

Carver's Davis-Bloom sheds light

This is kind of history in the making for me to interview Carver's sensational sophomore baller Breannah Davis-Bloom. She's the first sophomore female that I've ever interviewed. I don't remember the last high school sophomore I've interviewed — period.

But I definitely enjoy Breannah's game. Andrew other ballers have spoken very highly of her game as well. So, I thought it would be cool to go ahead and do an interview with her this week. Plus, I talk to her all the time because I am cool with her dad. Plus, I've always said she was going to be a player to watch when she got older.

Last year, she was at Forsyth Country Day. I wanted to find out why she decided to transfer to Carver. I was also curious to see how she felt about a number of other things like Porsche Jones, Mt. Tabor, Carver education, Reagan's Alana Berth and W-S Prep's Raquel Cuffie — among other things.

Bre and I also talked about Christmas and New Year's. Take a look at some of the other topics one of the best female ballers and I rapped about on Monday evening.

Anthony: What's going on, Bre?

Breannah: Nothing much. Chilling.

Anthony: I want to start this interview by asking what made you leave Forsyth Country Day for Carver over the summer.

Breannah: They made some changes within the system at Forsyth Country Day. I just felt like it was time for me to move on after that.

Anthony: (Smiles.) Short and sweet. (Both laugh.) How intense were the battles between you and Najet when you both were at FCD?

Breannah: Oh, they were intense. Najet works extremely hard. I would also work hard. I mean, that just made both of us better.

Anthony: Let me ask you this. Can you believe that no one on your football team made *The Journal's* All-Northwest team?

Breannah: No, I can't. That's extremely hard to believe. But politics play into that.

Anthony: (Smiles.) I hear that. What made Carver the school for you?

Breannah: My mom and dad went to Carver. My older brother, William, went to Mt. Tabor. But I felt like I should stay within the family.

Anthony: I know that Carver is doing a lot better with you on the team this year. How's that transition going?

Breannah: The transition is going great, but I wouldn't say that things are going that way because of me. It's a matter of our team working hard and our coaches helping us all the way through. It's just a lot of hard work.

Anthony: (Smiles.) Coach Poe is listed as the head coach. But who's really the head coach between he and Porsche Jones?

Breannah: Um, I would have to say both of them. You really can't say one or the other because both of them structure things for us. They both give us different ideas and insight about what can be done. And, both of them are hard on us. They really make us work hard.

Anthony: What's it like to play for a former great player in Porsche Jones? That seems pretty cool.

Breannah: Um, it really is. She's experienced a lot of things that I would want to experience in my career. She's somebody that has been there that you can look to for help.

Anthony: OK. How was your Christmas? Did you get what you wanted?

Breannah: (Smiles.) Yeah, I pretty much got everything that I wanted.

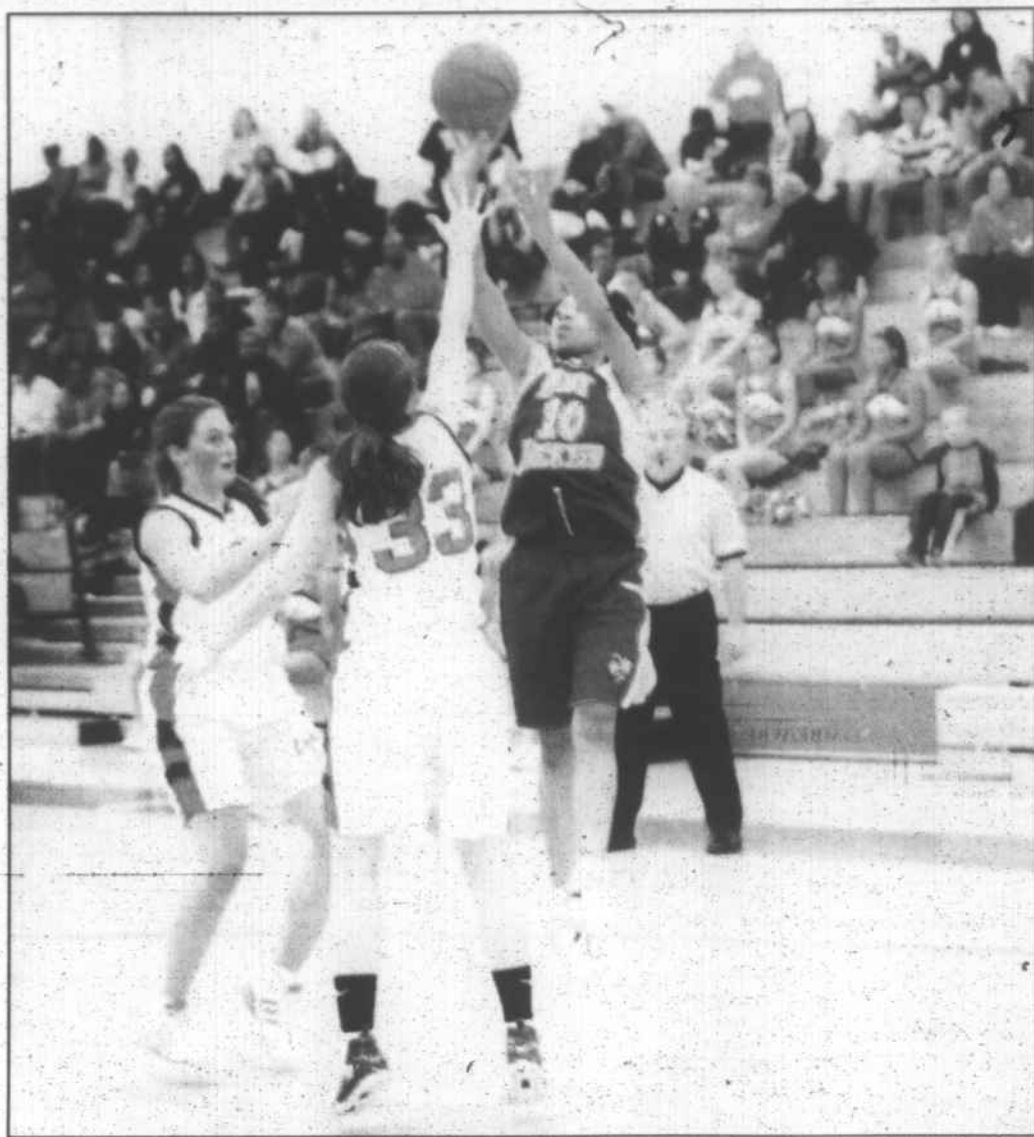
Anthony: Like what?

