

SPORTS WEEK

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Atkins hires McCoy

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Michael V. McCoy has been hired by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools as coach of Simon G. Atkins Academic and Technology High School girls' and boys' tennis teams. McCoy is looking for players for both teams and hopes to have the girls' team up and running by the first scheduled match on September 8, 2009, when the lady Camels will face High Point Andrews in High Point.



McCoy

McCoy will have try outs for players at all levels, from beginners to accomplished players starting from time of sign up, and asks that potential players not hesitate to try out; he is willing to work with students on their skills. Those interested in trying out should contact Linwood G. Jerald, Athletic Director Atkins High School at 336-703-6754 ext. 70532.

McCoy played tennis in high school at Rocky Mount Sr. High in Rocky Mount, N.C. as well as at Winston-Salem State University, where he will be inducted into the Winston-Salem State University Clarence "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame next month for Meritorious Achievement on Sept. 4.

McCoy is a certified United States Tennis Association Official and continues to compete competitively with the Kimberly Park Tennis Club and in tournaments throughout the southeast, winning numer-

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West trains to meet high standards

BY TIM BULLARD
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When the West Forsyth High School junior varsity football team hits the field to play ball this season, they will be in shape and ready to meet any challenger head-on.

The school's entire coaching staff helps to coach JV sports. Brian Bowman is the JV head football coach. He has spent the off season getting his guys in shape.

"Last year, the team was 7-3," he said. "We were blessed with athletes who would give all they could give. It's been going great. I think there were 30 to 40 freshmen who have been out."

The team practices from 9 a.m. to noon. Conditioning is key in this Central Piedmont Conference. Davie and Mount Tabor will be challenging, according to the coach.

"It keeps them in much better shape and ready to go," he said. "It gets them acclimated."

Kids come from the Pop Warner system, and fill in a lot of spots with young athletes who

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The West Forsyth JV team.

Photo by Tim Bullard



The North Carolina Rising Stars pose with Ray Felton.

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Local team shines at national tourney

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The North Carolina Rising Stars, an 11 & Under AAU Basketball team from Winston-Salem, recently participated in the National Championship Tournament in Cocoa Beach, Fla. where they finished 9th in the country in Division II.

The tournament, held July 26 - Aug. 1, showcased the talents of teams from across the country. The team got an additional treat when they met and posed for a picture with Charlotte Bobcats star Raymond Felton, who spent his collegiate career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The NC Rising Stars finished the tournament with a 5-2 record, defeating very good teams from New York, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Virginia and Texas. Their two losses were against teams from Houston, Texas and Lisle, Ind. The MABC Bengals of Boston were the National Division II Champions.

The coaching staff for the NC Rising Stars consists of Head Coach Dominic Delph; and Assistant Coaches Arif Bilal, Tim Henry and Jarian Wallace.

After the tournament, Coach Dominic said, "I'm proud of what the boys accomplished this year. To see the boys grow as a team and do what they did in Cocoa

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IN THE PRESENCE OF CHAMPIONS



Photo by Jeff Sides

Former decathlon champion Dan O'Brien helps to kick off the USA Track & Field National Junior Olympic Championships at the Irwin Belk Track at N.C. A&T State University over the weekend. Joining him were Olympic champs Carl Lewis and Joanna Hayes.

Action non-stop at Hang the Net

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The 19th Annual Celebrity Hang the Net and Slam Dunk Contest last week at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center was a big success - drawing a crowd of more than 500 and some of the area's best-known basketball players.

The crowd was treated to local celebrities as well as stars on the national level, college all stars and living legends. Mike Copeland of the 2009

