

Reynolds accepts its 1999 Lash/Chronicle J.V. Tournament Championship Trophy. Photo by Bruce Chapman

Demons

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role. He's always been smart, but now he is adding another ele-

ment." Overby said the Demons played well together throughout the tournament. Dusty Harrison scored 7 points, Franklin Brown tallied 6, William Palmer and

Christshon Hicks had 5 and Tony Tucker had 2. "Our chemistry was great," Overby said. "These guys get along well and they feed off the energy of each other."



Ken Holley of Reynolds glides in for a layup. Photo by Bruce Chapman



Justin Wozeah of Reynolds eludes several Glenn defenders. Photo by Bruce Chapman

Byrom

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ent," he added. "They look to me to score more points and be the player that gets inside." Making the transition from a year ago took a lot of work, according to Byrom.

"I put a lot of time into getting better on offense," Byrom said. "I spent a lot of time during the summer working on my shooting and handling the ball. I knew that I needed to work on being a better scorer this season, and my teammates have put a lot of trust and confidence in me. They've really helped me and we have worked

together as a team." Likewise, Byrom said his team had to work much harder to capture the title this year. "We thought we could win it," he said. "Even though we lost a lot of good players, we all felt that if we worked together we could make it three in a row."

Freshmen

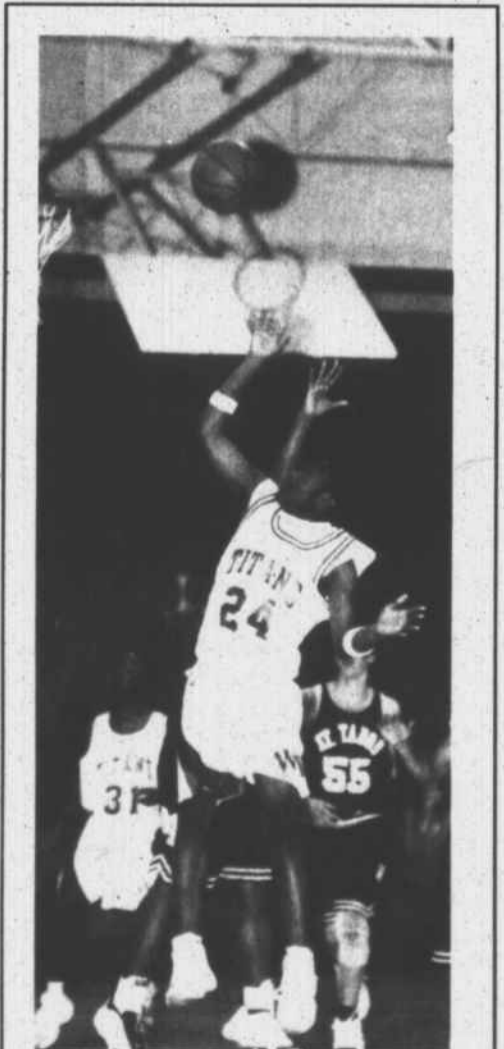
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The move took the Demons by surprise. "We had to do something to get us going," Massie said. "We don't play a lot of man-to-man, but the kids responded to it very well."

"This was their first tournament on the high school level and I think they understand now what to expect." John Hardy and Ross Pleban were the big guns for the Spartans. Hardy scored 16 points, and Pleban scored 15. "Hardy was tremendous for us in the middle," Massie said. "He

made a lot of inside shots and was even better from the free-throw line. He just really kept battling inside." Pleban also did a good job of assisting the Spartans' playmakers run the offense. "He's a great captain," Massie said. "He did a good job of running the team."

LIFT

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the score at 54-54 and sending the game into overtime. The short-handed Jaguars kept it close for the first few minutes of overtime but ran out of steam. "I told my kids there was no reason for them to hang their heads," Davis said. "We only have 10 boys who are true ninth-graders and for us to go up against a 4-A program like Mount Tabor and take them to overtime says a lot about who we are and what we're doing." The Jaguars took the confidence gained from that experience into their next game with Parkland. Again, LIFT was undermanned. The Jaguars had only six players available for the game and trailed by 10 at the half. "Parkland tried to take advantage of that by forcing tempo with a full-court press," Davis said. "Our guys got a little frustrated with it in the first half. But in the second half, our kids really played hard." In fact, the Jaguars used a 32-8 third-quarter run to take control of the game. LIFT held on in the fourth quarter to seal the win. "The tournament was a great opportunity for our school," Davis said. "It gave us a chance to match up against public high schools in Forsyth County. I think it showed our kids that they have what it takes to compete evenly with them even though we don't have the facilities and financial support that they have." Davis said the players on the team stepped up in a big way. "I have to give them a lot of credit," he said. "I can go up and down the roster and say what a great job they did. William Conrad was outstanding shooting the three-point-er. Malcolm Davis was unstoppable in the low post. Claude Sales is as talented as any kid in the city. Phillip Ingram is a very talented player. Ronnie Tucker did a great job running the point. "Our reserves also played well. Yurkoy Williams played as hard as anyone. Robert Washington did some good things in the first game and so did Trey France."



Ralph Pearson of West Forsyth goes up for a basket in the Titans' battle with Mount Tabor. Photo by Bruce Chapman

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