



Scottie Johnson unleashes a jumper for the Bulls, who lost to the C.J. Jocks 83-66 in a Big Apple League game last Saturday at Hanes Hosliery Recreation Center; Johnson had a team-high 19 points (photo by James Parker).

Big Apple League

Players keep their streak alive

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The Players, who had taken the Big Apple League first-half title, were sluggish at first, but managed to continue their winning streak by beating Domino's Pizza 69-61 last Saturday at Hanes Hosliery Recreation Center.

Despite the slow start, the Players, 5-0 overall, eventually asserted themselves and began to play aggressively. That's become their trademark, said Player Coach Melvin Massey.

"We usually start our games at a slow pace," Massey said. "But once we get going, we're like a bunch of thoroughbreds on a track."

Domino's put a scare into the Players early, as Danny Womack, who led all scorers with 21 points, bombed the champs' zone from the perimeter. Womack also led the Domino's running game.

But the Players' frontcourt completely overpowered Domino's center Roger Mason in the first half. Mason scored only 3 points, all of them before halftime, though his aggressive board play in the second half kept his team close.

Domino's forward Milton Vaughn, who finished with 19 points, also kept the Players honest, taking the outside scoring burden from Womack in the second quarter and providing strong inside play.

But the Players had plenty of their own ammunition. European League pro Terry Strickland, who finished with 17 points, bewildered the Domino's defense with catlike moves to the basket. His frontcourt teammate, Alvis Rogers, the former Wake Forest star who scored 15 points, also provided muscle under the offensive and defensive boards.

A pair of free throws from Player forward Trent Moore, who finished with 13 points, tied the score at 23 in the second quarter and a strong move to the basket by Strickland gave the Players their first lead. The Players held on to the lead and went up at the half, 34-27.

In the second half, the Players managed to establish their running game and gradually pulled away. However, a steady flow of shots from Womack from the perimeter brought his team within one point, 45-44.

Strong inside play by the Player front-

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Sports Beat

Fatherly advice pays off for Reese

By DAVID BULLA
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CHAPEL HILL - Julius "Juice" Reese, the all-America quarter-miler for the Twin City Relays, gets plenty of good advice these days.

But sometimes it is the father who says just the right thing to the son. On a sizzling summer afternoon last Saturday, Julius's father, Ed "Ghost" Reese, gave his son perhaps the best advice he's heard in a while: first things first.

With the thermometer on the Fetzer Field track pushing the 100-degree mark, father Reese made sure his son drank plenty of fluids. Ed Reese, a former track standout at Atkins High School, was pushing an apple juice product called Splice. Splice was quite nice for the younger Reese, who captured the 400 meters in the intermediate age group at the AAU Region II Junior Olympics. It was one of two individual victories for Reese and he advances to the AAU nationals in St. Louis Aug. 7-9.

The second piece of fatherly advice involved a bit of technique: The father encouraged the son to pump



Julius Reese

his arms like a piston. That enabled him to hold off the Durham Striders' Reggie Wiggins, who had beaten Reese in their last meeting at the East Coast Relays in Towson, Md., two years ago.

"My coach taught me to pump rabbit-style," the father said. "When the legs die, the arms carry you through."

It seemed that the Juice blended that arm movement with perhaps the best kick of his career to edge Wiggins, who came out of the last curve closing fast in second place.

"When I came off the curve I was thinking a repeat of Maryland," said Reese, a rising sophomore at Mount Tabor. "I heard him coming in the stretch, but I finished a lot better than I ever have. Last year, I just didn't have a kick."

Yet, last year Reese set a national youth boys' record in the event. Now he had aged up to the intermediates and nobody expected it to be easy.

"He improves every year," said Relay Assistant Coach Learmond "Buddy" Hayes. "It isn't like he just shows up to run. Julius trains. That's why he keeps getting better."

Still, Hayes was a little apprehensive when Reese took the lead from the start. The assistant coach was afraid Reese would burn out and Wiggins would burn him in the stretch. Just in case, the Twin City coaching staff had prepared Reese for such a scenario.

"We don't let him run the 400 in Please see page B11

Summer Track

Woods, Turner establish friendly rivalry

By DAVID BULLA
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Kenya Turner is the new kid on the block and Jerryeen Woods doesn't mind a bit.

Last year, Turner was the standout on the Roadrunners' midget girls team. She achieved all that she could, winning the 100- and 200-meter dashes in The Athletics Congress regional (TAC did not have a national meet for juniors last year). Now she's aged up to the youth girls' team, where Woods has ruled the roost in recent years.

