

Glenn finds life after the Spencer Classic just fine

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Coach Napoleon Cloud probably wondered how life after the Frank Spencer Classic would be for his undefeated Bobcats.

Would they play with the same enthusiasm after a long layoff and beating up a talented Spencer field for their first championship?

They answered with a resounding yes.

Last Saturday, Glenn cranked up their Bryant Feggins and Kevin Thompson-led offense for the first time since hauling off the Spencer championship trophy. They responded with a 64-54 win over a determined Ragsdale team which refused to be intimidated.

As expected, the Bobcats lumbered through the first half, sporting a minimal 32-27 halftime lead behind 12 points from Thompson and seven from Feggins.

But as the third quarter wore on, early foul troubles took its toll on the Bobcats.

Thompson sat out several minutes of the final half with his fourth personal foul. He played cautiously when he was reinserted.

Things didn't get too far out of hand, however. Julius Minor tipped in a Feggins miss and gave his team a firm 50-39 lead with 2:34 left in the third quarter. The Bobcats took a 52-41 margin heading into the final quarter.

The Bulldogs clawed back to within seven points, but Carlos Mumford came off the bench with 10 points to spark Glenn in the final moments. Mumford connected on a slam dunk and teammate Shawn O'Neal iced the win by hitting four freethrows.

Cloud said it wasn't too bad considering their long layoff.

"We made our share of mistakes," said Cloud. "But our guards played well as usual and we managed to overcome our foul troubles to win the game."

Cloud said one of the biggest plays of the game happened in the first half.

"Shawn O'Neal hit a three-pointer right before the end of the first half," said Cloud. "I thought that was a pretty big play for us. We only had a two-point lead and gave us a little more breathing room."

Cloud said his bench continues to strengthen.

"I thought Carlos Mumford played exceptionally well," he said. "He got a dunk and some easy baskets because he was working



Bryant Feggins of Glenn powers his way inside despite the presence of Ragsdale's Darren Dunlap. Feggins led the Bobcats with 17 points as they took a 66-54 win (photo by Randy Pettitt).

pretty hard in there.

"I thought Ralph France also came off the bench and gave us some quality minutes when Mike George was in foul trouble."

Ragsdale, led by game-high 26 points from forward Mark Dixon, was left impressed by the Bobcats' depth as a team.

"They have such great team chemistry," said John Harder, Ragsdale's head coach.

"Those two big men are dynamite. They have the best high and low post combination we've faced this year. Their guards were quick too."

Dixon, who has started for the varsity team since the ninth grade, said Feggins and Thompson are the toughest 1-2 punch he's ever faced.

"They are no question the best I've went against," said Dixon, a 6-4 senior with a big frame.

"Feggins is so quick. And Thompson's size is simply intimidating. They work so well together. You can tell they play together a lot."

Feggins said it was Dixon who kept his team in the game.

"We thought it was over," said Feggins, a 6-5 forward who led the Bobcats with 17 points. "But he (Dixon) kept them in the game. We came out in the third quarter with intensity, but every time we pulled away, he would make a shot to keep them in it."

Thompson said the long layoff hurt everyone's timing, but that will come around.

"We just hadn't played in so long," said the 6-8 sophomore center, who finished with 16 points. "It might take another game or so to get it back completely."

As a general rule, the Bobcats have been a much better team on the road. It is a point which Cloud has mixed emotions about.

"I don't know whether that's good or bad," said Cloud.

"You like to play well all the time, but that's not always the case. Maybe it'll help us in the long run. If you make the playoffs, it always helps to be able to play on the

road."

The win over the 3-A Bulldogs lifted Glenn to 11-0. Cloud says the philosophy of his team is still the same.

"We're going to take them one at a time," he insists.

"If we go and start worrying about where we are ranked and our record, then someone will sneak up on us. We've got this far by playing one game at a time."

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Lady Rams hang on to beat Fayetteville

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Though Coach Stetson Conley still didn't have all of his guns in place, the Lady Rams had enough to overcome Fayetteville State Monday night -- barely.

Playing without freshman starter Monica Brooks, the Lady Rams ran up a 64-42 lead before Fayetteville began to crawl back into the game.

The Lady Broncos connected on six of eight shots, stole the ball three times for layups and hit four freethrows as they outscored the Lady Rams 22-10 to claw back.

WSSU failed to score during the last 4:32 of the game, but still held on for a 78-75 win.

Angela Henderson led the

Lady Rams with 16 points, while Brenda Maxwell had 14. Sharon Holloway added 13 for the Lady Rams, while Shelia Seaward paced FSU with a game-high 21 points.

Conley said his Rams didn't deserve to win.

"We have nothing to be proud of," said Conley, whose Lady Rams improved to 5-6 overall with the win.

"We were up by 20 points and just played very poorly. They weren't doing anything to force our turnovers -- we just weren't concentrating on what we were doing."

"Sometimes it's hard to stay awake with a 20-point lead, but I thought we would wake up when they cut it to 10 -- we didn't."

Conley said the team's last win

-- a 74-70 victory over Saint Augustines -- was very similar to this one.

"We blew a 12-point lead down there," he said. "But that was because they hit some three-pointers. At least we did play some ball in that game."

Brooks played against Saint Augustines, but did not report to practice prior to Monday's game.

"This late in the year, we usually ask the girls to let us know ahead of time," said Conley. "Monica didn't tell us anything."

"We've only had one game this year where we had everyone, (St. Augustines) and that was about as well as we've played this year."

"When we have everyone, we're pretty tough to beat."

Hayes, Rams honored

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Gilmore made a few calls among friends, area businessmen and women, and the Booster Club swung into action.

Gilmore said WSSU has really turned things around with Hayes on the job.

"I remember when I played," said Gilmore. "It was so bad in one game, the first string didn't want to start the second half. Bill, you've come a long way baby."

Derrick Beasley, who was the 1986 CIAA Defensive Player of the Year while at WSSU and is currently a defensive back with the New England Patriots, was scheduled to be the guest speaker. He did not show up and Hayes graciously explained.

"Don't worry, he'll give us some money and make me up to us," Hayes joked. "Derrick has always been a free-spirited, happy-go-lucky sort of fellow, but I'm going to wring his neck."

Hayes said Donald Evans, a second-round draft choice with the Los Angeles Rams, is completely reno-

vating the weight room at WSSU.

"Derrick has went out and bought 15 new machines," said Hayes. "I'll bet he's spent nearly ten-thousand dollars. He just gave it to us."

"Derrick doesn't know it, but he's going to help."

Hayes said 1987 was indeed a good year for athletics at WSSU.

"This team will always hold a very special place in my heart," he said of the '87 CIAA Champions. "They just kept getting better and better every game."

"They walked a little different than the one's we've had in the past. They give us fits sometimes in practice, but when Saturday rolled around, all the bad things went out the window."

"These kids were always ready to play."

He challenged the 1988 squad to match or better WSSU's accomplishments this season.

"On paper, the 1988 squad should be head and shoulders better," he said. "I'm challenging them right now."