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Chronicle Publisher Emeritus Ernie Pitt, left, and Cheryl Lindsay, Director, Human Resources & Inclusion/Diversity at Hanesbrands Inc., congratulate the winners of the championship game of the Lash-Chronicle JV Tournament on Tuesday night at Carver High School: the East Forsyth Eagles.

# Eagles deliver knock-out punch with Sparrow to win

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

East Forsyth's game plan was simple – play stifling defense and get the ball inside to Connor Sparrow as much as possible. The Eagles did both and came away as convincing 68-58 winners over Reynolds in the championship game of the Lash-Chronicle JV Tournament on Tuesday night at Carver High School.

Sparrow, a 6-foot-5, 250 pound sophomore, owned the post area as if it was his personal property. By game's end, he had 30 points and 13 rebounds, and was the no-doubt-about-it pick as the tournament MVP.



The victory marked the first time that East Forsyth has ever won the Lash-Chronicle. A year ago, the Eagles beat Reagan in the consolation game for third place.

"Right now, I can't say enough," said an elated coach Rodney Minor of East Forsyth. "The plan coming in was to feed the big fella, and we executed that very well tonight. We stuck to our plan and I'm so proud of my guys."

As productive as Sparrow was, he wasn't the sole rea-

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# Mount Tabor ends WS Prep's reign

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

Thanks to Mount Tabor, Winston-Salem Prep's stranglehold on the Lash-Chronicle JV Tournament title is history.

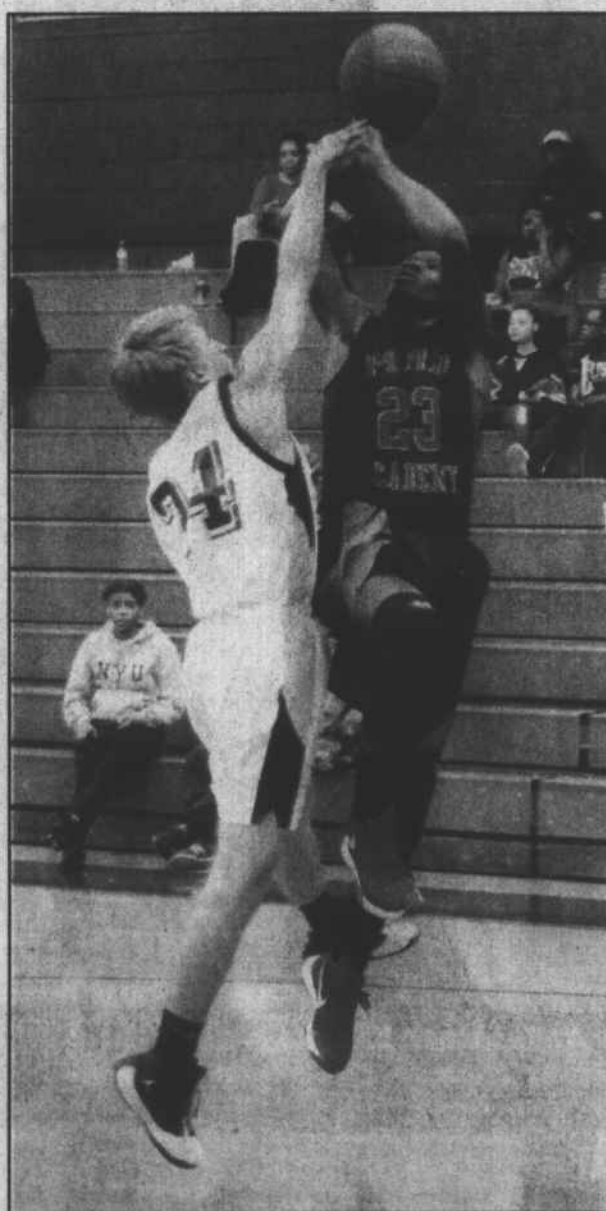
When the Spartans beat the Phoenix 94-84 in the tournament quarterfinals last Saturday, it ended a noteworthy run. Prep had advanced to the finals four years in a row and in the process won three championships during that span of time.

The Spartans relied on their bruising inside game to control the paint at both ends of the floor. The front line of Duncan Smits, Dillon Bullard, Jaylen Moore and Cole Foley repeatedly crashed the boards for second-chance points.

That was just one phase of the game in which Mount Tabor (6-1) had an edge. At times, the backcourt played at an exceptional level. Carson Anthis and Quest Aldridge repeatedly attacked Prep's pressure with dribble penetration, which allowed them to get the ball to teammates for high-percentage shots.

Bullard, who finished with 20 points, set the tone for the four Spartans who scored in double figures. Smits and Aldridge added 17 points apiece and Anthis scored 16.

"The bottom line is that we're bigger than they are on the inside," said coach Willie Harrison of Mount Tabor. "So, it's to our advantage to go inside as much as possible. That's what the final outcome was based on. We got them in early foul trouble and they couldn't bounce back from



Jalen Crawley of the Phoenix rises to take a mid-range jumper over Carson Anthis of the Spartans.

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Photo by Craig T. Greenlee

Robert Wynn, Lash-Chronicle Tournament director

# Q&A: Robert Wynn Lash-Chronicle ... "a proven preparatory tournament"

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

There's not much that Robert Wynn hasn't seen during his 24 years of service as the Lash-Chronicle tournament director. Even though these are early-season tournament games, the high-level intensity in December is the same as if it was the state basketball playoffs held in February and March.

From the very beginning in 1992, Wynn has always had high hopes for the growth of the tournament. Over the years, his hopes have come to fruition. The Lash-Chronicle is widely recognized as "the event" in junior varsity basketball in Forsyth County.

Wynn, a former coach and athletics director at Carver, talked to SportsWeek about his long association with the

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