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State's top players playing at 'Classic'

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The R.J. Reynolds Demons will host the Fourth Annual Bobby Martin Classic on Saturday, Nov. 29.

This year's lineup will feature Glenn versus Atkins at 3 p.m.; Parkland versus Charlotte's Vance at 4:30 p.m.; Reynolds versus Winston-Salem Prep at 6 p.m.; and Elite Prep versus High Point Wesleyan at 7:30 p.m.

Harry Giles, one of the state's top-ranked players and the third-ranked player in the nation by ESPN.com, plays for High Point Wesleyan.



USA Basketball Photo
Harry Giles

Other highly recruited players who will show their skills during the event include Kwa'tre Hollingsworth, a senior guard from Winston-Salem Prep, the three-time state champs; and High Point Wesleyan's Kwe Parker, Jalen Johnson, and Brandon Childress, who has committed to Wake Forest.

"The Classic" was founded in February 2011 in memory of Bobby Martin, a Montgomery County, coach who died unexpectedly on Dec. 2, 1997 of an enlarged heart at the young age of 41 while coaching his team in the last few seconds of a game at West Montgomery High. Martin and his twin brother, Billy Martin, the boys' varsity coach at Reynolds High, were guards at UNC Wilmington. The brothers began their coaching careers at rival cross-county schools. Bobby was the coach at West Montgomery and Billy was the coach at East Montgomery.

"We are excited to host this annual event at Reynolds after traveling to West Montgomery for the last three years," Billy Martin said. "My family and I are proud of my twin brother's accomplishments and look forward to showcasing some teams the Triad wouldn't otherwise get a chance to watch compete against each other. Not only will spectators have an opportunity to watch some phenomenal players, they will also get a chance to support a worthy cause and make a difference for some high school seniors with scholarships in the memory of Bobby. We are anticipating a huge crowd and are excited about showcasing a lot of basketball talent from this area. These games will be a great escape from eating leftover turkey!"

Tickets are \$10, and 11 games will be played at Herman Bryson Gym on Northwest Boulevard.

Local teams to play for titles

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

It's that time of year again in youth football circles. Three local teams are primed in their quest to claim a national title in their age-group.

The Winston-Salem Rams (14 Unlimited), Winston-Salem Grayhounds (15 Unlimited) and South Fork Panthers (Cadets) are ready to give it their best shots at the AYF National Championships set for Dec. 7-12 in Kissimmee, Fla.

Tiny Rams 14 Unlimited: Unlike last year's national championship team, the 2014 version of the Tiny Rams aren't bursting at the seams with stand-out talent. But that's not to say that there's a void in that area. The Rams, who enter the nationals at 10-0, faced their share of challenges, mostly in finding other teams to play in their respective division. As a result, they competed against AAU teams and posted a comeback win over the Greensboro Eagles, who play in the 9th Grade Division.

"It's been a great year," said Coach Angela Lambson. "You never know what might happen over the course of a season. All of us are happy to get back there (Florida) again. We look forward to competing for another national championship."



The Panthers Cadets celebrate after winning the AYF State Championship game.

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The defense, spearheaded by Lee Kpogba and Mizell Hall, has set the tone. "Our ability to stop opponents is a big reason why this team is where it is," said Lambson. "I give all the props to my coaching staff."

On offense, a beefy front line that averages 250 pounds per player paves the way. The Rams

