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25,000 students.

For someone who has opportunity. grown up in small town and whom has attend- at how quickly this all plate because, "I can ed a small school her came together," Rogers see everything going on whole life, the thought said. "I still haven't re- on every single play. of becoming a Pirate ally taken it in yet." was a daunting proposition.

never really an option ever since, despite a catcher, you have to because I don't play adding volleyball and communicate with your travel ball. I played basketball to her ath- pitcher but primarily it's travel ball when I was letic pursuits in middle all you because you're younger, but the only school - first at Terra calling pitches and have time I play now is in- Ceia Christian School a lot more control of season," she said.

about ECU at all when (eighth grade-present). I stepped to the side and looked at the size," Rogers added. "I am not used to a big school part of my life since I ...ECU has twenty-some was 5 or 6 years old; I thousand, and Barton used to play it when I has a little more than was little and I loved it," a thousand (students). she said. "Ever since I since I decided to play The thought of ECU just was young, it became a college ball," Rogers scared me."

attention and focus to the time that it became ter player and better Barton.

Rogers sent updated stats and other informa- I would do without it," she friendship with all of my tion to Bailey with help added. "I don't know how teammates and I think from her (now) former I would even live without that comes from being head coach at LA, Kris- it. It's been my favorite at a small school." tin White.

Bailey sent her a list

face-to-face with Rogers and her Warriors' recent string parents led to Bailey of TIC championships offering her a scholar- and state tournament ship to play for the Bull- appearances. This past dogs.

game," she said. "He Schools Class 1A state be available, and Toursaid I have speed, and championship series nament T-shirts will be

From **B1** on his team." Rogers still can't be- ished second.

lieve she is getting this

"I stopped thinking grades) and at Lawrence said.

ball her best sport.

way of life because I got said. "They have always So, Rogers turned her so used to playing it all tried to make me a betnatural to me.

sport, for sure."

Rogers has started honor roll student at of his prospect camps, on the varsity team at Lawrence, and Rogers attended LA since eighth grade, study nursing at Barone of them in October. has earned numerous ton. Shortly therafter, a All-TIC awards and has meeting been a key cog in the season, she helped Law- up) for both days of the "He said he could re- rence reach the North tournament. ally tell that I know the Carolina Independent said he wanted speed against Halifax Acade- sold for \$12 each.

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my before the team fin-

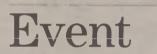
While she has enjoyed both positions, Rogers "I was very surprised likes being behind the

"Being in the outfield, Rogers started play- you have other people ing softball at 5 years you have to rely on to "East Carolina was old and loved the sport communicate with. As (fifth through seventh what can happen," she

> She credits her coach-Rogers considers soft- es and teammates for their support and help "Softball has been a throughout the years.

> "The people I've played with and coached me have been very supportive of me, especially person, and they have. "I don't even know what And, I have a very strong

Rogers, a consistent plans to



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Bertie defenders XXX (No. 3) and XXX (No. 10) close in against a Northeastern runner. Bertie football's season ends at Northeastern

BY THADD WHITE Bertie Ledger-Advance

close Friday night'.

Northeastern School in the opening round of the North 2A playoffs.

consecutive Bertie football boss years at the helm. Grantley Mizelle has Principal Tony Hog- like it Friday night. gard was directing the tunes.

season with a change night's first score. dictated by circum-

mark and a tie atop the play in the first guarter. league standings.

ELIZABETH CITY - Ber- week to perennial league nior Lacurtis Askew as tie High School's foot- heavyweight Northeast- the second drive for the ball season came to a ern was followed by an visitors began. Unfortuinjury-riddled close to nately for the Falcons, The Falcons, who the campaign that saw Askew was stopped finished 4-8, dropped the Falcons still nearly on third down and the a 55-0 decision to end the 10-year drought Falcons were forced to High against arch rival Hert- punt. ford County.

