

Hot Hoops Summer Basketball League

The Hoyas and Deacons battle in the 11-14 year old Hanes Hosiery Hot Hoops Summer Basketball League. The Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center will be the site of the 8th annual Hang the Net and Slam Dunk Contest July 21 at 2:30 p.m. Scheduled to appear are former Waker Forest University standout Charlie Davis and former Charlotte Hornets coach Gene Littles. Littles, a former High Point University star, is now a Denver Nugget executive.

Butler's Plan Goes

with 32 points.

"B.J. did a good job of responding to the pressure." Midlands coach Vince Lowry said.

Pressure defense is what spurred the Lakers past the Magic. The Lakers, playing in the tournament as the host team and not a qualifier, applied defensive pressure all over the court, especially in the second half.

"We talked at the half and thought if we pressured them, that would be the key," Butler said. "We are at our best when we pressure the ball."

The Magic came to town with seven players and by the end of the game they were dragging. "I think the constant pressure wore them down," Butler said.

The pressure may have worn down the Show-Me-State team, but pressure was an afterthought for the Lakers.

Being the host team took the pressure off and good things happened," Butler said. "We aren't even supposed to be here, so I told the kids to just go out and have fun."

One Laker who had fun was Vincent Whitt, who slashed and burned inside for a game-high 24

"He is only a junior," Butler said of the 6'5" Whitt. "He played well, as did Ike (Howard) and William (Butler, the coach's son): They really applied pressure and wore the other team out."

Butler hit a running threepointer from a couple of feet beyond the three-point arc as the buzzer sounded ending the first quarter to give Winston Lake a 23-15 lead. The Magic outscored the Lakers 23-17 in the second quarter. from page 15

with -balanced scoring that epitomized their play throughout the game, to cut the advantage to 40-38 at the half.

Whitt scored six points in the third quarter and drained a trev to start the fourth to give the Lakers a 64-54 lead, their biggest of the game to that point. The advantage ballooned to 80-59 with 2:42 to play as the Magic went over four minutes without a field goal, while the Lakers were having good success at the free-throw line. The Magic cut the lead in the waning stages as Butler cleared his bench.

Howard finished with 13 points for Winston, Larry Williams had 12 and Darrius White rounded out the double-figure scor, 's with 10. Missouri placed five players in double digits, led by L. Dee Murdock and Mondriel Fulcher with 15 each.

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