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Bertie

From B1
scrimmage. The senior running back then added a 21-yard scamper four plays later as Pasquotank moved the football inside the Falcon 30-yard line.

The Bertie defense, however, stepped up and held the Panthers thanks in part to a tackle for loss by Cheeseboro and Nate Cherry.

The next threat also came from Pasquotank as the Panthers drove from their own 42-yard line to the Bertie 12, only to be turned away on fourth-and-goal from the 12.

In each of their wins, the Falcons have had a signature drive, and they found that late in the second quarter. After taking over at their own 12, the BHS offense drove 88 yards for a touchdown just before the half.

Williams, Askew and Dequandre White all had key runs on the drive. Askew had carries of 15 and 16 yards while White rushed for 10 and 13 yards on sep-

arate carries. The score came when Williams went in from the 3-yard line. The conversion run failed, but Bertie led 14-0 with 1:26 to play in the first half.

The Panthers looked to have another promising drive going late in the second quarter, but Darius Rascoe stepped in front of a pass and ended the threat with an interception.

Williams took a knee and allowed the Falcons to head into the intermission with a two-touchdown lead.

Rascoe again helped the Falcons as the second half started, recovering a fumble that gave Bertie possession at the PCHS 45-yard line.

It took just two plays for Bertie to score when Williams to connect with Jamarii White on a 44-yard scoring pass. The conversion failed, but Bertie led 20-0 with 10:59 still to play in the third quarter.

The final score for the Falcons came on defense when Marcus Philyaw picked off a

pass and returned it 76 yards for a score. Williams added the conversion, and Bertie led 28-0.

Pasquotank had one additional threat in the fourth quarter, but again the Falcon defense rose to the occasion and thwarted their efforts, sealing the shutout victory. It was the first shutout win for Bertie since Oct. 17, 2014 when the Falcons blanked Currituck 26-0.

Askew led the offensive attack with 151 yards on 19 carries. Williams was 3-for-5 passing for 70 yards, and recorded a 143.8 quarterback rating.

Defensively, Emonte Mebane led the attack with seven tackles, while Keyuntra Lee added six tackles and Jordin Morning had five.

Bertie and Northeastern will meet with first place in the league on the line Friday night in Elizabeth City. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

QUEEN, KING AT BERTIE MIDDLE



Bertie Middle School crowned its 2017 Homecoming King and Queen (left) at halftime of the recent football game against Riverside Middle at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium. The queen was Akia Williams, while the king was DeJuonte Vinson.

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LA JV football earns victory

From Staff Reports

ROCKY MOUNT - Lawrence Academy's junior varsity football team slipped past Faith Christian 24-20 last week.

The Warriors took an 8-0 lead in the first quarter when Logan

Whitfield scored on a 31-yard run and Charles Atkins added the two-point conversion.

Lawrence led 16-14 in the third quarter on a 23-yard run by Atkins and the conversion by Wheeler.

The Warriors took a 24-20 advantage in the

fourth quarter when Wheeler ripped off a 48-yard run and then added the conversion.

The Warriors' defense held Faith Christian at midfield with 2:30 remaining and then ran the clock out to preserve the victory.

Fourth

From B1
ter a good play. Please don't make noise when your basketball team is at the free throw line or your futbol team is taking PKs (penalty kicks). Keep in mind, how-

ever, that for all of these scenarios, make as much noise as possible when it's the opposing team involved.

Most importantly though, be respectful. I always cheer on my teams, I occasionally boo

officials, I stand up and scream on third down defensive stands and I encourage those around me to do the same.

What I don't do, and what I won't allow others around me to do, is be rude or inappropri-

ate to others. Regarding this, I don't care what color jersey anyone is wearing.


That last sentence isn't entirely true. I won't be silent while someone around me at a game becomes a bully, but I do

care what color they are wearing, especially if I am wearing it too.


Be a fan...be early, be loud, be passionate, be animated, be strategic. Please though, don't embarrass your fellow fans, friends and family

by being a jerk. If you do, you might find yourself on the internet too.

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