

# Vikings adjusting to Muse's style

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North Forsyth played at the pace it wanted for most of its experience in the Frank Spencer Classic last week at Lawrence Joel Coliseum. And the end result was pleasing to coach Mike Muse. The Vikings dropped a close loss to Parkland in the opening round of the tournament, but they rebounded the following day to defeat Glenn, 48-44, in the consolation round.

In both games North stuck to the game plan developed by Muse and never let the opponent dictate tempo. Consequently, the Vikings were able to take advantage of their opponent's frustrations and add confidence in their first year under their new coach.

"We're getting there," Muse said. "We're not where we want to be, but thank God we're not where we used to be."

Like most of their games this season, in which the Vikings have posted a 3-6 record, North went through a period when it appeared that they might fall apart.

In this particular game it came after the Vikings used a third quarter run to increase

their lead to 39-28 heading into the fourth quarter.

Glenn rallied with a 10-2 run to close the gap to 41-39 with 5:22 remaining. The game turned into a chess match from that point with the two teams trading counter moves in the final minute. Neither team was especially adept offensively. However, North came through with several big plays to notch the victory. Perhaps the biggest was supplied by sophomore point guard Stephano Jackson.

Jackson, who finished with 15 points, knocked down two free throws with eight seconds remaining to give his team a 46-44 lead. And although he missed the front end of a one-and-one with five seconds to play, Jackson put the game away with only one second left when he drilled two free throws.

"Stephano did an excellent job at the end of the game," Muse said. "We've put a lot of time into our free throw shooting in practice and today it paid off for us."

"I was happy with the way Stephano played," Muse added. "He had been struggling a little earlier, but he came through for us when we needed him."

So did Mike Drum, the Vikings' 6-4 pivotman, who led all scorers with 20 points.

"Mike Drum has really stepped up his level of play," Muse said. "He's been playing well and playing hard."

North Forsyth took a 13-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and stretched it to 24-18 at the half. The Vikings then grabbed their biggest lead of the game at the end of the third quarter, 39-28.

But the Bobcats came roaring back in the fourth quarter and had several opportunities to take the lead in the final minutes. However, they botched two opportunities as North's defense forced errant throws on two possessions with less than eight seconds left to play.

"I'm disappointed that we didn't finish," Muse said. "We were getting good looks, but we didn't make our shots. But our defense came through for us and I'm pleased with that. This was a big step for us. Looking back, we've had trouble holding on in close games. Today we won one so we hope to build from it. It's a lot better leaving this tournament 1-1 rather than 0-2."

## Scott

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ond half, connecting on seven of 10 field goals and three of four free throws. But it was Scott who ignited the crowd with his powerful dunks and an attempted 360-degree dunk that ended up being a layup after Scott's foot slipped.

"I was feeling good tonight," Scott said. "We knew Navy was going to come out and press us so that was good because it gave us a chance to get into our running game." Scott said he and his teammates never know who's

going to provide the scoring but each player comes ready to do his part.

"That's the good thing about this team," he said. "We have some guys who like to work together, and this was just a team effort."

Scott did most of his damage midway through the second half when the Deacons blew open the game with an 18-6 run that saw the margin grow from 47-36 to 65-42. Scott scored seven of the points during the four-minute run, exciting the crowd with several explosive moves, including

an alley-oop dunk and a 360-degree layup.

"I was looking for an opportunity to try it in a game," Scott said. "That was my thinking the whole time, but as soon as I got the ball my foot slipped, but I stayed focused and just took off and laid it in."

Scott's 12 rebounds were a career-high. He had seven on defense and five on offense. "Coach has really been telling me to get the offensive glass," he said. "That was something I was trying to focus on doing."

