

Richardson Scores 13 In Losing Cause

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Ashe County High senior Zeb Richardson closed out his prep career in bitter-sweet fashion Saturday night. Richardson scored 13 points and pulled down three rebounds in 19 minutes of work in the Carolinas All-Star Classic in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Unfortunately, South Carolina, which trailed for the majority

of the game, came charging back to win the game, 100-96. An eight-point run gave South Carolina the lead for good at 90-87 with 2:16 to play. The run proved to be the final lead change in a game that had eight lead changes and five ties. South Carolina also dominated the paint by outrebounding NC 66-51 and holding a 48-36 advantage scoring in the paint. Jordan Roper, who led all scorers with 26 points, was named the South Carolina Most Valuable Player; Josh Smith earned North Carolina's team MVP honor with 18 points and 13 rebounds. South Carolina won the women's game, 90-71.

Villanueva, Tennant Close Out Careers

Seniors Megan Tennant and Alex Villanueva of Avery High closed out their stellar high-school careers Friday night at T.C. Roberson High in Asheville for the Annual Blue-White All-Star Game. Tennant, an all-conference performer, scored six points in the women's game (the 36th annual) as the Blue won 78-61. Tuccoa Brackett of McDowell led the Blue team with a game-high 16 points; Brooke Garrison of Erwin led the White team with 14 points. The White team won the men's game (the 60th annual), 104-93. Villanueva finished with 11 points. He was one of five players for the Blue team to score in double-figures. Hunter Donaldson of North Henderson led the Blue squad with 19 points; Alex Biggerstaff of Mountain Heritage had 16 points. Rory McClure of Pisgah led all scorers with 23 points. Taylor McCurry of Enka, who scored 16 points for the White team, was named the men's Most Valuable Player; Brackett was named the women's MVP.

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HAYNIE STEPS DOWN

Former McDowell High football coach Dave Haynie has turned in his resignation as head football coach at North Wilkes. The Vikings were 4-29 during his four-year stay with the program. Haynie steps down after coaching the Vikings for three seasons during a four-year span; in 2009 Haynie briefly stepped aside to assume duties as North's athletic director, before resuming coaching duties the next season.

Monty Chipman, the head coach at East Wilkes the last nine years, will replace Haynie as head coach.