

# Lady Rockets can't slow Viqueens' ranged attack

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CHAPEL HILL — The Forrest Lady Rockets used a strategy of stopping the inside game of the Community Viqueens, but the Viqueens could not be stopped from the outside as Community connected on 12 treys en route to a 69-42 win over the Lady Rockets in a District 7-AA basketball game Friday night.

The win clinched first place for the Viqueens in the regular season district standings.

Community (19-5, 5-0) wasted little time getting the upper hand in the opening quarter. Zoey Dixon connected on a three-pointer just 17 seconds into the game as the Viqueens scored the first 10 points of the contest.

Macyn Kirby kept Forrest (8-14, 3-2) close with all 10 Lady Rocket points, but the Viqueens stayed hot with five treys, including three by Haley Mitchell as Community took a 21-10 lead to the second quarter.

The shots kept coming for the Viqueens in the quarter.

Anna Haskins nailed two three-pointers and Mitchell had five points as Community added four more treys.

The Lady Rockets managed nine points, but Forrest could not stop the Viqueen momentum late as Community scored the last eight points to take a 41-19 lead into the intermission.

"We came out and shot the ball well and that really helps your defense and helps your offense obviously," Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said.

"When you shoot well, it helps everything out," Pierce added.

Kinslee Inlow led the Lady Rockets with five points in the third quarter, but the Viqueens kept up the pressure.

Mitchell had five points as the Viqueens added three more treys and took a 56-28 lead to the final quarter.

Inlow added five points for Forrest in the fourth quarter as the Lady Rockets had their best offensive output with 14 points.

Mitchell led the Viqueens with six points as Community closed with the district win.

Coach Hal Murrell of the Lady Rockets discussed the strategy of stopping the Viqueen offense.

"They only hit four 3s the first



**Josie Brown connects on a three-pointer for the Lady Rockets. Brown had six points for Forrest.**

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time we played them," Murrell said.

"They are so physical that we have a hard time guarding them in man-to-man," Murrell added. "So we felt like we needed to go zone."

"We are going to have to hope at that point in time that they start cooling off a little bit at the arc. Unfortunately, they didn't," Murrell said.

Mitchell had five treys and led three Viqueens in double figures with 25 points. Haskins and M.J. Simmons each added 11 points.

Kirby had 14 points and Inlow netted 10 to lead the Lady Rockets.

The Viqueens were 11-of-16 at the free throw line while Forrest was 3-of-5.

"Everybody on the court's a threat to score and we're willing to stay patient and take whatever they give us," Pierce said.

The Viqueens took care of the basketball the entire game.

"I think we had one or two, maybe three turnovers," Pierce said. "Really good job of taking care of the

basketball."

"Coming up soon, you've got to take care of the basketball to give yourself a chance to win every game," Pierce added.

"I thought Macyn Kirby did a great job with people hanging all over her," Murrell said. "She still finds a way to get eight rebounds."

"Kinslee Inlow got in foul trouble with two fouls in the first two minutes of the game," Murrell added. "We struggle to score right now outside of those two."

"If we can get ourselves back to the championship game like we did last year, you only have to beat them one time and hopefully we understand now how much better we're going to have to play to beat them," Murrell said.

Community	21	20	15	13	— 69
Forrest	10	9	9	14	— 42

Community: Haley Mitchell 25, M.J. Simmons 11, Zoey Dixon 6, Addison Brothers 6, Shelby Cawthon 2, Anna Haskins 11, Stevie Dickenson 3, Kathryn Sego 3, Raegan Haley 2, Jacey Collier, Izzy Martinez, Jayla Mangrum, Annie Prince.  
Forrest: Macyn Kirby 14, Kinslee Inlow 10, Carli Warner 8, Megan Mealer 2, Kaylin Pope, Josie Brown 6, Adi Howes 2, Samantha Hopkins, Sadie Smith, Anna Rabun, Sienna Borba.  
3-Point goals: Community (12): Mitchell 5, Haskins 3, Dixon 2, Brothers 2; Forrest (5): Inlow 2, Brown 2, Kirby.  
Halftime score: Community 41, Forrest 19.

# Bulldogs can't match FRCS offense

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CORNERSVILLE — The nightcap of Friday night's basketball double-header saw the Cornersville Bulldogs face off against the Minutemen of Franklin Road Christian School of Murfreesboro.

The Bulldogs faced an outstanding FRCS team, a team whose starting lineup featured all five players at six-foot or better, with two starters — Judsen Bjornstad at 6-7 and Parker Applegate at 6-8, who dominated the Bulldogs in an 86-26 victory.

Applegate with 21 points led the Minutemen in scoring with Bjornstad contributing 18 points and 6-4 Tripp Walker scoring 17 points.

The big men for FRCS not only dominated down low but came out beyond from three-point land as the Minutemen struck for 14 three-pointers with Applegate, a Union University signee, sinking four treys and Bjornstad bombing three three-pointers.

