

Local AAU squads capture titles

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It was a good weekend for two local girl AAU basketball organizations, as the Winston-Salem Stealers (11s) and Team B.O.N.D (10s) outplayed the competition to capture regional crowns over the weekend.

The regional titles gave both squads number one seeds heading into the state tournament, which will be held in Greensboro during the first weekend of May (May 2-4).

The Winston-Salem Stealers hosted the 10-11-12-13 North Carolina AAU Girls Regional Tournament this past weekend at the Gateway YWCA and Salem College. The Stealers went 2-1 in pool play, before ripping off a series of wins to collect the regional title. The Stealer lost to the Carolina Comets in the opener, then, defeated the Lady Phoenix. The Stealers then defeated the Greensboro Gaters in the quarterfinals before winning the rematch over the Carolina Comets in the semifinals. The Stealers then defeated the Lady Phoenix, a second time, in the finals.

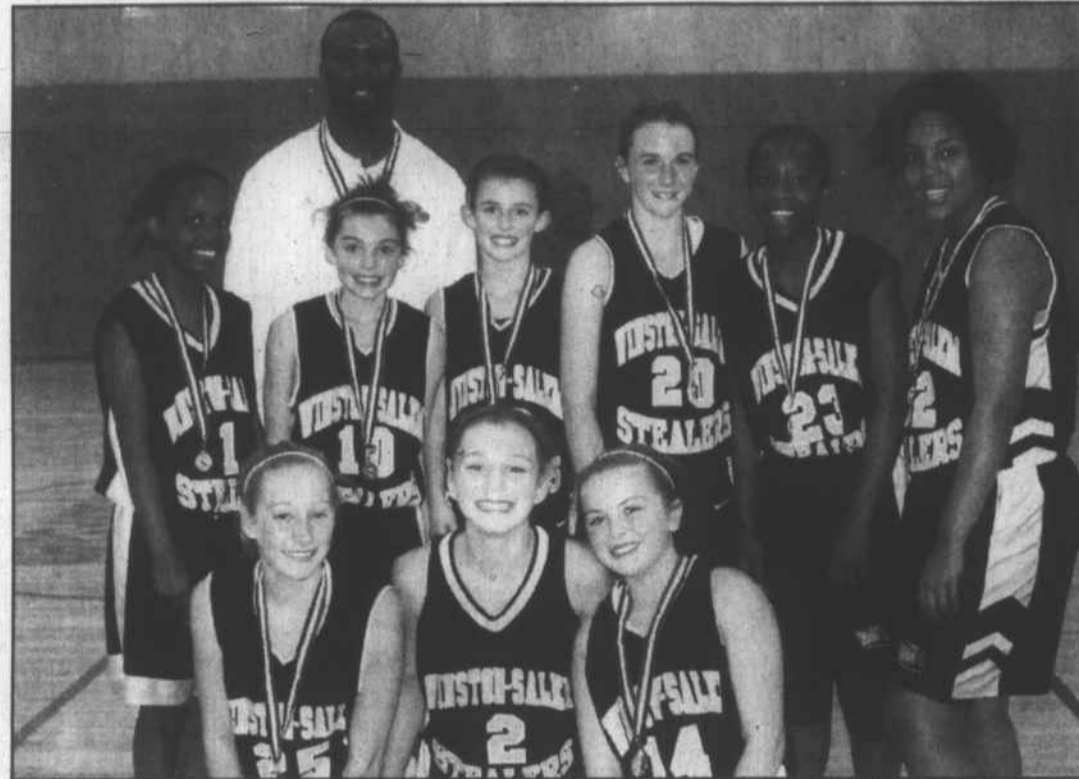
Some of the outstanding players for the Stealers were Celeste Burgess, Ebony Stevens, Cameron Nieters, Kaila Craven, Kaitlyn Doub, Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Robinson, McKenzie Rochford, Lauren Ramsey and Hannah Green. The squad was coached by Madison Dulaney, Tyrone Stevens and Barbara Nieters.

Team B.O.N.D swept their way through their first regional tournament. The first-year program, which was started by former Wake Forest star Porsche Jones (and NBA star Josh Howard), took down every squad in their way en route to the title. Team B.O.N.D defeated Mt. Holly Stars 38-22; Carolina Tigers 55-9; Salisbury Sting 44-7; Phoenix Sun 51-15 and Greensboro Galaxy 34-30 (championship game).

