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Backcourt Duo Combine To Seal Tri-City Championship

▲ East Outlasts Mt. Tabor 73-72

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Tyson Patterson and William Butler led East Forsyth to a 73-72 overtime victory against Mt. Tabor, as they outlasted the Spartans to capture the first ever tri-city junior varsity championship.

East Forsyth improved its record to (7-2) overall and the Spartans record was unavailable at press time.

Both teams opened the game with an assortment of defensive pressures which resulted in easy uncontested baskets. The Eagles led at the half by a 32-29 margin.

The Spartans rebounded with vengeance.

After trailing for the entire first half, Mt. Tabor took a short-lived 43-41 lead with two minutes remaining in the third.

The Eagles seemed to have tired at the half.

The Eagles bench pulled out all



East Forsyth JV point guard Tyson Patterson plays much larger than his 4'9 frame

the stops trying to motivate their team and it worked.

Eagles coach Philip Beeson was hit with a technical foul after arguing a call. The Eagles responded. Butler tipped in a Patterson miss, but the Eagles still trailed after three periods.

East Forsyth was not out of the dark yet.

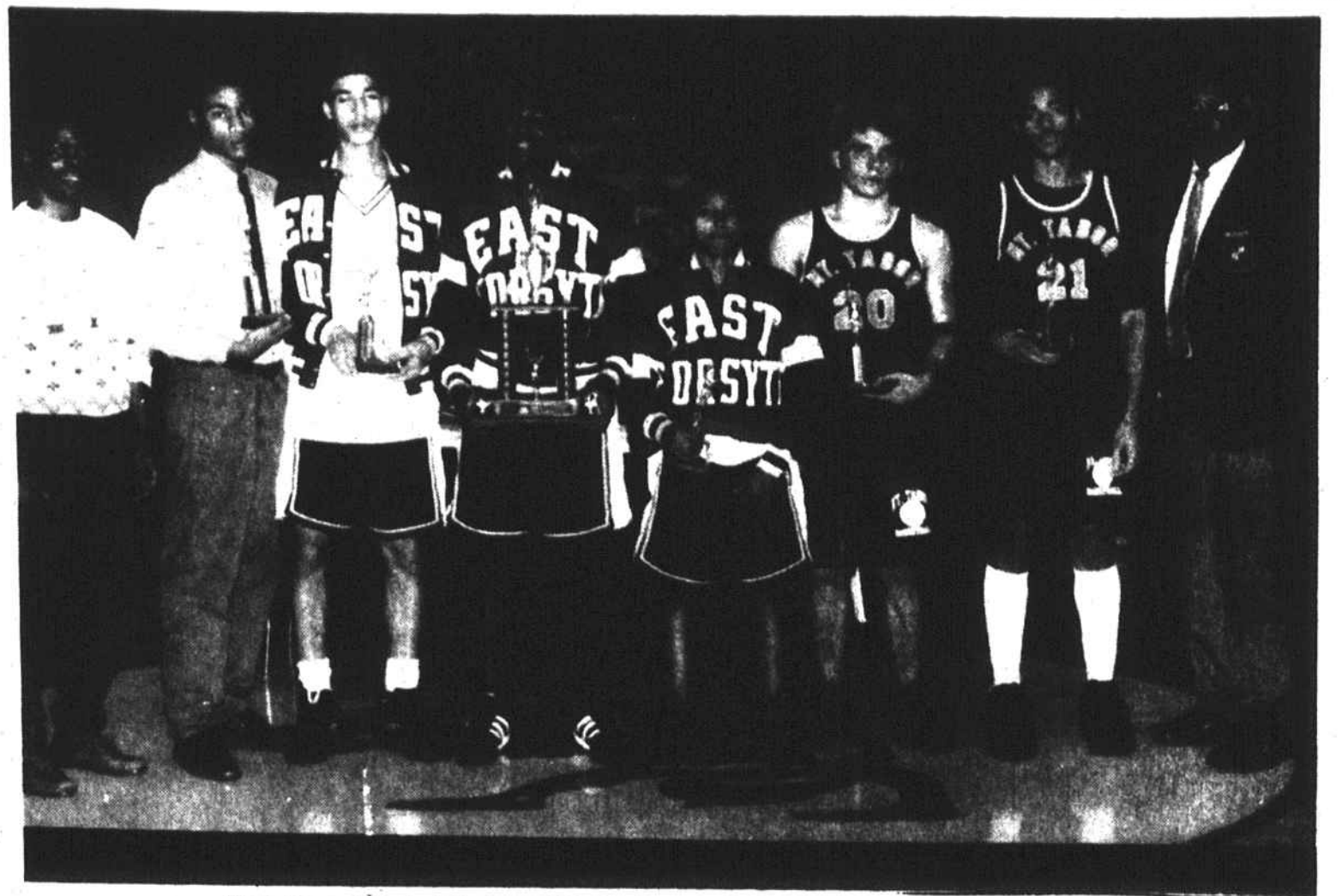
The Spartans lead grew to five points after Beeson benched Patterson and Butler, to give them some rest.

