

## Lassiter 57, Blessed Trinity 40 - Trojans cruise against Titans

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MARIETTA - Lassiter jumped on Blessed Trinity in the first quarter, led by 20 at the half and cruised to a 57-40 victory in the third game of the **Southeast Basketball Academy's** Atlanta High School Hoop Festival on Saturday at the Cobb Civic Center.

Blessed Trinity came into the game as the No. 2 team in Class AA and was coming off a 2007-08 season in which it had a 27-4 record and a run into the round of 16 in the Class AAA playoffs. The convincing win left Lassiter coach Jeremy Morris nearly at a loss for words. "We're Lassiter," he said. "We're not used to dominating people. We win games by one, not by 10 or double digits."

Blaise White and Joey Parry each scored 15 points to lead the Trojans, as Lassiter (4-2) forced the Blessed Trinity (7-2) into 31 turnovers and its lowest scoring output of the season. The Titans' previous low came in a 53-44 win last month against Northwest Whitfield. "They are a good team," Morris said. "We've been emphasizing defense and our guards got after it out top. It may have put them in some uncomfortable situations."

During a 14-6 run to start the second quarter, the Trojans took full advantage of those tough situations. Blessed Trinity turned the ball over three consecutive trips down the floor leading to a layup by White, a 3-pointer by Parry and a short bank shot in the lane by Phillip Lutzenkirchen, who came off the bench to score 11 points and grab eight rebounds. The run pushed Lassiter's lead to 20 for the first time, and it would stay there for a long time - not because of alternating baskets, but because of futility. The Trojans scored their first basket of the third quarter on a Lutzenkirchen layup to give them a 33-13 lead. With 1:19 left in the quarter, the teams had combined for more turnovers (16) than points (12) in the period.

Blessed Trinity tried to make one more run in the fourth quarter, as it scored 11 straight points to cut Lassiter's lead to 43-28, but White scored his last five points over the next two minutes to put the game out of reach. Jake Skole and Eric Hagemeyer came off the bench to lead the Titans with eight points apiece.

Lassiter will now have a week off before beginning the Chattahoochee Christmas Tournament on Saturday.

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