

North to hold Hall of Fame ceremony



Walt Baxley will be one of six new inductees of the North Forsyth Sports Hall of Fame.

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The North Forsyth Sports Hall of Fame committee is set to induct six new members — as well as a football team from the 70s, according to NFHS athletic director David Atkins.

The committee agreed to upon inducting Ron King (coach), Mike Drum (basketball), Walt Baxley (basketball), Davina Simmons (basketball), Tina Hefner (Track coach) and Joe Mickle (wrestling). The 1972 North Forsyth football team will also be included in the 2009 induction class. The group will receive their HOF plaques, and officially recognized during North Forsyth's spring sports banquet. The group will also be recognized during tomorrow night's basketball against North Davidson.

"We felt like this would be a good year to start the hall of fame back up," Atkins told The Chronicle. "We haven't done it since 1998. We felt like it was time. We formed a committee to select a number of deserving former athletes. They came up with a number of former baseball, football and basketball players. We're going to recognize them during halftime of the game on Friday. And, we'll honor them during our sports banquet in April."

Ron King is a former All Southern Conference and state championship coach. He's rated as one of the top five winningest coaches in the state. Drum was an East-West all-star performer for the Vikings before going to play at Presbyterian and Wake Forest. He graduated with a 4.0 gpa, and was an ACC Academic Scholar at Wake.

Baxley was a standout for the North Forsyth basketball team before going on to earn major honors at Morris Hill. At Mars Hill he earned All-America honors — as well as conference player of the year. Davina Simmons was an all-state performer for the Lady Viking basketball team, where she also won state player of the year honors before going to play for Virginia Tech. Tina Hefner led North to several state Championships at Track North Forsyth in 1990's. Joe Mickle was an all-state wrestler for the Vikings. He also went on to earn All-America honors in college.

More ACC honors for Deacs

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wake Forest freshman forward Al-Farouq Aminu was named the ACC Rookie of the Week after leading the Demon Deacons to a pair of wins last week, including a victory at BYU to snap the Cougars' 53-game home court winning streak.

Aminu averaged 16 points, 8.5 rebounds and two blocked shots in wins over Radford and Brigham Young. The Norcross, Ga., product went 12-of-23 from the floor (.522) and 7-of-10 from the free throw line (.700) in the two games.

In last Saturday's 94-87 win at Brigham Young, which snapped the Cougars' national-best 53-game home court winning streak, Aminu had 14 points, seven rebounds and three blocked

shots. In Wake's 83-61 home defeat of Radford on Tuesday, Aminu posted his fifth double-double of the season with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

This marks the second time that Aminu has won the ACC Rookie of the Week Award. He first received the honor on Dec. 1.

On the season, Aminu is leading the team with 8.9 rebounds per game and is scoring 13.0 points per game. He is shooting 55.4 percent from the floor and leads the Deacs with 18 blocks.

Wake Forest is 13-0 on the season and ranked No. 4 in the latest ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. The Deacons return to action on Sunday when they host No. 3-ranked North Carolina at 8 p.m. at the Joel Coliseum.



Aminu

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ing flashes of greatness. Then he'll throw the ball away. We're going to need him and Aafon (Westbrook) to step up for this team. They have to accept the role as a leader."

Mt. Tabor continued to dominate in the second quarter, going on a 20-7 run to grab a 41-15 lead at the half. The Spartans used a totally different line-up, consisting of Pat Ronan, TreQuan Lewis, David Godfrey and Collin Kent, to increase their lead in the second quarter.

"I try to use a balanced attack," Raye said. "I wanted to rotate well in this game, especially with my guards. That's an area I feel like I didn't do well during the (Lash) tournament. Our guards were too tired. But I think we got everybody involved tonight. We have a deep team. This is a special group. Like I said, I still feel like we can do some special things."

McGuinness tried to provide a spark for his team to begin the second half by starting four reserves with Timmons in hopes of motivating the other guys into working harder.

"I was trying to provide a spark," McGuinness said. "I was hoping my starters would be motivated by how



Parkland coach Keith McGuinness talks with his guys during a timeout on Tuesday night.

hard the second unit plays. Some of the guys were doing a lot of pouting after I did that. But as a coach I've got to set some fire under some of the guys to get them going. I've really got to find a formula for this backcourt."

Despite the lopsided score, Parkland received solid offense play from Keenon Martin down the stretch. He scored 12 points by himself in the fourth quarter.

"Keenon has got to get going early for us,"

McGuinness said. "He always waits until everyone knows the game is over before he plays hard. I want him to play hard from the tip-off. We also need to limit our turnovers. I'll tell you what. I don't believe any JV team in the city can play with us if we take care of the ball. We have some players. We simply turn the ball over too much right now."

Mt. Tabor was led by Ervin, Torey Baskin, Pat Nicholson, Matt Turner and TreQuan Lewis — to name a few. The Spartans will now

face Davie County tonight before bumping heads with Reynolds on Friday. Reynolds defeated Mt. Tabor in the Lash/Chronicle title game last week.

"I hope this game was a good tune-up for Davie and Reynolds," Raye said. "We didn't look past Parkland tonight. And, we're not going to look past Davie on Thursday. We're taking things one game at a time. But, we're ready for Reynolds. That should be the game of the week."

Victory

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in the last 19 games.

"Tonight Amber played like the player we all know and love," said Bibbs. "She played like the player of the year."

The MEAC's leading scorer Brittanie Taylor-James added 19, and Ta'Wuana Cook inched closer to Aggie history. She finished with 18 points, putting eight points away from becoming just the 10th player in school history to reach 1,000 career points.

"We got contributions from everyone and we really needed it with Jaleesa being out," said Bibbs about her standout forward who didn't play due to a death in the family. "When we called upon people to coming off that bench they played big for us."

The Aggies led by as many as 10 in the second half. But the 49ers cut the lead to 81-78 behind a Traeci Ray 3-pointer, with 2:10 remaining. Taylor-James followed Ray's jumper with a missed jumper, but she grabbed one of the Aggies 19 offensive rebounds on the night and scored to give the Aggies a 5-point cushion.

Charlotte's Aysha Jones put the 49ers back to within three, 83-80, with two free throws. Charlotte would have a chance to inch closer or perhaps even tie the game after Taylor-James missed a three. But Aggies center Lamona Smalley took down a rebound off of a missed 3-



N.C. A&T's Ta'Wuana Cook finished with 18 points in the win over UNC-Charlotte.

pointer from Charlotte's Shannon MacCallum with 39 seconds remaining.

Ten seconds later Bland was fouled. She hit both free throws to seal the game for N.C. A&T, who improved to 7-5 on the season as it heads into conference play.

Saturday afternoon at 2 against Morgan State in Baltimore.

"We rebounded the basketball tonight," said Bibbs, who saw her team rebound the Niners 42-36. "We have to rebound the ball to be successful this year."

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