



Swing player Darren Crump (5) scored a game-high 18 points in Mount Tabor's victory over the War Eagles.

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**Blow-out**

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but bowed out with back-to-back losses to Reynolds (semifinals) and West Forsyth (third-place consolation game).

"We're still in the process of everybody learning to play the game the right way," said Harrison. "We're not going to do anything different from what we did at the start of the season. We have 12 high-energy guys who still have a lot to learn."

Harrison is confident that Mount Tabor will make amends for its surprising early exit from the Lash-Chronicle. The Spartans have a strong front line with

Dillon Bullard, Jalen Moore, Duncan Smits and back-up Cole Foley, who scored 12 points against Davie County.

The backcourt figures to elevate its level of play as the season progresses. Carson Anthis, Quest Aldridge and Crump provide quickness, scoring and tenacity. Crump, a reliable scorer and defender, had to sit out the last two games of the Lash-Chronicle with an injury.

"We're looking to get the No. 1 spot back," said Harrison. "But we also know that with our upcoming games, we've got our work cut out for us. We're still fighting to get back to where we were before the tournament. To do that, it's all a matter of us getting in the gym and everybody learning more about how to play with one another."



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Carver's Colin Baker grabs a rebound in last week's game against Forbush.

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The first half belonged to Forbush. The Falcons full-court defense stymied the Yellow Jackets who had problems advancing the ball past mid-court in several instances. Down by 37-24 at intermission, it appeared that Carver was doomed to suffer a blow-out loss on its home floor.

Instead, the Yellow Jackets bounced back and outscored Forbush 22-11 in the third quarter to force a 46-46 tie by the end of that quarter. Carver's full-court pressure forced multiple turnovers, which led to fast-break baskets. Taiwan Walker, who led Carver with 17 points, did most of his damage in the third quarter with four 3-pointers.

The Yellow Jackets closed the quarter with a quick flurry when Jordan Smith-Jessup scored on back-to-back possessions to tie the game. In the final quarter, however, it was Forbush that made the timely plays to maintain its cushion.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Smith-Jessup fouled as he scored on a put-back. He converted the free throw to produce a 51-51 tie with 4:47 to go. It was the last time the game would be tied.

In the final minute, Ruffin scored on a short jumper to trim the deficit (57-56) with 45 seconds left to play in the game. The Yellow Jackets had an opportunity to take the lead, but an errant pass which resulted in a turnover, proved costly. Jarrett Hall and Lance Kennedy hit two free throws apiece to settle the issue for the visiting team.

"If I can get these guys to play with the same intensity for a full game, we'll be all right," said Fluellen. "I'm very pleased with our overall effort in the second half. They showed the will to win. At the beginning of the game, I really didn't know if our guys really wanted to compete."

Walker was the top scorer for Carver with 17 points, followed by Milan Ruffin, who finished with 12. Phillip Legette and Colin Baker chipped in with nine and eight points respectively.

For the Falcons (11-3 overall, 2-1 conference), Kennedy was the leading scorer with 17 points. Hall contributed 15 points to the cause and Tony Douglas added 10 points.

"All season long, it's been hard to tell which Carver JV team is going to show up," said Fluellen. "But I still



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Stephen A. Smith, middle, is an alumnus of Winston-Salem State University. He is shown with Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson and Athletic Director Tonia Walker.

**Smith**

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donate \$250,000 to the school over the next five years. Each year the university will receive \$50,000. The funds will be split between the athletic and mass communication departments.

Smith mentioned that he wants the funds to go to underprivileged students who must have and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

"We have to understand that there is a level of excellence that needs to be consistently

pursued," he continued. "As a people, we have to be about the business of making sure our youth understand what true accountability is."

In total, the fundraiser event raised \$33,000 for the athletic department, not including the contribution from Smith. Chancellor Elwood Robinson thanked Smith and the many alumni in attendance for their donations. He mentioned the donations will help move the university into the future.

"It's a great day to be a Ram," he said. "With contributions from alumni like Stephen A. Smith and the many others here today, this University will continue to move toward the future."