

Bertie

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Riverside's first four points came on free throws by Jasmine Smith, Aryionna Thomas and Johnay Goddard. The Knights' first basket came with 11.7 seconds remaining in the first quarter when Mimi Bland passed to Danyel Armstrong.

Combs and Honesty Rodgers traded baskets - the latter in transition - to make it 10-8 Bertie.

King (triples and a free throw) helped Bertie extend its lead to 17-10 halfway through the second stanza.

After Rodgers' free throw, the Falcons used two three-point plays by Combs, a basket by Nyasia Barnes and another bucket by Combs to take a 27-11 lead.

Bertie continued to play well offensively into the third quarter.

A 7-0 run, sparked by Combs and a three-pointer from Aleeyah Proctor) gave the Falcons their largest lead with 6:50 left in the stanza.

Bland scored and then passed to Armstrong for an old-fashioned three-point play to it 34-19.

The Knights finished the quarter with a 17-2 flurry to pull within five (36-31), as Bland had nine of them and Goddard added a three-point play.

Riverside continued its comeback with an 11-0 run to begin the fourth quarter.

Bland and Goddard combined for six points and a three-pointer gave RHS a 40-36 lead.

Smith's driving bucket made it 42-36 Knights with just under six minutes to play.

Bertie finally ended its second drought when Barnes converted a three-point play with 5:48 left, making it 42-39. It was just the second basket in 9:02 for the Falcons.

Goddard and Bland kept Riverside out in front (47-41), but Combs struck again for Bertie. Her triple with three minutes left pulled the visitors within three (47-44).

The sequence that

helped decide the outcome happened with just over two minutes left after another Combs basket produced a steal and a basket for a 5-0 lead.

Bland missed two free throws, but Armstrong grabbed the second miss and passed to Bland for a triple that made it 52-46.

Bertie didn't go away quietly, however.

Combs made a three-pointer and King hit two foul shots to get the visitors within two (53-51) with 12 seconds left.

Smith made one of two at the foul line with 8.3 left, and after a solid defensive play by Goddard got Riverside the ball back, Smith made two free throws with 0.5 left to seal it.

Bland led all scorers with 24 points, 21 of them in the second half. Goddard added 12 and Smith and Armstrong collected seven points each.

Combs (22 points) and King (14) paced Bertie.

FRIDAY'S GAME

Bertie 42, Hertford Co. 26

WINDSOR - Akyia King tallied all 14 of her points in the second quarter as Bertie rallied from a 10-8 deficit to stop rival Hertford County at home.

The Falcons held the Bears scoreless while collecting 17 points themselves on their way to a 25-10 lead at halftime.

Nyasia Barnes added nine points for Bertie.

JAN. 16 GAME

Bertie 38, First Flight 29

KILL DEVIL HILLS - Dawaunti Combs and Akyia King combined for 14 of Bertie's 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Falcons rallied from a three-point deficit to defeat the Nighthawks in a Northeastern Coastal Conference game.

King finished with 17 points while Combs added 15. King provided eight points in the final stanza, while Combs added six.

Fourth

From 8 What's my point? It seems that the Patriots have won the NFL. They have been the model of consistency for nearly two decades.

Now they should receive a lifetime achievement award and go away.

While it is unlikely that the Patriots organization will fold at the end of the season, I'm not certain that another Super Bowl win by New England won't be the end of an unprecedented era.

Win or lose, the Patriots will lose their offensive and defensive coordinators.

They are likely to lose their special teams and linebackers coaches as well. Their quarterback

will be in his 40s, and their head coach will be looking at a rebuild of his coaching staff.

Should they win the Super Bowl, I'm not certain the egos of Brady and Belichick and their competitive nature will allow them to walk off into the sunset - but they should.

At least this Dolphins fan would have something to cheer for.

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Bertie JV boys fall in OT

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WILLIAMSTON - Extra time was needed to determine a winner in the junior varsity boys basketball game Saturday.

Riverside outscored Bertie 10-7 in the four-minute overtime to take a 59-56 non-conference game at home, starting the tripleheader sweep.

The first 32 minutes featured seven ties and 12 lead changes. Four of those ties and three lead changes occurred in the fourth quarter.

Bertie led 44-40 on a basket by Juontae Outlaw, but Riverside battled back to tie it at 44-all on buckets from Kazhaun Manning and Er'ique Joseph, the latter with 4:06 remaining in regulation.

A Xayvion White free throw gave Bertie a one-point lead, but Raheem Wiggins' foul shot tied it again with 2:49 left.

Isaiah Williams' basket at the two-minute mark put the Falcons on top 47-45. Back came the Knights, as Joseph made two free throws with a minute left for a 47-all tie.

Bertie then missed three opportunities to take the lead again, and Manning scored on a drive to the rim put RHS up 49-47.

The Falcons deadlocked the score at 49 on White's hoop. Each team forced a turnover in the final 45 seconds,

and Riverside's last-second effort was off, which sent the contest into overtime.

Four free throws from White gave the Falcons a 53-49 lead with 3:07 remaining in the extra session, but the Knights outscored Bertie 10-3 in that span.

