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Reynolds is the team to beat in the CPC

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It's still too early to know for sure, but the Lash-Chronicle Tournament could be a preview for JV basketball in the Central Piedmont Conference.

Reynolds came in as the tournament's No. 4 seed and earned its ticket to the final by posting a convincing win over top-seeded Mount Tabor (77-70). The Demons, however, fell flat

in the next round against East Forsyth and had to settle for the runner-up trophy.

"I'm satisfied with the progress we've made as a team," said coach Mike McCulloch of Reynolds, whose team was 9-1 as of Jan. 4. "Now it's up to us to continue what we've started."

Reynolds may have a leg up on the rest of the CPC as a result of its two previous victories over the Spartans. In both games, the Demons were able to



dictate tempo, which helped to neutralize the Spartans' size advantage in the low post. These long-time rivals will meet for the third time this season on Jan. 29 at Mount Tabor. McCulloch's crew

has the components to play at a frenzied pace, but under control. Even though RJR has just one true low-post player (Larry Borland III), it does better than OK with a roster that's top-heavy with guards and swing players. At power forward, Rashon Bethea is an undersized 6-footer, but he's tenacious and doesn't mind doing the dirty work in the paint.

"Up to this point, we're playing with an unselfish attitude," he said.

"Plus, our shot selection is good."

Reynolds is equipped to do much damage with four players who are all capable of leading the team in scoring on any given night. Point guard Ian Henderson (Lash-Chronicle all-tournament pick) has the hoops smarts to make plays as a passer and as a scorer who can generate offense in one-on-one situations.

Henderson's partner, Treviz Murphy, shoots well

from 3-point distance, and he's skilled enough to score on drives to the basket while making body contact and drawing fouls. Dashan Adams could be Reynolds' best two-way player. Adams has an assortment of offensive moves and he frequently gets the assignment to guard the opposing team's best backcourt player.

Freshman guard Mysta Goodloe has made

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Parkland aims to be a genuine contender

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

So far, this season has produced a mixed bag for Parkland junior varsity basketball. Inconsistency is the prime reason why the Mustangs posted a 3-4 record coming off the Christmas holiday break.

As for how the remainder of this season turns out, it's anyone's guess. For now, though, Parkland is eager to find out where it will stand in the race for first place in the Central Piedmont Conference. League play started this week with games against Reagan (played Tuesday) and Mount Tabor (today).

