

# Local girls perform well at AAU event

# Old School hoops tournament set

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The High Point Lady Stars played in the Central Regional AAU Girls 9U Championship game this weekend in Burlington, and won their age division.

With the win, the Lady Stars became the 2008 Central Regional AAU Girls 9U Champions. Five of the team standouts are from Winston-Salem. The local girls are Sylena Johnson, Makayla Wolfe, Briana Carter, Kristen Saunders and Tierra Wilson. Some of the other talented players are Kadajah Walker, Jazlin Taylor, Brooke Anders, Timber Tate, Destiny Timberlake, Kayla Johnson and Aiyonna Hill. The head coach of the squad is Aaron Grier. He is assisted by Scott Anders and Tim Wilson. The team manager is Cherie Jeffers.

In Pool Play last Saturday, the Lady Stars defeated The W-S Stealers of Kernersville (by 23 points), then lost to the Lady Gators of Greensboro by five points. Pool Play Record 1-1. In Bracket Play on Sunday,



Photo by Tim Wilson

The High Point Lady Stars captured a 9U regional title over the weekend.

they defeated The W-S Stealers by 25 points and defeated the Lady Gators by 3 points to become the 2008 Central

Regional AAU Girls 9U Champions. The Lady Stars finished with a 2-0 record in bracket play.

The High Point Lady Stars will compete in the AAU DI State Championship April 26-28 in Durham.

## Hill

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overtime. The Jayhawks pulled away in overtime outscoring the Tigers 12-5. The rest is history.

It is a shame one team had to lose. I'm just glad it was Memphis. What got me was how most people didn't want to give Kansas a chance, especially against UNC. People were talking about how they almost lost to Davidson. Well, that same Davidson team should've beaten Carolina earlier in the season too. So, I was straight with that. Then, a lot of people jumped on the Memphis bandwagon, only to watch them miss free throws down the stretch and miss countless buckets.

Listen to me next time. I wonder if people still think Derrick Rose should go ahead of Kansas State's Michael Beasley. Rose played a decent game, despite having some kind of stomach problem. But he got crossed up so bad during the play to send the game to overtime. Then, Chambers launched the game-tying bucket in his grill.

That was just a great game. It's rare for me to want to watch anything more than once. I don't even like to buy movies because I don't want to see them anymore after the first time watching it. Same

way with games, unless I am a part of them. I don't usually want to watch a game over and over. But I wouldn't mind checking this game out again.

I can't say it's because I already know the outcome because I predicted the final score weeks before it actually went down.

### Why was Roy Williams wearing Kansas logo?

Is it just me or was it wrong for UNC head coach Roy Williams to be wearing a blue shirt with the Kansas Jayhawk logo on it? I'm just saying. That doesn't seem cool.

I even had to debate with my publisher about the issue. He's a Carolina graduate that doesn't see anything wrong with Williams wearing a Jayhawk logo, despite the fact that he's being paid by UNC now. I thought that was a complete slap in the face of all UNC fans and players. Go home with them. Put on a Carolina blue shirt. I know he packed enough clothes. It seems like everyone wanted to put he and his team in the championship game before the tournament started. So, that's not the issue. It was just a bad move. I've heard that he will always support KU if they are not playing UNC. Move on. If you ask me, it looked like he



Alonzo Winfield

### Alonzo Winfield doing it big at USC

Former Carver linebacker Alonzo Winfield is having a great off season at the University of South Carolina, where he's entering his second year. He's presently competing for a starting spot at linebacker, and is turning quite a few heads. Zoe might work his way to a starting spot. I know he put down a crazy 40-yard dash time recently.

Winfield was clocked at 4.38 a few weeks ago, which was the second fastest time recorded on the squad. Digest that for a minute. Zoe is a linebacker with the second fastest 40 time on the team. That's what's up. I'll have to keep an eye on Winfield's progression through the off season.

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was cheering for KU when UNC was losing to them in the Final Four. How many points did they have to be down by before he called a timeout?

Some of the players said that he really didn't have much to say during timeouts and huddles. That's very interesting. But it goes with what I've been saying about Roy Williams all along. I think he's extremely overrated as a coach. I haven't liked him since witnessing how he did Reyshawn Terry. I didn't think too much of him before that. And, I definitely thought much less of him after that. That still doesn't take away from the fact that he's really not that talented as a coach. Just my opinion.

It's also my opinion that he shouldn't have been wearing that KU logo. I know some of you feel me on this.



Submitted photo

Pitts is exciting to start his own varsity program at QEA.

## Pitts

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hoping our athletic scholars will do very well in athletics. I know he will help guide our athletic scholars to success."

Pitts has been a part of athletics for over 35 years, which began during his days as a player at Parkland High. He's also coached on the AAU level, as well as assisted at Parkland High. Pitts has always envisioned the day that he would become a head coach and run his own program.

"This is truly something that I've wanted to do for a long time," Pitts said. "God said this is what He has for me. This is a small school,

and a first-year program. Some people look at it as a glass half empty. I see it as a glass halfway full. I'm going to fill it up. I understand that I have a job to do. I'm looking forward to getting to work."

Pitts has plans of starting a boys and girls basketball basketball team. He would also like to start cross country, girls volleyball and track and field. Pitts said he plans to start a cheerleading squad in year two, and a baseball, softball and soccer program in year three.

Pitts said his first order of official business was to hire a varsity girls coach, and join the NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association).

"We're going to compete

independently our first year, kind of like Winston-Salem Prep did," said Pitts. "Then, we hope to compete in the high school athletic association. I don't see why we wouldn't. Next year we will play some good teams, though. Our basketball schedule has Veritas Christian Academy, Patterson High, Asheville and Davie County. We'll also play in the Piedmont Challenge in Greensboro and Battle of the Boardwalk in New Jersey. We won't play any teams in Winston, but we're going to have a good schedule next year. I'm just looking forward to it. We'll have a young squad. The oldest class we will have will be eleventh grade. But we'll be ready."

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Legendary area baller Norton Barnhill and Linwood "Jug" Jackson are planning a special basketball tournament for ballers that are 35 years and older next month.

"Jug came up with the idea," Barnhill said. "We've been trying to get a league started back up at Sims Center. Nothing has happen with that yet. So, we've decided to try to put on a tournament to see what would happen. I'm not playing in it. These knees don't do too well up and down the court anymore. But I will beat anyone,

one-on-one."

The two-day tournament will take place at Hanes Hosiery Community Center, May 17 and 18. Registration fee for teams is \$150 (Cash or check). Each team must provide their own jersey with numbers. The event is said to be fun for all ages. Food will be provided by Ms. Belle. Saturday's menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, fries and more. There will be dinner plates served on Sunday.

For more information contact Jug at 336-995-0381 or Barnhill at 336-201-2747.

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