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GOOD MOVE!

Wiley's DeVontai Foye making impact in first year from Indiana

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One of the toughest things for a young kid to go through is a move away from most of his or her family and friends. Wiley eighth grader DeVontai Foye is making the best of his move to Winston-Salem. He moved here from Indiana over the summer.

"It's been good being here," said Foye. "I like the people here. And, the sports around here are good. I've been having a lot of fun."

In his first year, he's already made an immediate impact in the youth sports world. Over the summer, he won three awards at the Chris Paul camp. He won the one-on-one championship. Foye was named Rookie of the Week once, and helped his team capture the five-on-five championship. That's when his father, Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Foye, thought his son might have to move to Winston-Salem sooner than expected. He and DeVontai's mother had originally wanted him to move to North Carolina during his first year of high school. But Kelly Foye started believing his son should be here now.

"I talked to his mother, and I told her that he might need to move down here this year," Kelly Foye said. "He's doing pretty good, and everyone thinks he's pretty good. I told her that he has an opportunity here. I didn't even know he was that good. I watched him play for the school, and he was really good."

"It was the same way with track," Foye continued. "I asked the track coach if I should get him some expensive cleats. I didn't want to spend a lot of money if he wasn't that good. He only won one race in Indiana last year. Then I saw him and I was amazed. He was dominating."



Photo by Anthony Hill

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Wiley eighth grader DeVontai Foye is already displaying loads of potential.

Neal inducted into Hall of Fame

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Johnson C. Smith University alumnus Fred "Curly" Neal was among eight inductees at the 45th annual North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame held at the North, Raleigh Hilton on May 17. Neal became the 253rd member of the prestigious Hall of Fame and joins the likes of other HOF members from the C I A A such as Sam Jones (1969), Dr. Leroy Walker (1975), Clarence "Big House" Gaines (1978), Bobby Vaughan (1992), John McLendon (1994), and George Williams (2000) to name a few.



Neal

While at Johnson C. Smith University, Neal earned All-CIAA honors in 1961 and 1963. In his senior year, he averaged 23.1 points per game and led his team to the CIAA title. Neal went on to play in 6,000 games, over 22 years, with the Harlem Globetrotters. He traveled millions of miles, performed in 97 countries as a dribbling sensation. Neal continues to work with the Globetrotters in their Public Relations Department.

"Outstanding athletic achievement and high standards of professionalism are hallmarks of these inductees. They have brought honor and prestige to themselves, their sports and the state of North Carolina. Their achievements have brightened the sports heritage of our state," said Wilt Browning of Kernersville, President of the Hall.

The other 2008 inductees were Tom Butters of Durham, Richard Childress of Welcome, Leo Hart of Duke, Bill Hensley of Charlotte, Ken Huff of Durham, Jack Jensen of Greensboro and Roy Williams of Chapel Hill.

The N. C. Sports Hall of Fame, with 260 members, was established in 1963 and is housed in the N. C. Museum of History in Raleigh. The permanent exhibit includes sports artifacts ranging from a Richard Petty race car to the Homestead Grays' uniform worn by the late Walter "Buck" Leonard, who played baseball in the Negro National League.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free.

Winston-Salem Prep girls take state title

Lady Phoenix win break state record in 4x200 relay

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GREENSBORO - It seemed like most people were acquiring about Winston-Salem Prep during last weekend's 1-A Track and Field Championships at N.C. A&T. Not many people were aware of Prep before the state meet. But no one could forget them after it was over.

The talented group of girls won its first women's team title, scoring 63 points to 49.33 for runner-up West Wilkes. Three teams were tightly bunched thereafter, with Bishop McGuinness placing third with 39 points, Hendersonville fourth with 38 and then Avery in fifth with 37.33.

"This was a very historic day," said first-year W-S Prep head coach Derrick Speas, who has been a part of four state track titles. "The girls exceeded my expectations. They really competed at a high level to pull this off. I'm in awe with the show they've put on for two-straight weeks. Everyone was talking about Winston-Salem Prep when we left."

The Phoenix, despite not having a track to practice on was still able to own Irwin Belk Track over the weekend. The Phoenix got first place finishes by the talented Trisha



Photos by Tom Houghtaling

Bennett in the 400 (58.70), the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400.

The Phoenix broke the state record in the 4x200 race, set by Durham School of the Arts in 2002. Prep finished with a time of 1:43.28. The record-breaking relay team consisted of Bennett, Melody Butler, Tsanni Collier (who's also a cheerleader) and the talented Ariel Darden. The victory in the 4x100, which was also a record breaker, was taken away after a committee ruled that a Prep runner interfered with a runner from another school after the third exchange. The field judge cleared the the exchange during the race. But after two



(Top) W-S Prep runners and head coach Derrick Speas pose after capturing the 1-A State Track title last Saturday.

(Below) Ariel Darden takes off with the baton during a relay race.

attempts to protest by another school, the win and record were taken away.

"I still don't understand how they can take away a state record simply because someone was unhappy,"

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CARVER'S SHERMAN TOPS HIT LIST



Photo by Michael Simmons

Here, Carver's Bryce Sherman puts the final touches on a state championship relay win last week.

Every year I give a shout out to my favorite senior student-athletes in Winston-Salem. I call this shout out, "My Greatest Hits." This list isn't necessarily a countdown of the best student-athletes in the city.

It's basically a shout out to my favorite student-athletes. I'm closer to some athletes than I am others. That usually comes from knowing them ever since they first got to high school, or earlier. That doesn't mean that I don't like anyone that I may not mention. Besides, there's only 10 spots. So, let's get started.

My number 10 favorite student-athlete is Parkland's Bryan

McCorkle. He will be attending Livingstone next year on a football scholarship. He's the type of kid that you'd want your daughter to date, and your son

to hang around. Seriously. He's just a great guy. B-Mack is also a great student. I remember hearing stories about Bryan when he was younger. He would refuse to except rides home from work, or gyms on another side of town. Bryant simply walked home. That may seem sad. But that's what kind of guy he is. B-Mack is a stand up fellow. And, a great football player. Good luck next year in the CIAA, Bryan.

FROM THE HUDDLE

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