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LOCAL NETTERS WIN AWARDS

(From left) Tula Summerford and Carolyn Burns captured firstplace honors in the Women's Intermediate Division at last month's 1998 Pine Island Thanksgiving Classic, while Gail Hall and Pam Richmond brought home the second-place trophy from the annual event. (Submitted photo)

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Lady Aces

FROM COX NC PUBLICATIONS Staff Reports

HERTFORD - Ashley Copeland loves being ignored.

The Perquimans County sophomore guard knows that opposing defenses train their eyes on Lady Pirates' freshman sensation Kindra Lee. leaving Copeland free to roam.

Friday night, visiting Edenton Holmes made the same mistake and Copeland made them pay to the tune of a team-high 19 points in the Lady Pirates convincing 60-39 win.

"I don't expect to go ou there and lead the team in scor ing," Copeland said. "But they double-teamed (Lee) and I was open most of the night.'

Copeland's big night came at just the right time as Perquimans entered the game mired in a four-year drought since it last recorded a victory over Northeastern-Albemarle Conference rival Edenton.

But the days of the Lady Aces' dominance in the NAC may be fading, and with young stars like Copeland and Lee,

ball Classic on Dec. 29 when it rillary J on tossed in 12.

Coastal Plain League adds new franchise for 1999

of Operations Mark Cryan an- play set to begin in 1999.

RALEIGH - At a press con- nounced that an expansion ference here last Thursday, franchise has been awarded to Coastal Plain League Director the city of Asheboro, NC, with

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by an ownership group headed

The franchise was purchased by Mike McAuley, the presi-See LEAGUE On Page 10-A

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