



**"New Thing" Team Record 4-6
Ashe County Tournament
The Lions 67 vs. Ash County 87
"Practice Equals Game Time"**

The Lions lost this game in the first two quarters because they under-estimated their opponent and received a rude awakening for it. They came out with no enthusiasm on offense and no intensity on defense. The Lions threw the ball away continuously which allowed their opponent to dominate them with ease. Also, their opponent physically man-handled the Lions, which has not been done the entire season.

As a result of the Lions' lack of communication on defense and execution on offense, the Lions desperately needed someone to step-up and make a difference. It was during the third quarter that Josh Batson took up the challenge and gave the Lions a much needed injection of energy, which motivated them. However, as Josh went for a lay-up he came down and seriously injured himself, leaving the game with a broken wrist. Afterward, the Lions decided to stop, look, and listen to their coaches and to each other. After being blown out the first two quarters, they went on to outscore their opponent by three points during the third and fourth quarters. Wow!!!

Perhaps, through the injury of one of their teammates, the Lions will work together better and value each other even more.

Concerning the loss of this game, the Lions need to understand that losing is a part of life but how a team loses can be either a positive or negative experience. Hopefully, the Lions will hold fast to one of their team mottos and demonstrate *Fourth Quarter Drive* throughout the entire game. That way when the game is over the Lions can reflect back and know that being defensive minded will allow any team to be competitive in every game.

As one can see from this report card, the Lions need to improve in several areas if they are to compete for a Championship this year. Again, that's what Champions are expected to do!

Listed below are the offensive and defensive players of the game, along with the individual scores.

Tyler Ramsland	Josh Batson
	
Defensive Player of the Game	Offensive Player of the Game

Covenant Day Varsity Boy's Basketball Team Roster

Name:	Jersey Numbers:	Positions	Grade	Scores
David Batson	1	Guard	11th	14
Josh Batson	11	Guard	9th	2
CJ Beverly	3	Guard	10th	2
Evan Floyd	25	Forward	11th	5
Chad Hite	33	Forward	11th	3
Joe Holden	0	Center	12th	7
Sky Lesh	14	Guard	11th	3
Macus McGovern	22	Center	11th	12
Caleb Porter	42	Center	8th	2
Tyler Ramsland	21	Forward	12th	7
Brandon Spicer	10	Guard	11th	11



**"New Thing" Team Record 4-7
Ashe County Tournament
The Lions 69 vs. South Stokes 72
"Practice Equals Game Time"**

Wow!!! This was an exciting game to watch and coach. Both teams refused to quit. The Lions did a better job in following their coach's game plan, which involved playing man-to-man defense and executing their plays on offense. Also, this game was a display of how much the Lions have grown together as a team, while showing the Lions' inexperience in closing out a game. As a result, the Lions had several key turnovers in the last three minutes which allowed their opponent to get back into the ball game. This game was winnable for the Lions, yet they did not seize the opportunity set before them.

Therefore, the Lions need to learn to play better under pressure and control the tempo of the game, especially during the final minutes. On defense, Lions need to sprint back to the defensive end of the floor with a sense of urgency, to stop any fast break opportunities by their opponent. However, in the wake of this two day tournament the Lions had a player to play consistently on both offense and defense. As a result, senior Joe Holden was selected to the all-tournament team.

Hopefully, the Lions will go back home and focus on the details of this tournament and realize that being defensive-minded is where they need to be in order for them to rise

Despite the two losses, this was a winning road-trip for the Lions. They moved closer to being a truer reflection of their team motto: *This is who we are and this is what we do: Defense!*

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Evan Floyd	Joe Holden
	
Defensive Player of the Game	Offensive Player of the Game

Covenant Day Varsity Boy's Basketball Team Roster

Name:	Jersey Numbers:	Positions	Grade	Scores
David Batson	1	Guard	11th	18
Josh Batson	11	Guard	9th	0
CJ Beverly	3	Guard	10th	2
Evan Floyd	25	Forward	11th	11
Chad Hite	33	Forward	11th	4
Joe Holden	0	Center	12th	17
Sky Lesh	14	Guard	11th	0
Macus McGovern	22	Center	11th	6
Caleb Porter	42	Center	8th	0
Tyler Ramsland	21	Forward	12th	1
Brandon Spicer	10	Guard	11th	10