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SECTION B

## Fifth Lash/Chronicle tournament tips off

The Sixth Annual Lash/Chronicle Junior Varsity Tournament promises to be one of the most

a tough row to hoe, but given their talent they could emerge as champions.

This year's tournament features an undefeated team, another with only one loss, and several others that could make a bid to take home the championship trophy.

Carver, the defending champion and No. 1 seed, has had a lackluster season thus far. However, the Yellowjackets are still a talented bunch. Carver has no starters back from last year's team, but have several newcomers who could be jelling at the right time.

Reynolds, the No. 2 seed, comes in with the only unbeaten record. The 6-0 Demons have the county's top junior varsity scorers in Teddy Petree. Petree has been a dominant force in each of RJR's games thus far.

Coach Kevin King's team surrounds Petree with a solid supporting cast that could make them the team to beat.

North Forsyth would like to have a say in the tournament's outcome. The Vikings have been on a roll since losing their opening game against Reynolds. But since then they have reeled off eight consecutive victories.

North is deep and talented. They also have a big front line to go with a talented back court. Coach Robert Brown's team has

King's team brings a 7-2 record into the tournament. The team's only losses came at the hands of North Forsyth.

The Spartans have some quality wins under their belts. They also boast a powerful front line that could make the difference and they are also a deep team, which could pay dividends in the second and third rounds.

West Forsyth brings a 4-3 record into the tournament, but the Titans are by no means a team that can be counted out. West has not been an overpowering team, but it has played very well at times this season. One key for the Titans is getting good guard play and controlling the basketball. Coach Mike Morgan's biggest concern is his team's lack of experience.

East Forsyth got a big win just before the start of the holiday season and the Eagles come into the tournament with something positive. The Eagles also have one of the county's top long distance shooters in sophomore guard Jayson Brayboy. Coach Eric Malacane is in his first year at the helm of the Eagles' program and will be in his first Lash/Chronicle Tournament game when his team squares off against Reynolds in the opening



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Reynolds Junior Varsity (see rosters on page B5)

## Petree leads unbeaten, top-seeded Demons

By Sam Davis

Despite an unbeaten record and the county's top scorer in the junior varsity ranks, Coach Kevin King of Reynolds says his team is only one of many that have a chance to win the Lash/Chronicle Tournament which tips off on Friday (Jan. 2) at Carver.

Like their counterparts in the county, Reynolds will go into the tournament after being away from competition for nearly two weeks. The Demons last played on Dec. 19 when they handily defeated Greensboro Grimsley.

With the exception of the victory over Grimsley and a 15-point win over Parkland,

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## Powerful front line leads North Forsyth into tournament

By Sam Davis  
The Chronicle Sports Editor

North Forsyth has one blemish on its record, but the Vikings come into the Lash/Chronicle Tournament as one of the most talented teams in the field.

The Vikings have posted an 8-1 record against tough competition. They are also eager to avenge their only loss of the season, a four-point loss to Reynolds.

Coach Robert Brown says his team is coming together better than he expected.

"We're still very young," Brown says. "I really didn't know what to expect from this team early in the season, but they've shown me a lot as the season has gone along."



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## Struggling Yellowjackets hope to get back on track

By Sam Davis  
The Chronicle Sports Editor

After opening the season with a victory, Carver's junior varsity team has dropped five consecutive games. That's a first for third-year Coach Bobby Moore.

Last season the Yellowjackets captured the Lash/Chronicle Tournament and finished second in their conference. That followed a season two years ago when they captured their conference championship.

To reach any of those accomplishments this season the Yellowjackets have a long way to go.

"This is a totally different kind of team this season," Moore says. "We have a lot of ninth graders and we're still trying to get them used to high school basketball."

Only three sophomores are on the Yellowjackets roster. Of them, only one (LaShun Peoples) sees playing time. The other four starters and the reserves that play most are freshmen.

"It has been tough getting them used to this level of basketball," Moore says. "The game is very physical and then the mental side of it is different. They think they can just show up and play. But it's not that easy."

Peoples has led the team thus far in scoring. His average is hovering around the 20-point mark.

"Right now he's carrying us," Moore says. "We have to get someone else to step up and help carry the load."

Veon McHam, a 5-10 freshman, has been the team's second leading scorer. But his play has been sporadic at times, especially on the offensive end. The other starters (Silas Pressley, David Edwards and Greg Dalton) have all had their moments, but Moore says they have also been inconsistent.

"No one has really blown us out this season, but we haven't been able to hold

on to a lead in the fourth quarter," Moore says.

Carver has either held the lead or been within at least two points going into the fourth quarter in every game this season. But in each of the five losses they have faded going down the stretch.

"Every time we've been up it seems like we run out of energy in the fourth quarter," Moore says. "We're not a very deep team. We like to run an uptempo game but we have to slow the tempo down in the fourth quarter and we just give out at the end."

Moore says despite his team's record, the Yellowjackets still have a chance to

do some damage in the tournament.

"We have to learn to keep our leads," Moore says. "We're not as talented this year as we have been in the past. So we can't slack off. We have to continue to build on our leads. We have to stay on them (opponents) the whole game. This is the type of team that even with a 10-point lead it's not going to be safe."

