 15	1972 George Hulsman	Trinity
Most Free Throws Attempted	2 games: 22	1975 Ralph Hodge	Olivet Nazarene
Most Free Throws Attempted	3 games: 28	1971 Bob Soto	Azusa Pacific
Most Free Throws Made	1 game: 12	1975 Ralph Hodge	Olivet Nazarene
Most Free Throws Made	2 games: 22	1975 Ralph Hodge	Olivet Nazarene
Most Free Throws Made	3 games: 23	1971 Bob Soto	Azusa Pacific

Team Records:

Best Field Goal Percentage	1 game: 62%	1976 Biola
Best Field Goal Percentage	2 games: 57.4%	1974 Bethany Nazarene
Best Field Goal Percentage	3 games: 51.8%	1970 Azusa Pacific
Most Field Goals Attempted	1 game: 95	1972 Tennessee Temple
Most Field Goals Attempted	2 games: 165	1973 Eastern Nazarene
Most Field Goals Attempted	3 games: 253	1970 Azusa Pacific
Most Field Goals Made	1 game: 44	1974 Bethany Nazarene
Most Field Goals Made	2 games: 77	1974 Bethany Nazarene
Most Field Goals Made	3 games: 131	1970 Azusa Pacific
Best Free Throw Percentage	1 game: 95.6%	22/23 1975 Bethany Nazarene
Best Free Throw Percentage	2 games: 87.2%	48/55 1975 Olivet Nazarene
Best Free Throw Percentage	3 games: 80.6%	1971 Eastern Nazarene
Most Free Throws Attempted	1 game: 48	1971 Azusa Pacific
Most Free Throws Attempted	2 games: 40	1971 Azusa Pacific
Most Free Throws Attempted	3 games: 93	Eastern Nazarene 1971 Azusa Pacific Eastern Nazarene
Most Free Throws Made	1 game: 39	1971 Azusa Pacific
Most Free Throws Made	2 games: 67	1971 Eastern Nazarene
Most Free Throws Made	3 games: 75	1971 Eastern Nazarene
Most Points Scored	1 game: 128	1970 Azusa Pacific
Most Points Scored	2 games: 196	1970 Azusa Pacific
Most Points Scored	3 games: 324	1970 Azusa Pacific
Least Points Allowed	1 game: 52	1971 Azusa Pacific
Least Points Allowed	2 games: 117	1972 Azusa Pacific
Least Points Allowed	3 games: 171	1972 Azusa Pacific
Most Rebounds	1 game: 71	1972 Tennessee Temple
Most Rebounds	2 games: 104	1972 Azusa Pacific
Most Rebounds	3 games: 159	1972 Tennessee Temple

TOURNEY MVP

1968	Bob Sherlin
1969	Dennis Dickens
1970	DeWayne Brewer
1971	Ron Bradley
1972	Vance Carr
1973	Ed Crabtree
1974	Jeff Jantz
1975	Jim Shoff
1976	Jim Tiefenthaler
1977	Steve Neff

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NCCAA RECORDS

Individual Scoring:

1. Most Points, season	Doug Noll, 882 Grace (1977-78)
2. Most Points, one game	Joe Eberhardt, 52 pts. Toccoa Falls
3. Points Per Game	Tom Randall, 31.0 Judson
4. Rebounds, season	Bob Eelman, 564 King's (1976-77)
5. Rebounds, one game	Todd Hadbegger, 34 Fort Wayne
6. Rebounds Per Game	Brian Rhodes, 20.1 Houghton (1977-78)
7. Field Goals, season	Keith Harris, 340 Toccoa Falls
8. Field Goals, one game	Joe Eberhardt, 22 Toccoa Falls
9. Field Goal Percentage, season	Kevin Fulton Bethel, 70.4 (1976-77)
10. Free Throws, season	Doug Noll, 260 Grace (1977-78)
11. Free Throws, one game	Jeff Jones, 20 Bethany Nazarene
12. Free Throw Percentage, season	Kevin Meers, 91.4 John Wesley (1977-78)
13. Most Assists, season	Terry Hubbard, 265 Geneva
14. Most Assists, game	John Nelson, 22 Tennessee Temple
15. Most Assists, per game	Leroy Higgins, 9.9 Covenant College

