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Sixth-seeded Carver holds off late Reynolds rally to win Chronicle/Lash championship for first time Yellowjackets top Demons

Winner: Yellowjackets come out on top after two close calls; Haggins named MVP

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Carver came into the Fourth Annual Lash/Chronicle Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament as an enigma. They finished the tournament as the champions - king of the hill in Forsyth County.

How the team accomplished that feat brought a smile - finally - to coach Bobby Moore.

"I think this has to say that we're on top," Moore said, after his team held on to take a 67-63 victory over Reynolds in the championship game. "After beating Mount Tabor and Reynolds in back-to-back games I feel good about where we are. Mount Tabor had by far the best talent here.

"Our kids stepped it up," Moore added. "They took the best shots that those two teams had."

Reynolds was the No. 1 seed coming into the tournament and Carver was seeded sixth. That too served as a motivating factor for the Yellowjackets' players.

"We felt like we had been overlooked," said Ryan Braham, Carver's leading scorer going into the tournament. "Everyone was talking about Reynolds and Mount Tabor. No one seemed to take us seriously."

Moore pushed his team extra hard in the days preceding the tournament.

Previously unbeaten Demon freshman suffer two losses in tournament

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Reynolds' ninth-grade team was riding high coming into the Lash/Chronicle Tournament.

The Demons were the lone undefeated team in the ninth-grade bracket and was consid-



Photo by Imas Sivad
Kennard Plummer of Reynolds tries to get a shot off against two defenders.

ered the tournament favorite. But someone forgot to tell Parkland. The Mustangs made quick work of the Demons, taking a 48-34 victory and pushing RJR into a matchup with Mount Tabor in the consolation game.

Reynolds, still shell-shocked from losing its first game of the season, struggled in the battle for third place and finished with an 0-2 slate in tournament play after falling to the Spartans by a 55-38 score.

Was Coach Brian Robinson of Reynolds surprised of his team's fourth-place finish after its 6-0 start?

"In a way I am, but in a way I'm not," Robinson said. "Our kids had been overachieving all year. We had been playing hard and taking care of the little things. But we came in here and played differently. All of a sud-

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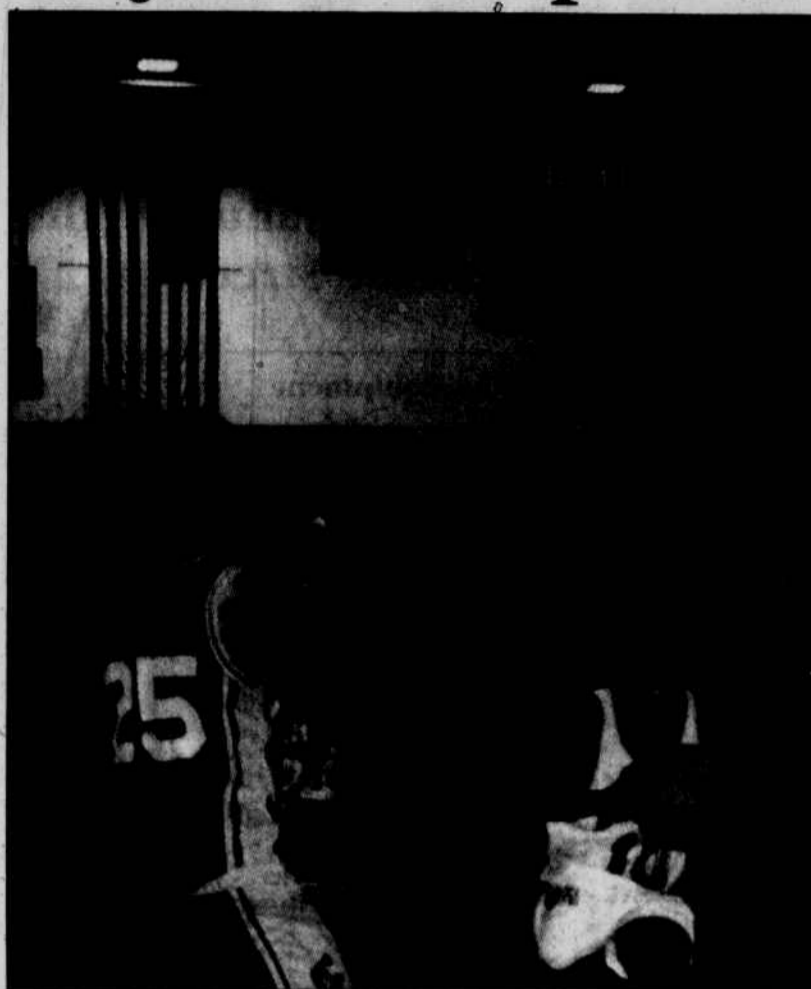