Breannah: (Laughs.) Mostly money.

Anthony: (Smiles.) That's good. What are your plans for the New Year's celebration?

Breannah: Uh, I'll probably go to church.

Anthony: That's a good answer. (Both laugh.) I know the game is taking place tonight (Monday) But give me your predictions on which



Carver's Breannah Davis-Bloom goes up for a score during a game against Glenn earlier this season.

team will win between Mt. Tabor and West in the Frank Spencer title game.

Breannah: Um, I'll have to say Mt. Tabor. The Mt. Tabor team works extremely hard. I know coach Muse. He's going to make them work hard. They play well together too.

Anthony: What's what best part of your game?

Breannah: The thing that I've worked the hardest on has been my jumper.

Anthony: That's what's up. You went to FCD, which is very challenging academically. Now you attend Carver. With that said, do you think that Carver gets a bad rap when it comes to academics?

Breannah: I do. Forsyth Country Day is more challenging. But Carver's reputation isn't true at all. You can get a good education here as well. We have great teachers over here. You just have to work

hard and come to school. But Carver's reputation as far as not being a good school to get an education is completely untrue.

Anthony: That's what's up. How's your personal life. Any boyfriend or whatever?

Breannah: My personal life is pretty good. But no boyfriend. I don't have time

New Year.

Breannah: One, I need to up my game a lot. I need to work hard. Two, I would have to say get along with my brothers more. We're always betting and challenging each other. It's competition. But I love them all.

Anthony: (Smiles.) OK. Now you have to give me a top



for that. It's been a while since I had one of those.

Anthony: (Laughs.) OK. Good. Give me two things that you want to correct for the

five of female ballers in the city. And, keep it real too.

Breannah: (Laughs.) OK. First off, my God sister Victoria Davis (Parkland).



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Then, Tageria Rhyne. She plays with me at Carver. Um, Raquel Cuffie — that plays for Prep. Uh, Jazmin Cromartie, who plays at Parkland. And, Alana Berth. She plays for Reagan.

Anthony: That's interesting. I also find it kind of interesting that some girls mention you as one of the best. I mean, you're only a sophomore. How does that make you feel to hear that?

Breannah: I'm thankful for it. But I still know that I have to keep working hard.

Anthony: Do you have any basketball role models?

Breannah: I would have to say Kristi Toliver. She plays for Maryland. I love her style of game. She's started as a freshman. Also, Porsche Jones. I watched her when she was at Wake, before she was hurt. She's just amazing.

Anthony: Let's finish with free association. You know how that goes.

Breannah: Right.

Anthony: - Carver athletics.

Breannah: Uh, hard work.

Anthony: Richard Daniels Jr. (Carver guard)

Breannah: Extremely quick and fast. Decent jumper.

Anthony: Breannah Davis-Bloom

Breannah: Hard worker. And, very misunderstood.

Anthony: Camille Little. (Local WNBA player.)

Breannah: I don't know her that well. But I can see she's a very hard worker. She's talented.

Anthony: Dream college.

Breannah: I'd have to say Maryland University.

Anthony: Coach Alfred Poe.

Breannah: Great coach. Great basketball mind. Very patient and intense.



Billings

Billings named Defensive Backs Coach of the Year

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wake Forest secondary coach Tim Billings was recently named the 2008 FootballScoop Defensive Backs Coach of the Year powered by Muscle Milk®.

Billings was nominated by his peers and was selected by a panel of former coaches and players. Other finalists for the 2008 FootballScoop Defensive Backs Coach of the Year powered by Muscle Milk® were Jamie Bryant (Vanderbilt) and Larry Slade (Tennessee).

He will receive his award at the AFCA Convention in January and will receive a complimentary supply of various Muscle Milk and CytoSport products.

With outstanding play in the secondary, the Demon Deacons were able to finish 8-5 including a 29-19 win over Navy in the inaugural EagleBank Bowl. Billings did a terrific job in his first year back on "the dark side" after spending the previous two seasons coaching Wake's wide receivers. Wake Forest finished second nationally in turnovers gained (35) and 17th nationally in scoring defense.

Billings, himself a former defensive back, is proud of the way the defensive backs accepted his approach telling FootballScoop.

Wake cornerback Alphonso Smith has been recognized as an All-American and was a unanimous choice for first team All-ACC. Smith's overtime interception against Duke sealed the 33-30 win over the Blue Devils.

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