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Sports







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Cooking, football and hoops

As a guy that thoroughly enjoys both cooking and watching football, preparing Thanksgiving dinner is quickly becoming one of my favorite holiday traditions.

This year I spatchcocked a 20-pound turkey and dry brined it in the fridge for four days. This resulted in a juicy and delicious bird with crispy skin that required less than three hours to cook and zero prep time on the big day. That meant I had a backbone to make turkey gravy good enough to write your momma about and a lot more time to watch football. It was a wonderful recipe for a happy Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving only got better when the Tar Heels began play in Portland. The PK80 tournament gave UNC fans lots to be happy about on Thursday and Friday with goodlooking wins against Portland and Arkansas. On Saturday, my brother Russ and I headed to Raleigh for Carolina-North the Carolina State football game. I was gifted the tickets by friends (thanks Adam and Whisper) and, knowing I was going to be a ram amongst wolves, I was happy to have another Tar Heel with me. It was a tough loss and a fitting end to what has been a challenging season for Carolina football. The Tar Heels showed a lot of fight but "ran out of gas." N.C. State has a starting rotation that has not been riddled with injuries and is filled almost exclusively with upperclassmen. Pretty much the opposite of what UNC has put on the field most of the year.

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game of this season ended up like a lot of games last season. The Bertie High School varsity boys basketball team fell behind and pulled a big rally in the second half, only to fall short, 80-72 to visiting Greenville Rose Tuesday (Nov. 21)

The Falcons (0-1) trailed by as many as 12 points early in the third quarter, but pulled within two points of the Rampants (67-65) with 3:37 left in the game.

Rose was able to pull away with a gameending 13-7 run, led by Creighton Lebo, to emerge victorious.

Lebo, the son of East Carolina University mens basketball coach (and former UNC standout) Jeff Lebo, tallied 14 points in the final stanza and led all scorers with 36 points.

Bertie had its own highlight reel in the form of Tray Riddick, who poured in 32 points to lead the Falcons. Riddick's 13 points galvanized his team and the home fans, but ultimately the comeback fell short.

the advantage for several minutes in the first quarter.



WINDSOR - The first

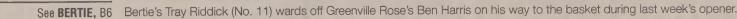
in the 2017-18 opener.

The teams traded



On a side note, it was my first time in **Carter-Finley** Stadium, and I walked away impressed with

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Lady Falcons win in debut



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Lady Falcon Daesha Smith (No. 33) shoots a three-pointer over Rose's Ty'Kierra Daniels.

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WINDSOR Nyasia -Barnes, Daesha Smith (37-24) on an old-fashand Dawaunti Combs ioned three-point play keyed a third-quarter by Smith and a free flurry as the Bertie High throw from Combs be-School girls basketball fore the Rampants finteam defeated Green- ished on a 5-0 burst to season opener on Nov. (37-29). 21.

at 22-all when Barnes to 10 to start the fourth and Smith took over in quarter, and Bertie nevthe third stanza.

throws tied it at 24, and rest of the way. after a rebound from ter.

But Barnes and Smith final seven minutes. weren't done.

ing layup, and Smith after one quarter. made one of two at the foul line then followed with another triple and

a blocked shot to keep the Bertie advantage at nine (33-24).

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The lead grew to 13 ville Rose 51-41 in its cut the deficit to eight

A bucket by Combs The teams were tied pushed the lead back er let Rose get any clos-Barnes' two free er than eight points the

The Falcons re-Combs, Smith buried a ceived some clutch ofthree-pointer that gave fense from Combs (six the Falcons the lead for points), Barnes (two good (27-24) with six free throws), Smith minutes left in the quar- (basket) and Morgan Mayzck (basket) in the

Bertie got off to a slug-Barnes had a driv- gish start, trailing 11-6

But Smith jump-start-

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