Team Totals

1. Average Points Scored	California Baptist, 102.8
2. Most Points, one game	Toccoa Falls, 144
3. Most Points, season	Bethany Nazarene, 3027 (1976-77)
4. Points Scored Against	Lee, 62.0
5. Fewest Points Scored Against, one game	Bethel (1977-78) (Bethel 22 — Tri-State 21)
6. Team Field Goal Percentage	Bethel, 54.9% (1976-77)
7. Team Free Throw Percentage	Olivet Nazarene, 78.4%
8. Winning Margin	California Baptist, 23.0
9. Rebounding Percentage	John Wesley, 59.1%
10. Most Field Goals, season	California Baptist, 1197
11. Most Free Throws, season	Grace, 597 (1976-77)

COACH OF THE YEAR

73	Cliff Hamlow	Azusa Pacific
74	Mike Shaker	Messiah
75	Jim Poteet	Bethany Nazarene
76	Floyd Evans	California Baptist (Div. I)
	Jim Huckaby	Baptist Bible (Div. II)
77	Frank Wilson	Olivet Nazarene (Div. I)
	Tim Hills	Western Baptist Bible (Div. II)

NCCAA CHAMPION

Lee	1968	Lee
Azusa Pacific	1969	Azusa Pacific
Azusa Pacific	1970	Azusa Pacific Lee
Eastern Nazarene	1971	Azusa Pacific
Azusa Pacific	1972	Azusa Pacific
Lee	1973	Lee
Bethany Nazarene	1974	Bethany Nazarene
Olivet Nazarene	1975	Olivet Nazarene
Biola	1976	Biola
Bethany Nazarene	1977	Bethany Nazarene

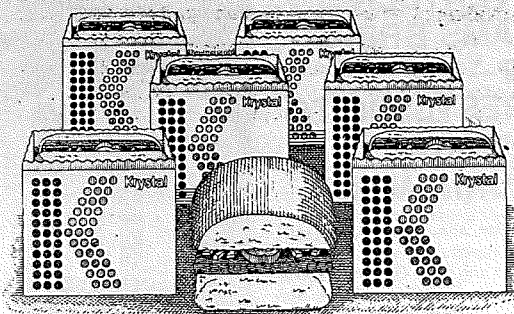
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SEVENTEEN TEAMS BRING 132 WRESTLERS TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual NCCAA Wrestling Championships were held February 24 and 25 at Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Illinois. Seventeen colleges qualified for this year's tournament and the final team standings were as follows:

Liberty Baptist	78.5
Biola	61
Messiah	48.75
Baptist Bible	41
Olivet Nazarene	39.25
Maranatha	35.5
The Kings	12.25
Lancaster	10
LeTourneau	10
Moody	10
Northwestern	9
Grand Rapids Baptist	7
Eastern Mennonite	6
Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music	3
Huntington	3
Grace	0
Southern Bible	0

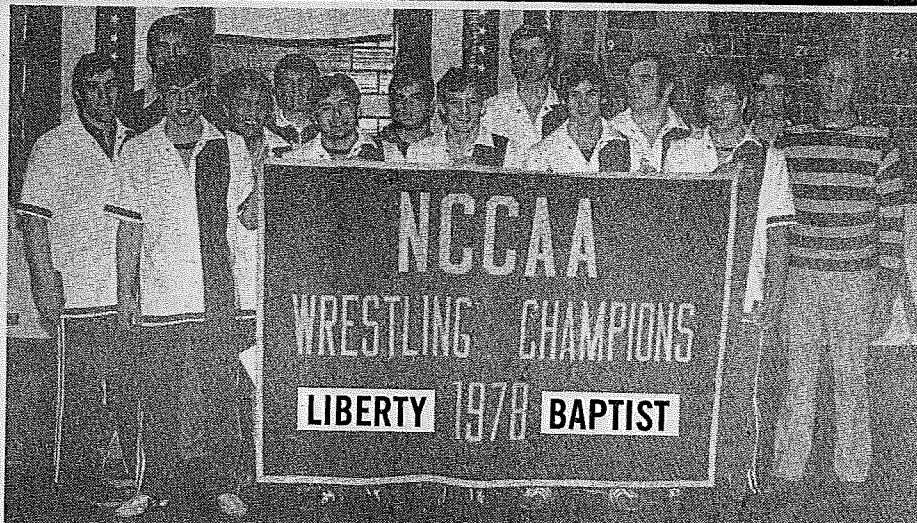
John Elmer from Messiah College, Grantham, PA, was named the Outstanding Wrestler in the tournament and Chris Davis from Baptist Bible, Clarks Summit, PA, was named Coach of the Year.

