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Defending 1-A state champs ready to repeat

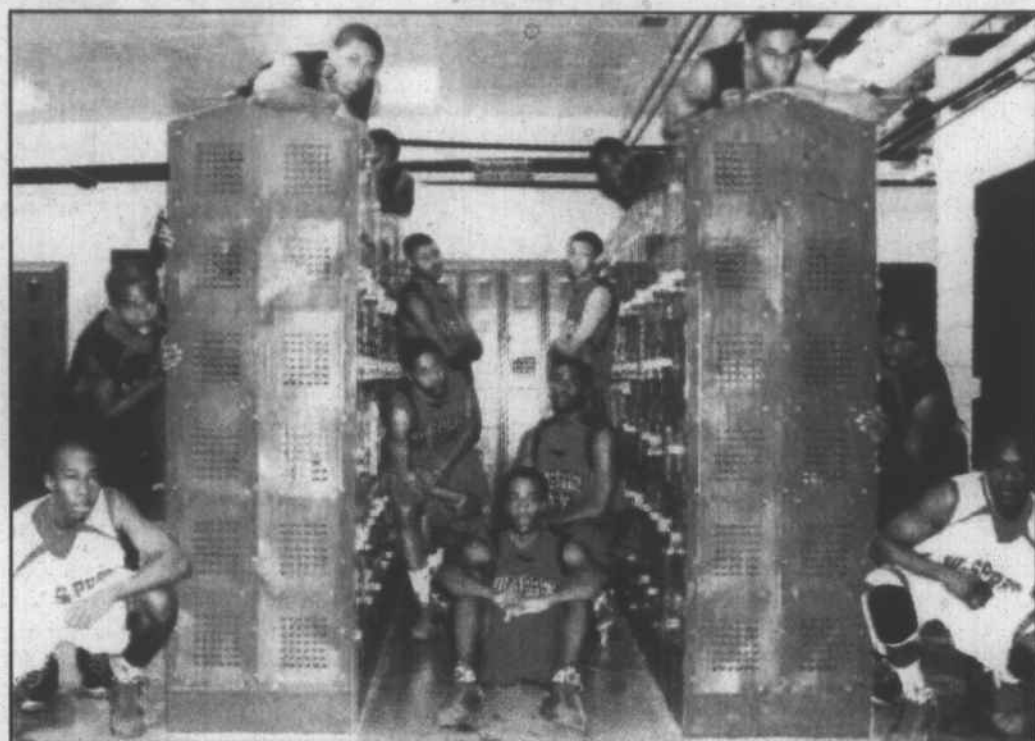
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Winston-Salem Prep shocked a number of fans around the state by capturing a 1-A state basketball title last season. Phoenix head coach Andre Gould wasn't surprised with his team's accomplishment, though. He knew his squad could win it all last year.

He's also confident his squad can do good things this season. But he's fully aware of the target on the backs of his players. Several teams will probably make it a point to beat them this year by throwing everything they have at the Phoenix this season.

"It's going to be another tough season," Gould said. "We're trying to get prepared for that. We definitely have our eyes on the mark. We're trying to repeat. But we know that we have to prepare to do that. We have to get through this tough schedule."

Prep, which is seemingly led by the play of their guards, doesn't have the luxury of having a go-to-guy in Marcus Wright — who's a freshman on the the Appalachian State team this year. Miami freshman Reggie "Big Reggie" Johnson is also gone. But Winston-Salem Prep does return Corey Gantt, Justin Parham, Josh "The Warrior" Hogg and Calvin Gamble from last year's championship squad. The team also has some strong additions



Winston-Salem Prep players are waiting patiently on the opportunity to repeat.

Photo by Anthony Hill



Gould

some great players."

Winston-Salem Prep took their first steps toward repeating as state champs when they began the season against nationally ranked Oak Hill Academy last week. The Phoenix, who were outsized in the post, dropped that contest by 12. But Prep played strong, and had the advantage several times throughout the game — including a 6-point lead after the first quarter. Corpening led

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Photo by Jeff Sides

Bishop McGuinness, led by Meredith Bennett, earned a 1-A state cross country title over the weekend.

