

North Forsyth closing in on title

By Chronicle Staff

North Forsyth is well on its way to finishing the season as the *Chronicle's* County junior varsity basketball champions for the '88-'89 season. The Vikings encountered few roadblocks on their way to gaining two more victories last week over Carver and East Forsyth.

Glenn split their two games on

could never quite get over the hump as the Yellowjackets prevailed 93-77. The final score doesn't indicate how close the game was until midway through the third period.

At that point, Glenn trailed by four points. However, Carver unleashed a savage offensive burst, causing Glenn's defense to break down and making them pay by getting break-away layups to increase

nine points and 10 rebounds.

West gains a split

Free throw shooting was directly responsible for the 1-1 slate that the West Forsyth jayvees experienced last week.

West started the week off by getting even with Parkland 60-49. Jeff Rhodes paced the victors with 14 points and five rebounds, while Mike Parker enjoyed a perfect shooting night with 11 points (three for three in field goals, five for five from the free throw line). Brad Poindexter added nine points. The team enjoyed a good night from the foul line, converting 21 of 38 free throws.

"The kids were really up for that game," says Mike Huddleston, West's coach. "It was payback time for us because Parkland beat us at our place earlier in the year (50-42). The team didn't feel very good about losing that game because they felt they were the better team."

"We ran an uptempo pace which was to our liking. We just ran and used our speed, and when we went to our full-court, man-to-man, everything worked fine. Things finally started to work."

However, things didn't go so well a few nights later when Davie County won a 48-47 thriller.

The score was tied at 47-all, when West fouled Davie County. Their shooter hit the front end of the one-and-one, but missed the second attempt. Mustang guard Kenny O'Neal took the rebound and went the length of the floor with three second left and launched a 12-foot shot that missed the mark.

"We instructed Kenny to take it," explains Huddleston. "It appeared that he had enough time to take it all the way to the basket. But he pulled up and took the shot thinking that he didn't have enough time to go all the way to the hoop before the buzzer sounded."

Had Parkland been accurate from the free throw line, they may not have needed a last ditch effort to pull out a victory. They were six of 14 at the foul line. Says Huddleston: "Our inability to hit free throws is what really hurt us. We had a five point lead at the end of the third quarter. But then Davie started to foul us and put us on the line. We just didn't get the job done."

Rodney Robinson topped all Mustangs scorers with 13 points and Rhodes had 10 points and seven rebounds. Parker added nine points.



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Chronicle's County JV Basketball Standings

As of February 13, 1989

Team	County	Conference	Overall
1. North Forsyth	10-1	5-1*	13-2
2. Mt. Tabor	8-3	7-3**	11-5
3. Carver	7-4	3-4*	9-10
4. Reynolds	6-5	3-5**	7-7
5. Glenn	5-5	3-4*	7-10
6. West Forsyth	5-5	2-5**	5-8
7. Parkland	Current records not available		
8. East Forsyth	1-9	1-6*	6-10

* Record in Metro-4A Conference

** Record in Central Piedmont Conference

last week's schedule. Their victory over Greensboro Page capped the week in what has to be the major upset in the jayvee ranks. The Bobcats came back down to earth, however, when they were dumped by Carver.

West got a measure of revenge when they defeated Parkland after losing to the Mustangs two weeks earlier. But then they dropped a last-second, one point heartbreaker to Davie County three days later.

East Forsyth finally got that long-sought after victory in the Metro 4-A Conference by defeating Greensboro Page. It was the Eagles first conference victory since 1986.

Vikes keep the lead

Coach Virgil Simpson's team has been unstoppable since they dropped their only county game to Reynolds earlier in the season. The opened the week by spanking Carver, 83-68.

Four Vikings scored in double figures. Todd Jenkins led the pack with 22 points and Anthony Bonner added 14. Earl McCollough and Eugene Henderson each scored 13 points.

"We led all the way," says Simpson, "but it wasn't a run-away game. It stayed close until the fourth quarter. During the last period, our fast break worked very well. And of course of depth helped, because we were a little quicker than they were in the final quarter."