A total of one hundred thirty two wrestlers assembled to participate in the two day event. The ten weight classes saw some of the nation's finest wrestlers compete in what is fast becoming one of the truly fine tournaments for colleges of the size represented.

The facilities were excellent and in spite of the fact that several teams had little spectator support due to the distance-traveled, attendance was better than expected.

Competition was keen and most weight divisions had more than a fair share of top contenders. Teams from as far away as California came to test the ability, stamina and spirit of the best of the NCCAA has to offer in the big circle.

The tournament provided an excellent line-up of experienced and dedicated officials. Tournament Director Selden Marquart is to be congratulated for the smooth operation of the two day affair. The facilities were in great shape thanks to Jim Tripp and announcer Tim Davis did his usual excellent job. Ron Cunningham was in charge of publicity and put together a fine program backed up by good local promotion. Scorers Terry McKay and Rick Watson handled their job well and trainer Randy Myers had his hands full with the usual aches and pains. All participants and coaches were



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grateful for the dedicated efforts of Dr. Williams T. Hodges, official tournament doctor. A special vote of thanks goes to Mat Officials Roger DePiro, Larry NeCastro and Don Govoni. These three fine men did an excellent job and deserve special commendation for the tireless hours they put to the task of handling the action in the ring.

A great time of excellent competition and christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

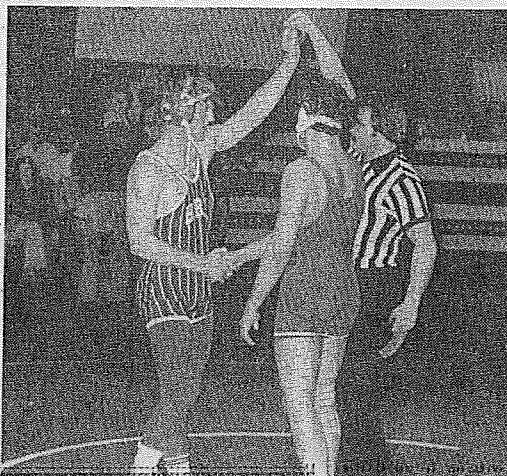
1978 National NCCAA Wrestling Champions are as follows: (In order of finish). 118 lbs. — John Elmer (MES), Randy Nelson (NW) and Don Adams (BBC). 126 lbs. — Scott Ferguson (MAR), Steve Hostetter (LAN) and Chris Spanding (GRB). 134 lbs. — Aaron Thomas (LIB), Ed Weaner (MES) and Tony Ippolito (B). 142 lbs. — Jesse Castro (ON), Rick Tripp (ON) and Mike Anderson (B). 150 lbs. — Paul Wilson (B), Dan Williams (BB) and Wayne Brooks. 158 lbs. — Dave Maple (LIB), Doug Rothrock (MES) and Dave Stein (MAR). 167 lbs. — Dan Thompson (BB), Dennis



Individual Champions: (kneeling left to right) 116 lb. John Elmer - Messiah, 126 lb. Scott Ferguson - Maranatha, 134 lb. - Aaron Thomas - Liberty, 142 lb. Jessie Castro - Liberty, 150 lb. Paul Wilson - Biola. (standing left to right) 158 lb. Dave Maple - Liberty, 167 lb. Dan Thomas - Baptist Bible, 177 lb. Bob Thomas - Biola, 190 lb. Jim Blagg - Biola, Heavyweight-Mark Kruszynski - Oliver.

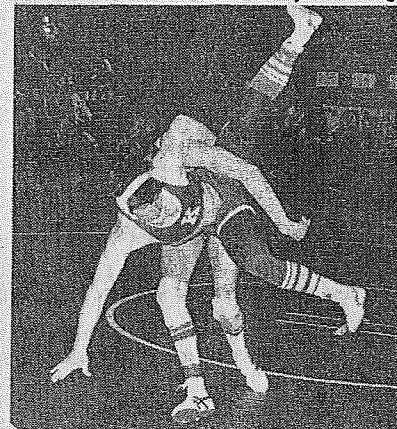
Flanagan (LIB) and Mark Bentley (MES). 177 lbs. — Bob Thomas (B), Randy Anderson (BB) and Chris Nugent (ON). 190 lbs. — Jim Blagg

(B), Doug Stein (MAR) and Mark Schukas (M). HWT Class — Dave Kruszynski (ON), Roy Jones (LIB) and Bret Causey (B).



