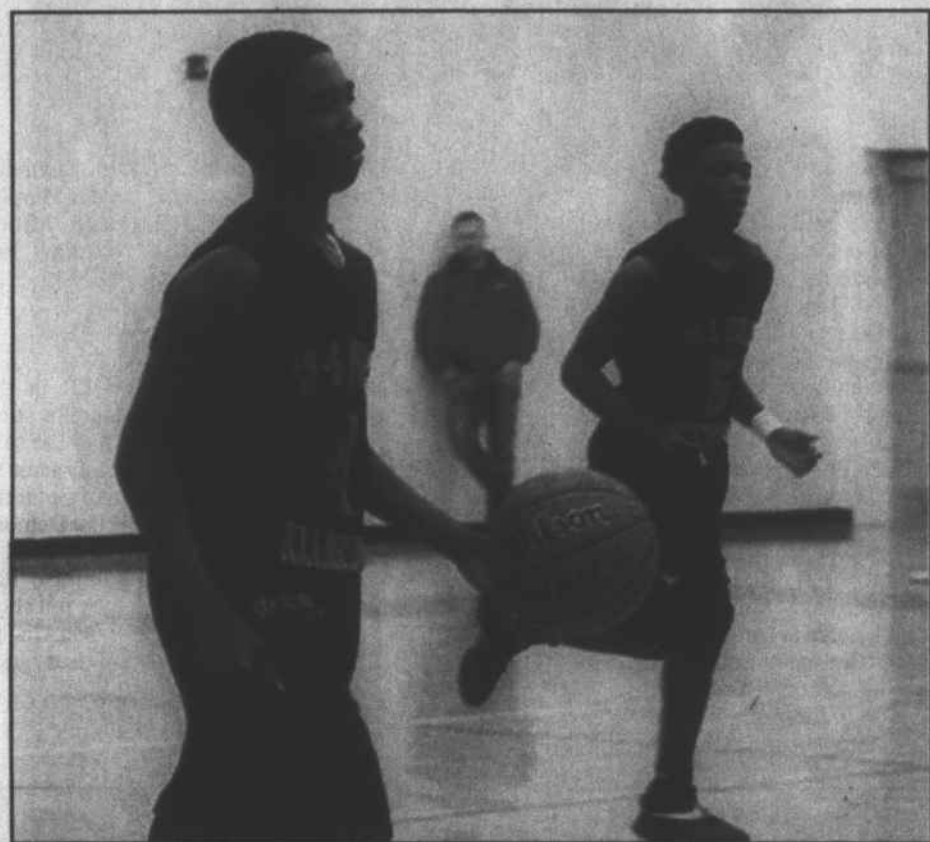




Essin Arid, No. 5 in black, attempts to make a contested shot in the lane against Reagan.



**Reagan**

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held a 20-point lead at 39-19.

Coming out of the intermission, the Phoenix turned to a full-court press to try and speed up the game and force some turnovers from the Raiders. Prep was able to cause a few turnovers and some rushed shots but still trailed 49-27 midway through the third quarter. The Phoenix also had multiple trips to the free throw line but missed multiple shots at the line that would have cut into the deficit.

Still not able to get on track from the outside the Phoenix trailed 51-33 at the end of three quarters. Winston-Salem Prep head

coach Willie "BB" Patrick Jr. said the first half of play did not go the way they "drew it up" but was pleased with the efforts of his team.

"We must improve on defense and making open shots," said Patrick. "We ran our offense pretty good but we have to get into our sets better and get more stops on defense."

Prep continued to use a full court press into the fourth quarter and cut the lead to 14. Jalen Crawley and Essin Arid gave maximum effort trying to get the Phoenix back within single digits. With the score 55-41 Reagan went back to their bread and butter and scored some easy buckets in the paint. Prep hit a couple of late three-pointers

but it was too little too late and fell by the score of 70-47.

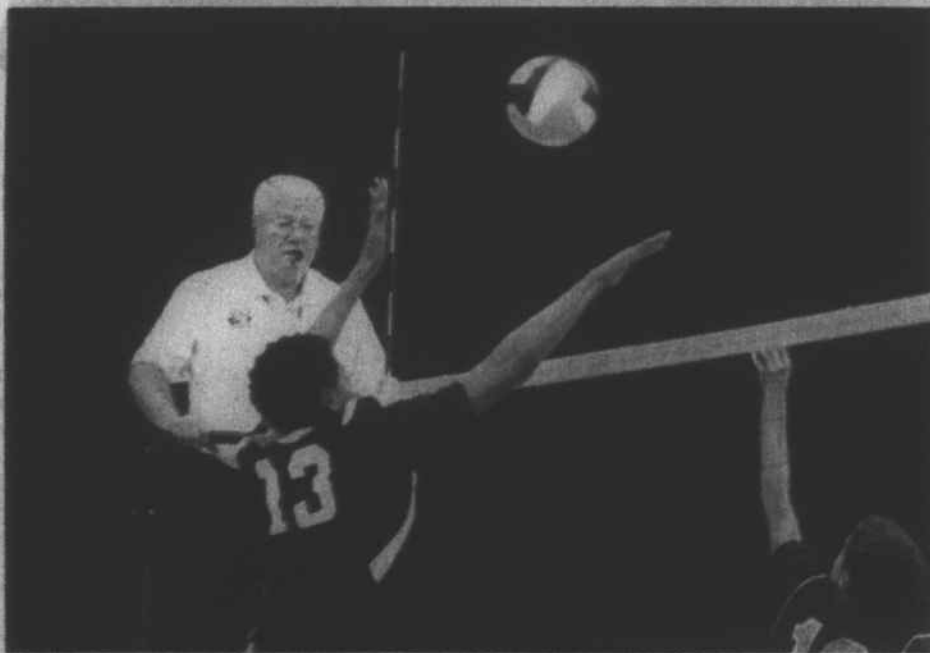
"We are going to go back to the war room and work on getting better," Patrick added. "We have to take nothing for granted, and we have to play full speed from beginning to end."

