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The Hawk said his mother and grandmother, who were both very much involved in the church, were the force behind him that made him great.

"They were always there to guide me in the direction I needed to go," he said. "I would not be the man I am today with their guidance."

During the banquet held at the Founder's Club inside BB&T Ballpark, those in attendance had the opportunity to bid on authentic sports memorabilia, as well as the opportunity to meet and take photos with a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

All proceeds made during from the banquet and the auction will go toward the Winston-Salem Sports Foundation and the Dash's various charitable efforts such as the Diamond in the Rough Ballpark Renovation Program.

For the past two years the Dash has joined forces with Flow Chevrolet to renovate a local little league baseball or softball field in the area. Last year the entire Dash staff came together to renovate Winston-Salem National Little League (WSNLL). According to president of WSNLL William Daniel, since the renovations the players seem more excited to play the game and he has also seen an increase in the number of applicants wanting to play.

"They really transformed our field into a major league type playing field," said Daniel. "We are truly grateful for everything the Dash has done to help our organization and the other little league organizations in the area."

Dash President Geoff Lassiter said the main goal of the Winston-Salem Sports Foundation is to get more children involved in sports in the area, mainly around the game of baseball.

"Our pure number one mission of the foundation is to continue to grow the sport in all levels in our community," Lassiter continued, "We feel it's really important to carry on the baseball tradition in our community."



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Nearly 200 baseball enthusiasts gathered inside the Founder's Club inside BB&T Ballpark for the inaugural Hot Stove Banquet and Auction. The event is designed to raise funds for the city's sports foundation.



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Nelson English of Carver drives past Anthony Eakes of West Stokes.

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"I can honestly say that I saw growth from our first game, all the way until now," he said. "Sure, I would like to have had more wins, but ultimately, the main purpose for the JV level is to prepare players for the varsity. So, I think I've done that with a couple of players."

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points and was the only Titans player to reach double digits in scoring. Hill and Thomas Laws chipped in with nine points each.



Coach Williams

"I'm pleased with our production and everybody contributed," said Williams. "At the end, we were very unselfish and that really paid off. We spread them out and attacked with dribble drives because we felt like we could find some openings against their defense. On those drives, if we got cut off, we were willing to make the pass to an open teammate."

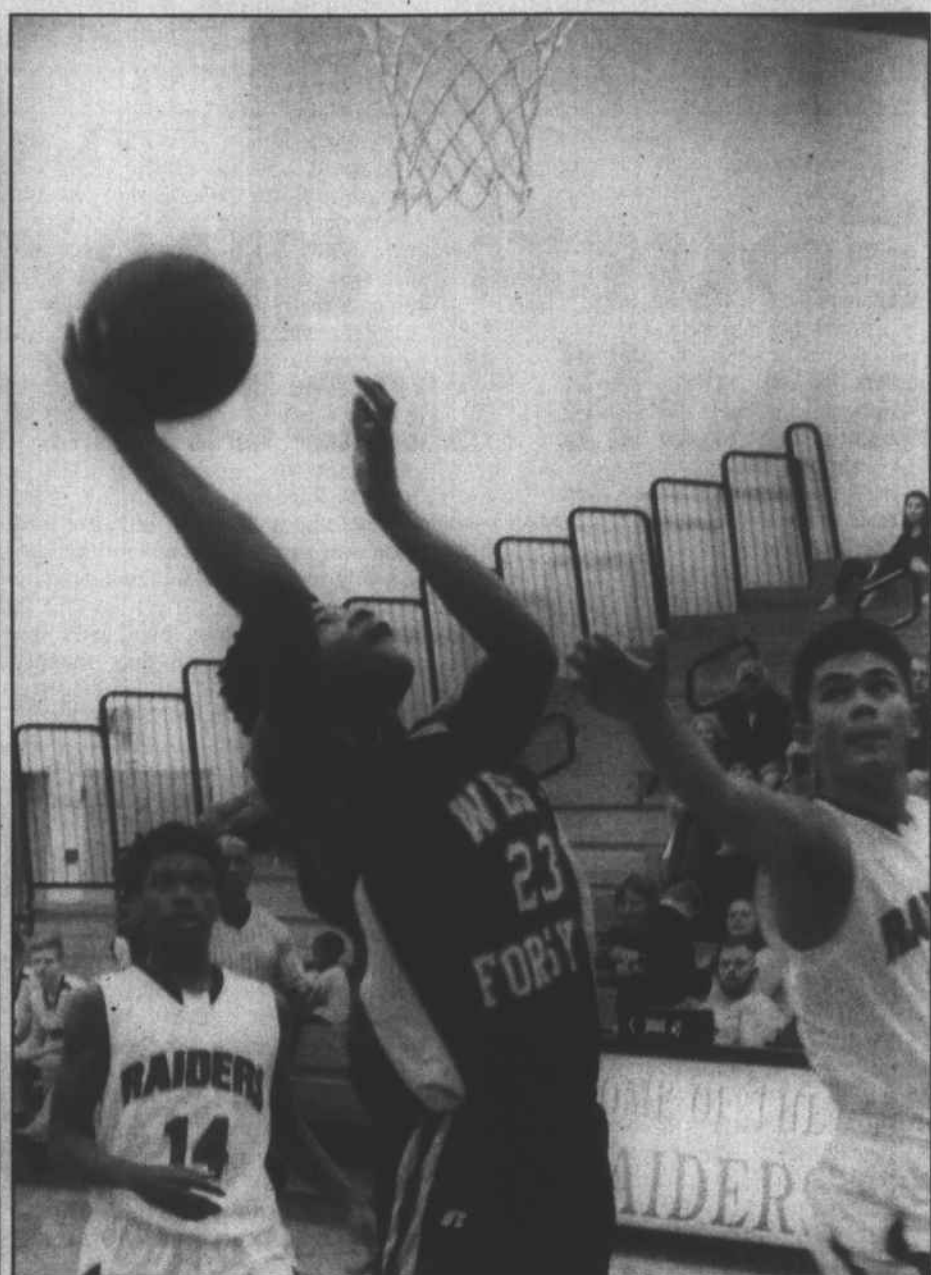
West Forsyth (14-4, 7-2) found itself playing catch-up for most of the night. But when it came time to make a decisive run, the Titans were ready and able. At the end of three quarters, Reagan had played well enough to repel all of the Titans challenges up to that point. Entering the fourth quarter, the Raiders had built a 40-33 working margin.

