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Parkland's new basketball coach comes to restore

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

Parkland's boys' basketball program has seen better days. Over the past decade, the Mustangs have only one winning season to show for their efforts.

Enter Travis Holcomb-Faye, the newly hired coach who has a vision to restore the program to the prominence it enjoyed in

the late 1990s. Holcomb-Faye is no stranger to high school hoops in the Triad. Prior to taking over at Parkland, he had five-year stints as an assistant coach at Mount Tabor and Reagan.

"I'm just ready to begin this journey," he said. "I'm so blessed and thankful that I have this opportunity. I can't wait to get started."

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-Travis Holcomb-Faye, Coach



Holcomb-Faye

Parkland showed much promise during the early portion of this past season. The Mustangs pulled off a shocker by beating top-seeded North Forsyth to win the Pepsi bracket of the Frank Spencer Holiday Classic in December. Sporadic play, however, characterized the rest of the season as the Mustangs fell to 9-15 overall and 1-11 in

the Central Piedmont 4-A Conference.

Holcomb-Faye, 34, is not fazed by Parkland's most recent history. Given his resume as a high school and AAU coach, there's no doubt in his mind that he's ready and equipped to handle the challenge.

"I want to see progression," he said. "I feel that

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City-County track

Titans, Spartans, Mustangs earn bragging rights

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On the boys' side, the Scott Brent Invitational had all the suspense that track and field connoisseurs could hope for. On the girls' side, though, there wasn't much doubt about what the final outcome would be. The two-day meet, held last weekend at Mount Tabor, serves as the annual City-County championships.

West Forsyth and Mount Tabor staged a

tug-of-war for the boys' team title. When all the points were tallied, both teams found themselves locked in first-place dead heat with 133 points apiece. According to meet officials, this is the first time since 1972 that teams finished in a first-place tie.

As for the girls' competition, there wasn't much intrigue. Parkland (152) won comfortably over challengers Mount Tabor (130) and West Forsyth (128).

West Forsyth's boys scored over 100

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Walkertown's Kennedy Gilliam (red) and Karia Wilson of North Forsyth run neck-and-neck in the preliminary round of girls' 100-meter dash.

Photos by Craig T. Greenlee



Parkland quarter-miler Lorenzo Graise posted wins in the 200 and 400-meter sprints. He set a new City-County meet record with a 48.74 clocking in the 400.

Eight will join select group as new Hall of Fame members

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These are joyous times for seven former athletes and a retired athletics administrator who will soon be enshrined in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2016 will be honored at



an induction banquet at the Benton Convention Center on May 6 at 7 p.m.

"This is always a very special occasion," said Robert Wynn, president of the Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club, the organization that established the Hall of Fame in 1983. "I saw several of these athletes playing during their high school careers. So, I can attest to their athletic

abilities and their dedication.

"What stands out most for me, is that during their careers, they didn't play with the idea that one day they might be in a Hall of Fame. They played for the sheer joy of the sport."

Here's a summarized look at this year's Hall of Fame class:

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