Some of the standouts of Team B.O.N.D were Tatayana Perez, Cece Byrom, Tyler Mercer, Dominique Adams, Dominique Claytor, Haven Hairston, Kayla Searcy,



Team B.O.N.D 10-and-under squad.



Winston-Salem Stealers 11-and-under squad.

Ariahanna Cosby, Victoria Howie and Candace Hodge.

Team B.O.N.D coaching staff consisted of Porsche Jones (Head coach and President of organization); Belinda Howard, Assistant Coach, head recruiter; Demario Mercer (Team dad) and Donna Claytor

(Team mom).

"We will be playing in Greensboro May 2-4 in the state tournament for North Carolina for 10-under girls," Jones said. "If anyone wants to know how to contact us, please contact us at 336-995-8718 or email us at

bondskills@hotmail.com. We are fundraising and selling t-shirts in attempts for a possible trip to the national tournament in July. We need all the local support that is possible. Thank you in advance for all that wish to assist us in any way."

Trahan is at the top of All-American team

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Celeste Trahan of Elizabeth City State has been named the 2008 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

Trahan leads a list of 15 student-athletes honored by Division II sports information directors for their efforts on the hardwood this season. Daktronics is a world leader in programmable electronic signs, electronic and digital displays and scoreboards. The team is voted on by the Division members of College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The 2008 women's basketball All-America team is comprised of two seniors, two juniors and a sophomore on the first team while upperclassmen dominate the second and third teams released Tuesday.

Trahan was joined by Lauren Beckley of Shippensburg, Emily Brister of West Texas A&M, Katie Cezat of Hillsdale and Ashley Langen of North Dakota on the Daktronics All-American First Team.

The second team is led by Vanessa Wilt of Cal State-San Bernardino, followed by Kate Lynch of Southern Connecticut, Sheena Walton of Tampa, Michelle Stueve of Emporia State and Jennifer Rushing of Delta State.

The third team consists of Johannah Leedham of Franklin-Pierce, Jeana Hoffman of South Dakota, Anna Atkinson of Wingate, Sarah Van Horn of West Virginia Wesleyan and Syretha Marble of North Georgia College & State.

Trahan was the 2008 Daktronics South Atlantic Regional Player of the Year and was also given the Player of the Year Award by the Central Intercollegiate Athletics Association. The senior center from Stockton, Calif. was also



Celeste Trahan

named the conference's Defensive Player of the Year. Trahan averaged 23.7 points and 15.9 rebounds per game this season while shooting .522 from the floor. She added 2.1 blocks, 2.4 steals and 1.4 assists per game to her teams efforts. She leads the nation in scoring and rebounding is No. 22 in blocked shots and No. 43 in field goal percentage. She is the first woman in Division II history and the fourth overall to record 2,000 points and 1,500 rebounds in a career. She is the first woman in ECSU history and the fourth overall to have her jersey retired. She was named the CIAA Player of the Week on eight occasions and scored in double figures in every game this season, registering a double-double in all but two contests.

Trahan set a career high 36 points against Mount Olive on Jan. 2 and matched the total against Shaw on Feb. 2. She is a CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Third Team selection. She is her school's all-time leader in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. Trahan has amassed 84 career double-doubles in 109 career games and averaged a double-double for her career with 19.7 points and 14.1 rebounds per outing.

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tures. All information can be supplemented by former coaches and people who knew an athlete, and can attest to what he's done."