Turner has pushed Woods in competition this season and they've had some extremely close races. In both the 100 and 200 at the TAC sectional at Winston-Salem State last month, the 14-year-old Woods edged the 12-year-old Turner by 0.14 and 0.46 seconds. Later, at the TAC state meet in Raleigh, Kenya actually finished ahead of Woods.

"They've been the two strongest junior girls in our program in the last few years," Roadrunner Coach Virgil Simpson said. "Both have strong legs, but I haven't been pleased with their arm work. Kenya gets out of the blocks better, and Jerryeen comes on between the start and finish."

"Fifty percent of winning is desire and they both have that."

Simpson said it's good having two Please see page B12



Kenya Turner and her Roadrunner youth girls' teammates will compete in the East Coast Invitational meet in Towson, Md., this weekend (photo by James Parker).

Local Sports

Jones, Speas lead Roadrunners' strong TAC showing

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Randy Jones and Derrick Speas of the Roadrunners Track Club became regional champions last weekend.

Jones captured the young men's 200 meters in 21.82 seconds at The Athletics Congress Region III meet in Greenville, S.C., while Speas won the youth boys' 100 in 11.52.

They led a group of 17 Roadrunners who advanced to the TAC national championships July 23-29 at Lincoln, Neb. Winston-Salem advanced athletes in seven individual events and six relays. Last year, the Roadrunners qualified seven for the nationals.

"That's the most athletes we've ever qualified for the regionals," said Virgil Simpson, whose coached the Roadrunners for 14 years. "We hope to take

eight or more with us."

Simpson said the organization must raise an additional \$2,000 to cover expenses for athletes who cannot pay for the trip. Interested parties can call Simpson at 722-5517.

Both Jones and Speas finished second in the other sprints. Jones, who led Glenn to the state high school championship in May, was second in the 100 in 10.78, while Speas, who attends Paisley Middle School, was runner-up in the 200 in 24.05. In fact, the Roadrunners had two runners to place in both young men's sprints. Gerald Martin took third in the 100 in 10.86 and Kevin Caesar was third in the 200 in 22.52.

The team's other qualifier was James Jones in the intermediate boys' 400 hurdles. Jones finished in 59.15, good for third place.

The Roadrunners had three 4x100 relay teams to finish se-

cond: the youth girls (Tameka Waiters, Kenya Turner, Monte Jackson and Jerryeen Woods), the intermediate girls (Michella Fair, Bobbette Love, Nicole Bell and Madonia Caesar) and the young men (Harvey Sutton, Martin, Caesar and Jones). The young men's relay is making a return trip to the nationals. It won the national championship at the intermediate level last year. The bantam boys team finished third in the event. Team members are Tommy Woods, Brandon Mack, Anthony Jones and Eric Murden.

The TAC regional drew some 1,500 runners from North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Maryland.

Woods, Turner and the youth girls' relay will compete in the East Coast Invitational this weekend in Towson, Md.

Lash, Cross Advance

Kim Lash and Jenee Cross advanced to the semifinals of the City Closed Championships at Joe White Tennis Center.

In the quarterfinals, the top-seeded Lash waxed Susan Henley 6-1, 6-0 and the second-seeded Cross routed Elizabeth Sloan 6-3, 6-0.

In Wednesday's semifinals, Lash met fourth-seeded Teresa Phillips and Cross took on the unseeded Wendy McColsky, a transplanted Texan.

Finals are scheduled for Saturday.

Meanwhile, Quinton Huff won three titles in the Kiwanis Tournament: boys' 12 singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Stacey Carter made it to the semifinals in girls' 16 singles.

Giants Eliminated

The Winston-Salem Pond



Carlos Bradley drives on Makeba Hentz in a basketball-weight lifting class at 14th Street Recreation Center; see the story on B4 (photo by James Parker).

Giants were eliminated in the second round of the National Baseball Congress state tournament.

The Pond Giants opened the tourney with an 11-8 win over the Durham Raiders in Roxboro last Saturday night. But they lost to the Young Zion Hawks, 10-3, Monday night. The Hawks

benefited from six Giant errors. Winston-Salem pitchers issued seven walks.

In Saturday's games, Winston-Salem scored in the first inning when Del Long singled and took second on a sacrifice fly by Steve Hardister. Long scored on a single to right by Kip Kingsmore. Please see page B4