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Warrior boys still winless

Lawrence Academy's varsity boys basketball team is still without a win.

The Warriors (0-8) suffered a pair of losses last week in the Lt. Nick Brantley Tournament.

Lawrence fell 57-42 in a first-round tournament game to Pungo Christian Academy Thursday at home, and then suffered a 62-34 loss to Northeast Academy in the consolation game Friday at Ridgecroft School.

In the tourney opener, the Warriors received solid offensive games from sophomores Riley Ratzlaff and Brian Hughson but came up short in its second-half rally.

The Warriors kept it close in the first half, and trailed by just one (20-19) at the break.

Lawrence only led once in the contest, and that was 29-28 on a driving basket by Benson Zheng with 3:54 left in the third quarter. Jason Guo - who played much of the game with foul trouble - drew a charging foul on Pungo's next possession, but the Warriors missed two free throws.

PCA tied it on a free throw by Cameron Howell and took the lead for good (30-29) on a foul shot by Ryan Bishop. The Raiders finished the quarter on an 8-2 run that saw them re-



Lawrence Academy's Brian Hughson drives for a layup - two of his 15 points against Pungo Christian Academy last week.

claim the lead, 36-31.

A bucket by Ratzlaff sliced the deficit to three (36-33) just 20 seconds into the fourth stanza, but Burke Hudleston fouled out with six minutes left and the home team down four points.

Pungo then pulled away with a 13-2 run - the final three points on a triple by Chandler Cuthrell - to give the visitors a 49-35 advantage with 3:01 left.

Lawrence, which dressed just six players, then was reduced to four when Guo fouled out with 39.6 seconds left.

Ratzlaff (18 points) and Hughson (15) led Lawrence Academy.

In Friday's game, the Warriors played without Guo (family commitments) and struggled again in the first half in the consolation game against Northeast.

The Eagles led 34-10 at halftime, and eased to the win despite the Warriors holding their own offensively (24 points to Northeast's 28) in the second half.

Ratzlaff paced Lawrence with 14 points while Hughson chipped in 12. Zheng and Hudleston each pulled down seven rebounds.

Lawrence Academy girls suffer losses in Brantley tournament

Lawrence Academy's girls basketball team fell to 1-7 overall after two losses in the Lt. Nick Brantley Tournament this past week.

The Warriors opened the tournament with a 56-34 defeat to Pungo Christian Academy at home on Thursday, and then fell 50-43 to Northeast Academy Friday in the consolation game at Ridgecroft School.

In Thursday's contest against Pungo, the Warriors fell behind 8-2 at the end of the first quarter, but they rediscovered their offense in the second stanza and trailed by just two (23-21) at halftime.

Lawrence took its only lead when a three-pointer by Lauren Smith made it 24-23 early in the third quarter.

Pungo quickly regained the advantage on a basket by Rebecca Hodges, which fueled a 17-2 flurry over the rest of the quarter that vaulted the Raiders to a 42-26 lead.

Emily Spencer sparked the PCA run with seven points.

The only other points for Lawrence came on two free throws by Rebekah Goodwin at 2:48.



Lawrence Academy guard Lauern Baker avoids Pungo's Emily Spencer on the way to basket last week.

The game marked the return of Lawrence junior guard Lauren Baker, who had missed the first six games after recovering from heart surgery in late July.

Baker played about 10 minutes and finished with six points - all of them coming in the final 3:21 of the contest.

Baker drove to the basket at 3:21, made a free throw at 2:31 and then converted a steal into an old-fashioned three-point play in the waning seconds for the Warriors.

Spencer and Hodges led PCA with 11 points each, while Lauren Kellie Ricks and Riley Cut-

ler added nine each and Brinson Edmondson and Emma Allen chipped in eight points each.

Goodwin led LA with 10 points while Lindsay Smith added seven.

Against Northeast Academy, Lawrence trailed by just one (15-14) after one quarter, but the Eagles' 20-14 edge in the second stanza was enough to keep the Warriors at bay.

Lindsay Smith tallied 16 points and seven rebounds for Lawrence, while Baker and Hailey Hope Gardner added eight points each. Goodwin provided eight rebounds for the Warriors.

Fourth

From B1 an awesome name, but because you can watch UNC's former, NC State's future and FIU's current head coach Butch Davis lead the Panthers to the program's most successful season in his first year at the helm with what should be a win over a sacrificial owl named Temple.

I suggest you get off from work a little early on Thursday, Dec. 28. You are going to need to head home to watch the Camping World Bowl because it's Oklahoma State versus Virginia Tech, and then watch

the Alamo Bowl with Stanford versus TCU while you occasionally check the score of the Holiday Bowl with Michigan State and Washington State.

You are going to need to take Friday, Dec. 29 off. You have to go shopping for essentials and, while there are not a lot of quality football games on that day, there are five of them starting with the Belk Bowl at 1 p.m. and ending with the previously mentioned Cotton Bowl.

Saturday is when you realize why you went to the store for essentials. After watching football

almost non-stop since Thursday evening, you realize that today features four outstanding games, tomorrow is week 17 of the NFL season and Monday has two top 25 matchups before the national semi-finals are played. Stock up and enjoy it while you can!

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Falcons

From B1 the lead for good (10-9). Defense and rebounding helped fuel a 14-2 run over the next three minutes, as Riverside extended its advantage to 23-11.

Jasmine Smith's three-pointer made it 13-9 before a bucket from Clark cut the deficit to two.

Bland then added a pair of baskets, while Brown-Williams tallied the next six points (a free throw, a triple and a basket after a steal) to give the Knights a 23-11 advantage.

Bertie ended the run - and cut the deficit to nine at halftime - on a three-pointer by Daesha Smith.

Without Naesha Barnes, who suffered a foot injury in the loss two days before to South Central, the Falcons were not able to make up the difference, even though King provided a pair of triples in the third quarter.

Riverside expanded its lead behind Brown-Williams (six points) and Bland (eight points) and took a 37-20 lead into the fourth stanza.

A driving bucket and free throw by Bland allowed the Knights to double up the Falcons (40-20) just 14 seconds into the fourth quarter.

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Lady Falcons' forward Nyasia Barnes, moving the ball against South Central, will be out several weeks with a foot injury.

Though King (six points), Morgan Mayzck and Armani Wise (three points) tried to bring Bertie back, Riverside never faltered.

King paced Bertie with 13 points. Clark and Proctor added six points each.

Bertie was coming off a 60-38 loss to South Central on Nov. 29.



Carriage & Wagon Rides in Windsor

Meet at the Bertie Art's Council at 124 South King Street - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on December 5, 12 & 14 - Come enjoy the Christmas lights while being pulled by horses through downtown Windsor. **Rides are \$10 for adults, Teens \$5, 12 and under free.** We will have seafood chowder and hot chocolate to keep you warm!

Santa at the Heritage House



1303 South King Street - Stop by and see Santa Wednesday December 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM - **#Note this is a date change from the 12th to the 6th!**

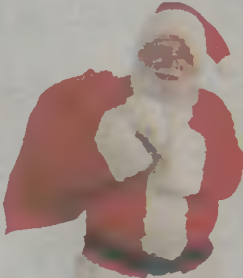
Christmas Parade

Float applications are available for the Windsor Christmas parade. The parade will on December 7th at 3:30 PM and are available at the Chamber office or call 252 794 4277 or email. The last day to register is Wednesday by Noon. Jack Williford will be the Grand Marshall.

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Saturday December 9th- 2:00 PM

Santa at Southern Bank



101 North King Street - Thursday December 14 -4:00 PM to 5:30 PM



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