

WFU's Huff Chooses Education at the Crossroads

A Demon Deacon star will give pro tennis a shot after obtaining his degree

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Luckily for Quentin Huff, it's not where he started that mattered, but where he finished.

"I played in my first tennis tournament when I was 6 years old," Huff, a 19-year-old rising senior at Wake Forest University, said while sitting on a bench at Leighton Tennis Stadium on the Wake campus. "There were three people in the tournament and I came in third. I got beat by a 10-year-old named Art Freeman who went on to be ranked in the top-20 as a 14-year-old. He

was pretty good."

Huff isn't too shabby himself these days. He was scheduled to play Steven Bryan in the opening round of the Flow Motors Invitational professional tennis tournament on Tuesday. Two victories in the tournament could give him the opportunity to play Todd Martin, the fifthranked player in the world.

Huff's participation in the Flow comes on the heels of a season at Wake Forest in which he led the Deacons in singles victories for the second straight season as he posted a 14-11 dual-match record. He played No.1 and No. 2 singles, seeing the most action at No. 2 where he

tinished 10-9, but played six matches at the top spot, compiling a 4-2 mark. Huff's three-year dual-match record is 38-24 with an overall singles mark of 50-37.

In between his first tournament as a 6-year-old and his participation in this week's Flow. Huff played tournaments all over the country, becoming ranked as a 9year-old. While some players he met at tournaments turned pro at an early age. Huff never seriously considered that route. He was focused on other goals. "My mind has always been set on going to college

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Gettin' Into the Swing

Quentin Huff uses his backhand.

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The 17-and-under national Amateur Athletic Union basketball tournament returns to Winston-Salem's Joel Coliseum starting Saturday with over 150 games slated during an eight-day run.

This year's tournament, the last in Winston-Salem after a two-year stay, will crown a champion to succeed last year's winner. the Charlotte Royals.

This year's opening game tips off at 8 p.m. Saturday following the Parade of Athletes at 7 p.m.

Olympic-style pool play begins July 17 on two courts in the Coliseum and two in the Coliseum Annex and continues through Tuesday. Games are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Bracket championship play and the Tarheel Shootout are scheduled for Wednesday through July 22 from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. The national championship game is on tap for 2 p.m. July 23 in the Coliseum followed by the awards ceremony.

Last year's tournament featured over 150 games and included nearly all the Division I college basketball coaches in the country on hand to scout talent. Some of the players in the 1993 tournament were Ishua Benjamin who signed with N.C. State, Jahidi White, who signed with Georgetown, Willie Mitchell, who signed with Michigan, and Michael Maddox, who inked with Georgia Tech.

Leading the way in this year's tournament will be one of the top prep prospects in the country, Ron Mercer of Good Pasture High School in Tennessee. The 1994

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Golfer Harold Dunovant teaches youngsters the game that put food on his table for many years.



Inner-City Youths Find Golf to Be Fun Sport

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Harold Dunovant was 7 years old and barely big enough to carry a golf bag when he started caddying at <u>Reynolds Park in 1936. Back then cad-</u> dying was one of the few ways a black man could get on a golf course.

Exposure to the game at an early age spurred Dunovant to a career as a golf professional, and now, in the twilight of that career, he wants to expose youngsters to the game that put food on his table for many years.

To do that, he started the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem Summer Golf Program under the direction of Bill McClain, director of youth services for the housing authority.

"Mr. Dunovant came to us last year and wanted to introduce golf to inner-city youth." McClain said. "We were excited because part of our athletic program is to introduce what we call non-traditional sports to inner-city youth. It fits well with our tennis and soccer programs."

Dunovant has pursued a golf career in various parts of the United States since turning pro in 1954 and he played on the PGA Tour in 1964 and 1965 and the Senior Tour in 1984. Now the 65-year-old wants to give something back to the community.

"My idea with this golf program is to expose the game to mainly underprivileged kids, though it is open to

anyone," said Dunovant, standing in the sweltering heat at Civitan Park barking orders, instructions and encouragement to his students. "When I came along the black guy was exposed to the game by caddying. Now, because of golf carts, there are no caddies and the exposure is dead."

Many youngsters in Dunovant's program never gave golf a second thought until coming into contact with him; and most had never been on a golf course. As part of the program, they have had the opportunity to go to Tanglewood Park and to a local minature golf course. Some, like 10-yearold Candace Bacote, have even found the game easy.

"It's not that hard to learn," she said as Dunovant interjected with a hardy laugh: "Say it isn't hard because you have a great teacher."

Bacote says she will probably continue playing golf as will Chris Reid, who wants to split his time playing football.

"I kinda like playing golf because I played with my granddaddy, but after taking this course I like it more." said 'Reid, 11. "But sometimes it gets hot out here."

Eleven-year-old Joe Blackwell, a sixth-grader at Hanes Middle School, is typical of many children in the program — he wanted to experience golf first hand. That is just fine with

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