

SPORTS WEEK

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Legend Sampras to play in Charlotte

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Tennis great Pete Sampras will lead a field of champions at the Breezplay Championships at the Palisades Country Club in Charlotte, Sept. 24 - 27.

The tournament, with its \$150,000 in prize money, is the sixth of eight events on the 2009 Outback

Champions Series, a global tennis circuit for champion tennis players age 30 and over. Joining Sampras on the hard court stadium at The Palisades will be former champions Jim Courier, Mats Wilander and Todd Martin.

Sampras will be competing in Charlotte for a second time after capturing the title in 2007. The seven-time Wimbledon champion and owner of 14 major singles titles won the title in Charlotte two years ago by defeating Todd Martin 6-3, 6-4 in the championship match. Earlier this year, Sampras won Outback Champions Series events in Boston and Los Cabos, Mexico. He will be seeking his sixth career Outback Champions Series event in Charlotte after joining the global champion's tennis circuit in 2007.

Courier will be seeking his third title in Charlotte after winning titles at The Palisades in 2006, defeating Martin 5-7, 7-6 (6), (10-4 in Champions Tie-Breaker) in the final, and in 2008, defeating Martin again 6-2, 3-6, (10-5 in Champions Tie-Breaker) in the final. Courier, a two-time French and Australian Open champion, currently leads the rankings on the Outback Champions Series with 2000 points, followed by Sampras with 1600 points and John McEnroe with 1300 points.

Wilander will be making his debut in Charlotte in

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Sampras

CHANGE OF PLANS

Classic to announce new home

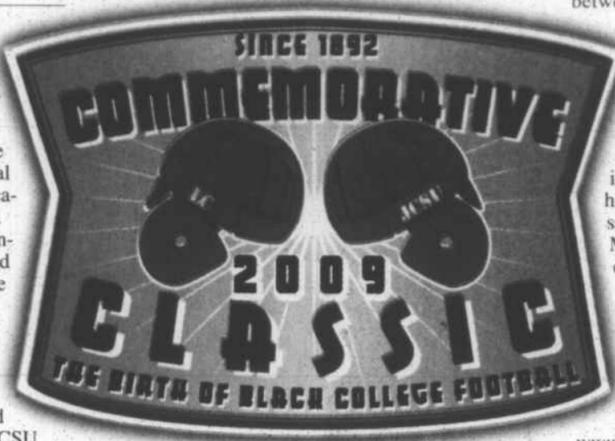
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A new location for the inaugural Commemorative Classic football game between Livingstone College and Johnson C. Smith University will be announced today by officials from both schools.

The Oct. 3 match-up was slated to take place at Charlotte's 24,000-seat Memorial Stadium, but after it was announced as the location, major structural issues were discovered.

According to the Charlotte Post, the extensive damage at the stadium includes collapsed bleachers and a faulty pipe buried beneath the playing field.

It is likely that the game will be moved to the much smaller Alumni Stadium at Livingstone. The Salisbury school's facility seats only 6,000 people, which may not be enough to accommodate the crowd expected for the historic match-up. Back in 1892, JCSU and Livingstone played the first football game



between historically black schools. The Commemorative Classic is an effort to acknowledge and preserve that piece of history.

"We are very excited about the Commemorative Classic Football game, and our participation in the nostalgia of this historical event which marks the beginning of intercollegiate football between the American historically black colleges and universities," said Terry L. Jones, chairman of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce, one of the event's sponsors. "We want everyone to enjoy the traditional rivalry of this game and at the same time, the CMBC will monitor the business and economic impact surrounding this event to help sustain future support for the Classic."

Although the location for the event is still up in the air, tickets can be purchased online at www.commemorativeclassic.com.

GOLDEN BOYS



Photo by Jeff Sides

Mt. Tabor senior Kaleb Johnson (left) and Carver graduate and future Western Carolina star Brandon Hairston (far right) ran to victory along with Charlotte's Donte Swaw (second from left) and Salisbury's Justin Avery in the 4 X 100 meter at the weekend Blunt Track Meet at Duke University. Several other local runners also took part and came back home winners. Read more on page B10.

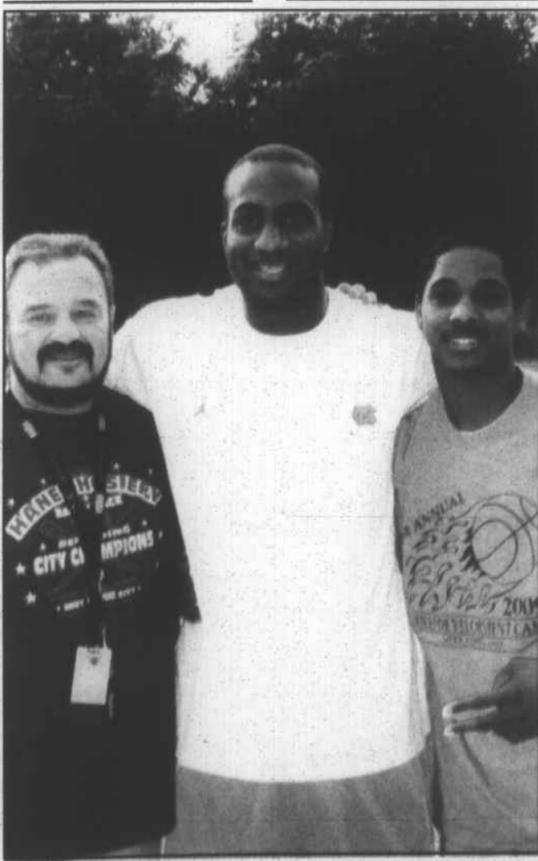


Photo by Rich Singletary

From left: Art Blevins with UNC star Mike Copeland and UNC JV player T.P. Petree.

Star-studded 'Net' event to be held today

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Hang the Net tradition continues today at Hanes Hosiery Community Center, 501 Reynolds Blvd.

The event, a celebrity slam dunk and shooting contest, will take place this afternoon (July 30) at 2 p.m. Center Director Art Blevins is expecting a full-house and a slew of special guests, including Mike Copeland, a member of the 2009 National Championship-winning UNC Tarheel squad. Former Wake Forest standout and current Dallas Mav star Josh Howard is also expected to make a special appearance.

There will be several components to the event. The Legends Shootout will feature folks like former NBA stars Ticky Burden and Rob Little. WXII 12's Cameron Kent, Fox 8's Danny Harnden and Triad Sports' Sam Davis are among those who will do battle in the Celebrity Shootout, while the Lady Stars Shootout will feature standouts like Porsche Jones, Rene Rector and Laquanda Barksdale.

Joining Copeland in the College/Pro Shootout will be players like Danny Gathings, Travis Holcomb-Faye, Whit Holcomb-Faye and Ken Holley.

The Slam Dunk Contest, always an event highlight, will feature Gathings, Garren Lloyd and several others.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 336-727-2428 or 336-659-9696.



Josh Howard

Ram Pages

WSSU Football team featured on new phone books

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) football team is featured on the cover of the 2009 AT&T Real Yellow Pages directory, serving Winston-Salem and surrounding areas.

More than 490,000 copies of the Winston-Salem AT&T Real Yellow Pages directory have been produced for distribution in the area this year.

Delivery has started this month and continues for about four weeks. The directory also will be available to current and new residents and businesses throughout the year.

"We are pleased Winston-Salem State University is featured on the cover of the new AT&T Real Yellow Pages directory for Winston-Salem," said Dr. Donald J. Reaves, WSSU Chancellor. "This will be a powerful tool in advancing the WSSU story in the region."

The book includes yellow pages featuring area business-



Reaves

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