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## Unfair blame

FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill

I'm really big on being fair and shedding light on both sides of a story. That's very important when you're writing a story. Last week, I wrote a few things in my column that weren't very fair to the supporters of the Winston-Salem Falcons organization. I wrote a column that included quotes from a referee who was very disturbed after working a few Falcon games two weeks ago.

Now, I've tried to defend my one-sided column by telling people that it was a column, and everyone should know that columns are based on opinion — not necessarily research. But I still should've quoted a few Falcon representatives to give readers a fair assessment of the problems that may or may not be occurring at their games. That's only fair.

So I talked to a few Falcon representatives that I know. First, before I talked to them I was thoroughly told off by a few females who care a great deal for the Falcon organization. And they didn't seem as if they were trying to hear that the quotes didn't come from me. They just didn't think I should've printed the quotes, period. (I'm smiling while I type this.) And that's fine. You always have to take the good with the bad. And I can take ANY criticism — even if I didn't do or say anything wrong.

I still have to be fair, and give both sides a chance to express themselves. So I did.

"I know that you were told those things by somebody else," said Falcon Midget coach Albert Wright. "But he told you about some things that were taking place off the field. And he told you about a fight. Those things didn't even take place at our field. Those things happened at the Panther field. And most of the things found were found on their side of the field."

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## A NEW START



North's talented junior tailback Mike Rucker is expected to miss at least two weeks due to an ankle injury.

### North Forsyth ready for action

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The following story is the eighth in a series on the high school football teams in Forsyth County. The fans will get a look at what's going on with their favorite teams.

The North Forsyth varsity football team is ready for second half of the 2005 season. The first half hasn't been what the Vikings expected as they've suffered through a five-game losing streak. But most of the players realize their goals of winning a championship can still be attained.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we can still win a Metro championship," said North head coach Bill Oakley.

"I don't care about the other games. The reality is, everybody is 0-0 starting Monday. Anything they've done to now doesn't mean a thing about the playoffs. It's all about what you do from here on out, and I think we can finish the season strong."

The Vikings still have plenty of fight left in them, and it was on full display last Friday during a 27-24 loss to Carver. Various North Forsyth players simply refused to lose, after being down 21-7 at

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## Reynolds JV ends two-year drought

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There were plenty of reasons to celebrate last Thursday when the Reynolds JV team took down Reagan 12-0. For one, it was the school's first opportunity to play against the school that longtime Reynolds principal Stan Elrod runs now.

Most importantly, the win ended a devastating two-year losing streak the Demons have been suffering from since last season.

"It's always nice to get a win every time you can get a win," said Reynolds head JV coach James Alexander. "Our guys have come a long way. We didn't get a win last year, and we hadn't won a game this year until tonight. But the guys have played hard in every game. It just feels good to finally come out on top."

The Demons (1-4) wanted to secure the victory as soon as they could as they jumped on the Raiders early. The exciting Kadeem Harmon, a ninth-grade running back, put the first points on the board after he outran the entire Reagan defense for a 35-yard touchdown. The extra point was missed, so the score remained 6-0 in the first quarter. The Demons took that lead into the locker room at halftime.

Reagan (0-5) played well on defense for most of the first half by keeping an anxious Reynolds team out of the end zone for most of the half. The Raiders continued applying some stingy defense in the second half. But Demon sophomore tailback Shaquille Washington gave Reynolds its second and final score of the day when he broke a 27-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. The extra point was missed again to leave the score at 12-0. The Reynolds offense also received sound play from quarterback Antonio Pitts.

"I had confidence that my guys would step up to the plate," Alexander said. "I wasn't really worried about winning or losing as much as I was about us getting better. We try to get better each game. We

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Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Reynolds junior varsity quarterback Antonio Pitts fights for extra yards during a victory over Reagan.

## Pop Warner match-ups generating heat

Indians, Grayhounds, Packers and others get big wins

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**Grayhounds 19, Vikings 7 (Midget):** The Grayhounds ran past the Vikings in Senior Midget action last Saturday thanks to a dominant performance from the defense and a strong ground game on offense.

The Grayhounds won their third-straight game with the victory over the Vikings. Leading the offense to scores were Curtis Smith, Dakota Lamont, and Joc Davis-Ferguson.

"These kids played like we knew they were capable of playing," said coach Lawrence "Ferg" Ferguson. "Coach Sample really had the defense prepared to play."

Players like Joc Davis-Ferguson, Mason Lindsay, Micah McCall, Garland McKay, Curtis Smith and

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Photo by Tom Houghaling

A Kernersville Raider tries to bring down a South Fork Panther player during a Jr. Pee Wee game last Saturday.

## Former Yellowjacket hopes for more action

BY ANTHONY HILL  
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When East Carolina's redshirt sophomore wide out Juwon Crowell signed with the Pirates three years ago, he envisioned a bright college future. After all, two of his older brothers, Germaine and Angelo Crowell, went on to the NFL after playing college football.

And Juwon Crowell was on the right track for a similar ride, after a productive career at Carver High. But things weren't quite going as planned at ECU after Crowell signed on the dotted line.

"There was a new coaching staff when I got here," Crowell said. "The new coaches didn't know me or anything about me. They didn't have any idea of the skills that



Juwon Crowell

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