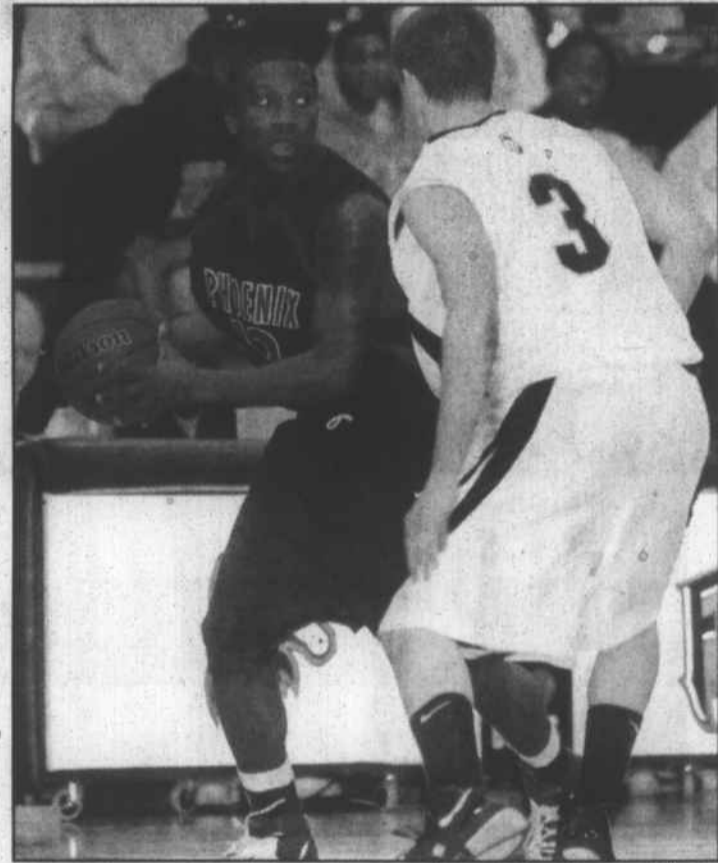
Then, that information is given to a group of people known as the screening committee. That group of people are independent of the Sportsmen Club. They are not members. They usually consist of former hall of famers or civic leaders who are familiar with athletics around the city, according to Wynn. They go through the folders and make sure the documentation is in order for consideration. They then let the Sportsmen Club members know whether the portfolios meet the criteria.

"What if only 10 of 15 meet the criteria?" Wynn asked. "The five that don't will be considered for the next year. It kind of rolls over. Then, the sportsmen club will look at the ones that did meet criteria and take a vote of each applicant. Each applicant must receive a 50 percent approval rating before being inducted."

What about the older candidates?

I thought I would let coach Wynn tell us straight out. I mean, he can say most of this stuff better than me. Like I said earlier, I talk with a number of people that probably should be in the hall of fame. My good friend, Will Rice, definitely should be in there. But he refuses to submit himself. Some athletes simply feel like their work speaks for itself. In some cases, that is true. I can't deny that. And, some athletes played during a time when they got very little press. So, there's no scrapbook. Others simply lost a lot of important information through the years.

"That's OK," Wynn said. "Those persons are not forgotten. There weren't a lot of writing about guys from



W-S Prep Marcus Wright earned all-state honors.

Atkins and Carver from a long time ago. There may be community leaders and coaches, players that can supply documentation or proof that those were excellent ball players."

But the important thing is filling out that application people. It can be printed out online at

www.wssportsmenclub.org. That's an important site. You can also see the names of all the present hall of famers on the site, and read all of the criteria — for athletes, media, administration and other special categories.

I want to say something real quick. Don't talk bad about some of the people that have made it to the special group simply because you're not included. Those people that have been inducted deserve to be hall of famers. That's hating. Don't be a hater. Just get on the ball, and submit your material, or get someone to do it for you.

Congrats to our all-state ballers

The 2008 NC Prep.com recently released the name of the All State Basketball Team, and Mt. Tabor's C.J. Harris, along with Winston-Salem Prep's Marcus Wright and Big Reggie Johnson were among the players listed.

Harris received 4-A All-State honors. Wright and Johnson took home 1-A honors. Johnson was named the 1-A Player of the Year. That's what it is Big Bugaloo. Keep doing your thing. And, let's get it in Charlotte on Saturday. Johnson will be playing in the Carolina Classic All-Star Game at Bobcats Arena.

Other area players to grace the all-state team were Thomasville's E.J. Abrams, Mt. Airy's Robbie Reid, Hanover's Ty Walker was named the 4-A Player of the Year.

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The doctors listed below are active volunteers at the Community Care Center, a free clinic providing healthcare services to low-income, uninsured residents of Forsyth, Stokes and Davie Counties. These doctors give back to their community and we appreciate their service and dedication.

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