Phoenix comeback falls short

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ROBERSONVILLE - A rally by Bertie's boys came up short in the fourth period as South Creek picked up its third win of the season with a 68-56 triumph Feb. 1 in middle school basketball action.

The Cougar girls scored 11 points in a row to close the first quarter and went on to defeat the Phoenix 41-25 to start the sweep.

The boys teams went back and forth in the first quarter until a three-pointer gave the Cougars a 12-8 lead.

The Phoenix tried to keep it close with offense from Kelvin Rascoe, who scored 11 Williams, Vance Rogers, Zy'Kevious Sherrod to sion. outscore the visitors 21advantage.

ter Rascoe's free throws (54-45) with 2:51 remain- could get was eight wah Jones - to take a quarter. cut the deficit to two ing in the game. (21-19) with 2:15 left.



points in the second Above: Bertie Middle School guard Kenzaria Askew moves stanza, but South Creek the ball upcourt against South Creek; (right) Kelvin Rascoe countered with Xaviar drives to the basket against the Cougars.

12 of the last 16 points play by Cam'ron Harrell with 1:23 left. of the second period af- to cut the deficit to nine The closest Bertie points - all from Kearyk- with 4:45 left in the Askew and Yasmonasia

Bertie used free Phoenix rose again with minute. 15 for a 33-23 halftime throws from Timothy three straight buckets Thompson and Evan from Harrell, trimming tie grabbed an early 3-2 22-5 at halftime with was the fourth, when The Cougars amassed Wells and a three-point the margin to nine again lead on before South their only basket com- it scored 10 points

points (62-54) on a free 13-3 advantage.

In the girls game, Ber- The Phoenix trailed

South Creek extended frey Cobb and two free 48.9 seconds showing, struggle offensively in who started the third in the final quarter. its advantage to 52-34 at throws from Williams The Phoenix managed the second quarter, and quarter with a basket

Jaheim Thompson and the end of the third ses- pushed the Cougars lead just one basket (from South Creek added to and ended it with two back to 13 before the Thompson) in the final its lead behind Jones free throws to give the and Bailey Hughes.

Creek scored 11 straight ing from Jessica Stokes (Bryona West, Kenzaria

But the visitors had

Cougars a 28-15 edge.

Bertie's best quarter Boone).

Jones had nine of Two buckets by Jef- throw by Rascoe with Bertie continued to no answer for Jones, South Creek's 13 points

Northeastern staves off Bertie boys

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WINDSOR - This past the quarter.

Thursday night the Ber-Northeastern.

Bertie fought back mark.

out swinging, starting play ensued, Bertie was vantage at the break. the contest on an 11-0 able to make adjust- Bertie continued to close the third.

run, holding the Fal- ments to stunt the prog- battle as second half cons scoreless through ress of the Eagles.

Bertie tie High School Falcons Jaqwan Baylor scored of the second quarter of the third quarter, cuthosted the Eagles of the first basket for the making the score 37-31. ting the Eagles lead to Falcons at the 3:59 Northeastern dialed seven at 49-42.

play got under way.

the first four minutes of Falcon's junior Qua- Baylor scored off of a travis Riddick nailed a put-back from an offensophomore triple at the 1:48 mark sive rebound at the 5:22

up the full court pres- The two teams traded from an early deficit, Northeastern contin- sure to end the quarter, baskets for the following but the Eagles came out ued on its run, pushing forcing several turn- minutes, Bertie senior on top by a score of 83- their lead to 24-11 at the overs in the final min- Erick Speight scored on end of the first quarter. utes of the half giving a drive to the basket, Northeastern came As second quarter themselves a 44-32 ad- making the score 62-55 in favor of the Eagles to

As the game's final quarter began, Northeastern continued with the full court pressure, which eventually proved too much for the Falcons to overcome.

Riddick hit 1-of-2 from the free throw line bringing Bertie back to within seven at a score of 77-70 favoring the Eagles with 1:44 left to play in the game.

Northeastern nected on their free throws to close out the contest, warding off the Falcons' comeback.

The loss was part of a three-game week in which Bertie fell to J.A. Holmes 68-62 at home at Greenville Rose.



Jan. 30 and 67-45 Friday Bertie guard Alden Cottle fires the three-point shot during last week's conference game at home against Northeastern.

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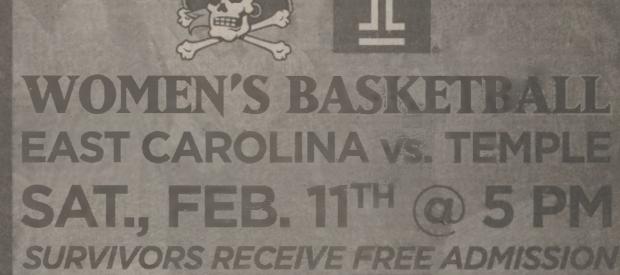
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