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Braswell's 3-Pointer Ties Game, Begins Turn-around for West

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With only five minutes left in the East-West All-Star game, John Braswell's 3-pointer tied the once trailing West team with the East, 83-83. This was only the beginning, as the West team made a tough-earned comeback to take the victory. Daymond Forney sunk the nets, scoring eight of the 18 points added by West in the final three minutes of the game, for a 103-95 victory.

East dominated the court the first half of the game, but during the third quarter West began to use its pressing defense, bumping East's 18-point lead to only a 4-point lead early in the fourth quarter.

But it was Braswell's 3-pointer that rattled the East's cage.

Octavus Barnes followed up with two free shots, and Dorian Wilson gave fans a reason to leave their seats with a three-point basket, putting West in the lead by one

point, 86-85.

Wilson was hot on the floor with another three-point basket, giving West a four-point lead. It was then Forney's turn to take the spotlight, as he scored six additional points including a final impressive play during the last 46 seconds of the game. He sunk the net for the last two points of the game, giving West the victory, 101-90.

Highlights of the game were: Brasswell tied the game for West with a three-point basket, the beginning of a series of talented points; Larry Lucas of East started the game off with a three-pointer.

Playing for East were: Shane Parker, Sanderson High School; Octavus Barnes, Hunt High School; Timothy Daye, Herford County High School; Larry Lucas, Rocky Mount High School; O'Shama Parker, J.H. Rose High School; Tony Daughtry, Garner High School; Joe Bunn, Northern

Nash High School; Thad Forehand, Camden County High School; Terry McBryde, Scotland County High School; and Greg Ellis, East Wake High School. The East was coached by Marshall Hamilton of Broughton, who was assisted by Howard Stallings of Webb.

Playing for the West were: Roderick Howard, Ashbrook High School; John Braswell, Page High School; Milton Williams, Grimsley High School; Matt Kovarik, Grimsley High School; Mike Broadnax, Morehead High School; Dorian Wilson, Dudley High School; Daymond Forney, South Mecklenburg High School; Jiri Formanek, R.J. Reynolds High School; George Redd, East Forsyth High School; and Steve North, Asheville High School.

The West is coached by Terry Rogers of Freedom, who is assisted by Charles Hellard of West Rowan.



The East All-Star team prepares for a game against the West.

Hanes Hosiery Hot Hoops Basketball Action

Surles too Much for Sonics to Handle

Chancey Surles returned to action and drilled the nets for 26 points to lead the Bulls to a big upset score of 44-42 in the first round of the Hanes Hosiery Hot Hoops 11- to 14-year-old basketball league tournament.

Surles hit the game-winning basket with two seconds left in the game. Surles, along with Allen Hall, Joel Justice, Damien Hayes and Tony Surles, played team ball all through the game to knock the Sonics off.

Hall had 10 points, while Surles also led the rebounding, pulling down nine.

The Sonics were led by sharp-shooting point guard Kevin McLean with 22 points and Ricky Royster, who scored 12 and hauled in 14 rebounds. Art Brown had six points.

The Bulls will meet the Lakers next week in the semi-finals.

Hornets Sting the Suns

The Hornets seeded sixth in the Hot Hoops tournament and pulled off a huge upset, knocking off the third-seeded Suns, 49-45, in a super basketball game.

The Hornets had 11 of their 12 players score in this game, with Jonathon Webb leading the way with 14 points, followed by John Adams with 10. Quan Richardson had his best game of the summer, scoring six points and 12 rebounds. Moe Rogers and Jordan Lash hit four points each.

The Hornets simply out-hustled the Suns and played team ball. The Suns also missed one of their leading scorers, Shaun Williford, who was on vacation this week.

The Suns were led by Josh Bailey with 19 points and 18 rebounds. He was also a force inside throughout the game. Jake Guarantano had 21 points, with 10 of the 21 coming late in the fourth quarter. Brandon Harold, Santini Brim, Kris Hooper and Andrew Barr all played well for the Suns, but it wasn't enough, as

the Hornets now advance to the semi-finals, where they will take on the top-seeded Celtics.

Wolverines Slide by Hoyas 57-55

The Wolverines 15- to 18-year-old league used a total team effort with a balanced scoring attack. Luther Brock and Ramon McCullum led the way with 11 points each to nip the Hoyas 57-55.

Tim Payne, along with 6'6" Victor Kato and 6'2" Charles Blackwell, did the rebounding for the Wolverines. Cornelius Benjamin, Nathan Snipes and Shawn Peoples turned in outstanding games at their guard positions. Kato had eight points, Blackwell hit seven and Benjamin and Snipes had six each.