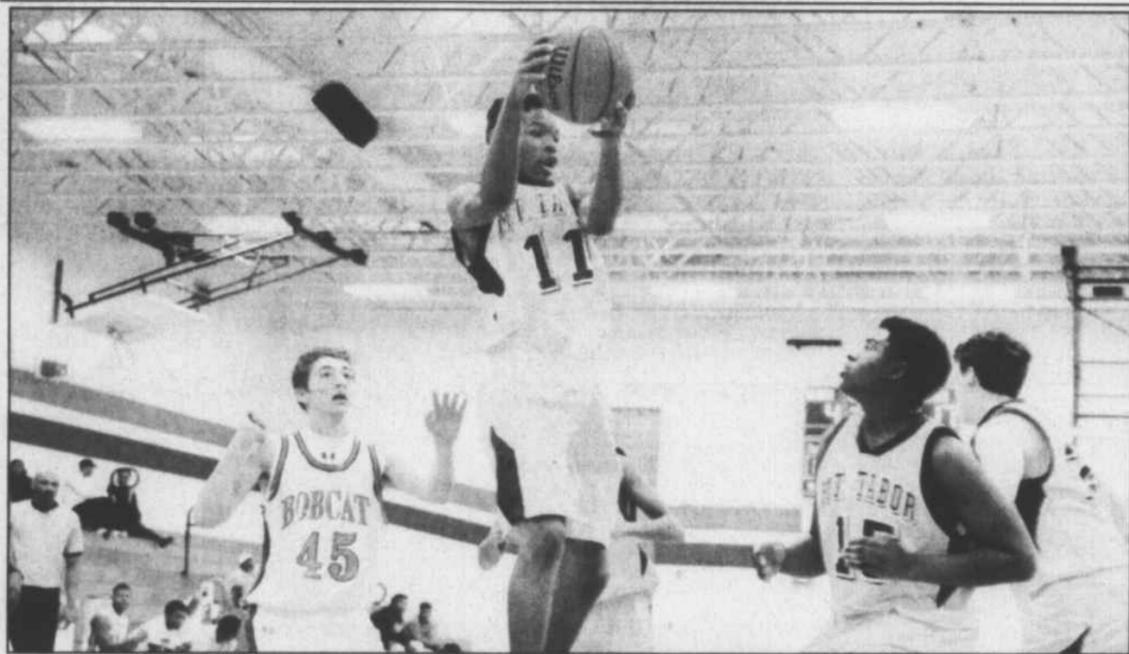
operate at peak efficiency thanks to a productive trench crew which includes: Jacob Eaton, Jalen Shelf, Chad Cloud, Saven Baker, Alaric Eaton, Chase Cloud and Paul Carton.

Chaz Gwynn (quarterback/running back/safety) could be the Rams' best all-around athlete. He gets plenty of

help in the backfield from Jaquan Millian and power runner Deandre Curry.

Panthers Cadets: The Panthers are on a roll, having won eight straight. There's no doubt that defense is this team's calling card. For the season, the

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Photos by Charles E. Leftwich Jr.

Mount Tabor's Doreau Jefferson snatches a rebound.

Below: Monty Gray organized the Saturday, Nov. 22 tournament.

Inaugural BFK Classic a hit

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

From all indications, the Branded For Knowledge Basketball Classic is here to stay. The inaugural event attracted a loyal following from all the participating schools.

BFK is an event created solely for high school freshmen boys who attend school in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. Through this event, participants learn the value of teamwork, while boosting their self-confidence and developing leadership skills.

"A lot of hard work went into making this a special event for ninth-graders," said Monty Gray, the Classic's director of Operations. "So many came and they left with smiles on their faces. We're already looking for ways to make things bigger and better for next year. Every team came to the Classic to win, but there's more to the Classic than who wins and who loses. This is a way for us to give back and help

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Hopkins praises incoming USTA leader

BY DONNA ROGERS THE CHRONICLE

Katrina M. Adams will make history in two ways when she becomes chairman of the board, CEO and president of the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

When she begins serving her two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2015, she will be the first African-American leader of the USTA and the first former tour professional in the position.

Winston-Salem's Beth Hopkins, a well-known tennis advocate, knows Adams and praises her as a "very dynamic

woman." Hopkins serves on the USTA Constitution and Rules Committee as vice chair now, but Adams has appointed her chair under her administration.

"She is a leader of tremendous passion and love for people and tennis," Hopkins said Thursday, Nov. 20. She said it will be an honor to work in her administration.

The USTA is the national governing body for tennis in the United States and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level — from local communities to the highest level of the professional game, according to a news



Hopkins

and regulations to promote clarity and make sure all provisions conform to one another, Hopkins said.

"We're going to see a lot of good things happening" under Adams' administration, such as expected growth as more people of color are attracted to tennis because of Adams' leadership.

Adams has served on the USTA board of directors for 10 years and is completing a two-year term as first vice president.

A news release says Adams is a contributor on CBS Sports Network's first all-female sports show, "We Need to Talk" and

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