

Bobcats ambush 'Jackets, 66-59

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Carver was ambushed on its march through the North Piedmont 3-A Conference season and dealt a 66-59 defeat by Glenn on the Yellowjackets' court last Friday night.

The Yellowjackets, in the midst of a nine-game winning streak, brought an undefeated conference record (6-0) into the game and looked to be headed for another win before they started to come apart at the seams.

Carver was cruising along and had built a six-point lead with possession of the ball early in the fourth quarter. But the Yellowjackets started to commit uncharacteristic errors and allowed Glenn to take control of the game.

Glenn, playing most of the third and fourth quarter without the services of Josh Howard, its leading scorer, got inspired play from its backcourt to overcome the six-point deficit and take the lead in the final minutes.

Jarian Wallace, who led the Bobcats with 16 points, Karim Razzak, who added 11 and Ryan Blake took up Howard's slack. They came up with critical plays late in the game to allow the Bobcats to take the lead and hold on down the stretch.

Glenn pulled even on Angelo Evans' free throw with 3:34 left to play and finally pulled ahead on Wallace's free throw with 2:24 remaining. From

there the Bobcats added to their lead by taking care of Carver's reckless play.

Coach Alfred Poe of Carver said his team was flat down the stretch. The Yellowjackets took Glenn for granted and it came back to haunt them.



Torry Ingram of Carver takes the ball to the basket against Glenn.

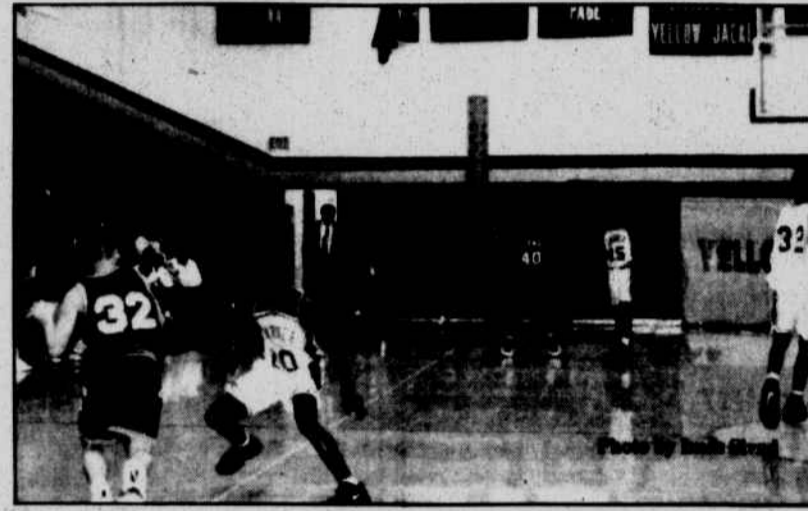
the ball away a lot. All we had to do was to fake the ball and then get it down inside."

Poe said his team also struggled offensively when Delayo Dodd, its leading scorer, went to the bench with foul trouble.

"We just didn't play well," Poe said. "We had a six-point lead and the ball in the fourth quarter and we stopped playing. They were able to sneak in and get a lot of stickbacks and just out hustle us to the basketball. They just wanted it more than we did."

Carver also suffered through one of its worst shooting performances of the season. The Yellowjackets had their chances, even after Glenn took the lead, but kept coming away empty.

"We missed some easy shots," Poe said. "We also threw



Ryan Blake (#32) brings the ball up court as Carver's Anthony Nelson defends.

"Somebody else has to step up," Poe said. "We just didn't have a good game on offense. A lot of them weren't in their rhythm."

Carver held a 31-28 lead at the end of the first half and worked it up to six, 36-30 at the 5:12 mark. But Glenn managed to stay close after Wallace hit a layup and was fouled on the play. Wallace made the free throw to cut the gap to 36-33 and the Bobcats stayed within three until the final minutes of the half when Ryan Brahm hit three free throws and Dodd scored on a follow to boost the lead to 49-43.

Glenn forced a turnover on Carver's initial possession of the second half and got two baskets by Jerrell Morgan to make the score 49-47 with 7:10 to play in the game.

Evans' follow shot at 6:20 tied the score for the first time with 6:20 and the lead saw-sawed until Wallace hit one of two free throws with 2:24 to

play and Glenn never trailed again.

Glenn had four players in double figures, paced by Wallace's 16. Howard scored 12, Razzak 11 and Evans 10. In addition, Blake chipped in with nine and Morgan had eight.

Anthony Nelson and Charles Dearmon scored 10 points each to lead Carver. Dodd, Antoine Barnes and Torry Ingram had eight each for the Yellowjackets.

