

City basketball teams ready to get back into the groove after a glut of holiday tournaments

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While most people were taking advantage of the Christmas and New Year's holidays to sleep in and make it easy, basketball teams in Forsyth County were as busy as ever.

For Glenn High School, it was the most joyous of holidays -- the Bobcats' boys team upset favored Eden Morehead and captured the schools' first Frank Spencer Classic.

Glenn was locked in a 67-67 tie with the Morehead Panthers until head coach Napoleon Cloud called a timeout to plot his strategy.

Cloud sent his Bobcats into the "elbow" offense, which saw Kevin Thompson and Bryant Feggins do little more than stand still.

The Bobcats tried a backdoor layup, but missed and Morehead appeared to have made the plan fail.

But on the other end, Feggins snared the defensive rebound of Donnie Seale's missed one-and-one to end the threat.

Glenn won the game at the free throw line, prevailing 74-69 thanks to clutch free throw shooting from Shawn O'Neill.

"Obviously, we're real pleased to win the Spencer," said Cloud.

"I thought our second-round win over Mount Tabor was just as important to our morale as winning the Spencer, though.

Both of them were big wins for us, but the kids especially wanted to win that one.

"I don't think we'll be complacent or anything. The kids realize how tough our league (the Metro Conference) is. North Forsyth and Carver impressed us. We know we have to come ready to play."

The Lady Bobcats beat Carver's girls, 56-37, for the consolation game in the Mount Airy

Spencer Classic All-Tournament Team

Joe John Bryant, Tabor
Pat Caesar, N. Forsyth
Bryant Feggins, Glenn
Donnie Seale, Eden
Vernon Thompson, Eden

Most Valuable Player
Kevin Thompson, Glenn

Sports Extra Hustle Award

Tom Muse, N. Forsyth

Youth Invitational.

Glenn resumes action Friday night when they travel to Greensboro Dudley.

For North Forsyth, it was a successful holiday break as well.

The youthful Viking boys upset North Surry in the opening round of the Spencer Classic and hung tough before bowing to Eden Morehead, 74-71.

The Vikings avenged an early-season loss to Mount Tabor and took a 69-63 overtime win for third place.

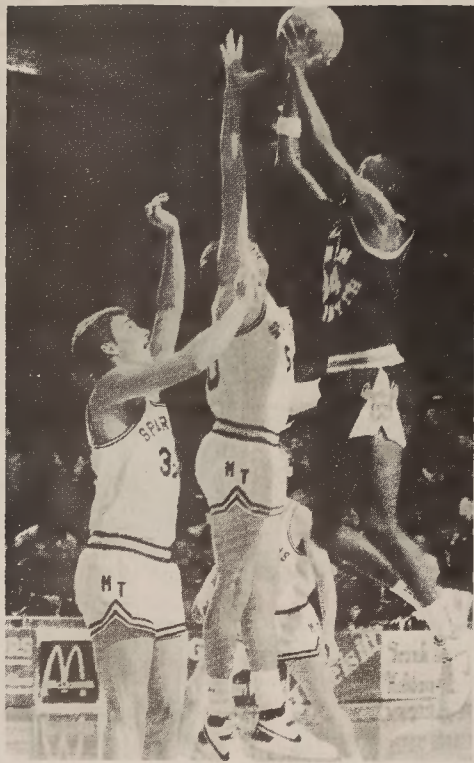
The Lady Vikings finished runner-up to Starmount in the Tobacco Road Classic, but they beat Mount Tabor in the first round.

Despite finishing 1-2 in the Frank Spencer Classic, Dick Jamback says he thinks his Spartans will bounce back.

"If they are the type of club I think they are, then we'll be okay," said Jamback.

"We played well to get back into the consolation game (with North), but then we quit thinking in the overtime and lost."

All Forsyth County varsity boys and girls teams saw some sort



Hail Caesar!

Joe John Bryant and Stu Epperson of Mount Tabor try to stop a high-flying Pat Caesar in the Frank Spencer Classic. The Vikings won the third-place game, 69-63, in overtime. (photo by Randy Pettitt).

of tournament action over the holiday break. Now the focus is to simply get back into the groove.

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and he came away from another a confident man.

Pearson, a standout at Alabama A&M University, was one of four wide receivers who played on the Gray squad in the 50th Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic in Montgomery's Cramton Bowl on Christmas day.

"It was a great feeling," said Pearson. "As a youngster, I watched players progress from the Blue-Gray game to the pros and do well. Now I've had the opportunity

Sanchez From Page B3

He said hopefully all of this year's participants will be invited back next year. But the focus will concentrate on attracting teams as near as possible.

"We want to keep this tournament local as much as possible," he said. "We want to get as many of the city teams involved as we can."

to play in the game."

The 6-2, 190-pound wide receiver from Gilbertown, Ala., came away from the game confident of his chances to impress someone in the NFL.

"I'm from a small school, but I think I proved to the guys in practice that I could play," he said.

According to sources, several NFL scouts were impressed with Pearson's pass-catching ability, but doubt his speed.

He did not see many balls

thrown his way during the Christmas game, even though he was on the field a good portion of the nationally televised event. Pearson is ASU's all-time leading receiver with 124 catches for 1,829 yards and 16 touchdowns during his career.

The Gray, coached by Duke's Steve Spurrier and guided by his quarterback Steve Slayden, won the game on a Teddy Garcia 45-yard field goal with 47 seconds left.

"We have great hopes for this tournament. It could blossom into something really big."

Sanchez is ready to go the distance for women's basketball -- he always has.

Wake-A&T From Page B2

Duke and Maryland ranked in the top 20 in the nation. Then North Carolina and North Carolina State have excellent programs as well. So that will make it tough for us."

But the Lady Deacons pulled off three major upsets last season despite sporting one of the shortest lineups in the ACC. Wake knocked off nationally ranked Old Dominion, Duke and N.C. State during a four-game stretch.

And with the addition of some inside bulk in the name of 6-2 Jenny White, 6-3 Sara Strike and 6-2 Sara White, the Deacons are adequately described by Sanchez as a "dark horse" in the ACC wars.

"I think we could knock off a few folks," he said. "But our problem lies with inexperience. At one time, you might see three or four freshmen on the floor. It's hard to beat a senior-laden team like Virginia with just one or two veteran players on the floor."

school history, the Lady Deacons may be the best-kept secret in Winston-Salem -- and the ACC.

Tobacco Road Classic -- Women

College Portion
First Round
Wake 122, Del. State 71
N.C. A&T 72, Marist 62
Championship Final
Wake 74, N.C. A&T 53
Consolation Game
Marist 82, Del. St. 81 (OT)

All-Tournament Team

Lisa Dodd, Wake Forest
Diedra Cheeks, N.C. A&T
Sheila Rivers, N.C. A&T
Barbara Burgess, Del. St.
Michelle Michel, Marist
Most Valuable Player
Cathy Wille, Wake Forest

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