

THE TEAM

Head Coach Willie "BB" Patrick

No. Name

- 3 Shimmel Elam
- 4 Jaheim Woodbury
- 5 Essin Arid
- 10 Kade Jones
- 14 Aquez Faulks
- 15 Khari Gilbeaux
- 21 Melvin Baity
- 20 Ishmel Roseboro
- 21 Avsen Banner
- 22 D'Angelo Lavalais
- 23 Jalen Crawley

Athletic Director Zach Hargettt

> Principal Richard Watts



Winston-Salem Prep Phoenix

A rebuilding W-S Prep team can still shine bright this season

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY THE CHRONICLE

Typically the Phoenix of Winston-Salem Prep are one of the teams to watch during the Lash-Chronicle tournament. Even though they are in somewhat of a rebuilding mode with only four returning players from last year the Phoenix are excited about the season.

To open the season Prep faced off against the Reagan Raiders. They went down early by double figures and fought hard but were unable to recover. They bounced back days later and defeated Carver. The Phoenix then fell to West Forsyth in a tough battle.

"I am happy that my team fights and never gives up," said head coach Willie "BB" Patrick Jr. "Against Reagan we fell behind by double digits but we just kept fighting. So far this season we have gelled and team unity is coming together."

Patrick added that he would love to "win it all" in the tournament but is more worried about his teams growth. He says from where they started from earlier this season he has already seen a tremendous amount of progress from his players this far and wants to see it on the court more often.

Jalen Crawley, Essin Arid, Kade Jones and Jaheim Woodbury are the returning players from last season that Patrick will hitch his wagon to this year. Crawley and Arid are athletic wing players that are streaky shooters and can get hot in an instant. Jones and Woodbury are good

shooters who play well within the scheme of the offense.

The identity of the Phoenix on all levels is to push the basketball at every opportunity. Patrick says he likes to get the ball in the open court so players like Crawley and Arid can break down a defense before they are set which will create easy scoring chances.

"In the beginning I told the fellas that I want them to be better today than they were yesterday and be better tomorrow than they were today," Patrick said of his seasons philosophy. "If we see some growth not only on the court but also in the classroom then this season would have been a success.