

# Carver Duo Hopes to Forge Own Identity

## ⊗ Jones, Piggott Step Out of Their Older Brothers' Shadows

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Most players do not like the idea of being mentioned in the same breath as their older brother. But Carver point guard Darryl Piggott says the comparisons do not bother him.

"It's not hard on me to be compared to him because it's not like I'm moving up to the varsity next year," Piggott said, who along with reserve forward Brian Jones is following in an older sibling's footsteps. "I'm trying to be the best player I can be."

As junior varsity players, it is hard for Jones and Piggott to live up to the legacies their brothers left behind on the varsity level. Danny Piggott started on the 1989-90 Carver varsity as a senior point guard while Hobart Jones was a two-sport star in football and basketball last year. Piggott will finish his college education at North Carolina A&T this year while the older Jones is on a football scholarship at Winston-Salem State.

If anything, the expectations are higher for Jones, who plays on the Carver jayvee team as well, than for Piggott because of the recency factor.

"People call me 'Little Hobart' because of the things he did here," Jones said. "It really didn't get to me because that is my brother, but I got a little tired of

hearing it. Now, I just let it go instead of dealing with it."

Comparing the younger Jones and Piggott with their brothers is unfair because the older brothers were senior stars while the younger set are still developing. Both are reserve players instead of immediate stars. But there is a chance both can become as good as their siblings before they leave Carver.

"Darryl really understands the game. He's a bright kid who really puts aside that

try to judge him as Hobart."

Unlike most younger brothers trying to become stars in their own right, Jones and Piggott have embraced their roles as role players. Piggott distributes the ball to the open man, handles full court pressure and shoots the open jumper when unguarded. Jones is asked to go to the offensive glass and flood the defensive boards to compensate for Carver's relative lack of height.

Jones said that his brother's successes

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stereotype of being just another jock," said Carver jayvee basketball coach Teddy East, who has coached both past and present Joneses and Piggotts. "Like his brother Danny, he's small but he plays with such a smartness.

"Brian really has come along in the past few weeks and is going to help us out on the defensive end and in rebounding," East said. "I had the pleasure of coaching his brother but when I talk to Brian, I don't

and shortcomings have hindered his identity somewhat. Jones said during football practice this year a coach referred to him as being "lazy", an attribute previously given to his older brother.

"Just because they said Hobart was something, that would be said about me," Jones said. "If I do something good, I don't get any credit (from the students). If I mess up, I would hear my brother wouldn't have done it."

While forging his own identity, Jones

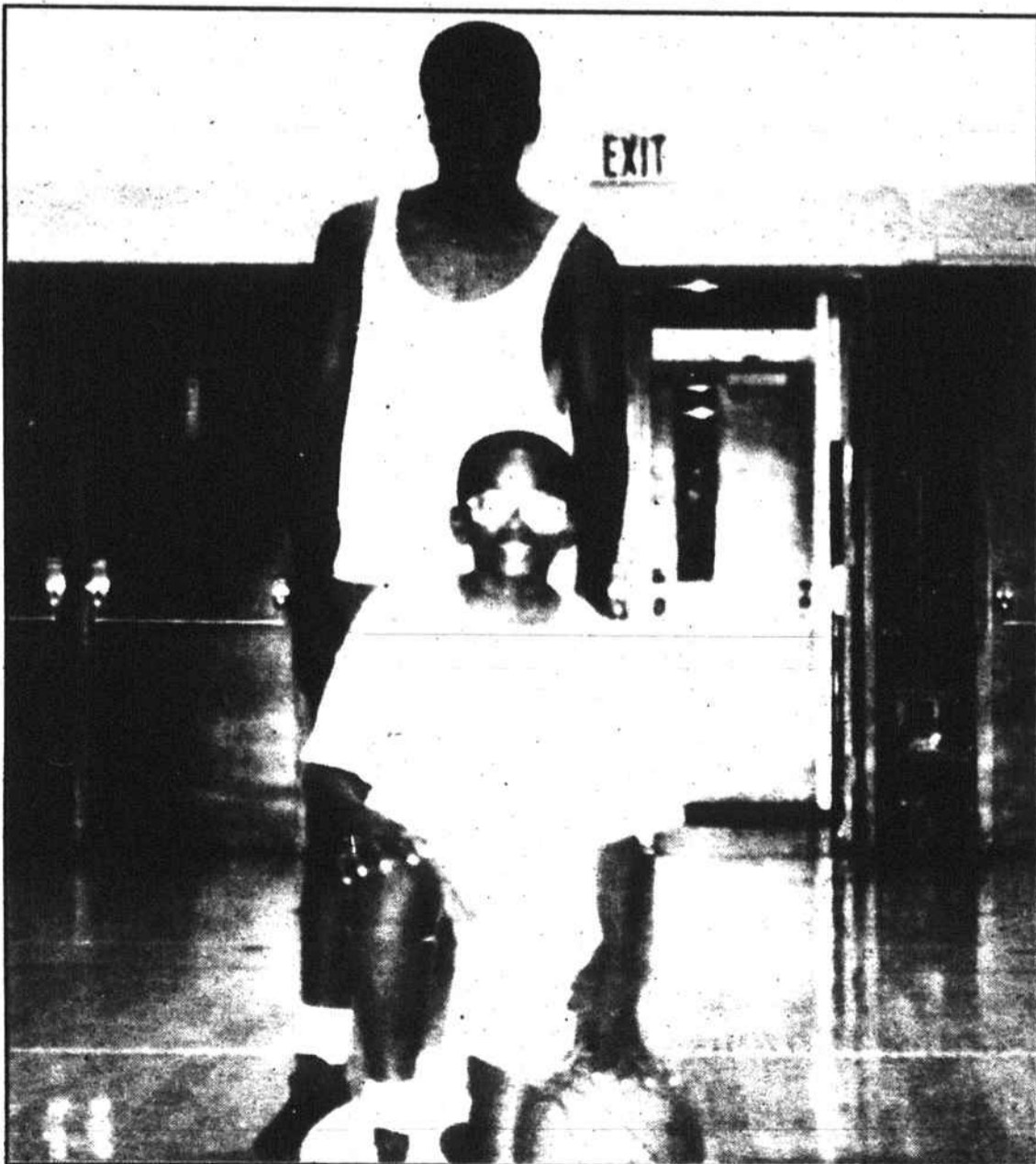
wants to remember his brother's accomplishments. Jones plays the same position his brother did in football — defensive back — while wearing No. 24 in basketball, the number on his brother's basketball jersey. But the younger Jones has one goal in sight his brother didn't attain.

"My goal in high school is to become an All-State player in football," Jones said. "And to play in the North-South Shrine Bowl."

The microscope has been just as intense for Piggott. In addition to having an older brother who was a standout, Piggott also has to contend with older sister Dionne, who starts for the Lady Yellow Jacket varsity basketball team, and his father, Carver principal Daniel Piggott.

"My dad was the one who got me started in basketball," Piggott said of his father, a former basketball coach at Atkins High School. "And my brother has helped out with my game, giving me pointers on how to run a team. They joke around with me when we play in the backyard and they come to as many games as possible."

"It's been hard on Darryl to be compared to his brother because he's a guy and there weren't as many expectations placed on me to be like Danny," Dionne Piggott said. "I think he's handled everything well and he and Brian are doing the best with what they got."



Brian Jones (standing) and Darryl Piggott hope to blaze their own trail of success instead of following their brothers.

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