Rick Tripp — Oliver

Ed Amesbury — The Kings



(Winner) Dave Thompson — Baptist Bible
Dennis Flanagan — Liberty

BIOLA'S JIM BLAGG WINS BOTH NCCAA AND NAIA WRESTLING TITLES

Senior Jim Blagg became Biola College's (Lamirada, CA) first National Champion wrestler this past weekend at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, where he captured first place in the 190 pound division in the NAIA National Championships just one week after winning the NCCAA title in Kankakee, Ill.

Blagg, who racked up a school record 114 victories in four years at Biola, decided Drew Whitfield of Taylor University (IN.), 8-4, in the finals Saturday night, March 4. His performance helped lead the Eagles to a 15th place finish out of 90 schools entered in the tournament.

The Eagles totaled 26.75 points, which came on the basis of six wins by Blagg, and two by freshman Tony Ippolito.

Twice before Biola has had a wrestler in the finals, but never a champion. Mike Fisher (1969) and Rich Hay (1972) both made it to the last match before settling for second place.

Blagg, who attended Wasson High in Colorado Spring, was an All American last year after finishing sixth at Nationals.

"I felt all along that I had a chance to place," said Blagg, "but I knew I would really have to wrestle well to win. When I was at home this past Christmas, I had a chance to wrestle with a really fine wrestler, and it really helped my confidence."

According to Blagg, the finals on Saturday night brought about a great deal of excitement, and of course, some nervousness as well.

"I tried to keep everything in perspective," said Blagg. "I felt it was a real privilege to be out there — representing my coach, my school, and my Lord."

"I can honestly say that I couldn't have done it without the Lord. He has given me strength to keep going, mentally and physically, even when I felt like quitting. Our entire team's goal is to serve Jesus Christ in life, and one way we do it is through wrestling."

Biola Coach Matt Orr said of Blagg, "He really wanted it. A couple of times he could have folded, being behind, but he kept coming. He made things happen."

"He was just the class of the field. There was no doubt about it. The coaches at the tournament were super impressed with Jimmy. He did an outstanding job," said Orr.

Tony Ippolito finished out a fine first year with the Eagles with his two wins in the tournament, but the remaining four Biola wrestlers were knocked out early. Paul Wilson, who along with Blagg and Ippolito nabbed a Championship in the NCCAA finals a week ago, was

top seeded in the 150 pound division. But he reinjured his knee, and was forced out of the lineup after the first match.

Both Brent Causey and Mike Anderson were hoping for strong showings, but both were ill, and could not wrestle well. The Eagles' last entry, Bob Thomas, came up against the eventual champion in the 177 pound division, and he was knocked out of contention right off the bat.

But for the Eagles, it was a very satisfying conclusion to a fine year of wrestling. Biola finished with a 22-5 dual meet record, first places in the Biola and Whittier dual meet tournaments, first place at Cal Tech, a third at the Biola Invitational, fifth at Las Vegas, and seventh at San Jose.

Jim Blagg's record at the NAIA Championships: 1. Pinned Larry Fenske (Westmar College) 4:09. 2. Decisived Randy Wilson (Central State, OK) 20-3. 3. Pinned Mike Wilsey (Pacilio) :52. 4. Decisived Wade Fletcher (Whitewater) 4-2. 5. Decisived Greg Barreto (S. Oregon State) 9-3. 6. Decisived Drew Whitfield (Taylor) 8-4.

SCORING RULES

TOURNAMENT POINTS

First place 10, Second place 7, Third place 4, Fourth place 2; Fall, Default or Forfeit 1 point, 1 point for advancement in the championship bracket and 1/2 point for advancement in consolation eliminations; 1/2 point awarded for decision won by 8 or more points, 3/4 point awarded for decision by 12 or more points.

Championship bouts are eight minutes long, divided into three periods of two, three and three minutes each. The first period will start from a standing position. Second and third periods begin on the mat in the referee's position, contestants alternating in the positions of advantage each period.

A **FALL** is decided when either wrestler has held his opponent's shoulders to the mat for one second. This terminates the match.

A **DECISION** is awarded to the contestant who scores the greater number of points in a bout where no Falls occur. If there is a tie contestants shall wrestle three extra

periods of one minute each (consolation matches included). A jury of two judges and the referee shall observe the overtime periods and select the winner by ballot if there is a tie after the overtime.

MATCH SCORING POINT SYSTEM TAKEDOWN — Taking opponent to mat with advantage — 2 points.

ESCAPE — Defensive wrestler attaining a neutral position — 1 point.

REVERSAL — Defensive wrestler comes from underneath and gains control of his opponents — 2 points.