After inserting them back into the ball game, the Eagles closed the gap. Larry Williams dominated for the Eagles on the boards. During the last four minutes of the game, Williams grabbed six rebounds and hit a crucial three point play that gave the Eagles the lead.

But the Spartans did not give up

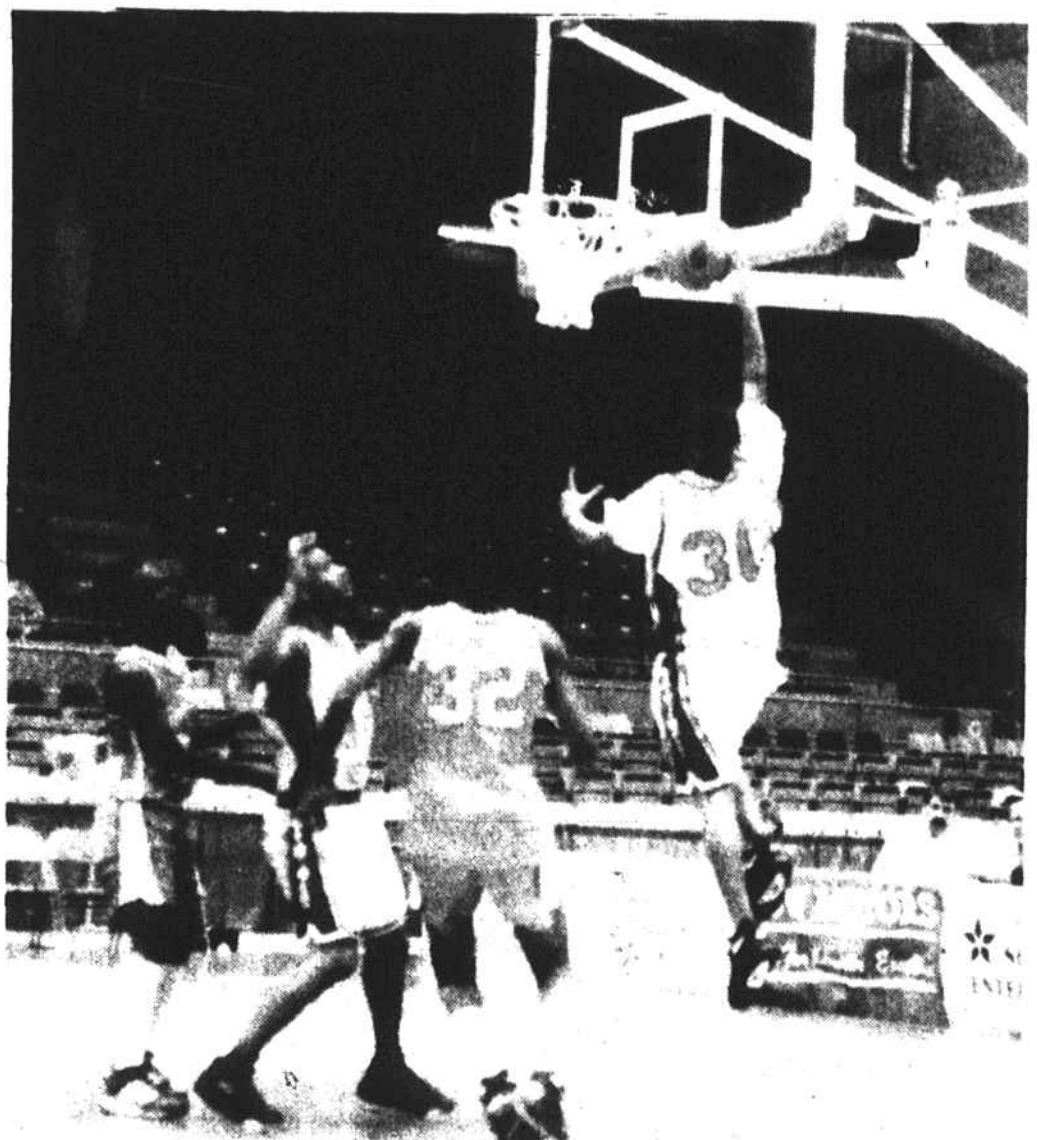
Bobby Jones tied the score at 56-56 with two minutes remaining in the game.