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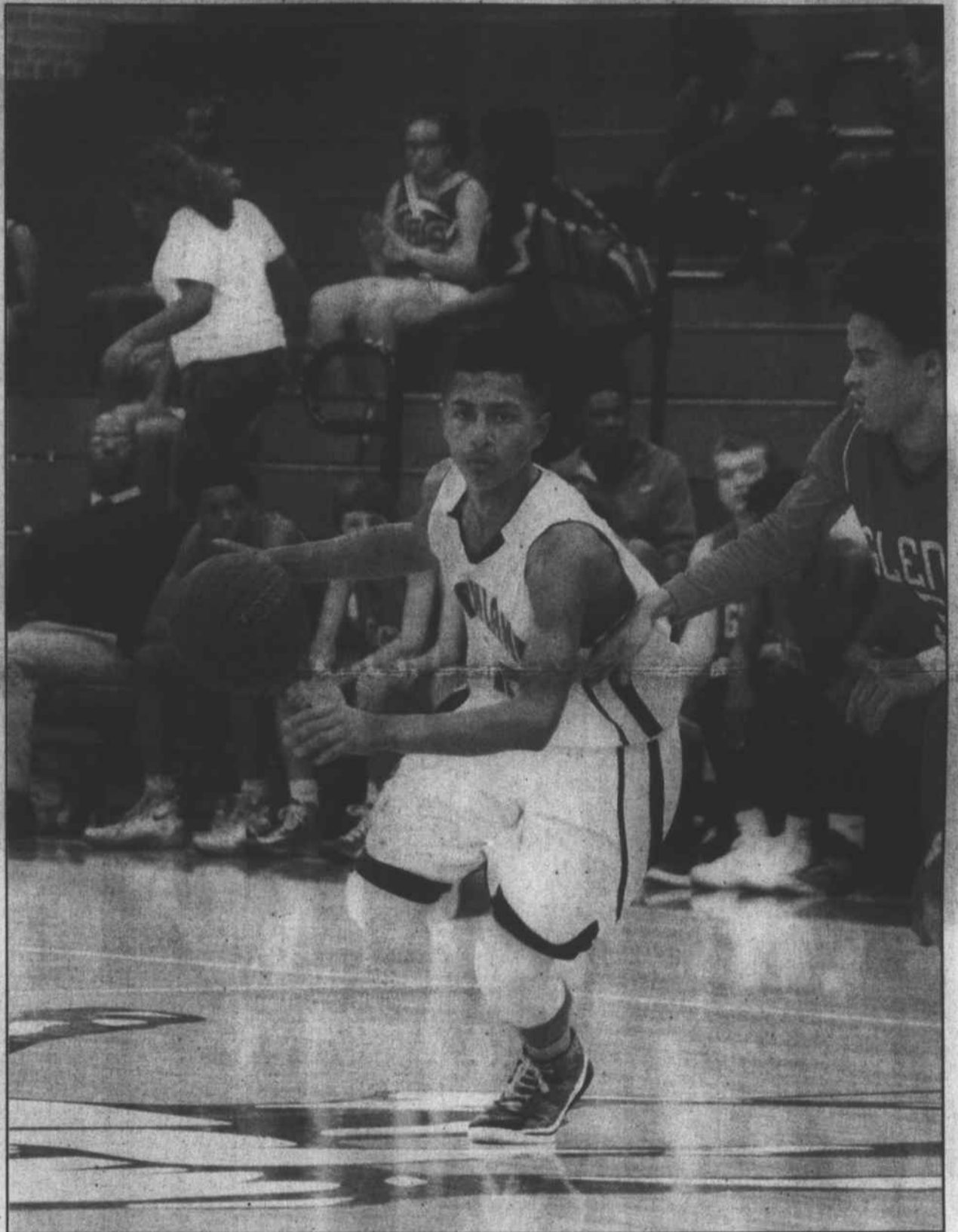
—James Williams, coach

"We've had some very good workouts since the [Lash-Chronicle] tournament, so I feel like we'll be ready to play," said coach James Williams. "I believe this team can have a good season. As long as we push the ball, play solid defense and give full effort, we'll be in good shape. Those are the three things that we have to do to be at our best."

Parkland figures to get a huge boost whenever Daniel Leal is able to return to the lineup. Leal, a sophomore shooting guard, has been sidelined for three weeks with a back injury. At the start of this week, Williams wasn't sure about Leal's availability in the coming weeks.

Prior to the back injury, Leal had established himself as a clutch scorer who has the ability to take over a game at any time. Leal has a nice outside shooting touch, but he's also an effective distributor when he draws defenders on dribble drives to the basket. Most importantly, Leal tends to play his best in tightly-contested ball games.

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Prior to his injury, Daniel Leal had established himself as the Mustangs go-to scorer in tightly-contested games.

(Photo by Craig T. Greenlee)

Challenging non-league schedule should help North Forsyth succeed

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Having a 4-7 record in JV basketball leads one to believe that North Forsyth is doomed to finish the season way below the .500 mark. But when you consider the end results of playing a rugged early-season, non-conference schedule, don't be surprised if the Vikings surface as top contenders in the Mid-Piedmont Conference.

In the opening weeks of the season, Class 3-A North Forsyth played six of its first 11 games against teams who compete at the Class 4-A level (Mount Tabor, East Forsyth, Reynolds and Glenn). Although the Vikings were winless in six tries against 4-A schools, they've gotten off to a good start in the MPC with a 2-0 mark.

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Jordan Oakes, a shooting guard, provides outside scoring from 3-point range for North Forsyth.

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