

**Carver**

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Isaiah Thomas and Matt Brim, are in Charlotte this week for the Shrine Bowl Classic between the top players from North Carolina and South Carolina. "At that point I just wanted to get our kids through the game without any major injuries."

Jamar Pitts was named the Yellowjackets' top offensive player in the game.

Pitts helped Carver's offensive unit run smoothly. The Yellowjackets were bolstered by the play of Jayvon Biddle, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Biddle rushed for 127 yards on 10 carries and scored on a 5-yard run. Jason Jowers also turned in one of his best outings of the season, rushing for 102 yards.

Thomas, who saw action on both the offensive line and

defensive line, was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player. The defense also got big plays from Jeremy Tranosou, who intercepted a Fike pass, and T.J. Walker, who also had an interception. Demond Davis tackled Fike punter Clint Winslow to set up a Carver touchdown.

"I guess that's the thing I enjoyed most about this team," Wilkes said. "We had a lot of kids who came through with big plays. I always told them that 'big-time' players make 'big-time' plays. Our guys took that to heart and continued to make the plays all season."

Carver finished the season 15-0-1. The only blemish on Carver's record came in a 14-14 tie with Mount Tabor in the season opener. In that game, the Yellowjackets had a touchdown wiped out by a penalty in the final minutes that would have won the game. This

year's record is the second best in Carver history, only surpassed by the 16-0 mark the 1998 team posted on the way to its state championship.

"These guys accomplished something that people will remember for a long time," Wilkes said. "Not only did we win the title, we were dominant in doing so."

The Yellowjackets also helped the city of Winston-Salem get a measure of revenge against Wilson Fike. The last time a team from Winston-Salem played Fike in football came during the 1969 season when Atkins High dropped a close loss to the Golden Demons at Bowman Gray Stadium.

"This win is one that our players, coaches, teachers, administrators and community can be proud of," Wilkes said. "These kids went out and made a lot of people proud of what they did."

**Deac women win after 10-day layoff**

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

With a strong performance from its bench, the Wake Forest women's basketball team picked up its fifth straight win and sixth of the season with a 72-58 victory over the UAB Blazers on Sunday afternoon at Joel Coliseum.

The victory extends WFU's winning streak to five games, its longest such streak since a seven-game run in the 1996-97 season.

After a 10-day layoff to take final exams, the Deacons looked a little rusty from the outset, as UAB jumped out to an early 10-2 lead. Wake Forest suffered nearly a five-minute scoring drought before freshmen Liz Strunk (Chattanooga, Tenn.) and Cotelia Bond-Young (Landover, Md.) hit back-to-back three-pointers to make the score 10-8 at 12:58.

WFU took the lead for the

first time, 15-14, with another Strunk jumper at the 9:30 mark. At that point of the game, the two rookies had combined for 13 of WFU's 15 points.

The Blazers came right back, going on a 14-3 run to lead 28-18 at the 4:04 mark. Wake Forest, however, scored the final five points of the half.

UAB held on to the lead for the first three minutes of the second half, going up by as much as four points, 31-27. Deacon Erin Ferrell (Gaithersburg, Md.) made good on a free throw at the 17:04 mark to make the score 34-33, and WFU owned the lead from that point on.

The Blazers were able to keep the margin hovering around 10 points for most of the final 10 minutes of the game by

converting on seven of eight free throws down the stretch. But Wake Forest did its job from the stripe as well, connecting on 11 of 12 in the second half. With the score 60-52 at the 5:41 mark, Wake put the finishing touches on the victory with a 10-0 run, then ran out the clock for the 72-58 win.

Three Demon Deacons posted double-figure scoring, all in a reserve role. Bond-Young finished with 17 points, while Strunk totaled 16 on 6-of-12 shooting. Ferrell chipped in 13, with 11 of those coming in the second half. Led by that trio, the bench scored 50 of Wake's 72 points. Strunk and senior Tiffani Listenbee (Clinton Township, Mich.) each grabbed a team-best eight rebounds.

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club hope city residents have good memories and will take them up on their offer to bring back the good times.

"I have always had people come up to me and say, 'Why don't you all have the Christmas dance?'" said Arnice Wall, chairwoman of the dance committee. "We are testing the waters with this dance... We want to see if the interest is still out there."

The snazzy banquet hall where the dance will take place has been set up for a crowd of 400 - the club has already sold about half of those spaces - but members are hoping that their expectations are more than met. Tickets for the dance can also be purchased at the door.

Like in past years, tickets from the dance will go to benefit the club's programs. The take for this year's dance will be used solely to support the club's junior tennis efforts. The club has five junior members who travel around the Southeast with adult club members to compete against other African-American tennis clubs. The club is developing about 30 junior players.

Each year the Kimberly Park Tennis Club also mounts a tournament featuring young players and often brings in tennis professionals to give free lessons to inner-city youngsters. But the club's outreach efforts do not stop there, members are quick to point out. In an effort to give a boost to tennis locally, the club recently donated more than \$1,000 to help buy equipment for the new tennis courts at



Members of the Kimberly Park Tennis Club pose for a picture at one of the Christmas dances in the 1980s.

Winston-Salem State University. But now, the club is focusing all of its attention on once again making the dance a holiday tradition. Members say the dance is open to any and all. Guests do not have to be a part of any particular social club or fraternal organization to attend.

"We are getting back to doing this because there is nothing going on Christ-

mas night anywhere in Winston-Salem," Berry said.

The dance will feature live music, a disc jockey and light hors d'oeuvres. It will be held from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Dec. 25. To purchase tickets, call Arnice Wall at 759-2306. The \$20 tickets can also be bought at the door.

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