

Petree caps Northwest comeback with game-winning basket

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In a rapidly evolving world of sports that is constantly seeing athletes get stronger and quicker the competition... just to compete has gotten fierce. The level of skill expected and required to have a chance to play is constantly on the rise and the trickle-down effect can be seen in Middle School gyms across the country.

Local middle school show-downs on the hardwood produce some great basketball and give a glimpse into the future of high school programs. The schools themselves have recognized the talent and made efforts to showcase it.

Gone are the days of intramural games in a dusty gym with three people in the stands. They have been replaced with a city-wide, league games complete with a pep band, cheerleaders, and fans that fill the bleachers to catch a glimpse at rising stars.

The Feb. 3 match-up between Atkins and Northwest Middle Schools revealed two up-and-coming standouts.

A see-saw battle that never saw either team get a lead of more than 5 points came down to an in-bound play under the Northwest basket with 5.2 seconds left.

Northwest was knotted in a 37-37 tie with Atkins, but quickly broke the stalemate when Teddy Petree flashed open in the paint and muscled up a shot between two Atkins defenders for a 39-37 win.

Atkins had hoped to defend the basket area better, but it was no surprise that Petree found a way to get open. He had terrorized the Camels of Atkins throughout the decisive fourth quarter, scoring 8 of his team-high 12 points in the last stanza. He played strong against a quick, but undersized Atkins front court and when needed he played smart against their trapping 2-1-2 half court press.

Petree moved well without the ball, flashed into the gaps of the zone, and found ways to put up points and deal Atkins its first loss of the season.

Although Petree led his team to the win he was out-duelled by Atkins' superb swingman, Kenneth Allison, whose torrid shooting accounted for 16 of Atkins 38 points.

Allison had the chance to play the hero and render Petree's bucket null and void, but his runner in the lane at the buzzer sailed off the back of the rim.

Atkins on two different occasions seemed poised to blow the game wide open and run away from Northwest.

The first was early in the game when Atkins' half-court



Kenneth Allison of Atkins takes the ball to the basket against Northwest in the Camels' loss on Monday.

press led to several early turnovers and transition baskets. The Camels took a 9-4 lead with just over two minutes left in the first quarter. They had a number of opportunities to stretch that lead, but could not take advantage. Northwest settled down and looked to attack the holes in the 2-1-2, by halftime they had tied the score at 21. The teams

traded one and two point leads until the late in the fourth when Atkins again looked as if they were readying themselves for a run to close out the game. With under 4 minutes left to play Atkins pushed their advantage to 4, 33-29, and again had chances to distance themselves from their opponent.

The Camels couldn't shake



Teddy Petree (#32) and a teammate apply defensive pressure against Atkins in their 39-37 win.

Northwest, which used a 3/4 - court press of their own to score 3 straight baskets off turnovers and take a two-point lead. Atkins looked to Allison and he delivered with a driving lay-up, which he hit despite being fouled. He did not convert the free throw and Northwest went to Petree and scored. Allison answered with 55 ticks left on

the clock, tying the game at 37. Northwest ran the clock down to 5.2 seconds and called a timeout. They set for an out-of-bounds play and Petree hit the game-winner.

"It was tough," Petree said after the game. "The play wasn't even drawn up like that, I just got the ball, took it to the hoop and did what I had to do."

Pistons ride scoring of Guarantano, Jackson, Bristow and Brinkley to defeat Hawks

The Pistons defeated the Hawks in a battle of two of the better 15-18 year-old teams by a score of 48 to 42.

Jake Guarantano, Lewis Jackson, B.J. Bristow, and Kenny Binkley combined for 42 of the Piston points and led them to victory.

The Hawks used a fast-break attack to counter the size of the Pistons and got outstanding efforts from Eric Puryear scoring 14 points and Keith Perry scoring 9 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Travis Warner and Ron Brown provided good guard play for the Hawks setting the tempo and each handing out 6 assists, but Lewis and Guarantano, who thrilled the crowd with 2 dunks, proved too much for the Hawks of this night.

The Lakers got great efforts all around tonight controlling the game inside and out. Mike Williams and Rod Williams handled most of the inside chores combining for 16 points and 15 rebounds.

Anthony Scott, normally a force down low, showed his versatility canning two 3 pointers in crucial moments of the game, on his way to 10 points. Carl Potter and Zeb Dufort handled point Guard duties most of the night and did a fine job. The Lakers improve their record as they get ready to face the Suns.

Guard play dominated this 15-18 League games between the Bulls and Suns as the Bulls defeated the Sums in a close game 47 to 45. Guards Kevin McLean and Jordan Lash showed their all-star potential combining for 22 points, 9 rebounds, 13 assists, and 5 steals on their way to victory.