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East Forsyth led all teams with players on the all-tourney team with three.

Classic Opens Amid Some Controversy



Dameron Foster drives in for two of his 20 points against Glenn.

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The 1992 Frank Spencer Holiday tournament pairings created some controversial early games. According to Willie Andrews, over the past few years, tournament officials have placed the four black head coaches against each other in early games, instantly decreasing the probability of a black coach winning the Frank Spencer crown.

"The Frank Spencer this season had the black teams play during the day and against each other, and this only proves my point, segregation still exists in the 90's, only in more subtle forms," said Andrews.

"I resent that accusation," said Neal McGeachy, president of Sugar Creek Enterprises, Inc. "I am disappointed because the teams were seeded according to their record and by the results of two polls that we sent out to all the coaches."

McGeachy said the coaches' voted on the seedings. "Let's give some integrity to the tournament and the teams involved," he said.

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Crowell Continues Family Legacy

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For the majority of the 111 players in this years Frank Spencer Holiday Classic, becoming acclimated to larger crowds and a different milieu is a substantial task.

But for North Forsyth's Germaine Crowell, brother Rommie was last year's Spencer MVP, simply playing up to a name is a phenomenal accomplishment.

"Everyone in the family usually gets excited around Frank Spencer time, this is a special time of the year for us," said Crowell.

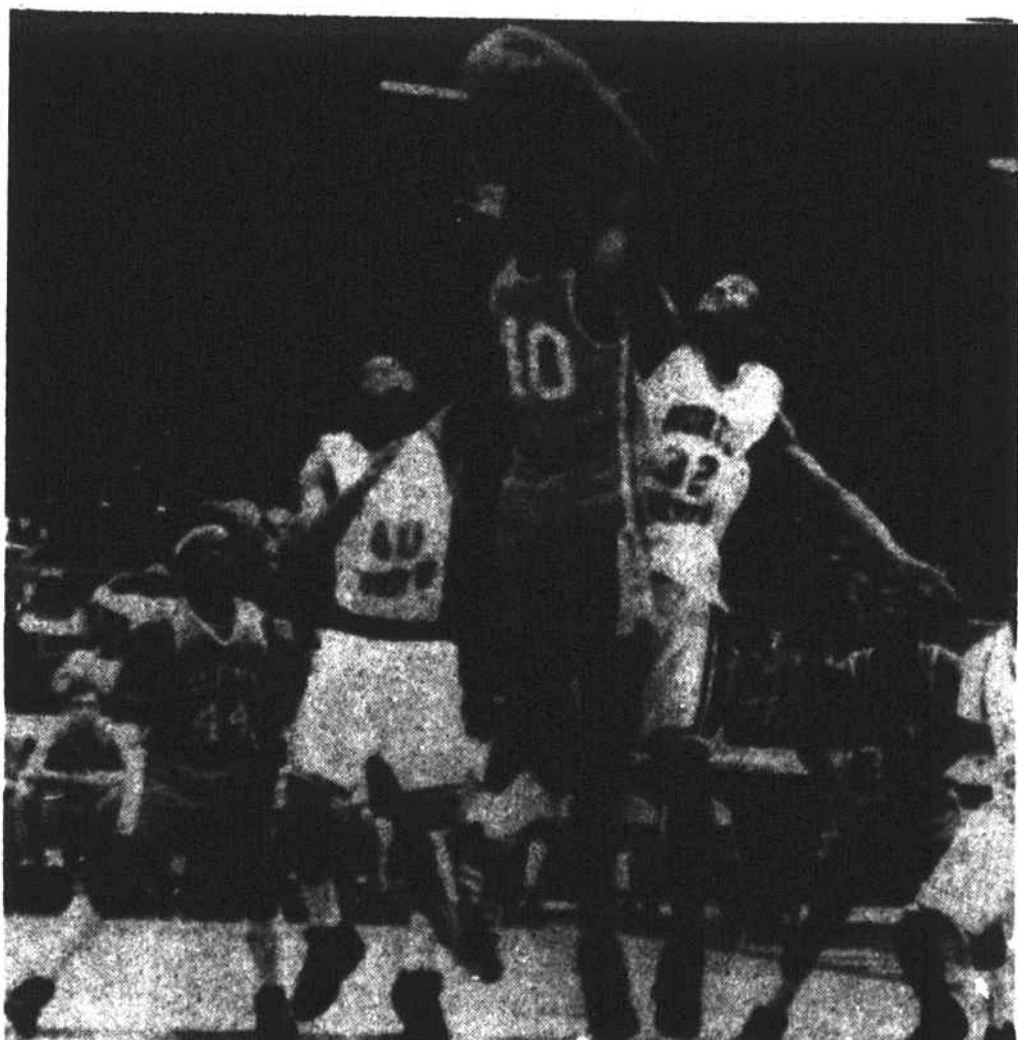
Crowell, a 6'4 junior, is following a successful path left by his two older brothers; Pokie and Rommie.

