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Bethel sweeps Gramercy in quadrupleheader

ASKEWVILLE - Four games, four victories.

The varsity and junior varsity basketball teams from Bethel Assembly Christian Academy pulled off a quadrupleheader sweep Friday over Gramercy.

The BACA boys erased a four-point deficit by outscoring the Warriors 22-8 in the fourth quarter to win 53-43 in the final game.

Caleb Simmons poured in 25 points to lead Bethel (6-5 overall). Josh Bunch added

13 points, while Paul Northcott chipped in nine points.

Daniel Castello led the Eagles on the boards by pulling down 10 rebounds and added a pair of blocks. Northcott and Mason Dunlow grabbed eight rebounds each.

In the varsity girls contest, Bethel pulled away in the fourth quarter to claim a 33-24 victory, improving to 6-2 overall.

The Eagles led 20-18 after three quarters and then outscored Gramer-

cy 13-6 in the final session.

Sarah Conner finished with 10 points on 5 of 7 shooting.

Makayla Ball added seven points, while Jenna Dunlow chipped in six points.

Jamie Burkett controlled the boards for the Eagles with 10 rebounds. Dunlow pulled down nine rebounds.

Ball and Haley Northcott contributed five and four rebounds, respectively.

BACA's junior varsity

boys remained unbeaten (11-0) with a 49-31 triumph in the second game of the day.

The Eagles outscored the Warriors in every quarter - 13-8 in the first, 9-5 in the second, 12-11 in the third and 15-7 in the fourth.

Kyle Cullipher led a balanced Bethel offensive attack with 14 points. Four others added eight points each: Mason Dunlow, Mason Askew, Lucas Doughtie and Brandon Ball.

Dunlow, Doughtie and

Adam Hoggard grabbed seven rebounds each, while Ball had six boards and Cullipher five.

Hoggard and Dunlow each blocked three shots to spark the Bethel defense, while Doughtie added two blocks.

Cullipher (four), Ball (three) and Askew (three) combined for 10 of the Eagles' 11 steals.

The BACA junior varsity girls (6-5) started the day with a 30-12 win over Gramercy.

The Eagles held just a 9-8 lead at halftime

but rolled in the second half, outscoring the Warriors 21-4.

Haley Northcott and Sarah Conner led BACA with 10 points each, while Kayley Minton chipped in six points.

Northcott (13) and Sheree Harrell (eight) combined for more than half of the Eagles' rebounding total.

Northcott and Harrell each added five steals to help the defense, while Minton and Conner provided four and three, respectively.

BHS boys fall

AHOSKIE - Three players in double figures, but no victory.

Bertie High School's varsity boys basketball team suffered an 85-65 loss to Northeastern Coastal 2A Conference rival Hertford County on Friday.

The Falcons dropped to 2-3 in the conference and 3-11 overall under first-year head coach Derrick Bond.

Bertie was able to stay with Hertford County in the first period and trailed by just one (15-14) after eight minutes.

The Bears began to pull away, outscoring the Falcons 19-13 in the second quarter and 25-16 in the third for a 59-43 lead. A 26-22 edge in the final session sealed the win.

Quatavis Riddick poured in 24 points on 9 of 18 shooting to lead

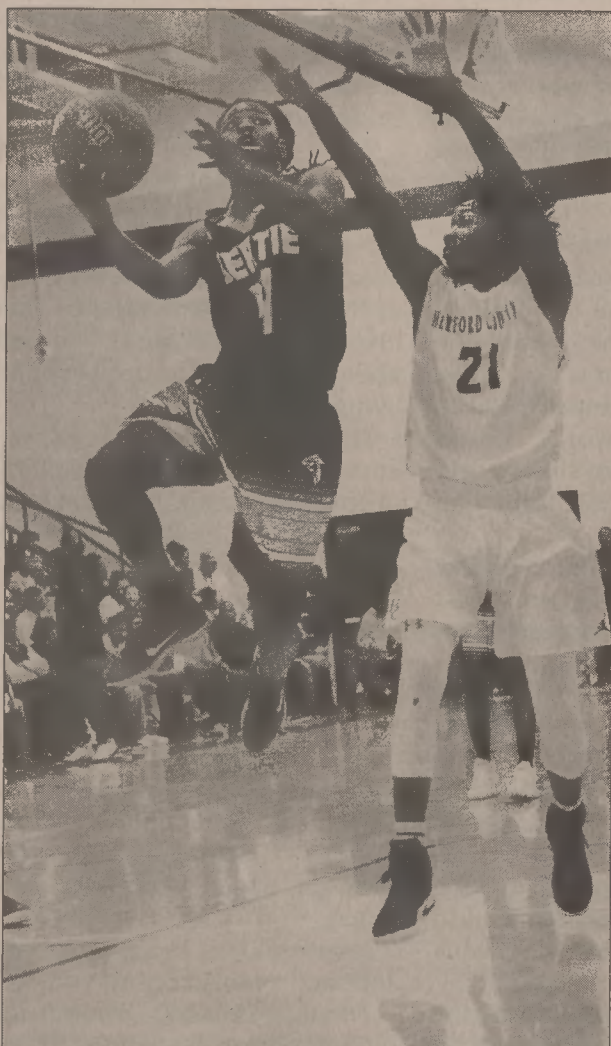
Bertie. Erick Speight and Alden Cottle provided 14 points each for the Falcons, who shot 47 percent (25 of 63) from the field.

Speight hauled in 10 rebounds for Bertie, while Speight and Jaqwan Baylor managed six each. Cottle and Riddick contributed three steals apiece.

On Thursday, Bertie went outside of conference play and suffered a 69-45 loss at home to J.H. Rose.

The Rampants used edges in the first quarter (20-8) and fourth period (21-9) to establish their margin of victory. The Falcons played them even in the second and third quarters.

Bertie plays Currituck at home Friday. The Falcons play at Riverside on Saturday.



Bertie's Deontre Bryant (No. 4) lays it up against Hertford County.

Chowan games on ESPN3

MURFREESBORO - The NCAA has selected the January 18, 2017 doubleheader between Chowan University and Virginia State University for its Division II Basketball Showcase lineup. The women's game will tipoff at 5:30 p.m. with the men to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Center on the campus of Virginia State University. The game will stream live on ESPN3 and be accessible on WatchESPN and the ESPN app.

Women's game: <http://bit.ly/cuvsuw0118>

Men's game: <http://bit.ly/cuvsu0118>

With the links above, fans will need to log in to WatchESPN using their credentials from their WatchESPN affiliated provider (i.e., Mediacom, Charter, Time Warner Cable) Please note that their provider must have an agreement with ESPN to watch the games and most of the content on the site. A list of affiliated providers can be found here. Those who are on a college campus or military base will not need to log in.

Currently the CU women's basketball program is 11-5 overall and 4-2 in the CIAA. They are coming off a 69-57 road loss to CIAA Southern Division opponent, Winston-Salem State University. Senior forward Jordan Payne leads the squad in scoring with 14.5 points and outing and 11.0 rebounds a game.

The CU men's program is currently 10-4 overall and 4-2 in league play. The Hawks are paced by senior forward Jeremy Smith who is averaging 15.7 points game and 8.6 rebounds an outing. Chowan most recently suffered a 80-75 loss at Winston-Salem State University on Monday night.

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