

# Eagles rule the nest as county's best in hoops

By Chronicle Staff

The following is a season wrap-up for high school junior varsity basketball in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County for the '90-'91 season.

## East Forsyth

The Eagles soared to greater heights as the season rolled along and finished with the best record in the county at 9-1 while going 19-1 overall and 13-1 in the Metro 4-A Conference.

East's lone defeat of the year came at the hands of Glenn's Bobcats.

"We had a very successful season which was based on defense, a lot of discipline and good work habits in practice," said Phil Beeson, Eagles coach. "It was truly a team effort by a dedicated group of guys."

East took no prisoners en route to their near perfect season. The Eagles scored 79.5 ppg, while allowing just 63 ppg defensively.

Andrew Stroud, Joe Legard, Juan Davis, David Wadsford and Tim Wooten were the foundation for this year's jayvee East team. Stroud, Legard, Davis and Wooten all moved up to the varsity when the Eagles varsity entered conference tournament play.

## Mt. Tabor

This year's junior Spartans (13-7 overall, 8-4 in the Central Piedmont Conference) wasn't as athletically gifted as other teams who have played under coach Frank Martin. But the Tabor coach asserts that what the 1990 team didn't have in natural talent, they compensated for with grit and a willingness to work and improve from game to game.

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"In terms of having a team that works hard all of the time, this is the best group I've ever had," Martin said.

Anthony Caldwell (10th grader) emerged as Tabor's top offensive threat, averaging 23 points and 10 rebounds a game. "AC-10 was always ready to play," Martin added. "Anytime he stepped on the floor, he never stopped working. He was like a machine."

"Beanie" Montgomery's play at point guard pleased Martin, who felt that Montgomery continued to improve as the season moved along. In addition, Tabor got some valuable contributions from several role players — Matt Fearington, Tommy Lawson, Joe Michalski and Vic Beroth.

## Carver

The Yellowjackets knew they would be hard pressed to duplicate last season's 23-0 mark. But in spite of starting with a brand new group, the Jackets finished up at 16-7 overall, 8-4 in the Metro and 6-4 vs. county teams.

"I'm proud of this year's team," said Teddy East, Carver coach. "For us not to have had any returning starters coming back, we did very well. The team grew and matured as the players got more game experience."

Freshman point guard Clint Attucks faced a baptism under fire in his first year, but still came through as one of the team's better performers, and so did DeJuan Atwater.

John Gordy and Hobart Jones emerged as perhaps the best of the junior Jackets. Both moved up to the varsity later in the season as

Carver started its march to the Metro 4-A championship and a state playoff run that just fell short at the sectionals vs. Greensboro Dudley.

Brian Timmons and Travis Pender proved their worth as all-around athletes who contributed heavily to Carver's fortunes this

## North Forsyth

The Vikings weren't exactly gang-busters this time around, but for coach Greg King, the experience was still a very good one.

"This was my most successful coaching experience in any sport," he said. "I've never had a better group of kids. They worked hard

promise that will make for some exciting times for the varsity Titans over the next few seasons.

Near the end of the season, Jay Lowandowski cranked up his offense to become a major scorer. Mike Ruffin, in the meantime, maintained his status as the team's top player who scores and rebounds with equal proficiency. Craig Fishel provided adequate support as a scorer and rebounder.

## Parkland

After a 5-2 start, the Mustangs fell on hard times, dropping 13 of their final 15 games. "That was disappointing for me personally," said Steve Thornton, Parkland coach. "I thought we would be better."

Individually, however, Antonio Minor proved to be the offensive gem and the best overall player for Parkland. Reggie Gandy, an intense competitor, played well towards the end of the season and became a force on the boards in the process.

Other top performers include

Doug Rickert, noted as the team's best defender and Chris Gaskins, who enjoyed several productive games when he scored 20 or more points.

## Reynolds

Coach Mike Muse feels that the Demons were overachievers this year as they ended the season at 10-12 overall.

"We did just about what I expected us to," Muse said. "We kept a lot of games close, but still came out on the short end. But we also won some games we shouldn't have. But we improved every game and was our major goal at the start of the season."

Top performers for the year include: Greg Millner, Derrick Briggs, Linwood Skinner, Paul Skinner, Cooper Scurry and Cooper Williams.

"These guys never quit," Muse added. "They went from start to finish every game and that's all I can ask for."

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## Glenn

The Bobcats took a major step in climbing back to top of the line status. They finished at 9-11 overall, but posted an 8-6 mark in Metro 4-A play.

But even though Glenn didn't reach the .500 mark overall, Scott Sapp, who completed his first year of full-time coaching, isn't complaining. "We won seven more games than we did last season and we also moved up in the conference standings," Sapp said. "We were more competitive, which was one of our goals when the season started. We wanted to give our kids the idea that they can beat anyone if they set their minds to it."