The Hoyas were led by the league's leading scorer, Rod Bethea, who busted the nets for 22 points, and "Bubble Gum" Simmons with 12 points and forward Lavon Archie with eight.

Che' Malone, Lewis Connon and Danny Cannady led the Hoya rebounding.

The Wolverines will meet the Running Rebels next week, and the Hoyas will take on the Wildcats as the Hot Hoops tournament begins.

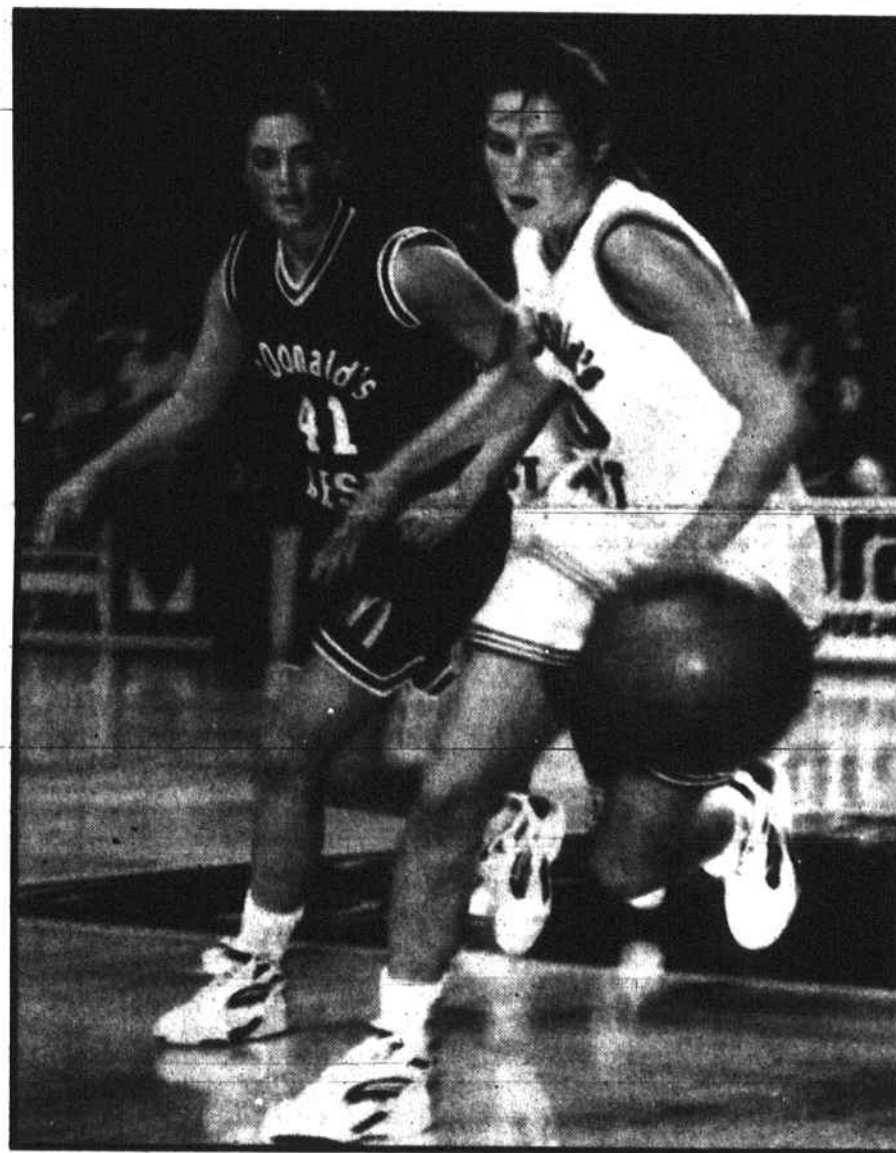
Sherrill and Gantt Lead Rebels to Victory

Dennis Gantt and Brad Sherrill combined for 26 points and led the way for the Running Rebels, as they defeated the Wildcats in a tough game, 53-48.