NEAR FALL — A situation in which the offensive wrestler has control of his opponent in a pinning combination beyond a 45° angle and a fall is imminent — 2 points. Held for 5 seconds — 3 points.


TIME ADVANTAGE — The wrestler who has control over his opponent in gaining time advantage. At the end of the match if one contestant has more than one full minute net time advantage he is awarded — 1 point.

FORFEIT — a forfeit is received by a wrestler when his opponent for any reason fails to appear for the match. In order to receive a forfeit, a wrestler must be in uniform and appear on the mat.

DEFAULT — A default is awarded in a match when one of the wrestlers is unable to continue wrestling for any reason.


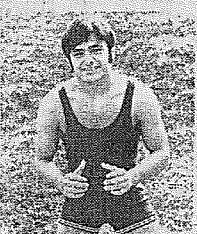
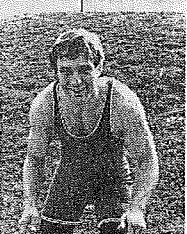
Wrestlers must wrestle at all times. Penalties are awarded by the referee under the point system for stalling, legal holds and technical violations.

Any hold for punishment alone is prohibited.



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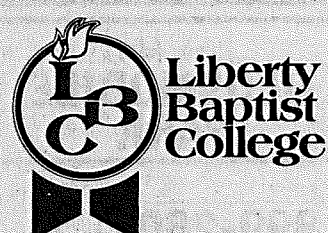




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NCCAA BASKETBALL STATS

DIVISION II

MARCH 3, 1978

SCORING

	GAMES	PTS.	PPG
1. TIM SEEVERS, CINCINNATI BIBLE	14	447	31.9
2. CHARLES CATO, WASHINGTON BIBLE	20	582	29.1
3. RICK COLE, BAPTIST BIBLE (PA)	22	575	26.1
4. MONTE MARCUP, SOUTHWESTERN ASSEM.	11	279	25.3
5. SCOTT GREGORY, ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	13	304	23.4
6. SAM SPENCER, NORTHEASTERN BIBLE	22	486	22.09
7. DUDLEY RUTHERFORD, OZARK BIBLE	16	353	22.0
8. KEN WILLIAMS, SOUTHWESTERN ASSEM.	10	206	20.6

REBOUNDING

	GAMES	REB.	RPG
1. CHARLES CATO, WASHINGTON BIBLE	20	357	17.9
2. JEFF FISER, ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	22	342	15.5
3. TIM SEEVERS, CINCINNATI BIBLE	14	216	15.4
4. DON MCGILL, VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN	19	288	15.2
5. DUDLEY RUTHERFORD, OZARK BIBLE	16	243	15.1
6. MONTE MARCUP, SOUTHWESTERN ASSEM.	10	136	13.6
7. DAVE SCHNELLE, BAPTIST BIBLE (MO.)	28	364	13.0
8. DANNY ROBERTS, JOHNSON BIBLE	28	358	12.8
9. ALAN EMORY, GULF COAST BIBLE	29	339	11.7
10. GARY HANSON, CENTRAL BIBLE	10	117	11.7

FG PERCENTAGE

	FGM/FGA	FG%
1. MIKE RYALL, BAPTIST BIBLE (PA)	129/212	60.9
2. SCOTT GRIFFEY, BAPTIST BIBLE (PA)	104/172	60.5
3. DON MCGILL, VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN	153/257	59.5
4. DOUG ENGBERG, OZARK BIBLE	89/154	57.7
5. BOB COURTNEY, ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	71/125	56.8
6. LARRY SALZMAN, TOCCOA FALLS	147/261	56.3
7. TIM SEEVERS, CINCINNATI BIBLE	175/313	55.91
8. DAVE JOHNSON, NORTHEASTERN BIBLE	98/176	55.6
9. ALAN EMORY, GULF COAST BIBLE	227/410	55.4
10. DANNY ROBERTS, JOHNSON BIBLE	201/372	54.03

FT PERCENTAGE

	FTM-FTA	FT%
1. SCOTT GREGORY, ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	64-76	84.2
2. DENNIS SCOTT, MARANATHA	38-46	82.6
3. DONNY WILLIAMS, TOCCOA FALLS	41-52	78.8
4. JEFF RICE, GREAT LAKES BIBLE	47-61	77.0
5. B. STABLER, FT. WAYNE BIBLE	57-75	76.0
6. DILLARD WEAVER, ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	44-59	74.57
7. BOB COLBY, WASHINGTON BIBLE	38-51	74.50
8. DAVE SCHNELLE, BAPTIST BIBLE (MO)	92-124	74.2
9. MEL SVENDSEN, NORTHEASTERN BIBLE	65-88	73.8
10. GARY JOHNSON, BAPTIST BIBLE (MO)	95-129	73.6
11. LEE WILCOX, BAPTIST BIBLE (MO)	50-70	71.4

