

ROANOKE-CHOWAN NEWS-HERALD HOLIDAY CLASSIC: BERTIE GIRLS RULE



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Bertie High School's varsity girls basketball team is all smiles Thursday night after the Lady Falcons improved to 11-0 by defeating Plymouth 65-25 in the championship game of the annual Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald Holiday Classic at Hertford County High School.

Fourth and Long



David Friedman

Reviewing another UNC football season

Post hoc ergo propter hoc.

The above is a Latin term meaning "after this, therefore because of this." It's what comes to mind as I review another season in the books for my beloved Tar Heel football team.

I can't help but feel like a broken record after what seems like every loss over the past few seasons, wondering why the offensive coordinator and/or head coach was unwilling to commit to the run or at last use it to set up the pass.

Wondering became research that yielded results I was fairly certain of before I even began. In every loss this season, UNC had more passing attempts than it did rushing attempts.

Hence the term, post hoc ergo propter hoc. Therefore, because UNC attempted more passes than runs in losses, they lost because of it.

Common sense reminds me that in a need to overcome scoring deficits late in games, Carolina was surely forced to throw the ball more frequently in an effort to score more quickly. That would certainly skew the stats in at least a few of those losses.

Logic reminds me that my Tar Heels threw the ball more than they ran it when they also won games against James Madison, Pittsburgh, Florida State and Virginia. It's clearly the way Larry Fedora and his co-offensive coordinators (that's a sports term meaning "two people with a fancy title and a lack of appropriate responsibility") have chosen to run the offense and it can obviously work... sometimes.

Despite my logic and common sense, I can't quiet the voice in my head that keeps telling me the while the action doesn't always lead to the negative result, the negative result is still a byproduct of the action. Albeit a possible one.

I'm no college head coach and I don't have

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Another title for Falcons

MVP Akyia King leads Bertie to tournament championship



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Bertie's Akyia King (No. 24) lofts the shot over Plymouth's Brittany Franklin during the Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald Holiday Classic Thursday night.

AHOSKIE - Another year, another title for the Bertie High School girls basketball team.

Led by Tournament Most Valuable Player Akyia King's 31 points, the Lady Falcons rolled past Plymouth 65-25 to win the championship of the Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald Holiday Classic at Hertford County High School Thursday.

After one quarter, the teams were all knotted at 12-all.

The rest of the contest, however, belonged to Bertie.

The Falcons outscored the Vikings 28-2 in the second quarter to take a 40-14 lead at halftime.

Bertie scored 10 straight times in the stanza (23 consecutive points), which started with the go-ahead basket by King.

Autum Mornings fol-

lowed with two buckets, and Nyasia Barnes swished a pair of three-pointers to make it 24-12.

Barnes' third hoop of the quarter extended the Bertie advantage to 26-12 with 3:56 left before halftime.

Barnes (triple), Mornings (old-fashioned three-point play) and King (3) made it 35-12 before Brittany Franklin's bucket at 1:37 ended the Bertie outburst.

The Falcons continued their offensive prowess in the third quarter by outscoring Plymouth 18-3.

Mornings started the session with a basket. Then King scored three straight times, followed by another bucket from Mornings, to make it 50-15 with 2:42 left in the period.

King tallied three more buckets while Mornings added a hoop as

the Falcons ended the third with a commanding lead (58-17).

King was 13-for-17 from the field (76 percent) for her 31 points. Mornings added 16 points while Barnes provided 13.

Mornings and Kings grabbed eight and five rebounds, respectively. Jomiya Earley dished out five assists while Carlisa Spivey chipped in three.

SEMIFINALS

Bertie 54, Northeastern 37

A fast start helped the Bertie girls ease past Northeastern in the semifinals of the Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald Holiday Classic on Dec. 27.

The Falcons jumped out to a 19-8 lead after the first quarter and took a 32-16 advantage

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Bertie boys drop two

AHOSKIE - Two losses by different means.

Bertie High School's varsity boys basketball team suffered a pair of losses in the annual Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald Holiday Classic last week.

The Falcons fell 85-75 to rival Hertford County on Wednesday (Dec. 28) in the consolation game, just a day after suffering an 88-59 defeat to Northeastern in a semifinal round contest.

In the consolation game, Bertie (2-9 overall) fell behind 6-0 in the first minute as Hertford County buried a pair of three-pointers.

Joshua Burden's buck-

et with 6:12 left in the first quarter, and a hoop from Jamarri White cut it to 6-4.

The Bears used a 7-0 run to regain control until a basket by White ended the flurry.

From there, Bertie - helped by offense from Burden, Quatravis Riddick, Alden Cottle and Deontre Bryant, cut the deficit to 17-15 at the end of the period.

Each team made several mini-runs in the second quarter. Hertford County erased an 18-17 deficit with seven straight points before a bucket from Bryant ended the spurt.

The Bears established

an eight-point lead (30-22) before Bertie finished the quarter on a 14-8 run sparked by White, Jaqwan Baylor, Riddick, J Morris and Bryant to pull within two (38-36) at the break.

The third quarter featured three ties and six lead changes.

White's basket tied it at 38-all, and a Morris free throw gave the Falcons a 39-38 lead with 6:53 remaining in the quarter.

After the Bears took a 44-39 lead, Bertie used a 7-2 flurry - capped by an old-fashioned three-point play by Riddick -

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Bertie's Jamarri White (No. 22) drives to the basket against Hertford County in the consolation game of the Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald Holiday Classic.



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