During last season, R. Crowell led the Vikings to the Spencer championship title game. He scored 24 points in a losing effort against Carver. Rommie is currently ranked 10th in scoring in FSHC tournament history behind Kevin Strickland, with a (23.0 ppg) average.

"Rommie had his own way of showing me that he cared," said Crowell. "He showed me the ropes and told me what to expect."

R. Crowell left North and is currently attending Lenior Junior College.

Pokie, Germaine's oldest brother, excelled in football for the



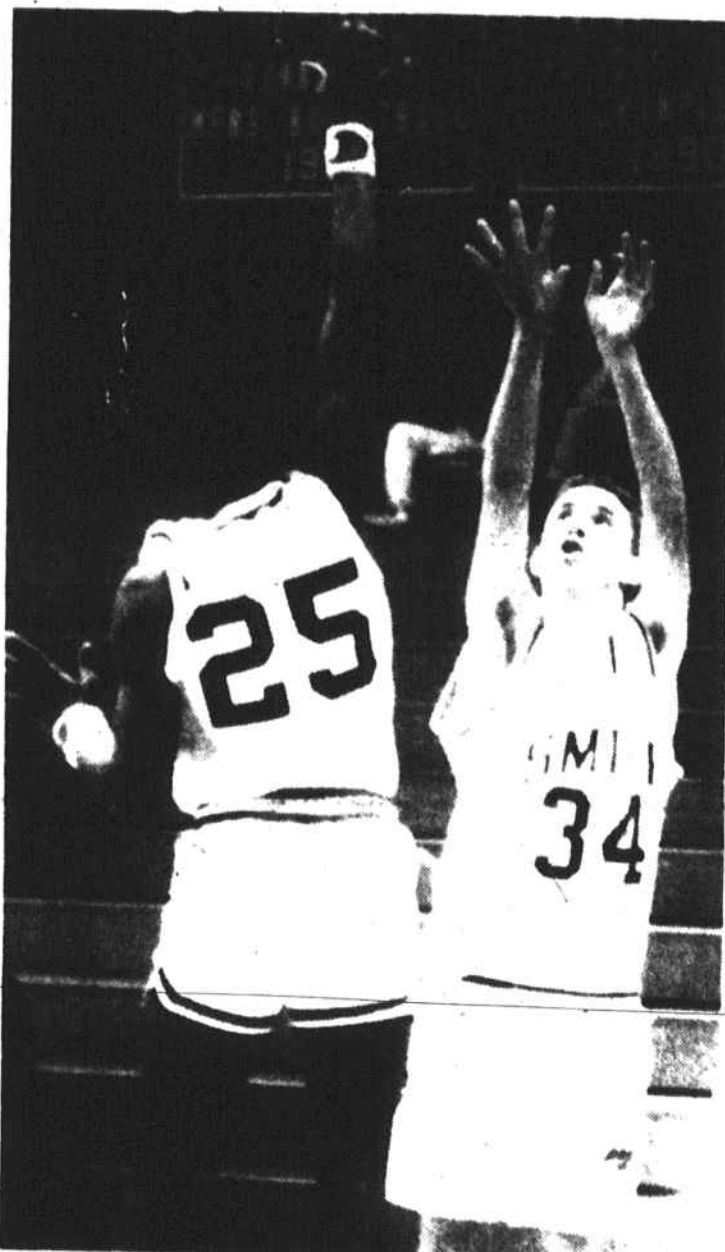
Germaine Crowell 24 of North Forsyth tries to distract Stephon Brown of Glenn on the jumpshot.