ASSISTS

	GAMES	ASSISTS	APG
1. DAN ZGRABICH, VALLEY FORGE	20	138	6.9
2. MIKE MOOD, CINCINNATI BIBLE	14	93	6.6
3. DON WILLIAMS, TOCCOA FALLS	16	103	6.43
4. SCOTT GREGORY, ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	13	83	6.4
5. RICK COLE, BAPTIST BIBLE (PA)	22	125	5.7
6. LARRY STEVENS, KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN	17	95	5.5
7. TIM KALLAM, NORTHEASTERN BIBLE	21	110	5.2

TEAM PPG

	TEAM PPG
1. BAPTIST BIBLE (PA)	88.3
2. MARANATHA	86.6
3. OZARK BIBLE	86.5
4. SOUTHWESTERN	86.3
5. SOUTHWESTERN ASSEM.	86.2
6. BAPTIST BIBLE (MO)	86.2
7. NORTHEASTERN BIBLE	86.1
8. ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	83.6
9. KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN	81.2

TEAM FG%

	TEAM FG%
1. BAPTIST BIBLE (PA)	52.1
2. OZARK BIBLE	50.0
3. ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	49.5
4. NORTHEASTERN BIBLE	48.9
5. VALLEY FORGE CHR.	48.8
6. BAPTIST BIBLE (MO)	48.3
7. TOCCOA FALLS	47.4

SCORING DIFF.

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1. NORTHEASTERN BIBLE	21.7
2. BAPTIST BIBLE (PA)	18.7
3. SOUTHWESTERN ASSEM.	13.2
4. SOUTHWESTERN	12.3
5. GULF COAST	10.4
6. VALLEY FORGE	10.0
7. MARANATHA	9.0
8. OZARK BIBLE	7.9
9. ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	7.2
10. KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN	6.0

NCCAA BASKETBALL STATS

DIVISION I

MARCH 3, 1978

SCORING

	GAMES	PTS.	PPG
1. DOUG NOLL, GRACE	30	858	28.6
2. SAM HERKLEY, LEE	21	585	27.9
3. CHUCK BURNS, TRINITY CHRISTIAN	18	490	27.2
4. DAN BURNS, TRINITY CHRISTIAN	18	447	24.8
5. JERRY CLINE, BRYAN	17	420	24.7
6. KEVIN CREASMAN, GENEVA	26	627	24.1
7. PAUL COZENS, GEORGE FOX	28	667	23.8
8. MARK CHAFIN, LIBERTY BAPTIST	25	563	22.5
9. SAM SHUMAKER, LA BAPTIST	26	576	22.1
10. CARL TURNER, LA BAPTIST	23	476	20.69
11. MELVIN WILLIAMS, CENTRAL WESLEYAN	23	473	20.5
12. ERIC BERGSTOL, KING'S	29	587	20.2

REBOUNDING

	GAMES	REB.	RPG
1. BRIAN RHOADES, HOUGHTON	20	416	20.8
2. JAMES RANSBURG, TENNESSEE TEMPLE	31	516	16.6
3. PAUL COZENS, GEORGE FOX	28	360	12.9
4. DAN MILLS, MID-AMER. NAZARENE	25	316	12.6
5. KIMMY SANDERS, GRACE	30	371	12.3
6. SAM HERKLEY, LEE	21	252	12.0
7. MELVIN WILLIAMS, CENTRAL WESLEYAN	23	266	11.6
8. BLANCHARD HOWARD, TREVECCA NAZARENE	27	312	11.55
9. NEAL RODGERS, TABOR	15	173	11.53
10. KEITH JOHANNESSEN, NYACK	25	286	11.44
11. WILL STROBART, CENTRAL WESLEYAN	23	260	11.3
12. KEVIN CREASMAN, GENEVA	26	296	11.3

FG PERCENTAGE (BASED ON 140 ATTEMPTS)