Individually, Darrell Johnson became the top Cat at the offensive end, often scoring 20 or more points a game on several occasions. Andy Largent was a key ingredient at point guard, making sure that the offense ran smoothly.

and always worked to get better. By the end of the season, they started playing like they were capable of playing."

Kawalksi Penn, Carl Perry and Rusty Street formed the backbone for North this season. Collectively, the trio provided scoring, rebounding and defense. All three eventually moved up to the varsity late in the season.

In their absence, Ben Richardson stepped forward and scored 20 or more points in seven of North's last eight games. Corey Bishop took advantage of getting more playing time and became a tenacious and consistent performer on the boards.

Brent Bailey, Paul McAllister, Jacque Grace and Brent Jones finished the season as major contributors for the Vikings.

## West Forsyth

Brian Holt doesn't measure junior varsity success strictly in terms of wins and losses. He feels that his troops showed enough

# Pinehurst to host Golf & Tennis Weekend

Special To The Chronicle

The annual Golf and Tennis Weekend of the North Carolina Association of Minority Businesses (NCAMB) will be held March 21-24 for the first time at the Pinehurst Hotel and Country Club in Pinehurst.

"The new site will encourage participation for the fifth annual statewide convening of major corporations and minority firms," said Julian Brown, executive director of the Durham-based association. Brown adds that the move to Pinehurst, which has more spacious accommodations, was prompted by

the growth and potential of the association. There are currently more than 19,000 minority-owned firms in North Carolina. "Most of these firms," says Brown, "have few opportunities to meet or know their counterparts in the major corporations. The speculation of recessionary times inspires special efforts in forging a fuller partnership for the state's economy."

This year's event will commemorate the 10th anniversary of NCAMB.

The weekend will continue to blend social and professional interests. In addition to the golf and tennis tournaments, economic and

business seminars will be presented. A gala awards and recognition banquet will climax the four-day schedule.

The Golf and Tennis Weekend originated in 1987 to generate successful relationships, new business opportunities and an exchange of ideas on business development. "The purpose for having the event has not changed," says William McGee, NCAMB president. "But the needs have magnified."

McGee believes that the NCAMB has become a vital tool for bringing minority-owned businesses into the mainstream of North

Carolina's economy. The bottom line, he says, "is an improved quality of life for a sizeable segment of our population."

For more information on this event, contact Brown at 919/683-2456 in Durham.

# Dent set to defend Vantage Dominion golf title in Texas

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At the age of 51, Senior PGA Tour player Jim Dent is thinking about retirement.

Although Dent found more success on the Senior PGA Tour in 1990 than in any other season of his 20-year career as a professional golfer, he says that he only plans to play the over-50 circuit for a few more years.

"My goal is to play for five more years," he said. "I'll be about 56 and that's enough. It'll be time to do something else. I want to enjoy myself."

Dent is building a home on four acres of land in his native Augusta, Ga., where he began to golf as a caddy. He plans to retire surrounded by family and friends and fish.

But for now, Dent is looking ahead to this weekend where he will defend his title at the Vantage at The Dominion in San Antonio, Tex. And he's hoping that another win in San Antonio will help him resurrect his performance of last season.

A victory last year in The Vantage at The Dominion helped Dent get his golf game back on track. Early in the season, Dent had squandered a five-shot lead over the final three holes at the Royal Caribbean Classic to lose by a stroke to Lee Trevino. But The Vantage at The Dominion victory salvaged the wounds.

"Anytime you win, you make up for the one you gave away,"

Dent said.

Dent began the final round of the The Vantage at The Dominion trailing Ken Still by two shots. Winds escalated on Sunday and Dent's strength prevailed. He carded a closing 66 to win by three strokes.

For the remainder of 1990, Dent made up for the victories he never won on the regular PGA Tour. He posted three more wins, four runner-up finishes and a top-10 ranking on the money list with almost \$700,000 in earnings.

"I think a player has to mature to win at golf," Dent said after his victory at the Vantage at The Dominion, his first triumph last year. "I believe that I've done that. You realize one day that you don't have to hit the ball a mile in order to win."

Dent built a reputation during his regular PGA Tour days as one of the game's longest hitters. Make no mistake, Dent still hits it a long way. His 276.8 yards average won the driving distance category in the Vantage State competition last year. But now that he's in the prime of his Senior PGA Tour career, he showed that he could be accurate too.

Dent equalled the lowest 54-hole winning score on the Senior PGA Tour in 1990 when he shot a 17-under-par 199 to win his second consecutive title at the MONY Syracuse Senior Classic. He tied the record last year for the best comeback win when he roared to victory from six shots back at the Crestar Classic.

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