

The Winston Lakers 13-and-under basketball team.

Winston Lakers Finish Fifth in the U.S.

The Winston Lakers 13-and-under basketball team began pool play last Sunday against Southern Louisiana in Memphis, Tenn., taking the win against Louisiana 73-68 in the first game of the play-off. The Lakers were hot on the floor in the first inning, scoring 16 points. By halftime, the team held a score of 40, with Delayo Dobb hitting 12. The second half of the game belonged to Braxton Williams of the Lakers, who hit 21 points with a game total of 23. Other team members scoring points included Delayo Dobb, Eric Jones, Sean Griffin, Mike Francis and Octavius Fulton.

The next game in pool play was against Vermont, with the Lakers taking a wipeout victory of 79-34. It was a game with almost every Laker contributing points. Three players scored double figures: Williams, Griffin and Carlton Cloud.

Other players scoring points for the Lakers were: Delayo Dobb, Eric Jones, Travis Scott, Kenneth Dobbins, Anthony Nelson, Octavius Fulton, Antoine Barnes, and Jonathan Bulter.

In the third game of pool play,

the Lakers fell to Florida by six points with a final score of 61-67.

Williams was hot under the net, hitting 13 two-pointers, for a score of 26. Also scoring points for the Lakers were: Griffin, Eric Jones, Francis and Fulton.

This placed the Lakers second in pool play, and they advanced to the finals.

In the first game of the series, the Lakers took the victory over Minnesota, 66-59, with Griffin leading for the Lakers with 26 points.

Jones was also hot under the board with 17 points, including three 3-point baskets.

Other Lakers scoring points included: Scott, Fulton, Francis and Dodd.

Once again, the Lakers were victorious after defeating West Virginia 66-55 in the second game of the series.

Williams was the main man once again under the basket with 25 points. Jones was also hot, hitting double figures of 15.

Also scoring points for the Lakers were: Dodd, Griffin, Fulton and Francis.

It was the third game that put a clinch in the winning games as

Washington, D.C. defeated the Lakers, 76-55.

This game put the Lakers in a completely different bracket.

Scoring points for the Lakers were: Dodd, Fulton, Williams, Griffin, Cloud, Nelson, Jowers and Bulter.

In the game against Virginia, the Lakers took the victory, which once again gave them a chance to place either fifth or eighth in the final game.

Williams was still ruling the nets with 21 points; Dodd hit 16; and Griffin hit 12.

Other players scoring points for the Lakers were: Fulton, Jones, Francis, Nelson, Bulter and Scott.

It was the final game of the tournament for the Lakers, and with this victory of 62-54 against Idlewild, they placed fifth in the U.S. against 68 competing teams.

Williams led his team to another victory with 20 points, and Griffin scored 15.

Also having a great performance in scoring were: Jones, Francis, Dodd, Bulter and Fulton.

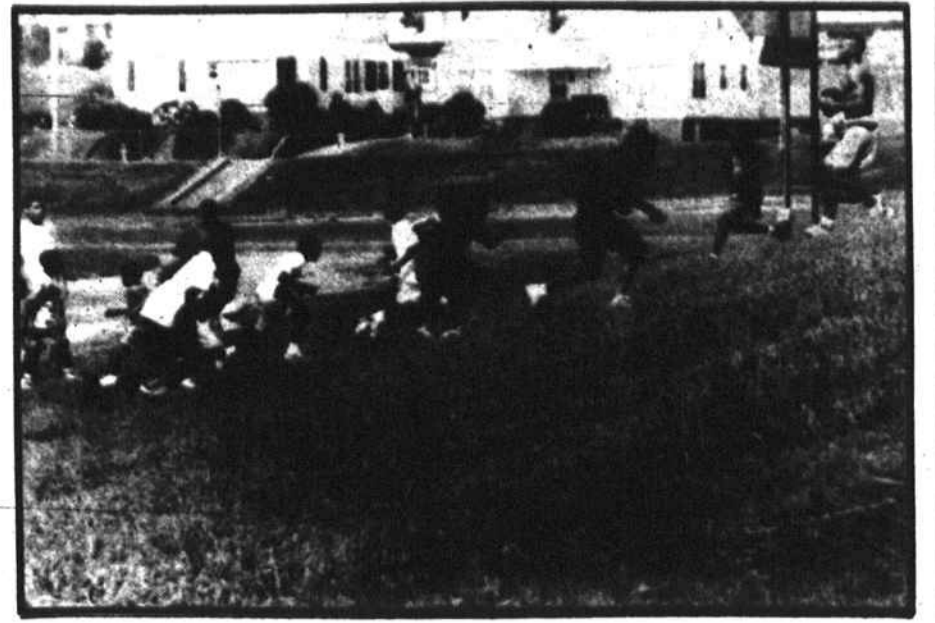
Also playing great games were Mike Jowers and Anthony Tomlinson.

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