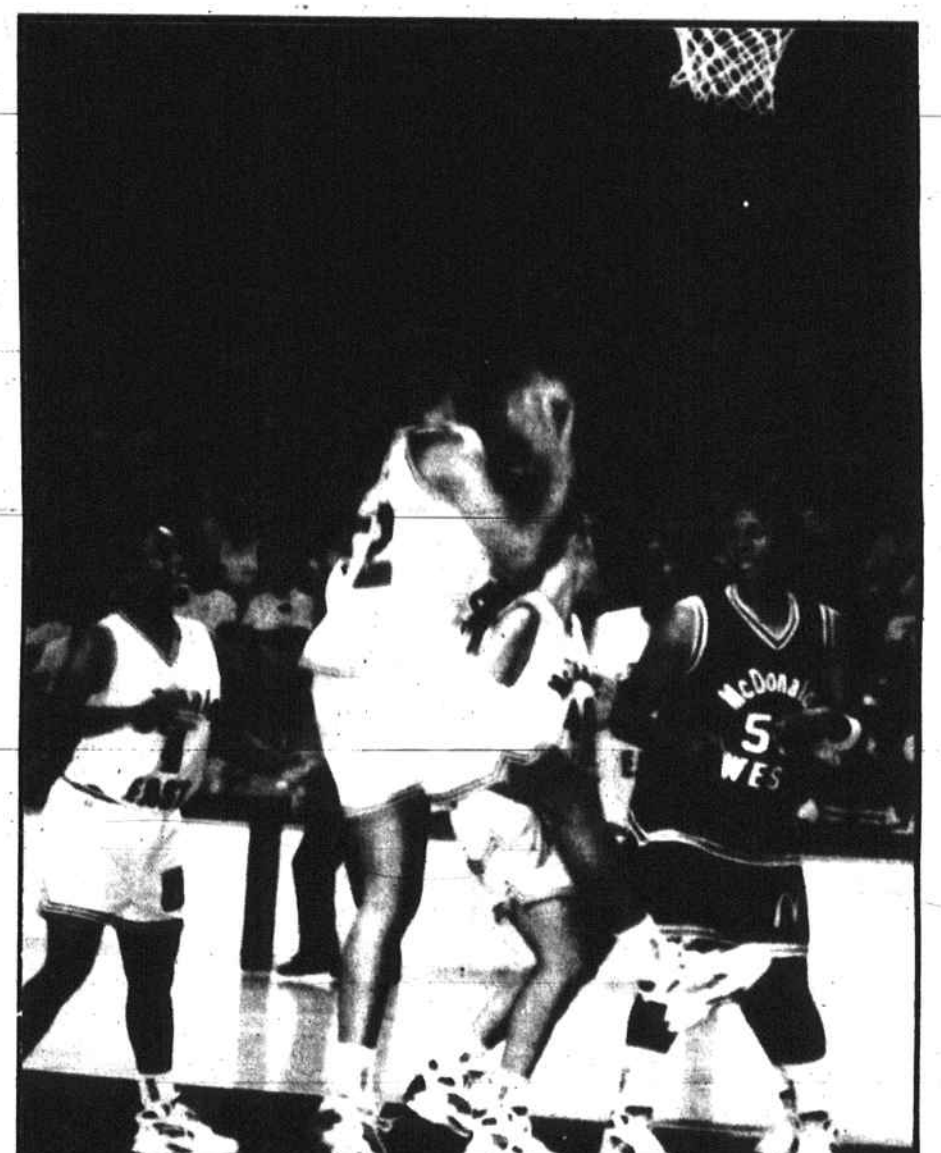
Wayne Peoples played his best game of the season for the Rebels with two key steals and finished with nine points.

The Rebels' Mark Thomas, Q-Tez Johnson and Brian Dees turned in super defensive performances.

The Wildcats were led by smooth forward Eric Harris with 15 points and shooting guard Lamont Joe with 14. Rob Joe hit 10 points. Antwan Owens and Paul Samuels had four points each. Samuels and Harris led the Wildcat rebounding, pulling down eight each, while Dwayne Nichols had five.



The East's RaeAnna Mulholland drives the ball down court.



The East rebounds the ball with a quick recovery.

Hayesville's Beth Hall Excels in Overtime

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The East fell to the grips of talented Beth Hall, as she took charge in overtime, scoring seven points for the West and breaking a 53-53 tie, to a 66-59 victory in the last three minutes of the game.

The first quarter was touch-and-go for both the East and West, with the West holding the lead to two points at the end of the quarter, 11-9.

The West held what seemed an unstoppable 27-21 lead at halftime. It was the third quarter that brought the East fans to their feet and the West team to reality: the reality that no one is unbeatable, especially after the East triumphed, outscoring the West by nine points and taking the lead, 38-34.