	FGM/FGA	FG%
1. JERRY CLINE, BRYAN	179/284	67.8
2. KEVIN FULTON, BETHEL	105/162	64.8
3. BILLY GRAHAM, BETHANY NAZARENE	161/249	64.7
4. JIM BUTNER, CALIFORNIA BAPTIST	89/146	60.95
5. SAM SHUMAKER, LA BAPTIST	205/346	59.2
6. ERIC BERGSTOL, KING'S	227/384	59.1
7. SAM HARRIS, OLIVET NAZARENE	112/191	58.6
8. STEVE SEEVERS, AZUSA PACIFIC	107/183	58.4
9. SAM HERKLEY, LEE	255/439	58.1
10. DAVE WHEELLOCK, KING'S	161/279	57.7

FT PERCENTAGE

	FTM-FTA	FT%
1. ROCKY WILSON, LEE	78-84	92.9
2. KEVIN MEERS, JOHN WESLEY	53-58	91.4
3. TIM SIEKFEN, BIOLA	51-56	91.1
4. KARL HESS, LIBERTY BAPTIST	51-56	91.1
5. MIKE BAREFOOT, E. NAZARENE	55-61	90.2
6. ED LAWING, LIBERTY BAPTIST	43-48	89.6
7. DOUG NOLL, GRACE	252-283	89.0
8. GARY CHENAULT, GEORGE FOX	72-82	87.8
9. JERRY ADAMS, TENNESSEE TEMPLE	84-96	87.5
10. JOHN FINCHER, BETHANY NAZARENE	75-87	86.2
11. SCOTT DEJONG, JUDSON	85-99	85.9
12. ERIC MOUNTS, CEDARVILLE	102-119	85.7
13. STEVE BROHN, BETHEL	91-107	85.0
14. DAVE FRITZ, KING'S	53-63	84.1

ASSISTS

	GAMES	ASSISTS	APG
1. LEROY HIGGINS, COVENANT	24	229	9.5
2. PAUL WALKER, LEE	25	220	9.2
3. BRENT HAGGERTY, NYACK	25	217	8.7
4. BRAD REMOLE, MID-AMER. NAZARENE	25	215	8.6
5. CHRIS GENSINGER, GRACE	30	230	7.6
6. TIM CRAWFORD, E. MENNONITE	22	165	7.5
7. BILL STRAUSBAUGH, MESSIAH	22	161	7.3
8. PETER RIBEIRO, E. NAZARENE	21	146	6.9
9. JEFF HORCHEL, GENEVA	25	166	6.6
10. JOHN FINCHER, BETHANY NAZARENE	32	190	5.9
11. KENNY WATSON, CENTRAL WESLEYAN	22	128	5.8
12. DAVE NAHINY, TABOR	19	108	5.684

TEAM FT%

	TEAM FT%
1. BIOLA	74.5
2. GRACE	74.1
3. OLIVET NAZARENE	73.8
4. TRINITY CHRISTIAN	73.6
5. LA BAPTIST	73.5
6. LIBERTY BAPTIST	72.7
7. W. BAPTIST BIBLE	72.1
8. CEDARVILLE	70.8
9. WARNER PACIFIC	70.6
10. TENNESSEE TEMPLE	70.5
11. GEORGE FOX	70.3

TEAM FG%

	TEAM FG%
1. BETHEL	53.8
2. BRYAN	51.3
3. KING'S	50.7
4. LEE	50.7
5. OLIVET NAZARENE	50.5
6. TABOR	50.4
7. MESSIAH	50.3
8. CENTRAL WESLEYAN	50.2
9. GRACE	50.0
10. BETHANY NAZARENE	49.9
11. POINT LOMA	49.8
12. BIOLA	49.7

TEAM PPG

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1. TENNESSEE TEMPLE	85.8
2. MID-AMER. NAZARENE	85.4
3. CENTRAL WESLEYAN	84.2
4. MESSIAH	84.2
5. GEORGE FOX	83.7
6. TRINITY CHRISTIAN	83.6
7. KING'S	83.6
8. TABOR	82.3
9. E. NAZARENE	80.9

TEAM DEF.

	TEAM DEF.
1. BIOLA	64.1
2. GRAND RAPIDS BAPT.	66.3
3. BETHEL	66.6
4. BARRINGTON	67.5
5. OLIVET NAZARENE	69.1
6. W. BAPTIST BIBLE	69.4
7. BETHANY NAZARENE	69.4
8. POINT LOMA	70.2
9. TENNESSEE TEMPLE	70.6



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athletes as public relation tools...!

Our athletic Gospel teams are our greatest public relations tool.

This quote by Coach Willy Holly of Gulf Coast Bible College in Houston, Texas, is only one of the many on the subject of athletes as Gospel teams being used in public relations for the schools.