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## Glenn, Mount Tabor roll to victories in Frank Spencer Classic

By Sam Davis  
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This year's Frank Spencer Holiday Classic is taking much longer than usual to reach a conclusion.

However, one thing is for certain, Carver won't be repeating as the tournament champion. The tournament's final round was postponed after a snow storm engulfed the Triad Area on Monday. The third place and championship games will be held on Friday (Jan. 2) at North Forsyth.

Glenn and Mount Tabor will battle for the championship at 8:30 p.m., while Carver will square off against West Forsyth for third place at 7 p.m.

The third-seeded Yellowjackets were upset by Glenn in the semifinal round last Saturday night while Mount Tabor held off West Forsyth to advance to the championship game.

Glenn has pulled off two upset wins to reach the championship game. The Bobcats defeated 55-38 in the opening round.

Josh Howard, Ryan Blake and a stingy defense have been the keys for the Bobcats. Howard had 26 points against Carver and Blake added 22 and several big plays on defense to spark Glenn to the 59-54 overtime victory.

In that game, Carver held a 29-23 halftime lead and appeared to be well on its way to a berth in the championship game. However, Blake and Howard spearheaded a 16-2 run by Glenn in the third quarter.

The Bobcats led 39-31 going into the fourth quarter before Carver finally came alive. The Yellowjackets got their defensive pressure to force Glenn into the up-tempo game they prefer.

Carver came back and forced a 49-49 deadlock at the end of regulation. But Carver's foul trouble and Glenn's 1-3-1 trapping defense was too much for the Yellowjackets to overcome in overtime.

Coach Ricky Holt of Carver said his team was take out of its game by the Bobcats.

"The pace in the second half wasn't what we wanted," Holt said. "As opposed to pushing it up and doing the things we do best we allowed them to dictate the pace."

"In the fourth quarter we were able to pick up the pace and do the things we like," Holt added. "The score was 49-49 at the end of regulation and a game like that favors them. We're used to getting 55-60 shots at the basket a game. When we don't we're not playing our style of basketball. But you have to give credit to them for the way they played."

Mount Tabor pulled off an equally impressive victory. The Spartans knocked off top-seeded Reynolds in the opening round by a 48-39 score. Defense was the key for the Spartans, holding Reynolds to a season-low in points scored.

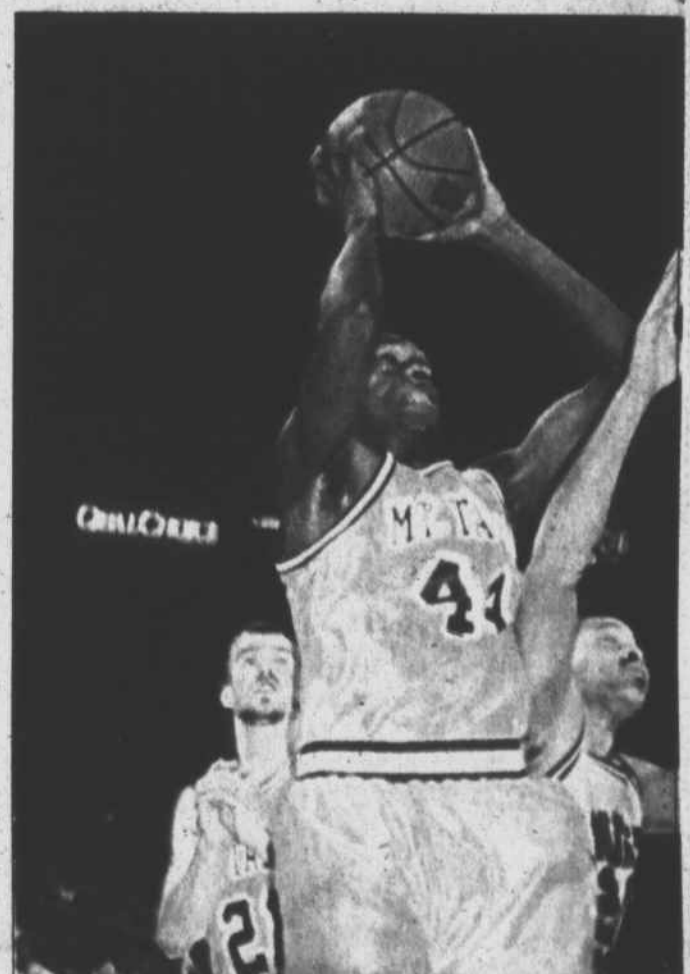
The Spartans continued to play well in the semifinal round. Mount Tabor used a balanced scoring attack to defeat the Titans by a 55-34 score. In the two games Mount Tabor held their opponents to a total of 73 points, a 36.7 average per game.

Coach Andy Muse's team will go into the championship game with six consecutive victories.

"Right now, we are on a roll as a team," Muse said. "... Our kids are believing, we are playing great defense, and that makes for a good team." Muse said.



Charles Dearmon drives to the basket in Carver's loss to Glenn.



Sam Lekwauwa of Mount Tabor goes in for a short jumper.