

Player of the Year From Page B3

The Bobcats fell to Reidsville in the first round of the state playoffs, but their performance was still impressive for such a young team.

Months over the spring were spent with Coach Ron Hollingsworth and the Winston Lake AAU team. Then Feggins followed up with Hansel Hentz's Winston-Salem Summer Basketball League and several conditioning classes at the 14th Street Recreation Center.

But the real credit for Thompson and Feggins' success, was the fact that they played together and worked on their game all the time.

Hentz, who has seen the county's best come and go during the past 11 years, says Feggins and Thompson improved at a rapid rate.

"They really came in and worked hard," said Hentz, who has worked with the two through vigorous conditioning exercises and basketball drills during the past two summers.

"They ran suicides and the bleachers and they hated doing it sometimes. But they went from jumping rope 350 times a day to 1000. They really worked their tails off -- they came to train hard."

"That's one thing I can say about those two guys -- they work hard. They want to get better. They want to be the best."

The motto inscribed on the back of Glenn's uniforms is "Attitude and Sacrifice".

Both Feggins and Thompson had paid the price with hard work. Hardly a day goes by without the two spending considerable time on the basketball court.

It was evident when Glenn rolled into a packed Mount Tabor gym and promptly embarrassed the

Spartans, 80-55.

Feggins was slowed with a nagging ankle injury that night, but toughed it out to help his team on the boards.

"That showed everyone that we had the guards and people coming off the bench to be a complete team. We had all the ingredients to convincingly beat a good team like Mount Tabor.

"It (the ankle) hurt after the game but I just wanted to be out there for the team.

"We already knew we had a great team because we won the team camp at High Point College over the summer. I knew we could be one of the top teams in the area if we worked hard enough."

The Bobcats met Mount Tabor again in the semi-finals of the Frank Spencer Classic and proved their point a second time.

Glenn eventually nosed out top-seeded Eden Morehead and won their first FSC title by going to a double-high post offense to slow things down in the final minute.

The Bobcats added two more pieces of hardware to the collection when they finished 9-1 to win the Metro Conference regular-season title and capture the tournament as well.

Figuring who was the Bobcats' top performer this season is probably a moot point. Feggins and Thompson are more of a successful tandem than anything else.

Prying the two apart for separate examination would not tell the whole story.

The two are like gravy -- a pinch of flour, a little bit of water and a whole lot of stirring.



Feggins and the Bobcats should return in full force next season. Glenn will lose key performers in Julius Minor and Chan LaRue, but nearly everyone else returns (photo by Randy Pettitt).

Another One?

Cloud knew little about the two when they arrived at Glenn.

But after seeing both in physical education classes, it was obvious they would be keys in helping the fledgling Glenn basketball program get off the ground.

"Obviously, I saw a lot of potential right away," said Cloud.

"That's why I kept them on the varsity as freshmen. You don't see that too often. People criticized me for it, but I thought it was the best way for us to start our program.

"I told those kids that if they worked hard and stuck with us, then they would get to play."

Cloud kept his promise and the rest is history.

Glenn is no longer an up and coming team -- they have arrived.

Even without Feggins and Thompson, Glenn had an excellent team this past season.

But with them, the Bobcats were almost unstoppable.

Still, the two know they can improve and are working to make it happen.

Meanwhile in the living room of Feggins' home sits another school picture. In the gold-trimmed frame is the smile of his only brother, 13-year-old Kevin Wilson.

"He has more potential than I had," Feggins proudly proclaims.

"He'd give me those sad little faces that little brothers do and I'd always carry him along. Kevin's going to be tough."

Surely area coaches will take Feggins' word on the matter.

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schools. The 5-8 guard averaged 11 points a game in the playoffs and has Hawks excited about her scoring potential.

"She has the green light for the three-pointer," said Hawks.

"I told all of my guards that if they were in range and open -- they don't hesitate to shoot it out there. With a 10-second shot clock, you have to take the good open shot."

Hawks also as his own Avian Cagle, Cynthia Culler, Woodland, Stephanie Disher of Reynolds, Renee Mabe of Gospel Light and Julie Carmin of North Forsyth.

Cagle, a senior, led the Yellowjackets with 13 points and early five assists. Hawks said the all-Metro and all-city/county pick will be depended upon for leadership and some outside shooting.

Culler was not as big of a scorer as Tucker for Woodland, but Hawks says the junior can fight it up from the outside and as well.

Disher was another reserve on the Demons, but her shooting and quickness should afford her playing time for the AAU group.

Gospel Light did not play any heavyweights, but Hawks says Mabe has held her own and will help the cause from the outside.

Carmin, a North Forsyth junior, played little on a team loaded from everything to a talented freshmen guard to a dominating senior center. But Hawks says the AAU team might be right up for alley.

"This is a good experience for girls like Julie," he said.

"With so much talent at North, she could very easily go unnoticed. I think she'll play some for us and gain some confidence.

"In fact, I believe all 12 of our girls will make a contribution for that we're trying to do. That's what AAU is all about -- giving them extra exposure and improving their game."

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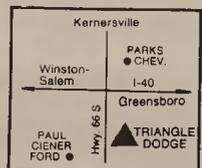
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