Coach Stackhouse was happy his team did not fold as they did against East Forsyth and were more consistent on offense and defense.

"We got up last night on East Forsyth, and we let them get back into the game," Stackhouse said. "Tonight they learned they can get up on a team and not let them get back into the game."

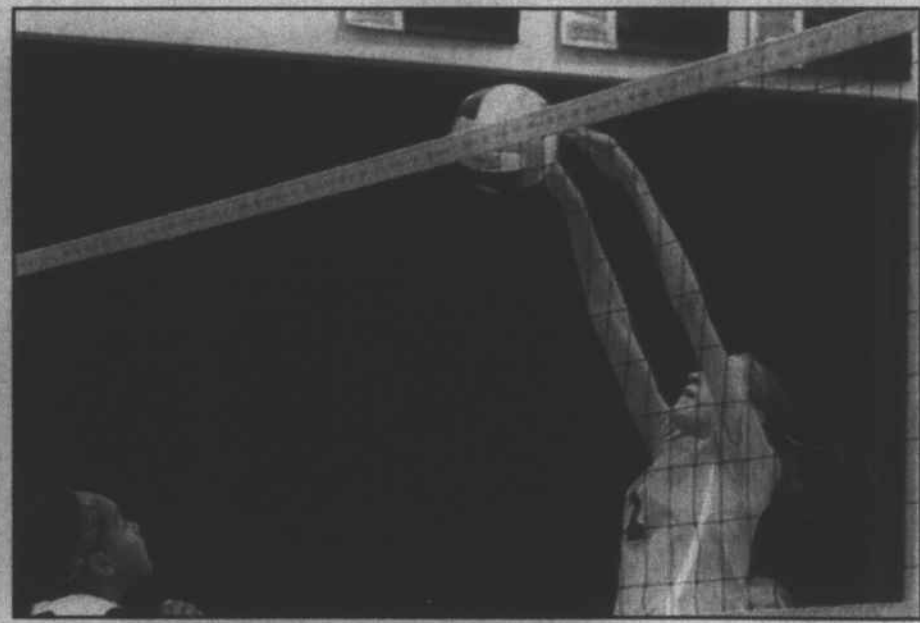
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Jaheim Woodbury, No. 4 in black, dribbles the ball up court during the second half.



(Above) Zyun Reeves, No. 13 in black, blocks the spike attempt from the Hanes player.

Two Hanes players await the serve from the East Forsyth player during their game last week.



The Hanes player attempts to spike the ball on the East Forsyth player.



The East Forsyth player readies herself to return the ball across the net.

**Undefeated**

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While coming in with high confidence, the Ravens quickly found themselves with their backs against the wall down one set. The first serve was an indicator of how the set would play out as Jaden McKnight spiked the ball with emphasis to score the first point.

The Ravens would run 10 consecutive points to start the set. Hanes called timeout to settle down the team. East Forsyth had too much momentum as they just continued to pour it on consistently, maintaining a

10-point lead throughout. They won the second set 21-10.

The third set began just as the second had ended. East Forsyth stayed hot and led 5-0 early on. Treyvon George and Matthew Thompson were ball hawks and did not allow Hanes to score easily. With the score getting out of hand at 7-0, Hanes finally got on the board, but it was to no avail as East Forsyth kept their foot on the gas. The Ravens took home the victory by the score of 15-10 to stay undefeated at 6-0.

East Forsyth head coach Kim Conrad says it feels awesome to stay

undefeated because of the hard work her team has put in.

"I think our team played well but there is always room for improvement," Conrad said. "They are coming along each game and I'm very proud of them."

Hanes head coach Brian Smith added, "We have improved a lot but we have had a couple of setbacks by random things that happen in middle school like field trips and clubs that you can't really predict but I'm just really proud of their effort today and how far we have come so far this year."

**Defeat**

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apiece. The Dragons jumped out to an 8-3 lead. The lead got as large as eight with the score at 11-3 when East Forsyth seemed to wake up a bit and closed the gap to 11-7. Kadynce Booth of East Forsyth was serving well for the Ravens during that stretch, but it wasn't enough. Hanes never relented and closed out the set by the score of 21-15.

With the Dragons carrying the momentum of the second set win, they started the third set off with a bang by jumping out to a 4-0

lead. With the winner only needing 15 to win, getting out to an early lead was imperative. At one point during the set, Hanes lead 7-1. The Dragons led from start to finish during the final set and won it 15-7.

Hanes head coach Brian Smith was pleased with the play and toughness his Lady Dragons showed in the second and third sets.

"We had a shaky start, but I think we did a good job fighting back," Smith said. "We executed well and I think we did what we needed to do to win. We struggled a bit, but we did come back, but seeing

where we were at the beginning of the season til now, we have improved tremendously."

Brandon Buchanon, East Forsyth head coach, said his girls have shown so much improvement over the last two weeks and the game against Hanes was probably their best showing of the season thus far.

"They played hard and I am proud of them," Buchanon said. "We missed some serves and passes, and Hanes out passed us in the third set and didn't make many mistakes. We will learn from this and get better."