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The High Point City Ball H.A.W.G.S. took home the boys 9-11 championship at the Josh Howard/Porsche Jones Classic Saturday, June 11.

Josh Howard

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"I am most proud of the growth my team showed," said Davis. "I had a player who had never stepped foot on the basketball court before and to see his progression from the first day until now, he's developed so much, and going forward I can't wait to see him blossom."

The tournament was a round robin and the H.A.W.G.S. first played the Greensboro Warriors and defeated them by the score of 36-14. They then matched up against Team Major,

who gave them a tougher test. However, they prevailed 39-23.

In the beginning of the championship game against Team Mercury out of Winston-Salem, the H.A.W.G.S. jumped out to an early lead, setting the tone for rest of the game. At the half, they were up by double figures. With a pressuring half court defense, which led to a number of steals and break-away baskets, the H.A.W.G.S. continued to stretch the lead in the second half. They were clicking on all cylinders.

"I am elated about the championship because the boys worked very hard," said Cheryl McCoy, parent of

player Bryce McCoy. "Bryce loves his team, program and the friendship with the guys. I am most proud of the guys for getting better and playing as a team, and that's what counts."

Stricklin stated that The M.I.N.D. group basketball program started in 2012 as a way to bring kids in to help them understand the nuances of the organization and what they have to offer.

He also said that the Josh Howard/Porsche Jones Classic is a very good and well-organized tournament that allows players from across the Triad to showcase their talents.



McCoy



Coach Davis



Winston-Salem native Trent Evans, in the middle, attempts to separate himself from the pack during the 800 meter dash during the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships.

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sion. "I spent a lot of my childhood playing sports, but I mostly enjoyed the running aspect of them," Evans said. "I began running track when I was 7, but I really picked it up once I entered high school.

I enjoy track because it creates a mental and physical challenge to work toward and provides discipline that translates to so many components of my life. Being the indoor and outdoor 400 meter record holder produces the thought that I'm leaving my legacy behind for someone else to strive toward."

Sophomore Martin, a

product of Reagan High School in Pfafftown, is a sprinter and jumper for the Quakers. He placed fifth in the league championship finals with a time of 11.33 seconds. He also has the fourth longest long jump in school history with a length of 6.70 meters, which he set at the Seahawk Invitational.

Mitchell and Martin

will return to the Quakers next season with hopes of improving even further on their stellar 2015-2016 seasons. The senior, Evans, says he will miss his team because they were his home away from home and running gave him a family-like bond with teammates who have become life-long friends.



Submitted photos

Winston-Salem native Trent Evans (Number 200) prepares to make his final kick down the home straight away during the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships.



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Girls track coach Quinton Campbell, left, and boys coach Ernest Riley, right, see bright lights in the future of Nytrinitley because of her dedication.

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things to say about her.

"She is one of the most dedicated athletes in the school, and if you were to rank them male or female she would be at the top," said Quinton Campbell, girls track coach at Northwest. "As a coach, she is what I feel a student athlete should be. She is self-motivating and she is going to do, what is required of her and her dedication to being the best is amazing. If all of my athletes were like her, my job would be so much easier."

Men's coach Ernest Riley said, "This is the kind of athlete you want to have on your team. I'm looking to retire next year, but if I can have athletes like this every year, I would stay around for another 15

years."

Jenkins also is an excellent student in the classroom, as she was on the straight-A honor roll and received all As and just one B this last report card. She said her favorite subjects are math, language arts and science. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is where she would love to attend college. She said she would love to become a nurse and a professional track and field athlete because she idolizes Olympic Champion Florence Griffith Joyner.

Northwest Middle School Principal Freda Smith is impressed with Nytrinitley's accomplishments on the track but feels her work in the classroom should not be overlooked.

"She is an exceptional young lady inside and out of the classroom," said Smith. "Across all disci-

plines she is an excellent child and she shows it on paper and on the track. She is top of the line and extremely well rounded. She will be an individual that we will see in the Olympics. The sky is the limit for her and not just from an athletic standpoint but from inside the classroom as well."

Nytrinitley will attend Reagan High School in the fall and looks forward to competing on the high school level against bigger and better competition. Her expectations for herself remain high as she moves on to the next level.

"She has the opportunity to be one of the best track athletes we have had in the city in a long time," said Campbell. "You get out what you put in, and she gives it her all so going forward I see nothing but the best from her."