Bertie

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ter, going on an 11-5 run sparked by Ckayvion Everett (two baskets), Boston, Hill and Sharpe (one basket each) that pulled Holmes within 11 (41-30).

Bertie responded with a 10-0 run (five points from Riddick) to regain control, 50-31, at the end of the quarter.

The teams nearly matched scoring totals in the fourth quarter. Sharpe, Mitjonte Stanley and J'Veon Bryant hit 3s for Holmes, who fouled repeatedly in an attempt to extend the game.

Riddick added another triple in the fourth quarter and finished with 30 points to lead the Falcons.

He was joined on the all-tournament team by Joshua Burden, who had eight of his 12 points in Falcons advantage with the fourth quarter. Cot- three minutes remaintle provided 11 points.

Joining Riddick and Burdenontheall-tourney throws), Mayzck (basteam from Holmes were ket), King (three-point-Sharpe (seven points) er) and Destiny Clark and Zion Boston.

GIRLS FINALS

Bertie 50, Holmes 42 day Invitational.

rivals featured six ties lead. and 10 lead changes.

King found Dawaunti led 20-17 at the break. Combs for the go-anead utes to play.

ued with a three-point- fourth quarter. er from King, a basket five minutes left.

lian Johnson stole a added eight points. pass and scored with Combs (13 points) and by Combs for a 43-37 Most Valuable Player.



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Combs (three free (two free throws) sealed the win for Bertie in the final 2:18.

The Aces held the Bertie's girls pulled lead for much of the first away from John A. Hol- quarter. Holmes jumped mes in the fourth quar- out to a 6-0 lead behind ter with a 15-8 run that baskets from Kyra Bradsealed the girls champi- ley and Anna Bass, but onship for the Falcons Bertie responded with in the inaugural Cooke 11 of the last 13 points Communications Holi- (four by Daesha Smith, a triple by Combs and The contest between baskets from King and the former conference Mayzck) to gran an 11-8

The lead changed Bertie (5-3 overall) hands three times in the took the lead for good, second quarter, the final 36-35, to start the final one on two free throws quarter when Akyia by Smith. The Falcons

The Aces outscored bucket with seven min- Bertie 18-14 in the third The 7-0 run contin- 34 advantage into the

Janryryah from Combs and a buck- (eight points) and Mikyet from Morgan Mazyck jah White were the all-(off a nifty pass by King) tournament selections to make it 41-35 with from Holmes, who were paced by nine points The Aces ended the from Bass in the chamoutburst when Jamil- pionship game. Johnson

4:15 left, but Mayzck King (11) were selected blocked a shot on Hol- for the all-tournament mes' next possession, team from Bertie. King and that led to a bucket was named the girls

Bertie guard Joshua Burden (No. 2, above) slips between three Holmes defenders to release the shot during the boys championship game of the inaugural Cooke Communications Holiday Invitational Dec. 20 at South Creek High School.



stanza to take a 35- The Bertie High Schools girls are the inaugural Cooke Communications Holiday Invitational Tournament champions.



The Bertie High Schools boys are the inaugural Cooke Communications Holiday Invitational Tournament champions.

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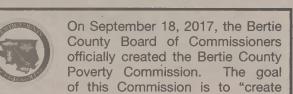
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