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Howard is always about the kids

FROM THE HUDDLE

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People that know me could tell you that I can be found at Reynolds Park at least one day out of the week. I think it's called something else. But it's still Reynolds Park to me until they have a formal event to change the name.

Anyway, I usually visit my main man Bryant McCorkle to see what's going on with him. Sometimes I even ball on a few young guys. You all know how I get down. Let me stop. I was at Reynolds Park last Thursday, and it was actually the start of Josh Howard's Summer Basketball League. The 17-and under play on Thursday. That division is filled with a lot of talented high school guys from around the city. I can see right now that the Jones kid from West Forsyth is going to be one of my favorite players this year. He's good. He's really good.

The league action takes place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I think the younger kids play on Tuesday. Some of you are probably thinking, "Didn't J-Ho's league take place during basketball season?" He did put on a league during the basketball season. But he also puts one on during the summer. The summer season seems to be a little more exciting because the action is spread out through three days, instead of being rushed on Saturdays. And, J-Ho actually gets to watch the action during the summer.

That brings me to my next point. I was just chilling last week. I spoke to a few friends I noticed as I walked in the gym. Then I spotted Josh when I heard my man Richard Daniels Sr. call my name. Josh was posted up like everyone else. That's what you've got to

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Photo by Jeff Sides

Mt. Tabor's rising senior student-athlete Hunter Furr celebrates after winning the 100-meter dash at the Nike Outdoor Track and Field Nationals last Saturday. Furr finished the race in a time of 10.56.

Furr wins 100 meter dash at Nike meet

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GREENSBORO — Mt. Tabor's rising senior star Hunter Furr had a look of supreme confidence when he crossed the finish line in a time of 10.56 in the 100 meter dash final over the weekend. He also had a bright smile after he collected first place honors at the Nike Outdoor Track and Field Nationals, which were held at N.C. A&T's Irwin Belk Track.

"He's probably the fastest white guy I've seen," said East Forsyth's Dylan Ferris. Ferris will be running for Stanford University in the fall. "Besides professionals, I think he's the fastest white guy I've seen. Hunter is fast."

Furr defeated Dentarius Locke (Florida, 10.60), Horatio Williams (Mississippi, 10.64), Shaun Smith (Indiana, 10.72), Ken Gilstrap (Georgia, 10.75), Samuel Jordan (Wilmington, 10.76), Herman Kirkland (Pennsylvania, 10.83) and Mike Shaw (Ohio, 10.84). Furr recorded a 10.46 during his preliminary race — which was the fastest he's ever finished the 100-meter dash.

Mt. Tabor senior becomes one of the nations fastest

ished the 100-meter dash.

"That was real big for me," Furr said. "I mean, you can't argue with it. It's the national championships. I am the number one rising senior in the nation. If I'm not the fastest guy in the nation then I'm definitely top three. That's huge for me. That's what I've been working for. It started out with AAU and I've slowly worked my way up."

"All of the hard work is starting to pay off," Furr continued. "When I crossed the line it was just a reaction to smile and lift my hands up. I was so happy to be a national champion. I had to show some emotion."

Heading into the Nike national track and field meet, Furr thought that N.C. State signee T.J. Graham was going to challenge for the 100-meter

title, which in most cases declares the fastest sprinter. Graham defeated Furr in the 4-A State Track and Field meet this past spring. But Graham was battling hamstring problems, and was unable to compete.

"When I got there T.J. Graham was obviously the favorite to win," Furr said. "I thought that I had a chance to hang with him. It was a close race during the state meet. But he hurt his hamstring. I knew it was me against the field after that."

Everything didn't go completely right for Furr over the weekend, though. He finished third in the 200 meter finals.

"That was a big disappointment to me at first," Furr said. "Looking back on it, I see it as being third in the country. I'll take that any day."

Furr credits his week-long preparation for his performance over the weekend. He said that he worked hard with his start and other areas with Mt. Tabor sprint coach Greg Marshall to be better prepared for the national meet. Furr said that he raced

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Tri-City Relays team wins district title

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The Tri-City Relays youth track and field team continued its impressive 2008 campaign by capturing the AAU state track and field championship this past weekend at Forestview High School in Gastonia.

Tri-City captured 28 gold medals, 31 silver and 22 bronze medals. The talented club also collected additional medals after winning relay races.

The title was the first district title for the historical Winston-Salem track club — being AAU has only collected points for it the past three years.

Last year, Tri-City was defeated by 30 points in the



Photo by Jeff Sides

Some of Tri-City's talented athletes pose with their district trophy.

final standings. This year, Tri-City scored 1,180 points in the two-day meet and outpaced the second place team by more than 400 points.

"About four teams could've won," said Tri-City coach Perry Cabean Sr. "The High Point Panthers were tough. Charlotte Speed and Charlotte Heat are always very good. I thought we had more depth than anybody, though. A lot of teams are two dimensional. You have to cover all aspects to get to us. There's points all over the place."

According to Cabean, Tri-City employed a balanced attack by earning multiple championships in the sprint

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FAST TALK



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Legendary Olympian Carl Lewis, who's won 10 Olympic medals and 10 World Championships, talks during an interview last Saturday at N.C. A&T's Irwin Belk Track. Lewis was in Greensboro for the Nike Outdoor Track and Field Nationals over the weekend.

Wake's Warsaw gets ESPN the Magazine honor

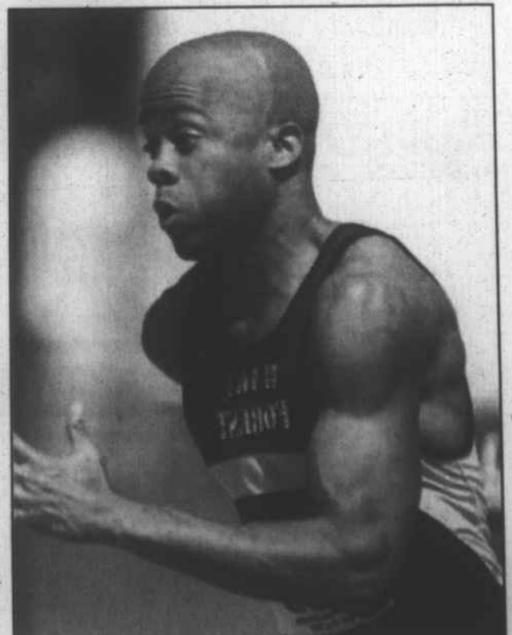
CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Phillip Warsaw, a Wake Forest track and field athlete out of Elizabethtown, Ky., was named to ESPN the Magazine's Academic All-America third team earlier this week.

Warsaw, a rising senior, is pursuing a degree in Mathematical Economics and currently holds a 3.9 grade point average. In addition to becoming a six-time Dean's List member in May, Warsaw is a candidate for the prestigious Beinecke Scholarship and is a Golden Key Honour Society member.

On the field, Warsaw holds Wake Forest's 400m hurdle record (51.60) and earned his second consecutive bid to the NCAA Regionals in the 2008 outdoor season. Warsaw posted his top time of the year at the ACC Outdoor Championships, recording a 52.27 performance at host school Georgia Tech.

Warsaw is Wake Forest's second student-athlete to earn Academic All-America honors for the 2007-08 season. Football's starter at left tackle, Louis Frazier, took first team honors earlier this year. Warsaw is the first Demon Deacon men's track team member to receive the honor since Phillip Wiles was recognized in 2002.



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Wake's Phillip Warsaw was named to magazine's all-american squad.