

Wolfpack slides by Blue Devils in Hanes Hosiery youth league

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In the Hanes Hosiery ages 6-10 winter basketball league season opener, the Wolfpack edged the Blue Devils 19-15 behind the dazzling play of point guard Nicholas Paige, who scored 10 points and wowed the crowd in the packed gym with his ball handling skills.

Jadyn Coleman and Ian Coleman, along with Evan Dunlap, led the Wolfpack rebounding and scored 2 points each.

Legend Edwards, Zaire Friend, Montrell Austin, Curtis Scales, Omari Hunter and Samorian Kirby all played well and led the defense for the Wolfpack.

The Blue Devils were led by Zion Moye with 6 points, Bobby Shackelford and Nazier Blackmon had 4 each, while Noah Bethea added 1 point.

Other Blue Devil standouts were Nick Haily, Justin Kirby and Carissa Potter.

The second game of the night was a thriller going into double overtime, as the



Avery Faucett and Art Blevins with the Tar Heels.



Donna Burgess and Art Blevins with the Wolfpack.



Avery Faucett and Art Blevins with the Blue Devils.



Patrice Johnson and Art Blevins with the Deacons.

Tar Heels and Deacons put on a show.

Both teams traded baskets throughout the night,

with the Tar Heels winning in two overtime periods 28-26, in what a lot of the parents and fans called "one of

the best youth basketball games" they have seen in a long time.

Aquavis Hickman,

Darren Pegues, Dominique Foreman, Bobby Schmitz and Jamarius Hunter led the Tar Heels with great

team play. Hickman and Foreman had 7 points each.

The Deacons were led by hot shooting guard Jalen Barkley, who drilled in 3 three-pointers and finished with 10 points, and Zakhi Mitchell and his brother Antwon Mitchell thrilled the crowd with their quickness and "handles" combined for 14 points.

Other standouts included Ryan Johnson, Alan Redford, Aariyonna Wall, Christian Moss, Christian Green, Jaurice Watson, Joshua Brown, and Daechari Mouzon for the Deacons.

Tar Heel defense was led by Matthias Banks, Kobe and Kivin Long, Kimora Carpenter and Jeremiah Davis.

Hanes Hosiery Director Coach Art Blevins was excited about another great season of basketball with again over 100 kids playing this year in 2 leagues.

"I am proud of our kids and the continued success of our program," he said. "I thank God for another year and for all of the blessings he puts on our lives and program here."



Players wear their 'Shock and Awe' t-shirts during a huddle earlier in the season.

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Reynolds' JV girls bounce back to win over Reagan, Glenn

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On Friday, Jan. 16, Reagan's JV girls came to Reynolds with an undefeated 5-0 record.

Reynolds was winning at the half, but Reagan had Reynolds down by 6 points at the start of the third quarter.

Reynolds came out on fire, tied the game and took the lead. The game went into overtime. At the end of overtime, Reynolds came out on top and beat Reagan by a score of 58 to 53.

The high scorers for Reynolds were Myana Cornell, with 14 points; Jayla Sharpe, 16 points; Kiani Coker, 9 points; Zoe Ebbitt, 6 points; Zaria Blackwell, 5 points; Sara Almomani, 4 points; and Jayla Penn, 2 points.

The high scorers for Reagan were K. Daniels, 11 points; J. Hartil, 5 points; M. Kilby, 12 points; M. Shore, 16 points; B. Oerby, 3 points; M. Jackson, 2 points; D. Hobson, 2 points.

In another game, on Saturday, Jan. 23, Reynolds went to Glenn to play them for the third time.

The first time Reynolds played Glenn was at Glenn, and Reynolds beat Glenn by a score of 34 to 27. The second time the two met was at Reynolds, and the score was Reynolds 52 to 34 for Glenn.

On Jan. 23, Glenn had it out for Reynolds because the team beat them twice.

Reynolds had a 10-point lead on Glenn, but the team did not go away. Reynolds' 10-point lead was down to 4 points, then Glenn took the lead. But in the end, Reynolds beat Glenn by a score of 41 to 38.

