



Indians' Defense

Rice Wilson (35) of the Tiny Indian Midgets attempts to intercept this Greyhound pass; teammate Earl Langley watches Wilson, who could not hold on (photo by James Parker).

Local Sports

Y competitive boxing terminated

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The boxing program at the old Patterson Avenue YMCA, suspended since the Y moved to the new Winston Lake facility in May, has reached the end.

The Winston Lake YMCA's Executive Board voted 16-5 last week to terminate the competitive boxing program. It was one of several "special-interest" programs the Y's Program Committee evaluated for the board.

At this point, nothing has been put in its place. However, the board unanimously approved a recommendation by the Program Committee to find out if enough support exists for a non-competitive program.

"The Program Committee submitted a report that asks us to survey the membership on a boxing program that would be constructed on the same lines of any of our other youth programs," Winston Lake Y Executive Director Norman Joyner said. "If there is enough support, then we would search for an instructor."

Joyner stressed that the program would be for youths only. He also said he had not decided how much of a response would be needed to implement a non-competitive program, which

would develop "fundamentals and stress the overall YMCA philosophy."

"I don't have a number at this time," he said. "I'll have to talk to my staff about it."

If his office went ahead with a search for an instructor, Joyner said, the job would be a part-time or volunteer position. "We have programs set up already that are run in this fashion," he said. "But you've got to have a working number of interested people. One, two, three or four interested parties is not enough."

The YMCA philosophy, according to Joyner, produces an atmosphere of fun in the gymnasium, places importance on fitness and instills self-esteem.

Among the special-interest programs that have been included in the fall schedule are karate, gymnastics and football.

Coach James Ford, who had been running the competitive boxing program at the old Patterson Avenue facility, disagreed with the Program Committee. He believes there is plenty of support for competitive boxing in the community and was miffed that he was not asked to comment.

"They avoided talking to me about the program," Ford said. "Joyner asked me why I wasn't

at the board meeting to air my views. But they told me earlier it wasn't an open meeting, so I couldn't just walk in on the board. I just want to know how they could make a report without talking to the guy who ran the (old) program."

Ford had run the program the last two years after veteran mentor Austin Benjamin took ill. Ford has been training his boxers outdoors since May.

Benjamin coached a long line of champions, including Joe McFadden, who fought an exhibition with Joe Louis in the 1950s. At one point, there were so many good boxers in the program that the now-defunct WTOB TV used to air weekly bouts.

Meanwhile, Ford kept the flame going by training such outstanding boxers as Kent Hardee, who recently signed with Don King, and Cassius Ford, the coach's son and, like Hardee, a participant in the most recent Pan Am Games.

"The ones who made the decision don't know how much it costs to run a boxing program," said Benjamin, who frequently kept the program going by spending his own money. "It didn't Please see page B9

Prep Honor Roll

Bitting helps Parkland improve record to 3-0

Jacques Bitting raced 89 yards for a touchdown on a kickoff return and blocked a punt to lead Parkland past Glenn 28-6

East's Maurice Robinson ran for 175 yards and two touchdowns to lead East past Davie County 20-12

Bobby Paige had a 25-yard touchdown run to cap unbeaten West's 21-8 win over previously unbeaten Carver

Teammate Derrick Byers completed 15 of 20 passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns. The freshman hit Robert Wall for a 5-yard score and Jeff Ebert for a 4-yard TD

Titan linebacker Donald Ford had 10 tackles to spearhead a defensive effort that limited Carver to 65 total yards

Fernando Horn led Carver's defense with seven tackles

John Ingwersen kicked two field goals and an extra point to help North past Reynolds 13-0. Ingwersen made field goals of 34 and 42 yards

Teammates Willie Chaplin and Andrea Gould combined to block a Demon punt that Kevin Bottoms recovered and raced 14 yards with for a touchdown. It was North's fourth touchdown

off an opposition punt this season. The Vikings blocked one punt each against West and Greensboro Dudley, scoring both times. They also recovered an errant Dudley punt snap for a touchdown

Reynolds' David Devine had 14 solo hits in the loss to North

Prep Poop

West played without Herman McKinnie, who sprained an ankle against Glenn the previous week.

The Titans hope to have McKinney back for Friday's game at North Davidson

Parkland is ranked 10th in this week's Greensboro News & Record 4-A poll. It's the first time this season a Forsyth County team has cracked that top 10

Is Brian Howard signed, sealed and delivered to the University of North Carolina? Maybe not, but Howard recently had his second visit from North Carolina Coach Dean Smith.

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