Down 55-51 after a hoop by Williams, Riverside tied it on baskets from Kenny King and Joseph, only to see the visitors grab a 56-55 advantage with a White free throw at 1:20.

The Falcons couldn't score again, however.

Manning gave Riverside a 57-56 lead with 1:07 left, and after Bertie missed two free throws, Manning scored on another drive to the rim with 35 seconds remaining.

Bertie had the final shot opportunity, but a long three-pointer was off the mark.

The teams went back and forth in a first quarter which saw two ties and four lead changes.

Timothy Thompson and White put the Falcons ahead early, but Riverside rallied to assume the lead, 14-8, at the end of the stanza.

Riverside used a 9-3 outburst to start the second quarter to take a 23-11 lead as Bertie's lone points came on a triple from Jared Rascoe.

The visitors then pulled closer (25-18) at halftime with a 7-2 run



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Bertie JV player Xayvion White (No. 23) attacks the basket.

over the final 4:40 of the half.

The first lead change of the second half came at 6:05 of the third quarter, when Rascoe's triple put Bertie ahead 28-27. William Alston (basket) and Thompson (free throw) had the Falcons ahead 31-27 before Jerome Gaynor tied it at 32 on a foul shot with 3:04 left in the stanza.

The teams then traded the lead twice before Bertie used baskets from Jerrell Jacobs and Williams to take a 40-37 lead into the fourth quarter.

White paced Bertie with 16 points while Rascoe added 12 and Williams chipped in 11.

FRIDAY'S GAME

Hertford Co. 75, Bertie 59

WINDSOR - Bertie fell

behind 38-23 at halftime and improved offensively in the second half but still fell to Hertford County.

Isaiah Williams led the Falcons with 16 points while Xayvion White added 14.

JAN. 16 GAME

First Flight 62, Bertie 56

KILL DEVIL HILLS - William Alston's 18 points led Bertie in a Northeastern Coastal Conference loss to First Flight.

Timothy Thompson added eight points for the Falcons, while Jonathan Burden managed six.

The Nighthawks led most of the game, while Bertie's best quarter was the second, when it outscored the visitors 23-19.

Falcons

From 8 while Joshua Burden added 14.

Burden and Jaqwan Baylor pulled down 13 rebounds each for Bertie. Riddick grabbed 10 boards.

Bonds led Riverside with 17 points - and now has 1,014 for his career. Belcher added 15, while Exum and Thomas collected eight points each and Beach provided seven.

Riddick paced Bertie with 11 points, Baylor added nine and Cottle contributed eight.

FRIDAY'S GAME

Hertford Co. 71, Bertie 55

WINDSOR - Bertie got off to a slow start, falling behind 26-8, and couldn't make up the difference in a Northeastern Coastal Conference loss to rival Hertford County.

Tray Riddick led the Falcons with 23 points

JAN. 16 GAME

First Flight 69, Bertie 58

KILL DEVIL HILLS - Bertie led 20-18 at the end of the first quarter, but First Flight rallied behind three-point shooting to pull off the Northeastern Coastal Conference win at home.

The Nighthawks tallied 45 of their points on 15 made three-pointers, compared to three triples from the Falcons.

Jaqwan Baylor led Bertie with 18 points, while Joshua Burden added 16, Tray Riddick had 12 and Jamaarii White chipped in seven.

Bethel girls teams win

Four more wins.

Bethel Assembly Christian Academy's girls basketball teams each picked up two victories in games played last week.

The varsity Eagles improved to 10-4 overall by beating Gramercy Christian 44-27 on Jan. 18 and then defeating Jacksonville Christian 40-21 on Jan. 19.

Kayley Minton had 17 points in the win over Gramercy, while Haley Northcott added eight points, seven rebounds and two blocks.

Lindsey Todd (eight points), Lauren Farless (seven rebounds, two blocks) and Sheree Harrell (six points, seven rebounds) were also solid contributors for the Eagles.

In the win over Jacksonville Christian, Minton poured in 23 points for BACA, while Todd added 12 points.

Harrell chipped in four points and 11 rebounds, Northcott grabbed 10 boards and Sarah Conner (free throw) reached the scoring column.

The Bethel junior varsity girls improved to 13-3 overall with wins over Jacksonville Christian (26-10) and Gramercy (37-8).

In the victory over JCA, Harrell scored eight points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the Eagles, Eliana Bazemore added five points and six rebounds, Abbey Minton grabbed six rebounds, and Northcott and Gracie Simmons each collected four points.

Bazemore scored 10 points and added four rebounds in the Eagles win over Gramercy. Simmons and Maddie Knowles chipped in seven points each.

Bethel boys teams fall to Gramercy

Bethel Assembly Christian Academy's varsity and junior varsity boys basketball teams suffered losses to Gramercy Christian on Jan. 18.

The Eagles (7-6 overall) fell 58-53.

Kyle Cullipher led BACA with 17 points and seven rebounds, while Mason Dunlow added 10 points and five rebounds and Lucas Doughtie chipped in nine points and seven rebounds.

In the JV boys contest, Gramercy jumped out to an 11-0 lead in the first quarter and withstood a Bethel comeback to win 31-25.

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