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Tournament MVP Jerran Foster.

Foster plays big for MVP

I was a little hesitant to compare Reynolds sophomore point guard Jerran Foster to another sophomore point guard (CP3) that also did his thing in the Lash/Chronicle JV tournament eight years ago.

Comparing kids to legends sometimes tends to put more pressure on them than intended.

I was sitting in the front row talking with a number of coaches during the championship game between Mt. Tabor and Reynolds.

One of the coaches around was Winston-Salem Prep head coach Andre Gould, who's coached a number of former stand-outs.

I asked Gould, "Do you know who he (Foster) really reminds me of?" He just looked at me as if he knew I was about to say Chris Paul. He instantly said, "I was sitting here thinking the exact same thing."

Then, I turned to Reagan coach Travis Holcomb-Faye and he agreed. Reynolds guard Jerran Foster may not want the burden of being compared to an NBA all-star, but he resembled the former West Forsyth JV point guard during the JV holiday tournament. He was even named tournament MVP after helping his Demons to a 66-61 victory over a very talented Mt. Tabor team on Monday night.

"We couldn't have done this without Jerran Foster," said Reynolds head JV coach Mike Coker. "He's learning everyday. He's stepping up as a team leader. I'm glad to have him. I'm glad the other guys didn't have them on their team."

Foster added: "This is great. I've been working hard for this. My teammates help

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Reynolds captured the Chronicle/ Lash JV Holiday Tournament title after a 66-61 victory over Mt. Tabor on Monday.

Reynolds takes Lash title

Demons win second championship in three years

BY ANTHONY HILL
THE CHRONICLE

The 16th annual Chronicle/Lash JV Holiday Basketball Tournament was as exciting as advertised.

Several squads took their games to another level during the three-day tournament. Reynolds was the last team standing when the smoke cleared on Monday night. The Demons claimed their second title in three years after defeating a talented Mt. Tabor

squad, 66-61. The Demons last won the title in 2006.

"This is fulfilling in a lot of ways," said Reynolds head JV coach Mike Coker. "The guys really worked hard for this. The kids really deserve this. I'm just the catalyst that was getting my guys in the right spots. I'm so happy for the kids. I had confidence that we would win. Even when we were down by four or five points I knew that we could get the job done. We worked too hard not to."

Mt. Tabor began the game by jumping on Reynolds behind the solid play of Tre Douthit, Trey Ervin, Matt Turner and Patrick Nicholson. The Spartans went up 4-0, 7-2, 9-2 and 11-6 before Reynolds knew what hit it. But the Demons stormed back in the second quarter when sophomore point guard Jerran Foster got going for the Demons. Jontu Brown also got things going for the Demons.

"I told the guys that we needed to work hard," said Foster,

who was a member of West Forsyth's championship team last year. "I told them that we're going to have to work hard to win this. Don't give up. I knew we were going to come back even when we were down."

Foster gave Reynolds its first lead after he hit a big 3-pointer to make the score 13-11 late in the first. Then, Tyler Blue put Reynolds up 15-11. Reynolds went up 17-11 and 20-11 behind two baskets by Foster, who was

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FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill



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Carver's Kenny Uqdah goes up for a block during a loss to Reynolds in the Frank Spencer over the weekend. Mt. Tabor captured its second-straight Frank Spencer title after defeating West Forsyth on Monday.

'PRETTY' GOOD

Former cheerleader doing well on court

BY ANTHONY HILL
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Reynolds junior small forward Toreonna "Tori" Hardy is normally easy to spot when she hits the floor before games.

Hardy, who's a former cheerleader, isn't the most dangerous looking player on the court. She's also not the most experienced female baller around. She's only played for a little over three years. But there's no arguing her serious talent on the hardwood once a game starts.

"I'm an OK basketball player," Hardy said with a smile. "I play good defense, and I am good in the post. I can improve a lot. I'm always working on my game. I'm working out everyday. I'm constantly trying to improve. People always tell me that I don't look like I play when I tell them. I'm always trying to get even better, though."

Reynolds head coach Monty Gray added: "Tori is a good player with a great personality. She's the type of player that works hard. Her basketball IQ is very high. She understands the game well. I didn't realize how hard she worked until she got over here. I was also surprised with her ability to shoot. It's amazing to realize that she only had three years of basketball experience before this year. You can't tell. We're excited to have her over here."

Hardy was a standout player at North last year. But she transferred to Reynolds over the summer.

"It was a better opportunity with basketball," Hardy said. "My dad felt like this was a better place for me to play. I like it here. It's different and bigger."

So far Hardy is doing good things for the Lady



Photo by Anthony Hill

Toreonna Hardy is making a splash on the court.

Bines, others to continue careers with new team

BY ANTHONY HILL
THE CHRONICLE

Football is one of those sports that sometimes forces athletes to quit right when they might be playing at the top of their games.

Some guys may not have enough exposure or game film to make it to the professional ranks from college. While others simply may not get an opportunity to advance after playing college ball. There's a new Indoor Football League coming to Greensboro that will give a number of guys an opportunity to continue their dreams of playing professional ball.

The new indoor team will be known as the Carolina Renegades. Carolina Renegades is the newest team to be playing in the East division of the Independent Indoor Football Alliance (IIFA). The IIFA is a professional developmental indoor football league designed to deliver fast-paced, action-packed football. It is a league designed for all independent indoor football teams and their affiliates, and is not involved or associated with any other league involving indoor



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Jed Bines is one of many local players that will have a chance at continuing their careers with the Carolina Renegades

or outdoor football.

The IIFA will provide players the opportunity to play professional football. For some of our players, it will be a dream come true to step on the field and

play football (for compensation) once again. There is also a strong commitment to the advancement of players to more

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