The high scorers for Reynolds were Zara Blackwell, with 12 points; Myana Cornell, 9 points; Yancey Harmon, 8 points; Kiani Coker, 6 points; and Jayla Sharpe, 2 points.

The high scorers for Glenn were Elena Davis, 10 points; Kamaya Epps, 10 points; Shaylca Rice, 8 points; Kalya Martin, 2 points; Leila Rice, 6 points; and Serenna Johnson, 2 points.

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tage, but Fayetteville State would battle back to cut the lead down to 2 points, 31-33 with 6:45 before the half.

Winston-Salem State would regroup and would finish off the half on a 16-7 run, to take an 11-point lead, 49-38, into the locker room at halftime.

The second half would turn out to be a carbon copy of the first half, as WSSU would keep the pressure of the "Shock and Awe" style of pressure basketball out in

front through the early moments of the half.

But just like the first half, the Broncos had some fight left in them, and would use a 17-0 run of their own to cut into the WSSU lead, and trim it to three points, 62-59 with 12:38 left to play.

The WSSU Rams however, would not let this slip away, and buckled down on both ends of the floor, and would not let the Broncos get any closer, outscoring Fayetteville State 29-25 over the final 10 minutes to take the 91-84, key Southern Division contest.

WSSU outscored FSU 3-22 in points in the paint, and 22-15 in points off of turnovers. The Rams also held slight advantages in second chance points (10-9) and fast break points (8-2).

Terrell Leach had a monster night in leading the Rams, as he scored a game-high 27 points, connecting on eight of 15 three-point shots, while also picking up two assists and two steals.

WyKevin Bazemore broke out of his slump, by scoring 20 points, grabbing eight rebounds to go with two assists and two steals. Donta Harper continued his

superior play of late, with 17 points, eight rebounds and two assists. Marquez Jones added 14 points, three assists, two rebounds and a steal, while Javan Wells chipped in 7 points, two assists and a steal.

Joshua Dawson paced the Broncos with 24 points, eight assists, five rebounds and two steals, while Devin Thompson added 16 points and five rebounds. Anthony Shelton chipped in 14 points and two steals and Torian Showers scored 13 points and pulled down five rebounds.

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charge for Parkland and finished with a game-high 20 points. Even so, Young's scoring wasn't enough to offset West Forsyth's offensive balance. Coach Shawn Smoot of Parkland wasn't pleased with his team.

"Based on what I saw, we must go back to the basics," said Smoot, whose team is 7-5, 2-5 in the CPC. "Turnovers killed us. For whatever reasons, we couldn't make a shot and couldn't make a pass. Physically, it seemed like they just weren't ready to play - and it showed. That's surprising because they know how to play this game."

Even though West Forsyth never trailed after the first quarter, Parkland had two opportunities to rally, but failed to do so because of costly turnovers that resulted in points for the Titans.

The Mustangs were down 36-27 late in the third quarter. Young buried a 3-pointer and Nana Cole hit a free throw to cut the deficit to 36-31. West Forsyth responded by scoring on back-to-back possessions



Above: De'Sean Harrell leads the Titans fast break.

Right: Mason Matrey was the top scorer for West Forsyth.

to extend its cushion to 40-31 by the end of the quarter.

During the early minutes of the fourth quarter, Young sank a jumper and Cole converted a 3-point play to bring the Mustangs to within four points of the lead (40-36) with 6:57 to go. Titans point guard De'Sean Harrell scored on a base-



line drive and Becton added another basket to help West Forsyth maintain its comfortable margin.

Even though West Forsyth won handily, Williams knows that his



Parkland's Kenny Lee looks to pass as Dwight Palmer of West Forsyth defends.



Coach Williams



Coach Smoot

team will have to shoot better from the free throw line. Over the past week; he was satisfied with his team's performance in that phase of the game. That wasn't the case vs. Parkland. The Titans went 9-of-26 from the line.

"We finished the game very well and we did what we needed to do on the glass," said Williams. "But we also had a setback with our free-throwing shooting. If we shoot from the line like I know we can, we win this game by 15 to 20 points."