

# POP WARNER ROUND UP

## CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Area Pop Warner took a big step toward capturing a national championship when squads competed for area titles over the weekend. The Jr. Pee through Jr. Midget competed last Saturday, while Midget squads battled on Sunday. All games took place at North Forsyth High.

The Kernersville Raiders blue won a classic battle over the Forsyth Broncos in the DII Jr. Pee Wee tilt, 19-14. The Winston-Salem Indians burgundy took down a very talented Grayhounds squad in the DI Jr. Pee Wee tilt, 20-0. In the Division II Pee Wee contest, the Broncos took down the Raiders, 26-0. The Indians shut out the Grayhounds in the Division I Pee Wee game, 26-0.

The Forsyth Broncos slipped by the High Point Lions in the DII Jr. Midget game, 36-32. The Indians,

coached by Jukie Minor, shut out the Pfafftown Packers Jr. Midget, 23-0. The Indian Jr. Midget squad received an automatic bid to the regional round, which will take place in Charlotte.

The High Point Lions took down the Lewisville Titans in the Division II Midget game, 24-14. The Oak Ridge Colts shut out the Indians in the Division I Midget game, 18-0.

**Up next...** The Division I winners will play their next playoff game here in Winston-Salem, while DII squads will travel to Midland, SC next weekend (Nov. 15). The Betty Ford Saints (Charlotte) will battle in the Indians burgundy in the Jr. Pee Wee tilt on Nov. 15. The Betty Ford Saints will also face the Indians in the Pee Wee tilt.

The Indians Jr. Midget squad received an automatic bid to the next round in Charlotte. In the Midget contest, the Oak Ridge Colts will



The Winston-Salem Tiny Indians Jr. Pee Wee shut out the Grayhounds over the weekend.

battle a team from North Raleigh next weekend. The next round games will take place at North Forsyth High.

**In other Pop Warner news:** The fifth annual Mitey-Mite Bowl will take place at

North Forsyth this weekend. Games will start at 7:30 a.m. Admission is \$5. No outside food or drinks will be permit-

ted. **The Mitey Mite Bowl** schedule is as follows: The Falcons blue (1-7) will battle the Titans gold (3-5) to start the day. That will be followed by the Titans white (5-3) against the Panthers silver (3-5). At 10:30, the Broncos (5-2) will battle the Vikings (5-2-1). The Packers silver (1-7) will battle the Raiders gold (2-6). At 1:30 p.m., The Indians gold (7-1) will battle the Grayhounds red (8-0). That will be followed by the Indians burgundy (5-2-1) against the Lions (5-2-1). The Broncos white (7-1) will then play the Grayhounds blue (6-2).

At 6 p.m., the Raiders (4-4) will play the Wolfpack (5-3). That game will be followed by the Titans green (4-4) against the Rams (4-4). At 9 p.m., the Panthers blue (2-6) will battle the Lions silver. Then, the Packers black (5-3) will face the Falcons green (2-5-1).



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Wake's L.D. Williams is expecting big things.

**Deacs ranked in preseason Top 25 for first time since 2005**

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The preseason recognition keeps rolling in for this year's Wake Forest men's basketball squad. The Demon Deacons are ranked No. 24 in the ESPN/USA Today Preseason Coaches Poll.

Wake Forest, one of four ACC teams in the top 25, received 129 points in the poll. The Deacons were just one point behind defending national champion Kansas for 23rd.

This marks the first time since 2005 that Wake has been ranked in the preseason top 25. The Deacons have been out of the top 25 since early January of 2006.

Wake Forest has received its fair share of recognition so far this preseason. The Deacons were picked to finish third in the ACC at last weekend's conference media day in Atlanta. Wake has also been in the preseason top 25 in a number of publications, including a No. 15 national ranking by the ACC Basketball Handbook.

With all five starters returning and a highly-rated freshmen class, Wake Forest is expected by many to be a staple in the national rankings this season. The Deacs, with 11 letterwinners returning, welcome back over 97 percent of last year's production in every significant statistical category, including each of the team's top nine scorers.

Sophomores James Johnson and Jeff Teague highlight the list of returnees for the Deacs. Johnson was a third team All-ACC pick and runner-up for ACC Rookie of the Year last season. Both he and Teague, the Deacs' two leading scorers, were selected to the ACC All-Freshman Team.

Veteran point guard Ishmael Smith also returns to run the show for Wake, along with junior swingman L.D. Williams — the Deacons' top lockdown defender. Junior center Chas McFarland, statistically the ACC's most improved player last season, returns to patrol the paint for Wake.

Wake Forest plays its only exhibition contest tonight, against Mount Olive. The Deacs open the regular season on Friday, Nov. 14, against North Carolina Central.

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