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Reynolds' Fulp towered above the pack

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Junior Varsity Player of the Year

During the 2001-2002 season Joe Fulp towered above all others when you look at junior varsity basketball players in Forsyth County. Though others might have had more impressive statistics, there weren't many who were as consistent as Fulp was throughout the entire season.

With Fulp leading the way, R.J. Reynolds' junior varsity team finished the season with a 16-6 overall record and 8-2 mark in the Central Piedmont 4-A Conference. Fulp averaged 16.3 points and 10 rebounds per game during the season as the Demons finished one game behind West Forsyth in the league race. Fulp's play down the stretch run was the key.

More impressively, Fulp scored 204 points in the Demons' 10-game conference

season (20.4 average) after averaging 13 points in non-conference play. A model of consistency against conference foes, Fulp scored 20 or more points in all but three conference battles and never scored less than 17.

"Joe is a special player," said Jeff Overby, the Demons' coach. "Midway through the season, he was averaging only about 13 points, but that was because we weren't getting the ball to him enough. When we started getting the ball to him, he took his game to another level."

Fulp did his best work in big games. That included a season-high 26-point effort against Oak Hill Academy and 20 points in the Demons' 62-59 victory in the championship game of the David Lash/Chronicle Tournament.

"There's just so much that I could say about Joe," Overby said. "He has improved since he first came into this program on the freshman team last year. He grew about three inches and went from being a point guard to a pivotman for us. Next year he'll probably move out on the wing, and I expect him to be a special player on the next level."

Opposing coaches also had good things to say about Fulp.

"When you start thinking about the player-of-the-year in the county, I think you have to go with Joe Fulp," said Tim Fuller, West Forsyth's coach. "He meant more to his team than any player in the county. Without him I don't think Reynolds would have had the type of year they had. He was nearly unstoppable inside for his team."



Joe Fulp (#50) took the Most Valuable Player award in the Lash/Chronicle JV Tournament and The Chronicle's Junior Varsity Player of the Year honors for the 2001-2002 season.

2001-2002 ALL-CITY/COUNTY JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

<p>Ray Edmond North Forsyth 6-2 Guard/Forward 18.2 points per game "Ray was the guy that made things happen for us. He did a great job of leading the team." - Eddie Thigpen</p>	<p>Tyler Boardman West Forsyth 6-2 Point Guard 14.9 points, 5.6 assists per game "Tyler was our floor leader and the guy who we could depend on to get things done." - Tim Fuller</p>	<p>Charles Jackson West Forsyth 6-3 Forward 12.0 points, 9.0 assists per game "Charles didn't have any fantastic games, but he does the tough things inside that you need done to win basketball games." - Tim Fuller</p>
<p>Derek Griffin Glenn 5-10 Point Guard 18.3 points per game "Derek really helped us once he came down from the varsity. He would have averaged more than 20 points if he had been with us all season." - John Fowler</p>	<p>Danny Harris R.J. Reynolds 5-11 Point Guard 10.2 points, 4.7 assists per game "Danny was with me two years and he understood what we needed him to do. He probably could have scored more but sacrificed to help the team." - Jeff Overby</p>	<p>Terrance Ingram East Forsyth 5-10 Guard 13.4 points per game "The kind of player who sets a good example with the way he leads on the floor. Very enthusiastic and always willing to help the team win." - Doug Lakis</p>
<p>Antwoine Mitchell Carver 5-11 Guard 18.6 points per game "Antwoine did so much for us. He was the guy who didn't have any problem stepping up when we needed him." - Greg Scales</p>	<p>Elliott Kimball Mount Tabor 6-0 Guard 15.5 points per game "Elliott is a very intelligent basketball player who works hard every day he comes to practice. I can always depend on him to do what I ask." - William Gray</p>	<p>Melvin Rowdy Parkland 19.3 points per game "He's a good offensive player. There were several games where he scored 30 or more points. He was really our most consistent offensive player." - Dwain Aikens</p>

Bar continues to rise for local JV basketball

As the bar continues to rise in the varsity ranks of Forsyth County's high school basketball, the trickle-down effects upon the junior varsity programs are becoming more significant.

Varsity teams from Forsyth County have captured a state championship in each of the past four seasons, with Parkland taking the state 3-A crown in 1999 and Reynolds capturing 4-A titles in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

The talent level of the athletes playing in the junior varsity level is arguably the best in the state. When you consider the impact that Chris Paul, last year's Chronicle Junior Varsity Player of the Year, had on the varsity program at West

Forsyth this season, some people have argued that JV hoops in Forsyth County might be comparable to varsity play in other areas of the state.

The players who highlight this year's All-City/County Team lend credence to that argument. Joe Fulp, this year's Junior Varsity Player of the Year, has all the tools to make a

splash on the varsity level next year. The only thing that could hold him back is the deep Reynolds team, which will return its entire frontcourt next season. But the 6-4 Fulp, who played on the Demons' freshman team last season, could step out on the wing and give RJR

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Ashford

WS/FC Hall of Fame inducts six members

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The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Hall of Fame will add six faces to its roll next month. The Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club, which sponsors the annual induction, announced its class of 2002 on Wednesday during a press luncheon at Benton Convention Center.

The list of nominees consists of five players who participated in sports at high schools that are no longer parts of the local high school system. Willie F. Ashford Jr. played at football and baseball at Atkins High School. Charles Bailey played football and basketball at Paisley and Reynolds. William A. Bennett played football, basketball and baseball at Kernersville High. Charles Denning played basketball, football and baseball at West Forsyth. Ernest "CoCo" Gary played football and basketball at Anderson High. Chris Plemmons played baseball at West Forsyth.

Ashford, who graduated from Atkins in 1958, was an All-State selection in football in 1957. He was a starter in the Negro Shrine Bowl and earned All-City honors in 1957 and 1958. As a pitcher in baseball, Ashford compiled a 17-4 record on the mound and earned

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