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7.441163 ETC.	Cumberland, Harnett	6	Milling, Resurfacing & Pavement Markings	5 sections of primary & 51 sections of secondary roads	English	8%	4%	
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5.5121168 ETC.	Rockingham	7	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconst. & Pvt. Markings	5 sections of primary & 25 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
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7.5321041	Hoke	8	Resurfacing	5 sections of secondary road	English	7%	4%	
7.5411046 ETC.	Lee	8	Resurfacing	4 sections of primary & 7 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
7.5511044 ETC.	Montgomery	8	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconst. & Pvt. Markings	1 section of primary & 3 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
7.5621046 ETC.	Moore	8	Resurfacing & Shldr. Reconstruction	3 sections of primary & 15 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
7.5711054 ETC.	Randolph	8	Resurfacing	5 sections of primary & 36 sections of secondary roads.	English	7%	4%	
7.5821047 ETC.	Richmond	8	Milling, Resurfacing, & Pvt. Markings	1 section of primary & 16 sections of secondary roads.	English	7%	4%	
7.5921040	Scotland	8	Resurfacing	7 sections of secondary roads of urban roads of Scotland County.	English	7%	7%	
8.2521501	Chatham	8	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structure	Bridge over Bear Creek and approaches on SR-1010.	English	10%		
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8.1601801	Davidson, Randolph	8,9	Median, Guardrail Installation	I-85 from North of NC-109 in Davidson Co. to the Guilford Co. Line.	English	12%		
8.2640801	Stokes	9	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Culvert	Culvert on Little Snow Creek & approaches on SR-1657	English	10%		
7.8011299 ETC.	Cleveland	12	Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconst. & Pvt. Markings	4 sections of primary & 14 sections of secondary roads.	English	7%	4%	
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7.8611238 ETC.	Madison, Yancey	13	Resurfacing and Pavement Markings	6 sections of primary & 10 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
7.8711236 ETC.	McDowell	13	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Construction & Pavement Markings	2 sections of primary & 7 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
7.8811235 ETC.	Mitchell	13	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Const. & Pvt. Markings	4 sections of primary & 5 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
7.8911237 ETC.	Rutherford	13	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Const. and Pvt. Markings	2 sections of Primary & 13 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
6.911012	Cherokee	14	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structure	NC-294 at intersection of SR-1314	English	5%	3%	
7.9121006 ETC.	Cherokee, Clay, Graham	14	Shoulder Reconstruction, Resurfacing & Pvt. Markings	1 section of primary & 12 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
7.9411008 ETC.	Haywood, Jackson	14	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction & Pvt. Markings	5 sections of Primary & 16 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
7.9721007	Macon, Swain	14	Resurfacing	12 sections of secondary roads	English	7%	4%	
8.2250110	New Hanover	3	Widening, Grading, Drainage Paving & Structures	Wilmington-Smith Creek Parkway from Harnett St. to proposed US-117 connector in Wilmington	Metric	11%		
8.1761303	Wilkes, Surry	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structures	NC-268 From W of SR-2026 to E. of US-21 By Pass	Metric	10%		
8.1761201	Wilkes	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving	NC-18 from Finley Ave. to North of SR-1531 (Foster Road)	Metric	10%		
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6.220021 ETC.	Pitt, Beaufort, Greene, Lenoir	2	Milling, Resurfacing & Pavement Markings	6 sections of primary & 43 sections of secondary roads	English	8%	4%	
7.1621098	Carteret, Craven Jones, Pamlico	2	Resurfacing & Pavement Markings	7 sections of primary & 15 sections of secondary roads	English	8%	4%	
7.2321137 ETC.	Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender	3	Milling & Resurfacing	2 sections of primary & 25 sections of secondary roads	English	8%	4%	
7.3611321 ETC.	Franklin	5	Milling, Resurfacing, Shldr. Reconst. & Pavement Markings	4 sections of primary & 6 sections of secondary roads	English	8%	4%	
7.3711322 ETC.	Granville	5	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction & Pvt. Markings	5 sections of primary & 7 sections of secondary roads	English	8%	4%	
7.3811320 ETC.	Person	5	Milling, Resurfacing, Shdr. Reconst. & Pvt. Markings	1 section of primary & 8 sections of secondary roads	English	8%	4%	
6.390004 ETC.	Vance	5	Milling, Resurfacing & shoulder Reconstruction	6 sections of secondary roads	English	8%	4%	
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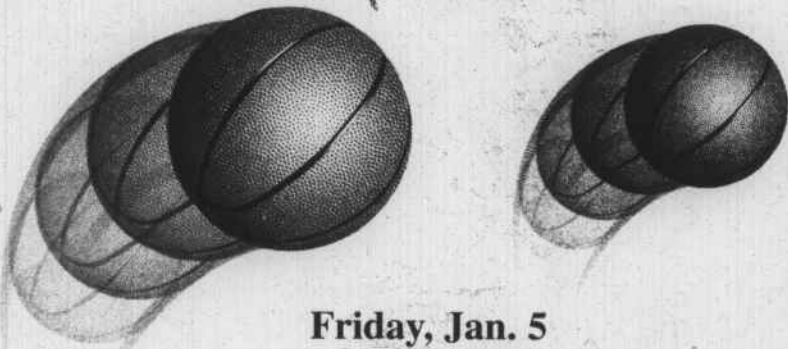
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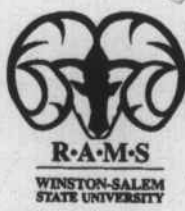
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