

# SPORTS WEEK

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## Paul to headline fundraiser

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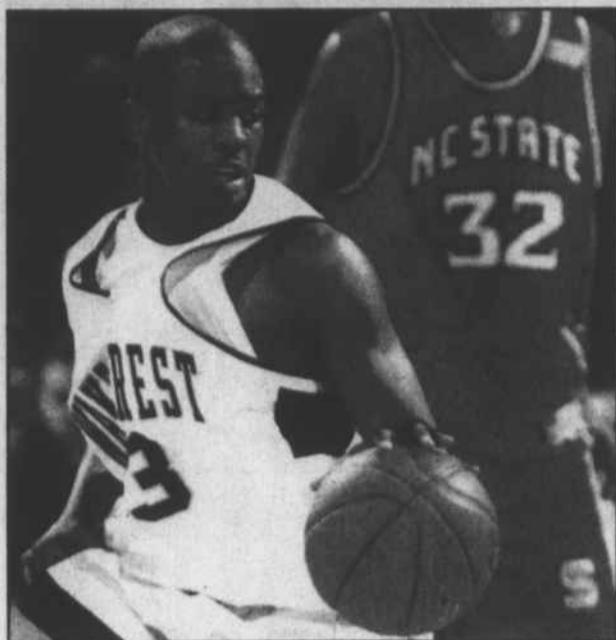
NBA star Chris Paul, a native of Forsyth County, will be the guest speaker at The Salvation Army of Winston-Salem's Boys & Girls Club annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, Aug. 8. It will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Grand Pavilion Ballroom, 460 North Cherry St.

The Los Angeles Clippers point guard attended West Forsyth High School and Wake Forest University before declaring for the NBA draft. Since being selected fourth overall in the 2005 draft by the New Orleans Hornets, Paul has been a NBA Rookie of the Year (2006), a six-time All-Star and a multiple All-NBA and All-Defensive team honoree. He led the Hornets to the second round of the 2008 NBA Playoffs. He has won two Olympic gold medals as a member of the United States National Basketball Team in Beijing and London. Paul also won MVP in the 2013 NBA All-Star Game.

Off the court, Chris Paul is married to Jada Crawley, his college sweetheart. They are the parents of Christopher Emmanuel Paul II, age 3, and Camryn Alexis Paul, born Aug. 16, 2012.

In 2005, Paul and his family established the CP3 Foundation. The foundation's initiatives include partnerships with the Boys & Girls Club, Feed the Children, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Habitat for Humanity. The foundation also sponsors and supports literacy initiatives, youth basketball clinics and court refurbishments, holiday giving and emergency preparedness initiatives.

"It is an honor to have Chris Paul come home and speak at our dinner," said Major James Allison, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Winston-



Chris Paul during his WFU days.

Salem. "He is a dynamic leader with a passion for helping others and we are grateful to have someone of such great character join us for this special event."

Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. Event sponsorships are also available and begin at \$1,000 per table. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 336-723-6366.



Vic Johnson works with students.

## JOHNSON WRAPS ANOTHER YOUTH GOLF CLINIC

BY KIM UNDERWOOD  
WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Vic Johnson Junior Golf Clinic is about teaching young people how to hit the ball straighter and farther, yes. It's also about helping them learn lessons that will serve them throughout their lives. It's about seeing the value of paying attention and focusing and about understanding the importance of treating yourself and others with respect.

As the students took turns driving balls off the tees at the driving range at Reynolds Park Golf Course, they readily absorbed the lessons that the experience offered. "You have to focus to do stuff, and you have to listen and follow directions," said Kaleel Lindsay, who will be in the eighth grade at Jefferson Middle School.

"It teaches you discipline and respect," said Zhyki Adkins, who will be in the fifth grade at Ibrahim Elementary School.

Johnson, who is a member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education and a retired assistant principal, started the clinic in 1997, and Hiawatha Bethea has been coaching for the past six years. He loves kids and he loves golf, he said. "I wanted to give back."

Golf taught him a lot about life, Bethea said. "You learn how to conduct yourself and how to treat people."

"Golf is about life," said Joel Maul, another coach. "I'm a retired New York City cop, and I want to see kids do better and give them some guidance."

"Golf can take these kids a long way," said coach John Torian, whose son Jeremiah is headed to first grade at Sedge Garden Elementary School.

The 106 students in the program came from 28 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools, as well as a few private and charter schools. All this learning about life was fine with them because they were having a grand time. "It's fun," Kaleel said. "I like to be out here every week and try and hit the ball farther and farther."

Teriana Jones, who will be in eighth grade at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy, said golf was a satisfying change from her regular sport - basketball. "I like this because it's more relaxing," she said.

This year's clinic started June 18 and met two mornings a week - Tuesday and Thursday most weeks - through last week. Beverly Emory, who became the school system's superintendent on July 1, and Carol Montague-Davis, the assistant superintendent for secondary schools, dropped by for the closing celebration. After they ate their celebratory hot dogs, Emory talked with the students about how important it is to be one of those people who walk the talk - that is who get out there and take positive action rather than just talking about it - and about how Johnson is one of those people.

Growing up, Vic Johnson caddied at Old Town Country Club. During that time, he made valuable connections with people who worked at such companies as Reynolds Tobacco Co. "When we got too old to caddy, they gave us jobs as Reynolds," he said.