The Titans methodically chipped away at the deficit. In a five-minute stretch, they put together a 16-7 run on McMillian's drive, which put them in the lead for the first time in the second half (49-47). Seconds later, Zach Pascual of Reagan scored on a pull-up jumper to tie the game again at 49-all.

With 60 seconds showing on the game clock, Pascual missed the front end of a 1-and-1 free throw and the Titans got the rebound. Laws fired away from 25-feet to give West Forsyth a three-point lead with 31.5 seconds to go. The Raiders returned the favor when Ayers drilled a 3-ball, which set the stage for Hill's game-winner.

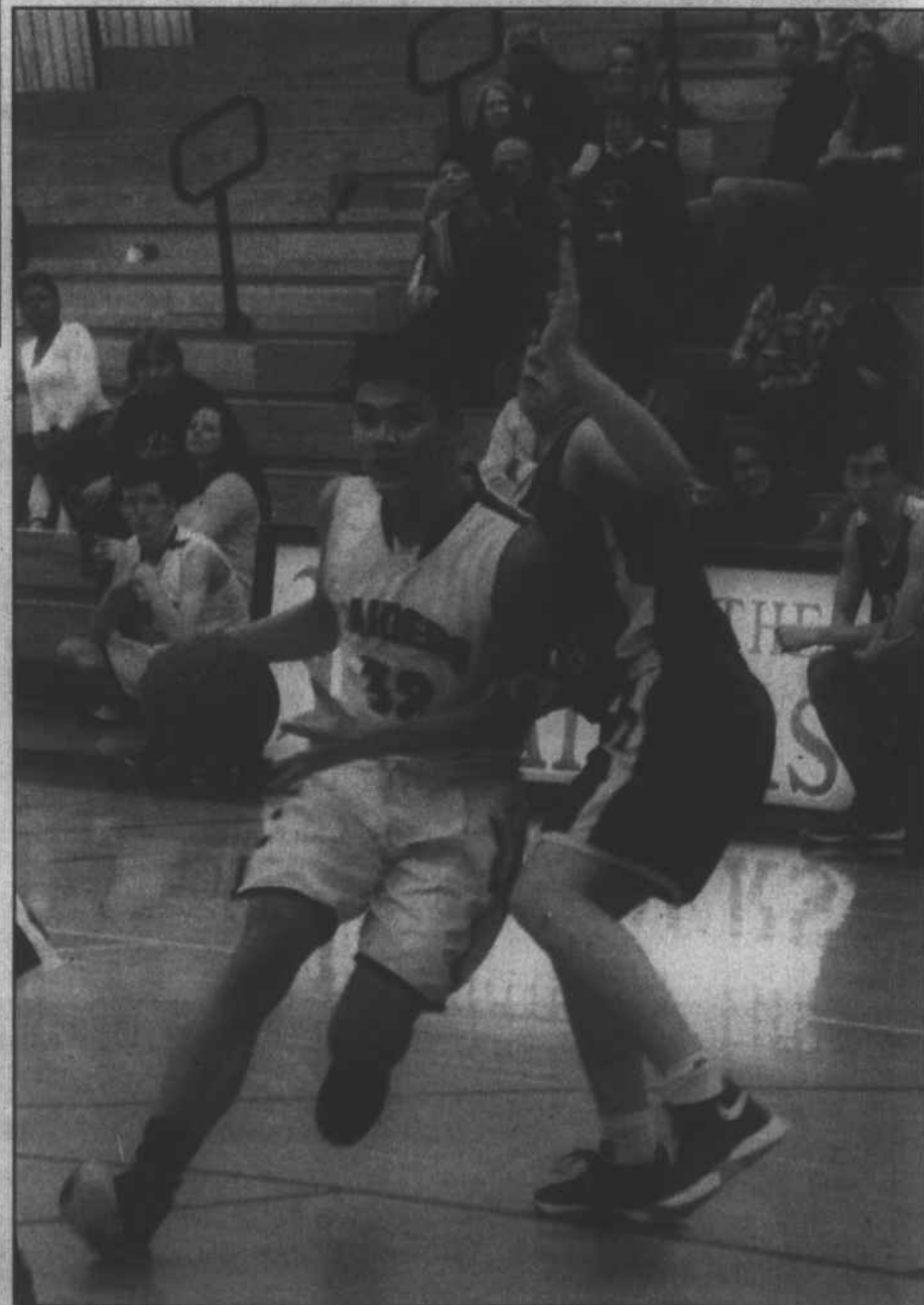
Pascual was the prime offensive producer for Reagan with 16 points and Ayers added 10. Brandon Hannah scored nine points and had eight rebounds.

"The kids are upset, but I'm proud of them," said coach Jeff Noe of Reagan, whose team fell to 11-8 overall and 4-4 in conference play. "The way we played, we felt like we deserved to win. You hate to lose games like this, but that's part of life. There's still another week of basketball left and we've got to finish strong."



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Kelvin Johnson scores on a putback basket for West Forsyth.



Zach Pascual (32) was the top scorer for Reagan with 16 points.