Vikings. After a stellar high school career, he went on to play football for four years at Albany State University in Georgia.

"Pokie is more of a vocal person and he introduced things to me in a different perspective," said

Crowell. But Germaine does not see following his brothers as a burden. "Both of my brothers have had a major influence in my life," said

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Mare Williams of Greensboro smith eludes a Jacket defender en route to scoring 13 points.



Ike Howard attempts to convert a free throw as he scores 12 points in the Yellowjackets consolation defeat.

Balanced Scoring Gives Greensboro Smith Tourney Consolation Victory

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Robert Saunders and Marc Williams combined for 27 points, to lead Greensboro Smith over Carver in a 74-57 route in the consolation finals.

Greensboro Smith improved to (4-5) and Carver fell to (4-6).

If beginnings are important, then the game had an ominous opening for the Yellowjackets.

After only a couple minutes of play, Williams shot what appeared to be an air ball, only it wasn't, it was a three-pointer because there was a large gaping hole in the nets. The officials fixed the hole and Smith worked on the nets.

Williams scored eight first quarter points as Smith established an early 20-10 lead after one.

Things did not get better for the Yellowjackets. They only managed to score eight second quarter points and fell behind 41-18 at the half. "We sustained our early lead," said Coach Wayne Lynch of Greensboro

Smith. "I think having this tourney was a great idea because normally the JV's do not get a lot of recognition."

Eric Harris, Carver's leading scorer (14.6 ppg), was benched for the entire first half. After halftime he was inserted into the game, but his presence was a little too late.

Carver mixed their defenses against the Golden Eagles. Carver outscored the Golden Eagles in the second half by pressing, trapping and playing an aggressive man-to-man defense, but they could not overcome the huge 23 point deficit.

"I am proud of my team for not giving up," said Lynch. "The tournament was well put together."

Although Coach Teddy East of Carver declined to comment on his teams performance, he agreed with Lynch on the tournament.

"It was an excellent tournament", said East. "It was good experience, extra exposure and it should really help the varsity teams in the future."

East's Holt May Step Down...And Up

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The 1992 Frank Spencer Holiday Classic may be the last for Coach Donnie Holt of East Forsyth.

Holt, who holds an undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University along with two Master's degrees from North Carolina A&T State University, is being considered for an assistant principal's position at one of the local high schools, according to Nelson Jessup, Associate Superin-

tendent.

Although the position if it materializes, would be a nice step up, Holt is remaining focused on teaching and coaching at East.

"I am pleased to be considered, but as of now, my only commitments are to teach and coach at East Forsyth," said Holt. "I'll cross that bridge when I get there."

Before moving to Winston-Salem, Holt taught and coached at Thomasville High School, where he compiled a 93-83 record as a head coach.

While at Thomasville, he

recorded four Davidson County Invitational Christmas Tournament Championships and led his team to five appearances in post-season play-offs.

"I am looking forward to the Spencer," said Holt. "We are still trying to develop some continuity, but I think our chances of winning are great."



Donnie Holt