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Fourth and Long



David Friedman

More famous, more cameras

When will athletes realize that cameras are everywhere and the more famous you are, the more cameras there are? When will they learn that you can't do embarrassing, and or dumb stuff, without people noticing?

I'm not talking about Dwyane Wade showing up to the game in capri pants or Odell Beckham Jr. live streaming from the hot tub. While both of these examples fit under the categories of embarrassing and dumb, they were also both done not only in front of, but with cameras in mind and a desire for the public to see.

I'm referring more to the likes of Clemson defensive tackle Christian Wilkins. No. 42, as most of us know him, is the sophomore All-American who groped an Ohio State player while he laid face-down, stuck under another Clemson defensive lineman.

It made me want to pull him aside and ask, "Young fella, are you high? Did Trump's win make you think that you could go around grabbing people by the crotch?" Why would you think that is an okay thing to do, even in an environment where eyegouging and biting occurs?"

It also begs the question, "Did you not think that ESPN was going to have a few cameras at the game?". It was the College Football Playoff Semifinals, they had more than 60 cameras including the SkyCam, 4K cameras that allow for super-slow motion, and four cameras in all eight pylons.

He's not the only one to forget that there were cameras at his job. Broncos cornerback Aqib Talib invited Michael Crabtree to throw hands by snatching his gold chain between plays on nation television. It's worth noting that Mr. Crabtree declined

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LA girls end Rams' streak

Baker's free throw seals 46-45 victory over Ridgecroft

MERRY HILL - The streak is over.

Lawrence Academy's varsity girls basketball team slipped past Ridgecroft School 46-45 on Tuesday (Jan. 3) in a Tarheel Independent Conference game at home.

The victory snapped the Rams' 16-game TIC win streak and was the first over Ridgecroft in three tries for Lawrence this season.

LA head coach Lee Hoffman said the difference in this win and the losses against the Rams was two-fold.

"We made some big shots in big situations, and defensively we ex-

ecuted our game plan to hold down their scorers," he said.

Baker hit one of two free throws with seven seconds left to secure the win.

After falling behind early in its previous two losses against Ridgecroft, Lawrence bolted to a 13-1 lead behind Baker and Edmondson, but the Rams rallied to cut the deficit to five at the end of the quarter.

A late run in the second stanza helped Ridgecroft pull within a point at halftime (24-23).

McKenzie Brown, who finished with 16 points for Ridgecroft, gave her

team a six-point advantage late in the third quarter (37-31), and her basket to start the final stanza made it an eight-point lead.

Lawrence finished the game with a 15-6 run, including seven straight points (Baker and Katlynn Stotesberry), a key go-ahead bucket from Edmondson and then Baker's winning foul shot.

Baker led the Warriors with 25 points, while Edmondson added eight points, Rebekah Goodwin chipped in six and Katlyn Stotesberry had four.



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Lawrence Academy's Lauren Baker and Savannah Stevens (No. 20) celebrate after defeating Ridgecroft last week.

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Bethel Assembly Christian Academy's Daniel Castello (No. 14) looks to convert a rebound into points against Albemarle.

Eagles hold off Albemarle

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WINDSOR-THE Eagles of Bethel Assembly Christian Academy bested the Colts of Albemarle School by a final score of 63-57 this past Thursday night in a non-conference match up.

Although the game was not necessarily a

high scoring affair, the pace of the contest was blistering.

BACA junior guard Josh Bunch opened up the scoring at the 6:15 mark of the first quarter with a 2-point basket. The ensuing minutes were neck and neck, before the Eagles went on a 9-2 run to close out the first period. BACA

led going into the second quarter by a margin of 14-8.

Albemarle started the second quarter with a run of their own, outscoring the Eagles 11-2 within the first five minutes of the quarter.

BACA freshman Lucas Doughtie hit a 3-point basket at the 1:11 mark in the second period

giving the Eagles a 22-21 advantage. The two teams traded baskets in the final minute of the quarter, BACA led 24-23 entering halftime.

Albemarle struck first to open up the second half, making the tally 25-24 in its favor.

The Eagles quickly

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Falcons sweep Aces

EDENTON - The Falcons flew away with a varsity sweep.

Bertie High School emerged with two Northeastern Coastal 2A Conference wins over John A. Holmes last Tuesday (Jan. 3), taking the boys game 45-42 and the girls game 53-41.

In the boys game, Bertie (2-2 NEC, 3-9 overall) earned its third win of the season by outscoring the Aces 9-6 in overtime.

Jaqwan Baylor led the Falcons with 12 points, while Quatravis Riddick added 11 and Joshua Burden provided 10.

Bertie finished with a whopping 65 rebounds (36 defensive, 29 offensive) as Baylor grabbed 17, Riddick and Burden added 13 each and Marcus Philyaw hauled in 10.

Baylor and Jamarri White each blocked a pair of shots.

In the girls game, Bertie remained unbeaten in the NEC (4-0) and overall (12-0) despite trailing 7-6 at the end of the first quarter.

The Falcons outscored the Aces 16-12 in the second stanza, 19-11 in the third session and 12-11 in the fourth to keep their unblemished record intact.

Akyia King led Bertie with 19 points, while Autum Morings added

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