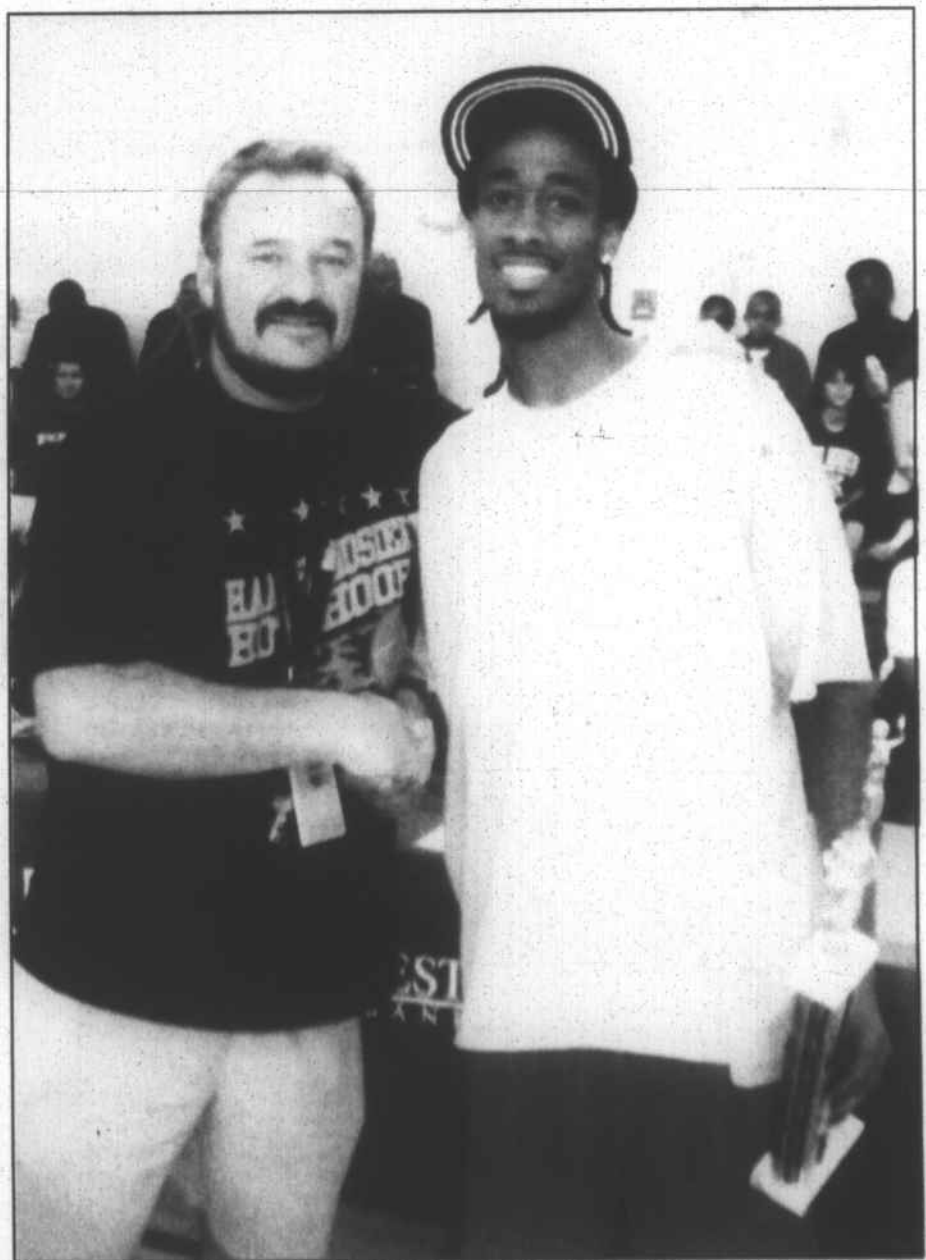


Danny Harnden

National Champion North Carolina Tar Heels was there, as was Quentin Thomas of the 2005 National Champion North Carolina Tar Heels.

Center Director Art Blevins started the event with the presentation of Living Legend Awards to Coach Tom Muse, a longtime Parkland High School coach who is now helping his son, Andy, at Mt. Tabor. Muse has been a coach for 50 years. Also recognized with the honor was Walter Faye, a former North Forsyth High School star who was All-Conference, All-State and Player of the Year. He also coached the Carolina Hornets AAU team to a national championship in the early 90s.

Claudette Weston was the other awardee. She is a longtime Winston-Salem State University and Wake Forest University supporter, and a civic leader and philanthropist who is always willing to lend a helping hand to the less fortunate. She is an icon in the city and an inspiration to all. Blevins said of her, "She is always giving without asking for



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See Net on B12 Art Blevins with Quentin Thomas.