Against East, the Vikings employed a full steam ahead mentality to whip the Eagles 72-57. North jumped to a 15-6 lead in the first quarter and never looked back after that. Jenkins was again the top gun with 22 points. Leon Eaton finished with 14, Bonner scored 11 and McCollough chipped in with 10.

"We had a really good first quarter," Simpson says, "and we also played strong in the third quarter. It was really a matter of us getting the lead and never relinquishing it. Defensively, I felt we did what we had to, and again, because we play a 10 man rotation, we tend to wear our opponents down by the time to last quarter comes around."

Bobcats upend Page

Monte Miller hit a 12-foot jumper with five seconds left in the game to give Glenn a shocking 63-62 triumph over Greensboro Smith. Entering that contest, Smith was 5-0 in conference play and 15-1 overall.

Glenn's victory avenged an earlier 15 point loss to Smith.

"Time was running out, so we had Miller foul his man, hoping that he would miss and we would get the ball back with time enough to get a shot off," explains Bobcats coach King Samuels.

"Luckily for us, the Smith shooter missed, and Miller took the ball from end to end and hit the shot at the buzzer."

Glenn dominated the contest for the most part. At one point, they had Smith down by as many as 14 points in the second half. But the Greensboro squad recovered by using their inside game and being accurate in their foul shooting. The only time Smith held the lead (62-61) was right at the end before Miller made the game winning basket.

Against Carver, the Bobcats

their margin.

"Even with the 16 point loss, the score was deceiving," says Samuels. "I was pleased with the effort the team had. They played Carver as tough as they could. It seemed like we were always on the verge of taking the lead. But we could never get over the hill in that game."

Pablo Smith led the Bobcats offense with some stellar play as point guard. Michael Brayboy and Derrick Hicks also played key roles on the defensive end. Glenn played the game without the services of Ryan Jacobs, who sat the game out because of the flu. Antoine Ryan came off the bench to play some meaningful minutes and is beginning to demonstrate his value as a contributor.

Eagles edge Page

East Forsyth zigged and zagged, but in the end, they came away with a 65-60 victory over Greensboro Page last week.

The Eagles jumped on their opponents early and often as coasted to a 25-11 in the first quarter. Guard Steve Lindsay (who finished with 17 points), led the charge, hitting four, three-point shots in the opening period.

But Page started to retaliate in the second quarter. East suffered from the cold shooting touch which allowed Page to get back in contention. By the end of the half, Page had cut the East lead to 36-32.

Third quarter action saw Page pick up where they left off before the half ended. They put on a big surge and were up 54-45 at the end of the quarter.

Entering the final quarter, Eagles coach Doug Shields decided that his team needed to come out of their zone defense and go to a man-to-man. "We had done a good job with our 2-3 in keeping them boxed off of the boards," Shields says. "But then they started hitting their shots, and the ones that didn't fall, they were able to get second shots at and score."

The East strategy worked in speeding up the tempo of the game and it eventually forced Page to abandon their zone. Defensively, the Eagles were able to force turnovers, get easy shots and climb back into the game.

"Once we were able to spread the floor," Shields points out, "we were able to use our quickness in getting to the basket on our drives to the lane."

Tony Perry, who rejoined the team last week after suffering the chicken pox, teamed with Lindsay to lead the East scoring with 17 points of his own. Brian Jones played a heady game at the lead guard spot, scoring 10 points and handing out 14 assists. Anthony Reader was especially effective in the paint, scoring 10 points and snatching 10 rebounds.

The Eagles loss to North Forsyth was a matter of East being outplayed from start to finish. "We were able to stay with them in the first quarter," Shields says. "But in the second quarter, they just took over. They are bigger and faster than we are. They beat in every phase of basketball that there is. I was impressed and very surprised that Greensboro Smith beat them."

Jones was the Eagles top scorer vs. North with 14 points, followed by Reader's 12. Alvin Johnson added



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