Carolina High School of rebuilding a program again, the Falcon de-Athletic Association that has two state titles fense stopped them on - 1995 and 2000 - to its fourth down at the Ber-While the Falcons credit, Mizelle was able tie 4-yard line. suffered a first round to lead his team back to defeat for the second the postseason for the move field position, year, second time in his two however, and punted

guided his team to the were back in the playfirst consecutive play- offs, their foe was the Northeastern took adoff appearances since state's top-ranked team vantage, scoring on its 2007 and 2008 when in Northeastern High - third play from scrimcurrent BHS Assistant and the Eagles looked mage when Traveon

Falcons' football for- from scrimmage, North- out. Freshwater added Bertie started the on three plays for the Northeastern led 23-0

J.R. Walker broke free the second quarter. stances. The Falcons' for a 26-yard scoring

the Eagles struck pay-

Bertie picked up sev-

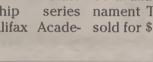
A loss the following en yards on runs by se-

As the Eagles ap-Despite the struggles peared ready to score

The Falcons couldn't the ball away provid-While the Falcons ing excellent field position for the host team. Freshwater carried the On the first drive football in from 19 yards eastern went 60 yards the conversion, and with 11:15 remaining in

The Eagles scored returning quarterback run with 10:35 to play three more times in the moved out of the dis- in the fist quarter. The first half - on a run by trict, leaving the team conversion by Parker Holden Hodge, an interin the hands of sopho- Betts was good, and the ception return by Wade Staten and a 50-yard Following a Bertie touchdown pass as time A victory over Mar- punt, the Eagles set expired in the second quarter. Northeastern led 43-0 at halftime.







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more quarterback lsa- Eagles led 7-0. iah Williams.

tin County neighbor up at their own 37-Riverside High School yard line, and fumbled started the season, on the first play from their feet in the non- ball back for Northeastconference slate, fin- ern. Five plays later round of the playoffs. ishing 2-4.

An upset Pasquotank gave the cessful, and Northeast- cesses of 2017. Falcons a 4-4 overall ern led 15-0 with 7:18 to

Fourth

UNI, Williams fought

through screens, dove

for loose balls, moved

his feet more than his

time a shot went up. If

the ultra athletic Sev-

enth Woods, expend as

ny Williams. Against

ing backcourts. Should an opposing guard manage to get past their defender and make it into the paint, they are hands and found some- likely to find themselves longtime sports writer one to box out every amongst the trees. The Tar Heels frontcourt is these two, along with long with six players and his family currently over 6'8" on the roster.

much energy and focus that any of you fly to Ve- via e-mail at fourthandon the defensive side of gas and put your child's longcolumn@gmail.com.

solation at 10 a.m.; var-

From **B1** the court as they do the college tuition on North offensive side, they will Carolina to win it all. wreak havoc on oppos- Just don't be shocked if you read a column of mine in April titled "I Told You So."

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7:15 p.m., followed by p.m.; JV girls champi-Northeast vs. Bethel at onship at 2:15 p.m.; JV 8:45 p.m.

urday) features seven championship at 4:45 contests.

follows: JV boys con- p.m.

The final day (Sat- 3:30 p.m.; varsity girls p.m. and varsity boys served throughout the The schedule is as championship at 6:15 event.

After the tournament, From B1 sity girls consolation at the awards will be pre-11:15 p.m.; varsity boys sented, including the takes on Ridgecroft at consolation at 12:45 scholarships given out in memory of Baggett.

Admission is \$5 for boys championship at adults and \$3 for students.

Concessions will be

The host team added but overall the Fal- scrimmage, but an alert two more scores in the cons struggled to gain Damar Sutton got the final half of play to advance to the second

The Falcons finished over dirt again when Walker their season and will highly regarded First scampered 12 yards for say goodbye to just over Flight and a win the a score. The two-point a dozen seniors as they following week over conversion was suc- look to build on the suc-