Not be out done, guards Donnie Allen and Richard Leake combined to score 25 points,

grab 5 rebounds, dish out 7 assists, and 7 steals, themselves for the Suns who came up 2 points short.

Sequoya Albright coming off a stellar performance last week put in 10 points in the paint. New big man Duke Benton also proved he may be a force to reckon with later on by putting in 10 points of his own.

In the 12-15 age League the Knicks behind 16 points from Anthony Scott and 11 points from John Harris defeated the Hornets, 43 to 36. The Hornets were led by Donnie Allen's 13 points and Chris Pierce's 15 points and 9 rebounds. Allen continues to prove he is one of the most versatile guards in the League scoring inside and out. The Knicks got strong defense from Dusty Harrison and Greg Clarke to pull out this hard fought victory.

In a game with numerous lead changes and just as many exciting plays, the Celtics pulled off a double overtime win against the Sonics. Justin Thomas had a game-high 29 points and a 3 point basket at the buzzer to send the game to overtime.

Key free throws down the stretch by Kejuan West, who had 21 points in the game, gave the Celtics a 2 point lead by Mike Pitts tied the game once again on a pass from Jason Pender to send the game into it's second overtime. From there, the Celtics ran out to a quick 5 point lead and never looked back, defeating the Sonics 61 to 25. Jason Samuels added 13 points for the Celtics and Josh Talbert, Junior Searcy, and Mike Pitts had good showings for the Sonics scoring 20, 15, and 14 points respectively.

The Bulls used a strong second half surge characterized by fast break layups to convincingly defeat the Hawks 49 to 29. Bal-

anced scoring summed up the Bulls effort getting 15 points from Derrick Etheridge, 10 from Brandon Barnes and Clarence Johnson, 8 from Johnny Barnes and 6 from Mike Blackwell.

The Hawks were led by Larry Wharton's 11 points, but he couldn't get enough touches on this night as the Hawks fell behind quickly. Coach Ann has her team looking better with each outing.

In the only other 12-15 league game of the evening Adam Moffitt scorched the 76ers for 19 points and a 3 point victory, 46-43. Teammate Shannon Johnson dazzled the crowd with is ball handling skills and no look passes and also added 14 points including clutch free-throws down the stretch to insure the victory.

Eric and Jeremy Jackson led the way for the 76ers with 12 and 9 points. Point-guard Zeb Dufort was consistent as always on his way to 10 points and 8 assists with 0 turnovers. Moffitt proved too strong for the 76ers hitting on 3 of 5 3 pointers all in the second half.

In the 7-12 year old league at the Hosiery, the Rams squeezed out a 2 point win to move to 2 - 0, 18 to 16. Rob Johnson and Valario Bethea combined for two-thirds of the Rams points on their way to victory. Anthony Goodine added 4 points in the winning effort.

Despite losing, David Smith came away with a good performance scoring 8 points, grabbing 8 rebounds and controlling the inside. Joey Leake pumped in 4 more points for the Wolfpack, who under Coach Hurk Shaw is steadily improving.

The Deacons proved up and down too strong for the Yellowjackets, got scoring from every player on the roster and defeated

the Yellowjackets by a score of 34 to 24. Duke Quick and Devin Delozier led the charge with 9 and 7 points. William Terry added another strong 6 and Griffin Delozier and William Tatum each added 4. Marcus Harris for the Yellowjackets came in bombing away from deep, connecting of 2 of 3 3-pointers and finishing

with a game high 11 points. Dewayne Tate added 7 points in the hard fought loss.

The Tarheels got 16 of their 17 points for Ben Scott and Jerome Gibson to edge the Blue Devils in a 7 to 12 year old league game, 17 to 15. The Blue Devils got a well earned 9 points from

Jeremy Shouse to lead all efforts and 2 each from Jeremy West and Steven Suber, but luck was going their way and the Blue Devils fell just short as time ran out. Jerry Posey and Nokomis Goodine provided good defense for the Heels as did Joshua Toms and Gilly Cole for the Blue Devils.

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Dwayne Morgan, ex-West Forsyth player, to speak to youth at Sims Learning Center

West Forsyth High School and Greensboro College basketball star, Dwayne Morgan, will speak on a Black history topic at the William C. Sims Recreation Center on Feb. 7, 1997 at 5 p.m.

He is very excited about

educating children about the importance of Black history in your their lives.

Dwayne is a graduate of Greensboro College and is a member of the Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Dwayne is presently an employee at Casual Male

in the Market Place Mall, where he has been for the last two years.

The William C. Sims Center invites the public to see his presentation. Treats will be passed out after the program. For more information call Ben Piggott at 727-2837.