Kel Ford led the Bulldogs with 11 points.

The Bulldogs scored first on a soft runner by Gage Lovell, but Bjornstad answered with a three-pointer.

Ford added four points coming off the bench in the first quarter.

Applegate heated up with two baskets and two three-pointers and Bjornstad added eight points as FRCS led 24-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The FRCS defense was suffocating and the only



**Kel Ford scores off the block for the Bulldogs. He scored 11 points against FRCS.**

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Bulldog who could dent it was Ford as he attacked down low for seven points in the second quarter

Lovell and Hayden Grover added two points each but at halftime the Bulldogs trailed, 48-18.

After halftime, FRCS played as well as a team could play, with Applegate tossing in 11 points and on defense, built a

box around the paint preventing the Bulldogs from entering the lane with only Cornersville's Ben Franklin with two baskets penetrating but still after three quarters the Minutemen led, 67-24.

The fourth quarter was more of the same as the Minutemen kept the foot on the throttle as Andy Dickey poured in

10 points and FRCS prevailed 86-26.

The Bulldogs close the regular season at home on Thursday against Culleoka.

FRCS	24	24	19	19	— 86
Cornersville	7	11	6	2	— 26

FRCS: Parker Applegate 21, Judsen Bjornstad 18, Tripp Walker 17, Andy Dickey 10, Noah Pence 8, Ben Walker 8, Preston Applegate 4.  
Cornersville: Kel Ford 11, Gage Lovell 6, Ben Franklin 4, Kale Adcox 2, Hayden Grover 2, Baine Woodard 1.  
3-Point goals: (14) Applegate 4, Bjornstad 3, B Walker, 2, Dickey 2, Pence 2, T Walker.  
Halftime Score: FRCS 49, Cornersville 18.

# Brady's plate remains full after retirement announcement

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TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady's future figures to be busy.

The seven-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback's retirement announcement ended speculation about if and where Brady might want to play next season, opening the door for numerous off-the-field endeavors that could occupy his time.

It was announced last May that whenever Brady stepped away from his playing career, he would join Fox Sports as the network's lead NFL analyst in a 10-year, \$375 million contract.

The 45-year-old future Hall of Famer, who said Wednesday that he's retiring for good, already has numerous commercial endorsements and an extensive business portfolio that includes the TB12 health and fitness company he co-founded with close friend and long-time trainer Alex Guerrero.

A look at some of the things that should keep Brady busy:

## TV Tom

While there's been no official word on when Brady might begin working for FOX Sports, the network will broadcast next weekend's Super Bowl from Glendale, Arizona, and it's not inconceivable that at least a cameo appearance by Brady might be in the works.

Brady holds numerous Super Bowl records, including title game appearances (10), wins (seven) and MVP awards (five).

## Tom the businessman

TB12, which has facilities in Tampa, Boston and Foxboro, Massachusetts, is just part of the business empire Brady began assembling while he was playing the New England Patriots and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Among the other ventures he's launched are his own BRADY clothing brand, 199 Productions, created three years ago to develop documentaries, feature films and television shows; and Autograph, an NFT company.

## Celebrity Tom

Brady announced his retirement one day after attending the premiere of "80 for Brady" — which comes out Friday — in Los Angeles. The movie tells the story of four lifelong friends, played by Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, Rita Moreno and Sally Field, who go to the Super Bowl to see Brady play.

The odds are pretty good that Brady might appear on a talk show or two to talk about the film, which he makes a cameo appearance.

He was asked at the premiere whether he felt a connection working with women — the four stars range in age from 76 to 91 — who don't want to retire.

"They're working hard and they love it. So good for them," Brady told The Associated Press. "You know, it's just that's what life is about. You got to, you know, wake up every day with a purpose. And when you find something you love to do, you know, it's hard to stop."

Brady had that with football. Now fans are waiting to see what's next.

## Tom the family man

When Brady briefly retired last winter — only to announce 40 days later that he'd return for a 23rd NFL season that wound up not going nearly as well as he envisioned — the father of three spoke of his desire to spend more time with family.

In the months after his 13-year marriage to model Gisele Bündchen ended in October, Brady has reiterated how important his kids and being a father are to him.

He has a son and daughter who live with Bündchen in South Florida, where Brady also has a home. He also has an older son with actress Bridget Moynahan who lives in New York.

## TB12 Foundation duties

Brady's charitable foundation is one of his passions, and has been for some time.

The foundation has a scholarship program that, according to the TB12 website, has provided thousands of treatment sessions to assist athletes of all ages and backgrounds "who would not ordinarily be able to access or afford high-quality post-injury rehabilitation and/or performance enhancement training."

He could become even more engaged with those efforts.

Whatever Brady chooses to do one thing is certain: He has no shortage of career options after hanging up his cleats.

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