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Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation Sponsor Youth Track Meet

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On April 22, surrounding community recreation centers participated in the Youth Celebration Track Meet held at Atkins School.

The track meet is sponsored by the Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation Department. After three meets the points will be tallied up and the top two from each event will compete in the state championship meet in Raleigh.

The top five competitors from the southern region will advance to the Hershey National Meet in Hersey, PA.

Last year, two out of five participants from North Carolina came from Winston-Salem, including Brandon Corpering, who placed sixth in the standing jump with 7'1 1/2" and Andre McMannus, who won the 13-14 year-old softball throw with 257.4 feet taking first place in the National Champions.

In last weeks first of three meets, Boys division: Sprague Street Recre-

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ation Center took first place with a team total of 35 points. Others included: Martin Luther King (MLK)-32; Polo (P)-31; Carl Russell (RS)-12; and Rupert Bell (RB)-4.

In the girls division: Polo -57; Sprague Street Recreation Center(S)-17; Belview Recreation Center(B)-15; with Russell Sims(RS) & Martin Luther King tie with 9 each.

Individual finishes in each event are as follows:

Boys, age 9-10 year-old, 50 meter dash: 1st place-Aaron McCorkle (MLK), 7.1 seconds; 2nd place-Gus VonnCannon (P); 3rd place-Carl Shepherd (MLK).

Boys, age 9-10 year-old, 100 meter dash: 1st place-Aaron McCorkle (MLK), 14.4 seconds; 2nd place-Carl Shepherd (P); 3rd place-Gus Von-

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9-10 year old girls compete in the 100 meter youth celebration track meet Atkins.

Belview Opens Walking Trail

The Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation Department sponsored a special event weekend for residents of the Belview Community.

The event began last Friday morning with a Ribbon Ceremony to dedicate a new walking trail for the center.

The center was honored with special guest, Alderman Larry Womble, Mr. Carl Howell, Sr. Representative Viola Pollard, Recreation District Supervisor Larry Rolland and Mr. Harry Campbell.

Special tribute was paid to the city workers Bobby Branch and Ronnie Jarvis who over-see the job, and workman, Teresa Harrill, Tammy Edwards and Ronald Redman.

The measurement of the sidewalk track is a mile if two and a half times around is completed.

Mrs. Ruby Charles, President of the Civic League gave the welcome ceremony, followed by words from Mrs. Willie Wright and Mr. Harry Campbell.

Then the moment arrived, the ribbon was cut and the first four walkers took to the track including Viola Pollard, Ella Jordan, Verna Dudley and Virginia Smith.

According to Pollard, "I really like this track better

than the one I use to have to go walk on. There were a lot of trees there and it was really dangerous. I love to walk, it makes me feel better and I sleep a lot better also."

According to Recreation Supervisor Larry Rolland, "A good number of residents had wanted the track for quite some time. Mr. Chris Polite had mentioned it a year or so ago that the center really needed it and I feel it will be a great addition to the center."

On Saturday morning the fun only continued as the American Legion Post #453 in conjunction with Belview Recreation center held a Parents/Youth Kite Flying Contest.

Marico Hairston took first place in the 5-7 year old division; Rico Hairston won first place in the 8-10 year old division, and in the 11-13 year old division Joshua Elliott was the winner. Rico Hairston also won overall best in show.

The evening event was a drug awareness and adolescent success program by the Winston-Salem Police Department which hosted over 60 teens and children.

Later that evening the Lawrence Joel American Legion hosted a disco party at the Post, which was well attended.



Ribbon cutting for new walking trail a big send off. Pictured left to right Larry Rolland, Larry Womble, Carl Howell, Viola Pollard.



Leadin the pack on Belviews New walking trail is Viola Pollard, Ella Jordan, Verna Dudley & Virginia Smith.



left to right front row Rico Hairston, Marico Hairston and Tony Lindsay, back row Antino Elliott, Joshua Elliott, Kerry Hairston, Prince Tuttle, Antwan Hairston and director Jim Price.

Wake Forests Rodney Rogers Announces Availability to NBA

Rodney Rogers, 1993 ACC 'Player of the Year' announced Tuesday that he would for-go his final year of college at Wake Forest and enter himself into the NBA draft.

Rogers announced that he was leaving Wake Forest for the money. Money to take care of personal reasons like himself and his mother.

After a lot of serious thought, discussions with teammates and coaches, Rogers reached his decision about three weeks ago.

Rogers had sought advice from several NBA players, including Michael Jordan before announcing his final decision. This was surely one of the hardest decisions Rogers had to make, but won that he was wished well on and will be missed by his teammates and coaches at Wake Forest.

Rogers is 6'7 and hales from Durham, North Carolina. He was a high school graduate of Hillside and enrolled at Wake Forest in 1991.

The achievements Rogers has accumulated since coming to Wake Forest (WFU) have been tremendous.

In 1991 Rogers was ACC 'Rookie of the Year', receiving 103 of 104 votes; he was the 2nd team All-ACC; and All-District (U.S. Basketball Writers).

His achievements only continue.

In 1992 Rogers was 1st Team All-ACC (only non-senior, All-District, and member of Olympic Development Squad.

In 1993 Rogers was named ACC Player of the Year, 1st Team All-ACC, 2nd Team All-American; District Player of the Year; and ACC lead-

ing scorer.

Rogers success has been excellent during his career at WFU. Other achievements include: scored in double figures in final 66 consecutive games and 86 of 89 career games; scored 20 or more points in 41 games; first WFU player to make All-ACC as a sophomore since 1975 (Skip Brown); first ACC Player of the Year at WFU since 1977 (Rod Griffin); first WFU player to lead ACC in scoring since 1978 (Rod Griffin); second WFU player to reach 1,000 points as a sophomore (Dick Hemric); second in WFU history in field goal points (57.9%); eighth in WFU history in scoring (1,720 points); and eighth in WFU history in rebounding (705).

Will Rogers find a new home with the NBA? No Doubt! The question is who will be the lucky team and where will it lead Rogers? Only time will tell.