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BASKETBALL

Coach Shepard had his hands full at the beginning of the cage season to try and develop a winning team. Scorers were few and far between, but with hard work the Wildcats steadily improved and showed themselves to be a dangerous foe for all competitors. Returning lettermen were Captain Tommy Yarborough, John Belk, Ed Lucas, Bob McLeod, Dave Spencer, Johnny Fredericks, and George Marsh.

Handicapped by lack of height the Cats developed into a fast breaking team with such sharpshooters as McLeod, Belk, Wayman, and Marsh bagging the points. John Belk was high point man for the year. Behind him in their order of points were Bob McLeod and Jack Wayman. Starting the season rather slow, the Cats lost most of their first games; but toward the end of the season they won five out of the last six games and finished with a thirteen won, thirteen lost record.

During the last part of the season the Cats defeated such teams as Citadel—twice, Furman, College of Charleston, and the Norfolk Naval Training Station. In the next to the last game of the season the Wildcats lost an exciting thriller to South Carolina's highly touted Gamecocks, but only after a hard fight. However, against their Big Five opponents the Cats seemed