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Forsyth Tech gets big win over UNC jayvees, prepare for conference

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When Forsyth Tech took the court to battle North Carolina's jayvee basketball team last Saturday at the Dean Smith Student Center, it was like looking into a mirror.

Tech's defensive system was modeled after the ones used by long-time UNC coach Dean Smith and Forsyth Tech was prepared to see the Tarheels' multiple defensive sets.

That knowledge paid dividends for Tech, which battled from a two-point halftime lead to post a 90-82 victory.

Coach David Solomon of Forsyth Tech said the victory was probably the most significant in the history of the three-year-old program.

"It was a heck-of-a win," Solomon said. It was a very, very satisfying win for everyone. The kids were thrilled to be in the Dean Dome and they really came to play. There was never an issue of us having butterflies. We came out ready to play."

The key for Tech's offensive attack against UNC's

defense was the play of Corey Dawkins, its point guard. Dawkins, a former High Point Andrews standout, was able to used his speed and quickness to go around, over and through the defense. He ended up with eight points, eight assists and five steals.

"We were familiar with their sets on defense," Solomon said. "We knew they were going to trap us. We had worked on it all season. Corey is so quick that he was able to dribble past the trap and make plays. They had good pressure defensively all around, but we made some adjustments at half that helped."

With Dawkins distributing the ball well, Tech placed four players in double figures. O.J. Linney led the way with a career-high 33 points and 12 rebounds.

"It was a signature game for O.J.," Solomon said. "He was a kid who felt like he had been overlooked coming out of high school and he had a statement to make."

So did several other Tech players.

"Our players have gone

through enough difficult decisions and events that they were really psyched up to play," Solomon said. "We have a lot of good kids that have gotten bad breaks. But playing down there was great for them because most of them had looked to this game a long time. They look at Chapel Hill as the Mecca of college basketball."

Kirk Champney, a former Reynolds player, backed Linney with 14 point. John Fant and Jeremiah Handy had 12 points each and Donnie Greely scored 11 points.

Solomon said Tech's athleticism was too much for UNC in the second half after Tech solved the Tarheels' defense.

"Our kids ran the floor well," Solomon said. "It was clear that they were happy to be there and that they wanted to make the most of this game." The arena was very inviting to our players and it was a great place to play."

The victory improved Tech's record to 16-5. It was the team's fifth consecutive win and ninth in ten games since the start of the new year.

Solomon said he looked forward to getting back into the Western Tarheel Conference for games against Central Piedmont Community College and Breward, which is coached by ex-Tarheel Dudley Bradley.

Moss, Barnes, Thompson lead Deacons to win in Sims Center Basketball League

10-14 Division
(Games played on Jan. 27)

The Tarheels led by a trio of scorers defeated Wake Forest 20-9. Carlos Moss, Brian Barnes and Haywood Thompson led the Tarheels to victory by combining for 18 of their team's 20 points. The duo of Chris Washington and Latonya Glenn gave a great effort, scoring all 9 Wake points between the two of them, but could not quite catch the Tarheels terrific three-some.

In the second game Duke claimed its second victory, knocking off the Wildcats 38 to 26. Severus Hicks, Paris Barnes and Anthony Steel led the Duke scoring punch by combining to score 34 points. The Wildcats had four players, Stephen Scott, Jovan Scipio, Tamika Hayes and Alvin

Wright, step up with a big game. Together they scored all of the Wildcats 26 points, but couldn't keep pace with Duke.

5-9 Division
(Games played on Feb. 1)

The Bulls pulled out a 9-8 win in an extremely close against the pacers. Together Kevin Hardy and John Gladex scored all 9 points for the Bulls, just edging out the Pacers and their dynamic duo, of Michael Hayes and David Fields, who scored 7 points collectively.

In the second game of the day the Sonics posted an impressive 7-2 win over the Rockets. The hot shooting of Ronald Fraley and Donald Scipio netted all 7 of the Sonics points and was enough to best the Rockets leading scorer,

Jamie Glenn who had 2.

League Commissioner Ben Piggott announced that he will be looking very closely at school reports cards for satisfactory scholarship and conduct of a league players. The 10-14 Division of the League holds all games on Monday evenings starting at 5:15 p.m. All 5-9 Division games are played on Saturday mornings beginning at 9:15 a.m.

The League also congratulates three of its stars, Severus Hicks, Halima McCaskill and Jovan Scipio, who were winners in the 1997 CIAA Ball Boy & Ball Girl Essay Contest. These young men and woman will be special guest at the 1997 CIAA Basketball Tournament at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Feb. 24- March 1, 1997.

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