## State title for Bishop McGuinness

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Bishop McGuinness overcame Hayesville to win the women's 1-A team crown in a tiebreaker that went to the sixth runner's finish after both had tallied 84 points. Robbinsville was just back in third with 89, while Hendersonville was fourth at 117 and Hampstead Topsail fifth at 139.

Bishop was led by Meredith Bennett, who finished fourth overall (20:20.98). She was followed by teammate Cissy Nitz, who finished fifth with a time of 20:36.76. Bishop's Katie Pellitteri finished 14th with a time of 21:27.56. Other standouts for Bishop were Alyssa Gaudio, Olivia

Hall and Katie Bennett.

Robbinsville's Faith Trammell won one of the closest races of the day in 19:58.77, less than three seconds ahead of Hendersonville's Kristen Trout in second place. Zatha Loewen's bid for a third consecutive individual crown fell short as the Topsail runner placed seventh overall.

In 4-A women's action, the talented Margaret Leak, of Mt. Tabor, couldn't hold off the competition, as she finished 18th in the state in the 5K run. Leak finished with a time of 19:40.82. Teammate Samantha Campanaro finished 25th with a time of 19:48.03. Olivia DePriest finished 59th with a time of 20:33.23.

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In a rivalry as heated as the one between Parkland and Carver emotions can leak over to junior varsity action. Emotions were definitely high when the Yellowjackets battled the Mustangs last Thursday.

But the Parkland JV football team seemingly needed more than emotional help to get by Carver, as the Yellowjackets walked out of Deaton-Thompson Stadium with 52-20 win over arch-rival Parkland.

"We really thought that we could out-physical them," said Carver head JV coach Sam Davis. "We have some big guys up front. We wanted to lean on them a little bit. We were able to do that. We were also able to run the ball with nine or 10 running backs in

## Carver High JV pounds Parkland 52-20



Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Carver running back Chris Hackett finds running room.

the game. Everybody played well and blocked for each other. This was a team win."

Parkland head JV coach Wayne Griffin added: "The kids played hard. I have to tip

my hat to Carver, though. They're a good football team. They handled business."

Carver didn't take long to handle business either. Carver put its first points on the board

after Jarvis Jones rumbled in for a score with 9:22 to go in the first. The Yellowjackets were good with the 2-point conversion to grab an early 8-0 lead. But Parkland made things interesting late in the first quarter when Antwon Davis caught a 27-yard touchdown pass over Carver's DeJonne Smith with :41 in the opening quarter. The touchdown was thrown by Anthony Morrison. Parkland was unsuccessful on the PAT, which left the score at 8-6.

Carver, behind the steady running of Chris Hackett, Jarvis Jones, Terrell Thompson, Billy McKeever and quarterback Albert Wright, continued to pound away at the Mustang defense. Hackett rumbled the ball into the end zone from 2 yards out to

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## Each year brings more Pop Warner drama

### FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill

I have lost count of the times I've shook my head after a Pop Warner season. My regular disappointment has nothing to do with the kids that participate in Pop Warner football. I usually shake my head after hearing some of the drama caused by adults that's almost guaranteed to take place each season.

I mean, doesn't it seem like a Pop Warner team or representative is in court debating an issue after each season? I'm not about to give you a rundown of the last five years or so. But trust me when I say there's usually some kind of team in court at the end of the season. This year, the coach of the Oak Ridge midget squad



Photo by Anthony Hill

Oak Ridge Colts midget division players pose with their trophy after defeating the Winston-Salem Indians on Sunday.

was in court because he supposedly had a player or some players that were on the Glenn JV roster at one point. The players or player in question supposedly didn't play a game for the Bobcats, though. He or them were simply on the roster.

In the rule books, it states that a Pop Warner player can't be on a high school roster — period. I'm going to add that Oak Ridge is a predominately white team. The player or players in question are black, though. The head coach of the squad is white. You're going to understand why I disclosed that information after reading a little more.

The Oak Ridge coach won his case. That's good for the kids on that team. I will say that. You don't want to punish kids for the mistakes of adults. My issue isn't really with that. My issue is with the obvious double standards that I noticed in that decision. I clearly remember a Falcon team, which is a predominately black team, getting in trouble because they didn't

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