



Bobby Grier of Walkertown, No. 4 in red, is defended by De'Angelo McMillian, No. 15 in white, and Maurice Reid.



North Forsyth point guard Ronald Jackson goes in for an uncontested layup in the game against Thomasville.

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32points. It was not enough as the Camels' full court press caused too many problems for Lexington. Atkins stretched out the lead in the final minutes to win 66-55. "My guys hustled so it panned out for us tonight," said Bronal Gary, Atkins head coach. "Our press was a major part of the game. They had a problem

handling that so we stayed in it. Going into next week's game it's going to give us confidence because it's our first win and that can change the whole season." Yellowjacket assistant coach Dionte Waite added, "Overall, we could have played better. I think we kind of got complacent toward the end of the game, so we have to give a better effort. I saw some good things but we still have things to work on, so if we

can build on the good things and minimize the bad, we will be better for it." The last consolation game of the day was host school Carver vs. Walkertown. Both teams were looking to redeem themselves after suffering double digit losses last week to Winston-Salem Prep and Mt. Tabor, respectively. The game was a defensive battle most of the time until Carver seemed to get on track offensively

during the third quarter. Carver led 31-23 at the end of three. Walkertown never got within six for the remainder of the game. The Yellowjackets leaned on their stifling defense toward the end of the game and won by the score of 44-36. Maurice Reid of Carver only finished with six points but his defensive pressure, rebounding and ball handling were instrumental in the win. Head coach Raheem Martin had

high praise for Reid and the rest of the team after the win. "We have young guys so sometimes we struggle starting games, but today we played really well down the stretch, so hopefully that will help us out later on in the season," said Martin. "We are going to press all game and we have guys who are really athletic and can finish in transition, so we try and put them in a position to do what they do best."

Walkertown head coach Charles Thomas said, "We played hard, we just weren't as efficient as we needed to be. We emphasize and focus on defense and we have a better understanding of what we want to do and who we are as a team. We have to execute for four quarters and not just part of the game." The Lash/Chronicle tournament will continue next week Dec. 22 & 23. The games will tip off at 3:30 p.m. each day.

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up in the second half but we just kind of lost it in the end. My guys know that they must play the whole game and if you let up they will take advantage." The game between Winston-Salem Prep and Mt. Tabor was next. This game was the epitome of a tale of two halves. During the first half, Mt. Tabor looked out of sync. Defensively they could not stop Jalen Crawley, who poured in 15 points in the half, leading the Phoenix to a 28-24 lead at halftime. Mt. Tabor adjusted during the intermission and held Crawley to six points in the second half and zero in the fourth quarter. The Spartans also used their size in the paint to score and rebound with ease, propelling them to a 56-47 win. Jakob Moore scored 12 big points for the Spartans that contributed to the victory. Spartans head coach Willie Harrison says his team came out of the gates sluggish and may have underestimated their opponents. He says they pulled it together and showed their true colors. He thinks his team was cocky by the way they

played early but turned it on late. Prep assistant coach Jerran Foster said that once his team went up by double figures, he continued to preach attack but thinks he should have focused more on getting good shots. He says they have to learn to play with a lead and play with more discipline. With Glenn coming off of their miraculous 20-point comeback last week against Thomasville, they looked to upset number one seed Parkland. The Bobcats gave their best effort, staying within striking distance all game. Parkland eventually overwhelmed Glenn with their size and were victorious by the score of 53-47. Parkland head coach Cory Baker says his team needs to communicate more on defense but was happy with their play in the final minutes of the game. He says his team is finally buying in to their system and with the number one seed he knows they have a target on their backs but welcomes the challenge. Chris Geter, Glenn head coach, said he thinks his team may have become overwhelmed with the moment. He also contributed part of the loss to the fact his team committed over 20 turnovers. He says his

team now knows that if they work together and cut down on the errors they can play with anyone. The last game of the night involved Reagan and Reynolds. This was a close game throughout the first three quarters with Reynolds leading by seven heading into the fourth. There was high quality basketball being played on both ends of the court. In the fourth quarter mounting turnovers and clutch shooting proved too much for Reynolds to overcome. Reagan won 55-44 in a game where the score was closer than the final indicates. Reagan head coach James Stackhouse says his team had to work for the victory because of the toughness Reynolds brings to the table. He told his team to stay disciplined and felt as though Reynolds tired a bit in the end. He says next week he wants his team to play their game and "let the chips fall where they may." Mike McCulloch says he was disappointed that his team was unable to make a similar run as they did last season. He said his team has to work on their rebounding but is hopeful his team can end the tournament with a win.



Savon Brintley, No. 22 in white, goes for a reverse layup while being defended by Darius Hill, No. 4 in green.



A few of the young men from the YCFL receive their trophies.

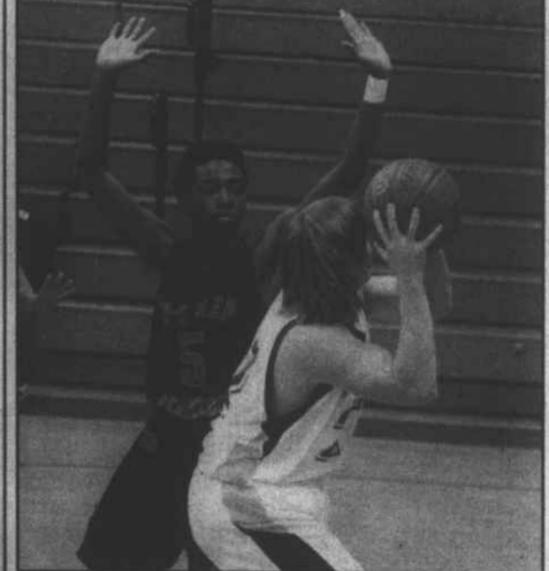
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along with the cheerleaders received a trophy for their participation. Academic awards were also distributed to the children who excelled in the classroom as well. YCFL Director Tom Brown says his philosophy at the end of a long and grueling season is to reward the parents, kids and coaches for their tireless effort. He says this is part of the reason that the program stays strong and continues to grow each year. "The absolute joy for me is when I give out the academic awards," said Brown. "I truly believe that athletes should be students first and athletes sec-

ond. If we can instill that at a young age, we hope that it will continue as they progress through high school and college." Brown said he loves the YCFL because of the differences their league has in comparison to a Pop Warner League. He says their league is a "character building organization" that promotes academics and that the kids be great citizens in their community as well. Brown went on to say, "We promote good sportsmanship and there is no favoritism in our football league. Parents can also be assured that their kids will play each and every game. When you come to play for YCFL the most important thing is your child will have fun and be under the leadership of Bishop Sir

Walter Mack, and that speaks volumes." Brown says he would love to expand the program by adding more children along with adding an after-school tutoring program that allows children to have assistance in the classes where they are having academic issues. He said 47 of the 75 students in the YCFL received academic awards this year. The YCFL had two of their teams play for the championship this season in the Central Carolina Youth Football league, the 6 & under and 12 & under teams. Although neither team won the title it was a accomplishment to even make it there, Brown said.



Dillon Bullard, No. 22 in white, posts up Essin Arid of Winston-Salem Prep.

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