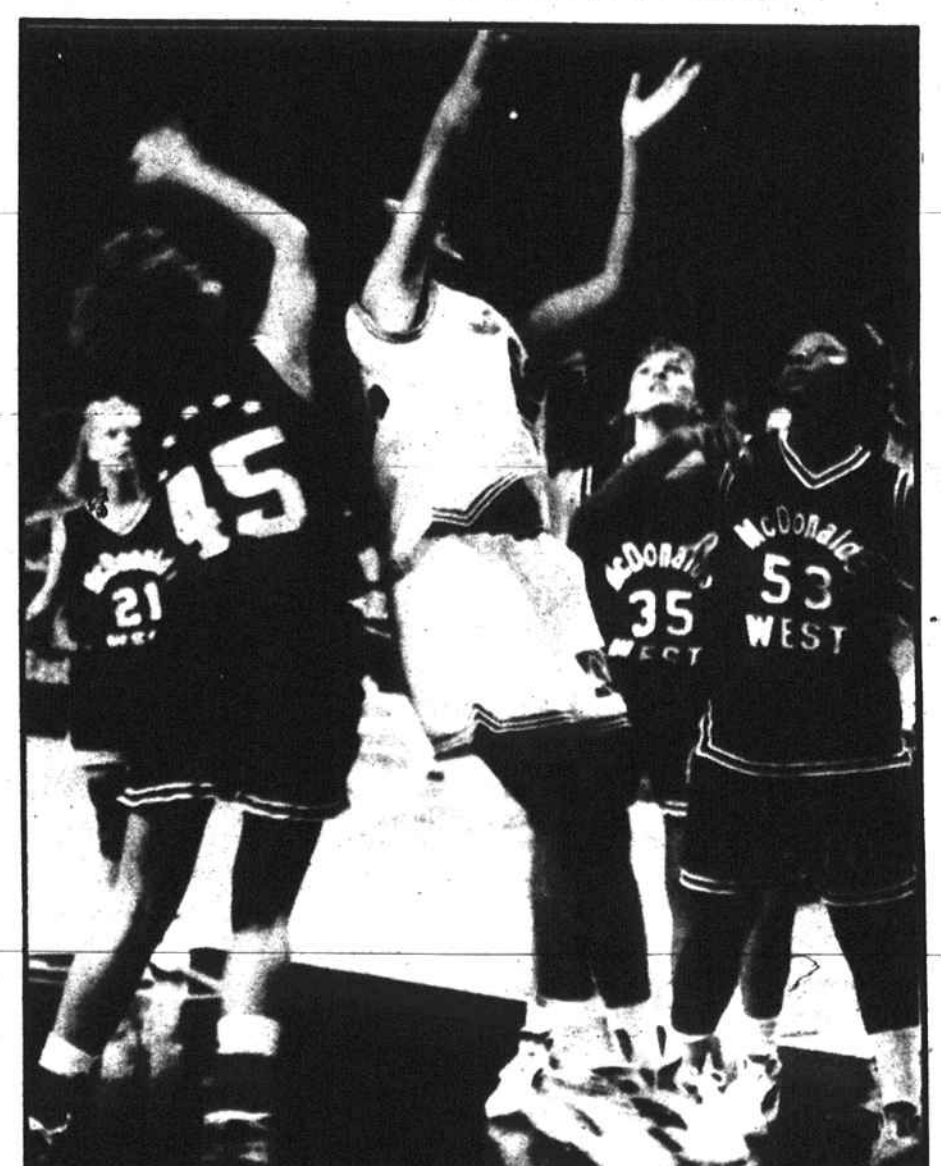
In the fourth quarter, the West bounced back. Even though Stacey Buchannon led the West with 14 points, her game highlight came when unstoppable Tamika Slade drove the ball downcourt, throwing to Buchannon for an easy two points to tie the game, 53-53, thus throwing the outcome into overtime.

It was dog-eat-dog playing in overtime, as both teams battled for control. Hall's three-point basket helped give the West a hopeful lead, 59-57. Jennifer Howard added another two points from the free throw line, along with Hall's extra four points.

Howard hit two more free throws, and Tamika Slade hit two points, giving West a 65-57 lead with 21 seconds remaining in the game. It was one-on-one, but the East fell short and was outscored in overtime, 13-6.

Statistics for the East were as follows: Karen Curtis, Cary High School, 12 points, 10 rebounds; Tonika Sanders, Fike High School, 2 points, 5 rebounds; DeeDee Justice, East Wake High School, 4 points, 3 rebounds; Debbie Knight, West Carteret High School, 11 points, 4 rebounds; Charlene Reid, Farmville Central High School, 10 points, 9 rebounds; RaeAnna Mulholland, Pine Forest High School, 7 points, 2 rebounds; Peace Shepard, Swansboro High School, 9 points, 3 rebounds; Andrea Hinton, Rocky Mount High School, 4 points 2 rebounds.

Also playing were: Charlette Hargrove, Pinecrest High School;



An easy two-point basket for the East team.

and Courtney Whitmer, Hoggard High School.

Head coach of the East was Debbie Freeman of Broughton. Assistant coach was Ron Ross of Swansboro.

Statistics for the West were:

Jennifer Howard, Fred Foard High School, 8 points; Beth Hall, Hayesville High School, 11 points, 5 rebounds; Tamika Slade, Dudley High School, 8 points, 4 rebounds; Angie Salyer, Smoky Mountain

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