



East Forsyth's Tanis Samuels looks for an opening as Jordan Oakes of North Forsyth applies defensive pressure.

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rebounds.

"They got a lot of second and third-chance points and that made a difference. But on the plus side, they didn't give up. They're not quitters. We just have to improve on making the right choices in different game situations."

Naim Evans, who had three 3-pointers, led the Vikings in scoring with 14 points. Oakes contributed 12 points to the cause.

East Forsyth took control of the game from the opening tip and led 16-9 at the end of the first quarter. Over the final minutes of the second quarter, North Forsyth climbed back into contention. Aaron Worthy buried a 3-pointer from the left wing to cut the deficit to 23-22.

The Eagles answered on the final possession of the half. Dalton sank a 30-foot, bank-shot 3-pointer, to give his team a 26-22 lead at intermission.



Coach Minor

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several players who can play multiple positions."

In recent history, West Forsyth has fared well in the Lash-Chronicle. Over the past four years, the Titans is the only team to have won a tournament title aside from Prep (2012). West Forsyth was the tournament runner-up a year ago. This

year, the Titans appear to have the tools to make another strong push at advancing to the final round and winning.

West Forsyth won its first three games of the season with a lot of input from forward Kelvin Johnson, point guard JaQuan McMillian and wing player Jaylan McMillon, who has shown the potential to develop as a prime scoring threat and lock-down defender.

Lash-Chronicle JV Tournament

First round
Saturday, Dec. 12

Tournament site – Carver High School
(Parentheses denotes seed number)

- (14) Walkertown vs. East Forsyth (3), 11 a.m.
- (13) North Forsyth vs. (4) Reynolds, 12:30 p.m.
- (12) Atkins vs. (5) Lexington, 2 p.m.
- (11) Glenn vs. (6) Parkland, 3:30 p.m.
- (10) Reagan vs. (7) Thomasville, 5 p.m.
- (9) Winston-Salem Prep vs. (8) Carver, 6:30 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 19

- Reagan-Thomasville winner vs. (2) West Forsyth, 3:30 p.m.
- Walkertown-East Forsyth winner vs. Glenn-Parkland winner, 5 p.m.
- Winston-Salem Prep-Carver winner vs. (1) Mount Tabor, 6:30 p.m.
- North Forsyth-Reynolds winner vs. Atkins-Lexington winner, 8 p.m.

Semifinals
Monday, Dec. 21

Tip-off times – 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m.

Final round
Tuesday, Dec. 22

- 3rd place Consolation game, 6 p.m.
- Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

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last week when K.J. Watson was placed on the JV squad after starting the season with the varsity.

Watson is the only player on the roster who played for Tibbs last season when Winston-Salem Prep won the Lash-Chronicle JV Tournament and finished the year at 20-0. Even though Watson was more of a role player last season, he had some big moments at the Lash-Chronicle tournament MVP a year ago.

Against West Forsyth, Watson played major minutes even though he hadn't practiced with the JV team. His presence gives the Phoenix a veteran player who's also a proven scorer. Watson delivered a game-high 21 points against West Forsyth, but severe leg cramps kept him from playing the whole game.

He suffered cramps right after the Phoenix took a momentary lead in the fourth quarter. Watson did return, but was clearly not as effective due to limited mobility because of cramping.

Aside from Watson, Prep got double-figures scoring from Cranley, who contributed 13 points.

"Not having Watson on the floor was huge because he's such a difference maker," said Tibbs. "He's the only player who knows the system, so it's not a problem for him to step in and produce immediately."

"This year, we're looking for him to provide leadership and be our primary scorer. When Tyren comes back, we'll be in a good sit-

uation because it will be the first time this season that we'll have our complete team together."

In recent seasons, it's been rare for Prep's junior varsity to lose more than once or twice during a season, much less lose three games in a row. Even in defeat though, Tibbs is confident that his team will pull together and get a winning streak going.

"Yes, we're 0-3, but I'm happy with the progress we're making," he said. "When we got down like we did (against West Forsyth), I liked our effort, which is what helped us to make a comeback. When the game got close, that's when our lack of experience showed. But the good part is that all the mistakes that were made are things that we can fix. We're gearing up for the (Lash-Chronicle) tournament."



Williams



Prep's Jalen Cranley attacks the Titans defense off the dribble.

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JaQuan McMillian of West Forsyth launches a three-pointer from the left corner in last week's game against Winston-Salem Prep.

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