Photo by Imas Sivad
Keegan Haggins and Coleman Watkins defend as Jon Adams of RJR looks for an open teammate to pass the ball.

denment. The Yellowjackets had several days of bootcamp-like practices. With that rigorous schedule, their legs were a little tired at the start of the tournament.

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Spartans regroup in time to take third place in Lash/Chronicle

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Usually when a favored team loses in the semifinal and is faced with the task of playing in a consolation game it puts the coach in a quandary.

But that wasn't the case when Mount Tabor squared off with West Forsyth for the third-place trophy in the Lash/Chronicle Tournament last Saturday night. Both teams left everything they had out on the court before Mount Tabor escaped with a 71-57 victory.

Mount Tabor, which took a 55-40 victory over Parkland in the first round, dropped a 57-46 loss to Carver in the semifinals.

The Spartans were the only junior varsity team to bring an undefeated record into the tournament. The Spartans, who finished first in the Central Piedmont Conference last year, had not tasted defeat in quite a while.

But rather dwelling on their lackluster

showing against the Yellowjackets, the Spartans came back with a strong showing in their win over West Forsyth.

But the Titans gave the Spartans all they wanted throughout the first half. Mount Tabor held a slim 18-15 lead at the end of the first quarter and took a 32-29 lead to the half.

West Forsyth, which lost to Reynolds in its semifinal game, pushed the Spartans to the limit in the third quarter before finally wilting down the stretch.

It took one of the Spartans best efforts of the year to put the game away. West tied the game at 42-42 with 3:49 remaining in the third quarter. But the inside play of Anthony Moore, who was named to the all-tournament team, boosted the Spartans in the final quarter.

Moore finished with a game-high 21 points and averaged 18 points per game in the tournament.

The Spartans also got the kinks worked out in their pressure defense in the second



Photo by Imas Sivad
Anthony Moore of Mount Tabor goes up high to snare a rebound. Moore was named to the all-tournament team after averaging 18 points per game in the tournament.

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Rams regrouping as dates with A&T, CIAA foes approach

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Winston-Salem State started the season with a bang, but lately the Rams are barely operating at a whimper.

The Rams were 6-0 a month ago and ranked No. 2 in NCAA Division II. Lately, however, they've had a tough time posting wins. The Rams let a game get away at Elizabeth City before the Christmas break. Then after a 20-day layoff the Rams lost a 67-57 decision to Glensville State.

When the Chronicle went to press, the Rams were preparing for an important CIAA date with St. Augustine's. They follow that with a non-conference battle against North Carolina A&T at Joel Coliseum today (Jan. 10).

Coach Sam Hanger of WSSU said his team

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Buzzer-Beater: Richardson's follow shot lifts Mustangs to 9th-grade title

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Parkland capped an improbable run through the Fourth Annual Lash/Chronicle Tournament by winning the ninth-grade bracket with a 45-43 victory over Greensboro Smith at Carver last Saturday night (Jan. 4).

The Mustangs, seeded third in a four-team field, surprised everyone by fighting from behind in the final seconds of the game to take its dramatic victory.

The Mustangs trailed nearly the entire game before coming through in the final minutes of the game. James Richardson, who was named the most valuable player, scored the game-winning points.

Richardson worked his way free on teammate Sherman Davis'

miss on a free throw with 9.5 seconds remaining. Smith had a final

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Photo by Imas Sivad
Bill Fulton and James Richardson put defensive pressure on Greensboro Smith's Tyree Bigelow. The Mustangs' defense led them to the title.