And when he became too old to play such sports as football, golf became a way to continue playing a sport. John started the annual clinic because he thought that golf had a lot to offer young people. His wife, Dr. Constance Johnson, who was a professor at Winston-Salem State University before she retired, helps him run it along with volunteers, people from Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks Department and a dedicated group of coaches. Other coaches recognized during the celebration were Robert Bethea (Hiawatha Bethea's brother), Roger McIlwain, Luther Miller, Harry Transou and Victor Watts.

The hot dogs were grilled by Harden "Butch" Wheeler, who taught at such schools as Kernersville and Hill middle schools before retiring. In the early days of the clinic, he was a coach. He joked that Johnson decided that he could better serve the clinic by grilling hot dogs. "I didn't start playing golf until I was 45, and I wish I had had something like this," he said.

## McRoberts, Jefferson to play for Bobcats

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The Charlotte Bobcats have resigned forward Josh McRoberts and free agent center Al Jefferson.

The Bobcats acquired the 6-10 McRoberts from the Orlando Magic on Feb. 21, 2013 in exchange for forward Hakim Warrick. McRoberts appeared in 26 games with the team last season, averaging 9.3 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.7 assists in 30.8 minutes per game.

A six-year NBA veteran, McRoberts was the 37th overall pick in the 2007 NBA Draft. He has played in 272 career games with the Portland Trail Blazers, Indiana Pacers, L.A. Lakers, Orlando Magic and Bobcats, post-



McRoberts

ing averages of 4.9 points, 4.0 rebounds and 1.5 assists in 17.0 minutes per game.

"Josh is a quality big man who can both score and distribute the ball, and he was integral in our improvement late last season," said President of Basketball Operations Rod Higgins.

The 15th pick in the



Jefferson

2004 NBA Draft, the 6-10 Jefferson has played in 628 games for the Boston Celtics, Minnesota Timberwolves and Utah Jazz during his nine-year career.

Jefferson is one of only two players in the NBA to have averaged at least 17.0 points and at least 9.0 rebounds in each of the last six seasons, joining Dwight

Howard in doing so. No other player has posted those averages in more than four of the last six campaigns.

Over his last three seasons, all with Utah, Jefferson missed just nine regular season games, playing in 221 of a possible 230 contests.

"We are ecstatic to add Al to our roster," Higgins said. "He gives us a low post presence that we have not had on our roster and brings a skill set that does not become available very often. He is a veteran leader who helps his teammates get better, but at the same time he is only 28 years old so he can be part of the core of this franchise for several years to come."

## Alexander elected to NABC board

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North Carolina A&T Head Coach Cy Alexander has been elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Alexander will join head coaches John Calipari (Kentucky) and Rick Cooper (West Texas A&M) on this year's board.

Alexander, in his first season as head coach at North Carolina A&T in 2012-2013, led the Aggies to an NCAA tournament berth, losing to eventual champion Louisville. He is a three-time Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, having earned those awards when he was the head coach at S.C. State for 16 seasons. Alexander was also the head coach at Tennessee State for six seasons and has a



Alexander

career coaching record of 364-326 in 23 seasons.

"I am honored and humbled by this selection," said Alexander. "This gives North Carolina A&T and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference a voice in one of the most oldest, well-respected and prestigious organizations in the country."

Located in Kansas City, Missouri, the NABC was founded in 1927 by Forrest "Phog" Allen, the legendary basketball coach at the University of Kansas. Allen, a student of James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, organized coaches into this collective group to serve as Guardians of the Game. The NABC has nearly 5,000 members consisting primarily of university and college men's basketball coaches.



The Deacs



The Magic

## Summer play continues at Hanes Rec

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

In week two of 6-10-year-olds Summer Basketball League play at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center, the Blue Devils fell short to the Deacons. Noah Marshall led the Deacons with 8 points, while Jason Russell, Rayne Russell, Christian Sutton and Calum Davis all contributed points. The Blue Devils were led by Jabril Caesar, who scored 7 points. Elijah Horton, Donald Ray-Grier and Lewis Westbury also contributed

Also, the Tarheels beat the Wolfpack. The Tarheels were led by Darren Pegues with 8 points and Zech Gibson with 6. Other contributing scorers were Monay Galloway, Jalen Tomlinson, Anthony Smith and Jerrell Cohen. The Wolfpack were led by Makhi Beard with 6 points and Ziggy McIntosh with 5 points. Other contributors for the Wolfpack were Cory Simons, Kyndall Barr, Dion McIntosh and Adryan DuBose.

In 11-15-year-olds play, the Magic defeated the Spurs 39-35. Mekhi Dunlap's 14 points led the Magic. Jordan Timmons had 10 points and Will Simons added

9 points. Additional contributors for the Magic were Alisa Davenport and Malik Thomas. The Spurs were led by Daquan Miller with 19 points. John Hamilton, Woodrow Wilson and Chris Hall were other contributing scorers for the Spurs.

In game two, the Bulls defeated the Lakers 39-28. The Bulls were led by Bobby Williams with 20 points, while Brian Carter added 9. Chris Jones, Aquindae King and Joshua Crippen all contributed for the Bulls. The Lakers' offense was led by Aaron Potter with 15 points. Other contributing scorers were Josh Landingham, Marquis McClendon, Derrick Witherspoon and Ben Clay.

In the final game of week two, the Heat defeated the Celtics 43-36. The Heat's leading scorer was Justus Tomlinson with 13 points. Jordan Tuttle had 10. Other contributors were Andrew Muse, Aaron Muse, Lee Scales and Elijah Banks. The Celtics were led by Mychala Wolfe with 19 points. The other scorers for the Celtics were Gianni Smith, Jimmy Britt, Jake Koonin, Damarion Woods and Cassandra Williams.