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Tigers beat Lincoln County in Saturday's games

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Boys Varsity Game

The boys varsity basketball game was a different story.

While the Wilkes County boys leapt to an early lead, Lincoln County kept the Tigers close. So strong were each teams' defenses that neither made significant gains over the other in the first quarter.

The Tigers began to inch ahead during the second quarter as Lincoln County struggled to keep up. Inch by inch, the Tigers extended their lead. By halftime, they led 31-19.

After the halftime break, the third quarter seemed to have a different rhythm to it as Lincoln County began to gain on Wilkes County. Using their court skills and free shots mercilessly, the Red Devils rapidly closed distance on the Tigers. With a score of 45-39, still in the Tigers' favor, things were getting dangerously close.

The outset of the fourth quarter further increased the pressure. Though Wilkes County extended their lead with several free shots, the Red Devils continued to close in. Trailing only 44-49, Lincoln County could taste victory. With wavering endurance, yet indefatigable spirit, the Tigers reached deep into their souls for the final phase of the game. Shot by shot, and free throw by free throw, the Wilkes County boys persisted in staying just ahead of Lincoln County.

Though victory was practically secured, the Tigers tried for one last score in the final fleeting seconds of the game. A Tiger player had raced down the court and attempted a shot but failed. Catching the ball in midair, while himself in midair, Quinzaibian Jackson slam dunked the final Tiger score as the horn sounded. The crowd took to their feet in an ecstatic frenzy. The final score was 62-52; a Tiger victory.



Quinzaibian Jackson scores for the Tigers



Jordyn Wellborn tries to shoot past a Red Devil



Lanaysia Crew dashes down the court



Malik Ware leaps for the hoop



Grant's mother Angela Zellars (left) and sister Snynice Zellars (right) accompanied Grant to the signing

DeAmonte Grant signs with GMC; Allstate team members from W-W also announced

Washington-Wilkes High School athlete DeAmonte Grant has signed with Georgia Military College.

Grant was continuously praised by his coaches for his unwavering determination and dedication to his goals. Head Coach Sid Fritts remarked that the coaches at GMC are very excited about Grant's decision and are already making plans for their season accordingly. Fritts, acknowledging Grant's accomplishment, charged the younger athletes in the room to follow Grant's example. Assistant Coach Alex Bradford recounted an instance where Grant had to complete an English assignment while on the road to a game. "He is a work hard guy," Bradford said. Bradford further pointed out that Grant is well rounded, excelling in both the classroom and on the field. "He works as hard as anybody," Bradford said.



Assistant coach Ty McGill also declared how proud of Grant he is. McGill said that Grant has put in a lot of work over the years, and that this last year has been particularly fun.

Also announced at the ceremony were the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association's picks

for the Allstate team. Fritts announced the following players: Dalen Cobb as the Offensive player of the year, DeAmonte Grant as Wide Receiver, Quinzaibian Jackson as Wide Receiver, Levi Brock as an Offensive Lineman, and Jo'Vares Harden as a Linebacker.

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