

Avenging Old Rivals

"A win always helps to get a season started," Coach Eric Boland expressed after a 61-46 victory in the Thomas Hart season opener on November 27. Spartans next played St. Jude's fast-paced contest, losing 50-53. Heathwood Hall hecklers set the tone for the next home game, chanting a deafening "Scoreboard!" whenever ahead. Of the 45-55 loss Coach Boland said, "We played a good first three quarters but lost it in the fourth."

In the Christ Church Invitational in Greenville, the first matchup was Browning, NY, with whom the Spartans were within two points at the half. High scorers Scott Steen and Todd Parker, with 16 and 15 points respectively, contributed to a 48-33 CMA win. In a second game with Easley Christian, Todd Parker led the scoring with 34 points in a 62-66 loss.

Boland declared the Florence Christian contest "... the best roadgame of the year," a 47-42 victory. "We totally controlled them and beat them easily," Boland

said of the Spartanburg Day contest, 51-36, prelude to a disappointing 38-47 loss to Heathwood Hall.

Although CMA lost 44-48, the Shannon Forest game was the best of the year. "We just lost," Boland observed. Against Washington Avenue, after going into a double overtime after a regulation 50-50, CMA lost 52-53. Then, with players recovering from a flu epidemic, the team suffered a disappointing 30-40 loss against Spartanburg Day. Against archrival Heathwood, both teams enjoyed small leads throughout the game, but in the closing seconds, Heathwood fell because of a couple of free throws by Nick Lopez and a failed last second attempt by Heathwood. With the final buzzer, the gym erupted, prompting Coach Boland to declare it the biggest win in five years and a dazed Heathwood coach to ask, "Why?"

Shannon Forest outplayed the Spartans in a disappointing 44-64 loss, the team flat from the last encounter. In the final season

contest against Washington Avenue, Scott Steen scored a high of 25 points in a 60-57 victory.

At Heathwood Hall for the championship tournament, against them in first round play, Nick Lopez was high scorer with 19 points. Ahead for the first half, the Spartans were outplayed in the second, losing 52-65, the season finale.

		<i>Scoreboard</i>	
CMA	61	Thomas Hart	46
CMA	45	Heathwood Hall	55
CMA	48	Browning, NY	33
CMA	62	Easley Christian	66
CMA	47	Florence Christian	42
*CMA	51	Spartanburg Day	36
*CMA	38	Heathwood Hall	47
*CMA	44	Shannon Forest	48
CMA	52	Washington Avenue	53
CMA	65	Florence Christian	53
*CMA	30	Spartanburg Day	40
*CMA	55	Heathwood Hall	54
*CMA	44	Shannon Forest	64
CMA	60	Washington Avenue	57
**CMA	52	Heathwood Hall	65

*Conference Game
**PAC Tournament

Todd Parker (52) skies on the opening tip off as all watch in amazement.

