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Heels make me nervous

The nervous feeling I can't shake serves as a reminder just how spoiled I am as a UNC fan.

As I write this, my beloved Tar Heels are one of the best teams in the country. They are coming off impressive wins against Virginia and Louisville with upcoming rematches against the Cavaliers and Blue Devils to end regular season play.

With a 25-5 record, a likely top five ranking and a piece of the ACC regular season championship already clinched, I should be elated.

If N.C. State fans found themselves in a similar situation, they would be planning parties and parades. I on the other hand am waiting for something bad to happen.

Will we lose any opportunity we have a number one seed in the NCAA tournament by falling to Virginia or Duke this week? Will we have an injury dur-

Bertie girls break 'curse'

Falcons stop Jackets, reach 4th round

BY THADD WHITE Bertie Ledger-Advance

WINDSOR - More than Athletic talk.

never about winning night. the league title or earnif it would be the year weeks later. the Lady Falcons could "break the third round didn't come easy. curse."

It was.

a place in the North the end of the stanza. Carolina High School Eastern The buzz surround- That contest, played at low Jackets, but Autum ing this year's varsity home against Bartlett Morings answered with girls basketball team at Yancey, finished too late a pair of free throws for Bertie High School was for press time Tuesday the Lady Falcons. Af-

ing 20 victories. While Roanoke Rapids twice Jackets a lead, Akia Jorboth were important to in the regular season - dan scored from behind first-year skipper Kel- 50-30 at home in early the arc seconds before vin Hayes and his staff, December and 53-37 at Carlisa Spivey did the many fans wondered Roanoke Rapids two same as Bertie pushed

Winning a third time Roanoke Rapids ral-

the first quarter, with Steward before Vann hit The Lady Falcons neither team able to a floater with 3:02 to broke open a close gain more than a fourgame and pulled away point edge, and the Fal-

for 56-41 victory to earn cons leading 13-12 at

Anna Vann started the Association scoring with an early Semi-Final. hoop for the Lady Yelter two shots from the Bertie had beaten charity stripe gave the ahead 8-4.

lied with free throws The teams battled in from Vann and Michelle



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Bertie senior Autum Morings controls the tip during the Fal-See BERTIE, page B2 cons' third-round victory over Roanoke Rapids

Falcons land at ECSU Williams follows father, brother onto college gridiron CHARGE CHARGE CONTRACT **BY JIM GREEN**

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WINDSOR - Greg Williams always dreamed of playing college football as he watched his brother, Desmond Williams at Old Dominion University, and most recently, Bertie High School alum Malcom Cherry, who was a standout at Elizabeth City State University. Now, Williams - the 18-year-old son of Greg Williams Sr. and Tina Mitchell of Lewiston Woodville - gets his opportunity, as he committed to play for ECSU this fall.

ing ACC tournament play that impacts us during the big dance? Will we have a bad shooting day against a team who, by facing UNC in the early rounds of the NCAA tournament, is playing he biggest game in the history of their program?

These things are not just possible, they have already happened.

Sixty Eight teams go into March Madness and only one doesn't lose the last game of their season. Winning a Siemens Trophy requires a unique and concentrated blend of coaching, talent, experience and luck.

Coaching is something my Heels have. Not just in Roy Williams, but one of the best benches in college basketball.

They also have talent and experience, and in the right places. Talent is required at all five positions and at least three deep on your bench. Carolina's rotation thus far in-



Joining Greg Williams (seated center) were (front row, left) grandfather Curtis Mitchell and sister Kristin Mitchell; (back row) See WILLIAMS, page B3 father Greg Williams Sr. and mother Tina Mitchell.

Cherry gets second chance after recovering from injury

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WINDSOR — Corey Cherry is getting a second chance to play college football.

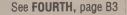
.Cherry, a 5'9" running back at Bertie High School, will attend Elizabeth City State University this fall and continue his career on the gridiron.

Cherry, the 18-yearold son of Andre Cherry and Tarvara Pugh, had several offers from Division-I schools, but suffered a season-ending MCL injury on Aug. 6 – his birthday.

"It was the first day we had practice with pads," Cherry said. "It



Joining Corey Cherry (seated, center) were his parents, Andre Cherry and Tarvara Pugh; (second row) Daphne Williams (Bertie STEM Principal), Dora Harris (grandmother), Patrick Berryman (uncle), Katrina Berryman (aunt) and James Cherry' (grandfa-See CHERRY, page B3 ther).



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