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# Fourth

From B1 the farm to move up one spot and draft Mitch Trubisky. Even more puzzling to me was their selection of tight end Adam Shaheen in the second round. Shaheen is a guy that looks impressive in shorts and a t-shirt but nobody ever

heard of until the Bears drafted him. A second round pick is too value for a project.

The Browns appear to have been winners however with ten draft selections, they were all but guaranteed to get a few right and a few wrong. Myles Garrett should make an impact

right away and, given how often the Browns utilize dime coverage, Jabrill Peppers' ability to cover a receiver and his willingness to come up and stop the run should prove valuable. While not as celebrated a pick as his new teammates, tight end David Njoku out of Miami is

another player I expect will earn both playing time and his salary in his rookie year.

Another loser in this year's draft were the Bengals. They used their first round pick on a wide receiver that ran the fastest 40 yard dash in combine history but can't stay healthy. They

used their second round pick on a running back that, while talented, is best known for punching a woman in the face. The Bengals lost two of their starting offensive linemen in free agency during the offseason and they responded by drafting a single offensive tackle...in the fifth

round. What teams stood out to you in this year's draft? Email me and let me know.

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# Softball

From B1 and two walks.

Goodwin (double) and Wilkerson, Stotesberry and Edmondson (singles) sparked the three-run third stanza.

Stotesberry allowed just one hit through five innings to pick up the win on the mound. She

struck out seven and walked four.

In Thursday's win over Ridgcroft - a win that sealed the TIC regular season title - the Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 advantage, but then had to rally after the Rams scored three times in the top of the third inning to take the

lead. Lawrence took the lead for good with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third frame and two more in the fourth.

In the third frame, Rogers singled, and two outs later, hits by Stotesberry and Lauren Smith produced the runs.

The two-run fourth

was highlighted by hits from Lauren Baker, Megan Davenport, Stotesberry and Edmondson.

Ridgcroft sliced the deficit to one run (6-5) with two runs in the top of the fifth inning, but Lawrence tacked on its final run in the bottom of the sixth when Rogers walked, moved up

on a passed ball and scored on Stotesberry's fielder's choice. Stotesberry paced Lawrence with three hits while Baker and Lauren Smith added two each.

Collecting one hit were Davenport, Rogers, Goodwin, Edmondson and Lindsay Smith.

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# Baseball

From B1 then scored on another Ridgcroft miscue.

Nixon Rascoe followed with a single, and one out later, Austin Wynne moved the runners up with a sacrifice bunt. The Rams were able to get the final out on a liner to shortstop, avoiding further damage.

Ridgcroft threatened in the top of the seventh inning by putting a runner at third with two outs, but Lawrence reliever Slade Cowan coaxed a strikeout for

the final out.

Cowan recorded the last six outs to earn the save for the Warriors.

He struck out three, didn't issue a walk and allowed one hit and one earned run in the last two innings.

Miller Trowell, who worked the first five frames on the hill, picked up the victory for Lawrence. He gave up three hits and two runs while striking out seven and walking five.

Lawrence took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning on a single by Cowan, a dou-

ble by Jarrett Harrell, an error, and a fielder's choice by Charles Atkins.

Cowan led Lawrence at the plate by going 2-for-3, while Harrell, Atkins (double) and White collected the other hits.

Lawrence is the No. 1 seed for the TIC Tournament. The Warriors will play the winner of No. 4 Ridgcroft vs. No. 5 Northeast at home at 5 p.m. today (Wednesday) in the semifinals.

The championship game is set for 5 p.m. Thursday.

# Tennis

From B1 defeated Weglarz and Styons 8-5 at No. 1 doubles; Razlaff and Joe Ward held off Wynn and Gibbs 8-6 at No. 2 doubles; and Harrell and Melim eased past Shonback and Dickens 8-2 at No. 3 doubles.

In a match April 26, Lawrence suffered a 5-4 loss to Wayne Country Bear Grass Charter's lone win came at No. 2 singles, where Nick Weglarz defeated Jeb Ivey 8-3.

Lawrence swept the three doubles events. Corbett and Ivey

over Gray Langston, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8.

Harrell defeated Will Rose 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5 singles, while Guo defeated Michael Gees 6-4, 6-2 at No. 6 singles.

Wayne Country Day earned straight-sets wins at No. 1, No. 2 and No. 4 singles.

The visitors then managed to take two of three doubles events to seal the match.

Lawrence's doubles win came from the No. 3 duo of Harrell and Melim, who defeated Rose

shot put (42-09) and was second in the discus (112-00).

Greg Williams took second place in the 100-meter dash (10.5), while Tyrese Harris earned second in the 400-meter dash (56.5).

Hughstin Battle was second in the 110-meter hurdles (15.3).

Jamarri Satterthwaite was third in the discus (103-09) to pick up the final Bertie points.

On the girls side, Clark earned all of Bertie's points by finishing second in the 100-meter dash (12.9) and the

200-meter dash (27.3).

Other top-five finishes for Bertie included:

- Boys 400 relay (Christopher Cooper, Jacori Vaughn, Greg Williams, Hughstin Battle) third (47.0)
- Jacori Vaughn: fifth in 200 (23.7)
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- Destiny Clark: fifth in long jump (12-05)

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## BERTIE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

# Falcons complete schedule; conference meet next

## Thomas wins shot put in finale

WINTERVILLE - Bertie High School's track team completed their regular-season schedule with a tri-meet with Riverside and South Central.

The Falcons finished third overall behind South Central and Riverside in both the boys and girls divisions.

The Falcon boys amassed 19 points, 10 of them in throwing events.

The Bertie girls accumulated six points, all from Destiny Clark.

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# Second

From B1 The Falcons also were aggressive on the basepaths, stealing 22 bases in 22 attempts.

Megan Williams swiped five, Jessi Mizelle and Stephanie Castelloe added four each, Kaleigh Freeman and Shanindra Outlaw and

Cydney Johnson managed two each and Bri Forehand, Byrum and Carley Dawson stole one base each.

## Falcon Club will meet on May 22

The Bertie Falcon Club will hold its end-of-the-year / annual meeting at 7 p.m. on May 22 at Martin Community College Bertie Campus. The Falcon Club is asking all members and potential members to attend.

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