We are very instrumental in changing our schools image for many people who attend the various churches we go to.

Coach Holly said that his Gospel teams are the most sought after group on their campus by churches who want to get to know the GCBC.

We get more request for the athletes than we do for the concert choir or any of our other music groups.

The Gospel teams got started when the basketball team was holding workshops for kids during the summer at church camps. Eventually a couple of groups formed a group that would go out to various churches and get to know the people. And like all good things, it got bigger and better and soon they were traveling further and further from home.

Recently we were in the Kentucky and West Virginia area where we had the opportunity to minister to over 400 people on a one-to-one basis.

Coach Holly said that he wasn't sure who benefited from these trips, the athletes — who gain self respect and self confidence, both on the court and off; or the people of the churches — who find out that the people from GCBC are not the "stick in the mud" that they thought they were.

There is more to our Christianity than being good sports and playing clean basketball; first we are commanded to represent Jesus Christ and spread His good news, and secondly, we are athletes representing Gulf Coast Bible College.

The only way people can really get to know each other is as short of time as the GCBC teams have, is to meet them on a one-to-one basis. The individuals of the teams talk with the members of the churches, they stay in their homes, have their meals with the families, pray with them, laugh with them and in general have the kind of fellowship that only kindred spirits can have.

But it's not all fun and games. There are a few problems to solve. For example, money to pay expenses, missed school work and transportation.

Everybody has to work hard on financing these trips. The churches that they attend usually help out quite a bit by giving an offering, or letting the teams stay at different members houses, thus deferring the cost of hotels, or both. Sometimes the teams will do special projects to try to raise the money, or they will contact some of the patrons of the school who always donate money toward their trips.

As far as school work is concerned, all work must be made up in advance. Plus, they must be

careful not to exceed the number of allowed absences, so the athletes have to watch their health during the semester so they will have plenty of days reserved where they can miss and not be penalized.

Transportation to the National Tournament was in the form of two late model Ford vans, with eye-catching graphics painted on the side, proclaiming "Gulf Coast Bible College, Houston, Texas".

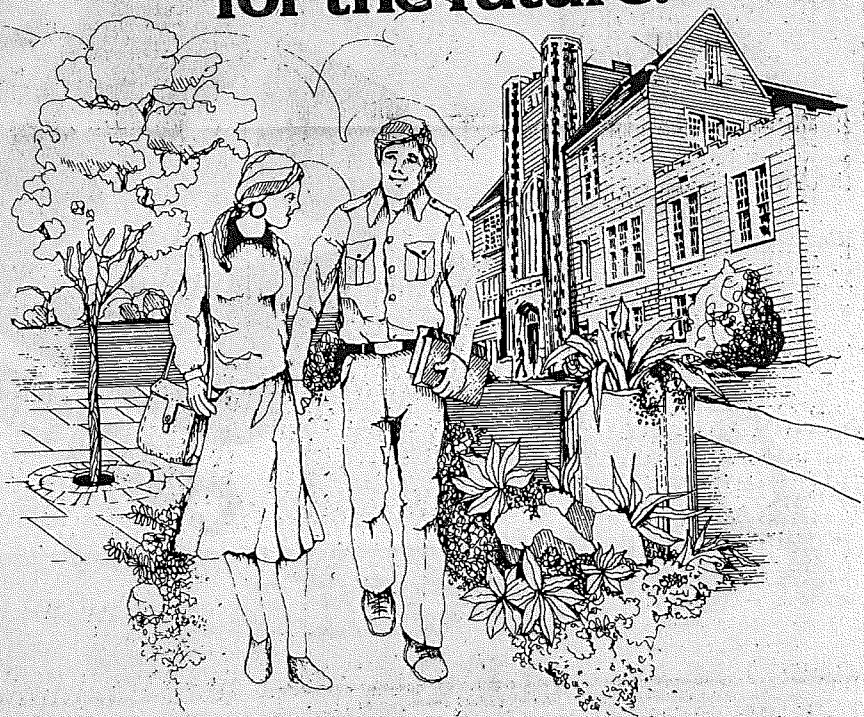
Does it sound like a lot of work? It is! But it's worth it. One of the members of the GCBC basketball

squad is a direct result of these Gospel teams being in his church. Other high school teams across the nation have made application to GCBC. Numerous churches now know what GCBC is all about and are offering their prayers and support.

We are instrumental in changing our school's image for many people in the various churches that we attend. Our athletes are our school's greatest public relations tool.

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