

Hall, Bell, Davis accept head football coaching positions

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African-American coaches filled three local high school football vacancies recently.

In the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, Darrell Hall was named the head football coach at North Forsyth and DeAngelo Bell was named to head the football program at Parkland.



Bell

In another move, LIFT Academy, the newest high school in Forsyth County, announced that it will begin play in the fall as a 1-A independent. LIFT is one of the state's 58 charter schools and is the only charter high school in the area.



Darrell Hall was defensive coordinator for Carver High School.

Sam Davis, who coached Carver's junior varsity team to consecutive conference championships, will be the head coach in LIFT's inaugural season. Davis also served as an assistant varsity coach for the past three seasons at Carver and was on the staff that helped lead the Yellowjackets to the State 3-A championship.

Davis is the second member of Carver's staff to leave the program since it captured its state title. Hall served under head

Coach Keith Wilkes for the past seven seasons. Hall was the Yellowjackets' defensive coordinator and was the assistant head coach.

Hall replaces Drew Buie, who resigned following the 1998 season. Hall played collegiately at Winston-Salem State, where he played defensive back for Bill Hayes. A New Jersey native, Hall coaches physical education at Southeast Middle School in Kernersville. He will join the staff at North Forsyth and teach physical education.

Bell replaces Bernard Faulk as the Mustangs' head coach. Bell graduated from North Carolina A&T, where he played on the offensive line. A Greensboro native, Bell graduated from Grimsley High. Prior to accepting the head-coaching job at Parkland, Bell was the offensive line coach and assistant head coach under Bob Sapp at Mount Tabor. Mount Tabor advanced to the State 4-A semifinals before being eliminated by eventual 4-A champion Richmond County.

Semifinal matchups provided interesting battles for women

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By the time last Friday night arrived there were four teams left in the 25th annual Women's CIAA Tournament.

The team's left provided for some interesting matchups. Fayetteville State, North Carolina Central and Livingstone were all trying to dethrone two-time defending champion Bowie State.

First up was Fayetteville State versus North Carolina Central. Both teams had beaten each other during the conference season but the Eagles, under the tutelage of CIAA Women's Coach of the Year Joli Robinson had turned things around this season. They finished first in the Western Division, while winning a school-record 19 wins and looked to add to that total.

On the other side, the Broncos, who finished two slots behind NCCU, had upset on their mind and though they were a little sluggish, FSU pulled out a 52-45 victory. "We didn't play well but we did what we had to do to win," said Bronco coach Eric Tucker. "Our press bothered them."

FSU shot an atrocious 28 percent from the field but forced NCCU into 13 first half turnovers and held a 24-21 edge at halftime.

With the start of the second half, the Broncos Sonja Walker continued her low post dominance. The 6-2 center, terrorized the smaller Eagles for a variety of inside shots and even chipped in a few from 12 feet away.

Walker, a senior, outplayed NCCU freshman Amba Kongolo by scoring 15 points and grabbing 15 rebounds with three steals to the Eagle's All-CIAA member's line of 11 points and four boards.

Though NCCU shot just 32 percent from the field for the game, the Durham university was able to post as much as a six point lead with eight minutes left in the contest.

That's when FSU senior Nattie Pearson took over.

The 5-5 guard nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key to cut the Eagles (20-7) lead in half. From that point on the Broncos went on an 8-3 spurt to go up four points, 47-43 with two and a half minutes left.

Pearson, who missed the Broncos quarterfinal win over ECSU because of an injury made five of six free-throws the rest of the way to seal the win.

"Nattie stepped up," Tucker said. "That's why we're here. (She) was a great spark."

With that the Broncos (16-11) were awaiting the winner of the Livingstone College-Bowie State matchup.

Anyone who thought this game would be a ho-hum victory for the Bulldogs were sadly mistaken.

The Bulldogs had to dig themselves out of a hole before taking a 67-54 win.

"We knew coming into this game Livingstone had a lot to prove," said Bowie coach Ed Davis. "I have a lot of respect for Livingstone."

In the first half Livingstone, which handed Bowie their only conference loss of the season back in November held as much as a nine point lead behind the balanced scoring of Canel Edwards (9), Erica Deas (8) and Tricosa Green (7).

Despite a 11 point, five rebound effort by CIAA Women's Player of the Year Rashida Brooks, the Bulldogs, who looked despondent and were out hustled to loose balls shot an uncharacteristic 35 percent from

the field and were down 32-27 at halftime.

Before the second half began, Davis told the Bulldogs to be aware of their turnovers and decided to go to a bigger lineup on the floor. He also heeded some advice from his shooting guard.

"I just went up to coach and told him to bring in a point guard so I could get some more shots," said Tiffany Moss.

In the first half the junior had to run the Bulldog offense because starting point guard Kia Butler was out sick. This limited Moss to two shots in the first 20 minutes of action.

With 12 minutes left in the game and her team down 11 points, Moss led Bowie on a 20-0 run, chipping in 11 points, including three 3-pointers to give the Bulldogs a seven point lead, 54-47 with six minutes remaining.

Livingstone (18-8), which got 13 points a piece from Edwards and Green and 11 points, four steals and three assist from Deas-the CIAA Women's Freshman of the Year, scored four points the rest of the way.

"We did the things we wanted to do for the first 30 minutes of the game," said Livingstone coach Andrew Mitchell. "The last 10 minutes we failed to put the ball in the hole."

The Blue Bears shot a dismal 28 percent as a result of the increased defensive pressure by Bowie in the second half and ended their season at 18-8.

The Bulldogs (24-3) led by Brooks (18 points, 10 rebounds) and Moss (16 points, five rebounds, four assist, three steals), moved on to the tournament championship game for the third straight year.

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Winston-Salem, NC 27101

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