

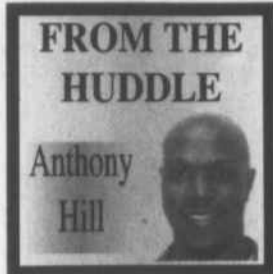
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Reynolds hopes to defend Lash title



FROM THE HUDDLE
Anthony Hill

The 15th annual Chronicle/Lash Holiday JV Basketball tournament is already as good as advertised this year. Today semifinal games will take place at Carver starting at 4 p.m. The championship game is scheduled for tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

The special holiday JV tournament is usually a very good event, full of young junior varsity guys trying to showcase their talent. Most people think of the Lash as the Frank Spencer for JV guys, and that's cool. Most of the



Reynolds guard Zach Jenkins hopes to help the Demons defend their title this week.

guys that do well in the Lash go on to perform fairly well when they get to play in the Spencer. I can't wait to see

which group of young ballers will propel their team to the championship game.

Last year, Reynolds out-

played the competition to advance all the way to the Lash title game, where they defeated Winston-Salem Prep.

I don't know which teams will play in the title game this year. I know it won't be Prep. They were bounced in a play-in game by Carver last Saturday. Carver, coached by Louis Lowery, usually plays well in this tournament. I'll never forget the year they had guys like Herb Miller, Silas Ross and Travis Carpenter. Those Yellowjackets were the last seed of the tournament, and ended up winning the whole thing.

East Forsyth was the last seed in this year's event, but the Eagles were bounced by a very talented Mt. Tabor squad in another play-in game over the weekend. That Spartan squad looked really good. They're coached by Marc Raye. They have guys like Trey Ervin, Pat Nicholson, Thomas Clark and a number of other talented young ballers. They really do look impressive. Who else looks good? Reynolds, led by Zach

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Tuskegee tops inaugural rankings

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

This season was a great one for Tuskegee head coach Willie Slater and his Golden Tigers of Tuskegee University. En route to their second straight SIAC crown, the undefeated Tigers (12-0) became the first and only HBCU team to reach the 600-win plateau.

In their final game of the season, the Golden Tigers won their third consecutive Pioneer Bowl in a nail-biting 58-51 battle against Virginia



Slater

Union University to cap their second undefeated season (2000) in the last seven years. Tuskegee can now add another black college national championship as the Golden Tigers finished atop the final BoxToRow.com/BASN Top 10 HBCU Football Poll. Tuskegee (89 points) received all but one first-place vote with second place Delaware State (79 points) receiving the other.

The Hornets (10-2) had their best season in school history which included their first MEAC Championship since 1985 and their first berth into the FCS national playoffs. DSU is also the third MEAC team to post an 8-0 league record since the conference expanded to nine teams in 1998, joining North Carolina A&T in 1999 and Hampton in 2005.

The rest of the top five includes SWAC champion Jackson State (8-4) at number three, Norfolk State (8-3) at four, and Grambling State (8-4) at number five. JSU got three touchdown passes from Jimmy Oliver in their 42-31 victory over Grambling State in the SWAC title game.

The victory gave Jackson State its 16th SWAC football championship and its first since 1996. It was also the third consecutive loss for Grambling, which had defeated Jackson State, 30-20, during the regular season.

The remainder of the poll has Southern (8-3) at number six, Alabama A&M (8-3) at number seven, Albany State (8-3) at eight, Prairie View

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Jamal Durham had a decent game during a recent loss.

KSU's Beasley explodes in second half against WSSU

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The hype proved correct last Saturday evening in Manhattan, Kansas as Michael Beasley recorded a career-high 40 points and led the Kansas State University Wildcats past the Winston-Salem State University Rams 90-48 in men's non-conference basketball action from Bramlage Coliseum.

It took a while for the Rams to get warmed up as the first three Winston-Salem State possessions resulted in turnovers with the Rams unable to break their scoring drought until Michael Puckett converted a free-throw after four minutes and one second of play with 15:59 remaining in the first half.

The host Wildcats had troubles of their own as K-State missed their first four shots of the contest as both teams combined to miss the first eight shots of the game.

After four minutes of shooting difficulties, the two teams were able to get on

track as the Rams and 'Cats combined to put 27 points on the scoreboard over the contest's next three-and-a-half minutes.

WSSU head coach Bobby Collins' Rams packed themselves into an aggressive 2-3 zone as upstart WSSU kept the

Big 12 Conference's K-State Wildcats at bay, allowing a lead as great as only seven points during the first half of the first period of play.

Freshman phenom Michael Beasley would prove to be the main catalyst in the KSU run that pushed the Wildcat lead to as many as 13 points over the next four minutes of play as a 12-foot jumper and four converted free throws gave K-State a bit of breathing room.

Following Beasley's second personal foul of the half the Rams mounted a 7-0 run that trimmed the Wildcat lead from a half-high 13 points to a more manageable six points with little more than 90 seconds remaining in the first half of play.

A pair of free throws upped the K-State lead to eight points, the same eight-point

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BACK TO HIS ROOTS



Photo by Layla Farmer

Former NFL player and Happy Hill resident Tory Woodbury gives remarks last week at the annual Peace Toys for War Toys event at the Sims Recreation Center, which is in the heart of Happy Hill. The popular program exchanges violent toys such as guns for more tame ones, like board games and dolls. The Chronicle will feature the toy exchange program in a story in the Jan. 3 edition.

Mt. Tabor and Reagan win Wachovia Cups

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Two local high schools accumulated enough total points to capture Wachovia Conference Cup titles. Mt. Tabor and Reagan were the two schools that won the fall sports titles.

Mount Tabor beat out West Forsyth for the top spot in the conference (Central Piedmont 4-A) with league titles in volleyball, men's and women's cross country and golf. The Spartan football team also played very well this season, making it all the way to the state championship game. West Forsyth recorded a second-place finish in volleyball to take second place overall. Conference standings were as follows: Mount Tabor 68.5, West Forsyth 56.5, Davie County 54.5, R.J. Reynolds

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Mt. Tabor fall sports captured a Wachovia Conference Cup.

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