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The High Point Lady Stars

# Lady Stars play well in another tourney

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The High Point Lady Stars 9U Girls Division played in the YBOA State Championship Division I games in Mt. Airy over the weekend (May 9-11).

The Lady Stars started out with a game against the Surry Storm (Hodge) on Saturday morning, defeating them 30-7. On Saturday evening they played the Lady Royals and lost 23-28. The Lady Stars came back on Sunday morning and played the Wilkes Diamonds — defeating them 34-17.

That win advanced the the Lady Stars to play for third place Sunday evening. They played Surry Storm (Culler) and defeated them

34-20. They are the third place winners in the state in YBOA Girls 9-Division. The talented group of young girls are now qualified to play in the YBOA Girls Nationals 9 Division I in Polk County, Florida. That event will take place July 12-19.

The local girls on the squad are Sylana 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.

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3:57.53, at the regional meet in Charlotte:

The Spartans also received good performances from several other student-athletes. Margaret Lee finished third in the 1600-meter race with a time of 5:15.67. Freshman, Jillian Palmer finished sixth in the high jump with a mark of 5-0. Palmer won the regional title with a mark of 5-2 a week earlier. (The event was won by S. Mecklenburg's Cierra Burdick, who jumped 5-5.)

Dowberry finished eighth in the 400-meter race with a time of 1:20.76.

Mr. Tabor's Hunter Furr found matters tougher during last weekend's state meet than they were during his impressive performance at the regionals a week earlier. Furr didn't get to race in the 100-meter finals after a false start. That race was won by T.J. Graham (Wakefield), who's the son of an Olympic trainer. Graham finished with a 4A meet record time of 10.44. Furr finished second in the 200-meter race with a time of 21.21. Graham also won that race, after finishing with a time of 20.82. Furr beat out Furwaun Greene (New Bern) and Landon Powell (N. Davidson) 21.79.

### Other area performers did well

Dylan Ferris of East Forsyth was chosen as the Most Valuable Performer in the men's meet, winning both the 800 (1:52.32) and 1600 (4:17.96). Patrick Crawford (East) finished fourth in his race. North Forsyth's Jared Neely also ran well.

The Reynolds 4x100 team finished sixth. They finished behind Butler (42.03), Mallard Creek and Wakefield — among others. The Demons finished fifth in the 4x200. The East Forsyth 4x800 team finished



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Here, Mt. Tabor's Hunter Furr trails a New Bern runner.

second with a time of 10:19.97. And, East Forsyth's Aaron Zakula finished second in pole vault, finishing behind N.W. Guilford's Scott Houston — who broke a state record (16-0). He eclipsed the standard set by Southwest Guilford's Daniel Keller in 2005 by three inches and bettered the 4-A mark Houston himself established a year ago by seven inches.

Also, East's Amanda Jones finished sixth in the 800 meter with a time of 2:23.39. West Forsyth's Karmen Dais finished fifth in the shot put (37-0).

In other 4-A meet action, Spencer Adams of Butler had a strong showing that helped his team finish second, winning the 110 high hurdles and anchoring a couple of victorious relays in the four by 100 and four by 200. Jacinda Evans of Southern Durham had a phenomenal performance en route to winning the women's Most Valuable Performer award. She took first place in four events, including the 100, 200, long jump and triple jump.

Note: New Bern won the 4-A NCHSAA men's title, while Butler earned its first NCHSAA women's track and field team crown, holding off second-place Charlotte Myers Park 58-48.



Photo by Anthony Hill

Here, Jim Caldwell Jr. addresses the crowd during the 25th annual W-S/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame ceremony last Friday.

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to adopt two neighborhood schools, Ashley Elementary and Winston-Salem Prep, as well as the Carter G. Woodson public charter school.

Several weeks ago, I called a meeting with Pastor Tejado Hancell of Mount Calvary Holy Church, Pastor Donald Jenkins of St. Paul United Methodist Church, President Steve Hairston of the NAACP and the Rev. Richard Watts, who is principal of Winston-Salem Prep.

The Rev. Mr. Watts informed us that normally when a team wins a state championship they get championship rings and the varsity cheerleaders get commemorative stoles. This will cost about \$6,000. That money would come from the PTA and booster clubs. If our schools were desegregated, this wouldn't be a problem. Since they are re-segregated, Mr. Watts only has \$1,000 in his PTA budget.

This column is written as a call and challenge to get one hundred black men to give \$60 a piece and pay this bill. Checks should be written to Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy with "Ring Fund" in the memo. Cash or checks can be brought to the school and given to Mrs. Henry, school secretary and a receipt shall be given. If for whatever reason you want to send this to me at 115 Dellbrook Road, I'll get it to the school.

My church has endorsed this project. Three basketball

loving pastors I know, Bishop Joseph Lowery, Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius and Dr. Kendall Jones are on board. I hope to get the Ministers Conference, NAACP, all the Black male elected officials and our fraternal organizations involved.

We'll take money from White folks and women, but I'd love for Black men to take care of business. We say we love our children and we love sports. Let's support the young people who are doing the right thing. Fifty, forty, thirty, twenty, even ten dollars will be appreciated. Let's raise it by May 30. Brother David Allen gave the first \$70, I gave my \$60, Dr. David Mount gave \$75 and Bishop Allen of Thomasville gave \$25.

Principal Watts, athletic director Ricky Holt and coach Andre Gould are and will be thankful for all black men, and others, who demonstrate love and care for our children who're excelling.

### Hall of Fame always a good event

Thanks, Dr. Eversley. I'm back. And, I just want to say that I really enjoyed attending the 25th annual Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame last Friday. I wouldn't have wanted to spend my Friday night anywhere else.

I mean, it truly is rewarding to me to hear about and meet some of the former athletes that used to do great things during their playing days. It was also great hearing the stories. It was priceless hearing

Jim Caldwell Jr., thank everyone from his old principal and coaches to his former teammates and dad. I loved hearing Porsche Jones recite a poem that was to inspire people from ever quitting in what they do.

Paul Cloud got up there and talked about his old coach, Tom Muse and some of his old teammates like Rob Little, Mike and Tony Grace and a few other guys. LaShun Peoples was so nervous that he could barely say what he wanted to. But everyone understood, and appreciated his expression.

Martha Land was simply delightful to listen to. And, Chris Paul's grandmother (Mrs. Hill) was as sweet as could be. She accepted the induction on behalf of CP.

The most touching moment for me came when former West Forsyth and UNC star LaQuanda Barksdale Quick stood up to speak. She made it clear that she didn't have a lot coming up, and that times were hard for her family. Barksdale talked about how her family used to move around a lot, and how she lived with her grandmother at one point. She then took the time to thank the family of friends that helped her get home after games and practices. That simply moved me. Probably because I could definitely relate to that.

Next year's class should be special as well.

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