### Bertie

From B1

seed from the NEC, gave Bertie fits in the first half, despite trailing big early.

Both teams had trouble hitting shots against the other's zone defense in the first quarter.

However, Lady Falcon Nyasia Barnes who scored seven points in the stanza on a pair of three-pointers and a free throw gave Bertie a 12-3 lead.

Carlisa Spivey and Akia Jordan also had buckets in the quarter.

Pasquotank (14-9 overall) chipped away at the lead in the second quarter, pulling within a point on two free throws before a free throw by Jomiya Early gave Bertie a 21-19 lead at halftime.

The Panthers needed just 16 seconds in the third quarter to tie the score at 21, but back-to-back triples by Spivey and Early and a bucket from Autum Morings gave the Falcons the lead back, 29-21.

Pasquotank ended that run with a basket, but Bertie finished the third quarter on an 11-2 run and the defense held the Panthers to two points in the final 3:26.

Barnes started the streak with a basket at 4:14, then Jordan converted a pass from Spivey to make it 33-23, prompting a Pasquotank timeout at 3:11.

That did little to quell the Falcons' momentum.

Early scored on a fast-break assist from Spivey, Akyia King added two free throws and then converted an old-fashioned threepoint play to give the top seed control.

The Panthers could only get the deficit down to 14 points, which happened four times in the final session.

Early (three-pointer), Morings (basket), King (three straight buckets), Morings again (basket) and Spivey (bucket underneath) helped the Falcons pull away for the championship.

King led Bertie with 16 points while Barnes added 13. Early, Spivey and Morings chipped in nine, eight and seven points, respectively.

The Falcons held a 34-23 edge in rebounding, as Morings grabbed 11, Spivey had eight and King provided seven.

Bertie had advanced to the championship game with a 49-21 win over No. 4 seed John A. Holmes (Edenton) in the semifinals.







Scenes from last Friday's Northeastern Coastal 2A Conference girls basketball tournament at Northeastern High School, clockwise from top: The Lady Falcons celebrate with all the hardware after beating Pasquotank for the title; Akiya King drives for a layup; Jomiya Early lines up her three-pointer.

## Champs

From **B1** percent from the field ship game. After a break, Bethel 28 rebounds.

returned at 6 p.m. for a semifinal round contest nine rebounds while managed 13. against Gramercy Chris- Hoggard added seven The Eagles outscored four.

the Warriors in every stanza (15-8 in the first, 8-4 in the second, 10-7 ons and finished its per- in the game thanks to in the third and 14-11 in fect season with a 55-43 a trio of three-pointer the fourth) to take a 47- triumph over host New from Caleb Eason, and 30 victory. Doughtie again led the emy in the champion- with 20 points.

Eagles in scoring with ship game. 15 points, while Askew provided 12, Cullipher cent from the floor (21- for Bethel, grabbing 14 had eight and Hoggard for-52), while NBCA rebounds. chipped in six.

Dunlow and Ball contributed four and two points, respectively.

(23-for-46) and grabbed

On Saturday, Bethel offense for BACA. became state champi-

made 15 of 32 shots for 47 percent.

three players in double five each. The Eagles shot 50 figures in the champion-

Doughtie 17 had points, while Dunlow Doughtie hauled in added 14 and Cullipher

Askew (six points), and Askew chipped in Ball (four) and Hoggard (one) also contributed

NBCA was able to stay Bern Christian Acad- Zeke Atha led his team

Dunlow was also a ma-Bethel shot 40 per- jor factor on the boards

Doughtie added six rebounds, and Cullipher The Eagles placed and Hoggard chipped in

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