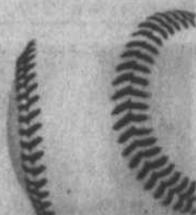




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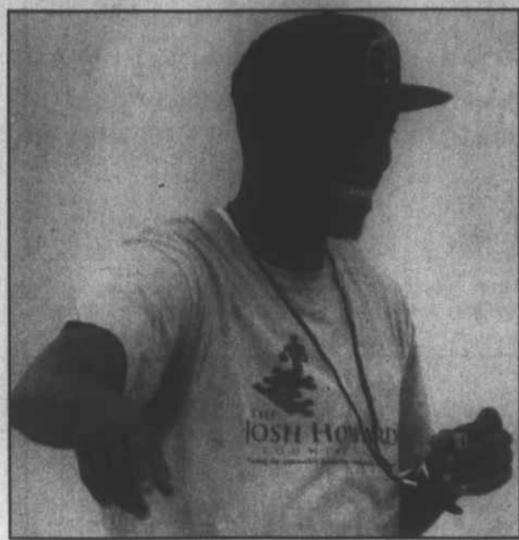


Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Josh Howard, NBA All-Star and former Wake Forest great, has been holding his annual camp in Winston-Salem for over a decade.

Youth go to Josh Howard to learn basketball

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THE CHRONICLE

Josh Howard has been a star on the basketball court since he laced up his sneakers for Glenn High School. He was a stand-out player for the Wake Forest Demon Deacons and even became an NBA All-Star with the Dallas Mavericks.

To the kids of his basketball skills summer camp, he is their All-Star.

On June 27-29, Howard held his annual skills camp, sponsored by the Josh Howard Foundation, at the W. R. Anderson Community Center. Howard has held this camp for over a decade and said every year the camp

just continues to grow. Kids from ages 7 to 15 participated in the camp.

"When I was growing up, we had outlets, but no visible athletes who made it to the professional level came back, so I felt like it was my calling," said Howard. "I just wanted to stay grounded with my hometown and give these kids an opportunity to see someone who made it from their own city."

The camp is free to the kids of the community, which Howard said was very important to him because he doesn't do it for money but instead for the love of the kids. Throughout the camp the kids will participate in fun-

damental drills to improve their skills. Life skills seminars will be a part of the camp and a few NBA players may make a surprise visit as well. Howard wants to help the kids translate the skills of basketball into everyday life.

Howard stated that this camp is important to him because as a young man his mother and grandmother instilled in him the importance of giving back. He said because they worked tirelessly to make his life better, they wanted him to do the same for others.

"I've always told Josh, [that]

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W-S Prep athlete heads to Fayetteville State with scholarship

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
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Former Winston-Salem Prep Academy player Kala Robinson grew up being a cheerleader. As she watched her older sister play basketball her focus changed.

Robinson has signed her letter of intent to play basketball for the Lady Broncos of Fayetteville State University.

The 5'9" Robinson said her favorite aspect of playing basketball is playing as a team and sharing the ball. Her favorite player is Camille Little of the Connecticut Sun in the WNBA. Little is from Winston-Salem and played at Carver High School before becoming a star player for the UNC Tar Heels.

"I was really overwhelmed and I was really happy because it was proof all of my hard work paid off," said Robinson of her scholarship.

With her height, Robinson says at the high school level she was able to overpower smaller guards and her shooting touch and speed enabled her to out maneuver forwards. "In high school when girls guarded me, it would be a mismatch because I was usually stronger than them," Robinson said. "I need to get stronger for the next level because when I went to an open gym at Fayetteville State, those girls were really strong."

Kala Robinson's father, Alvin Robinson, was very happy for his daughter and the success she had on the court.

"I'm proud of her. She always wanted to go to a CCAA school because of the hype of the conference," said Alvin Robinson. "I am more proud of the fact she is able to live her dream and not the dream of my wife and I."

Kala, who has been with the program at Winston-Salem Prep since the sixth grade, has impressed coaches and faculty alike.

"She is just a great kid and she is like the glue for our team, you know, the thing that puts it all together," said WSP Athletic Director Ricky Holt. "She has done so much for the program and I know she will do great things. She will be missed."

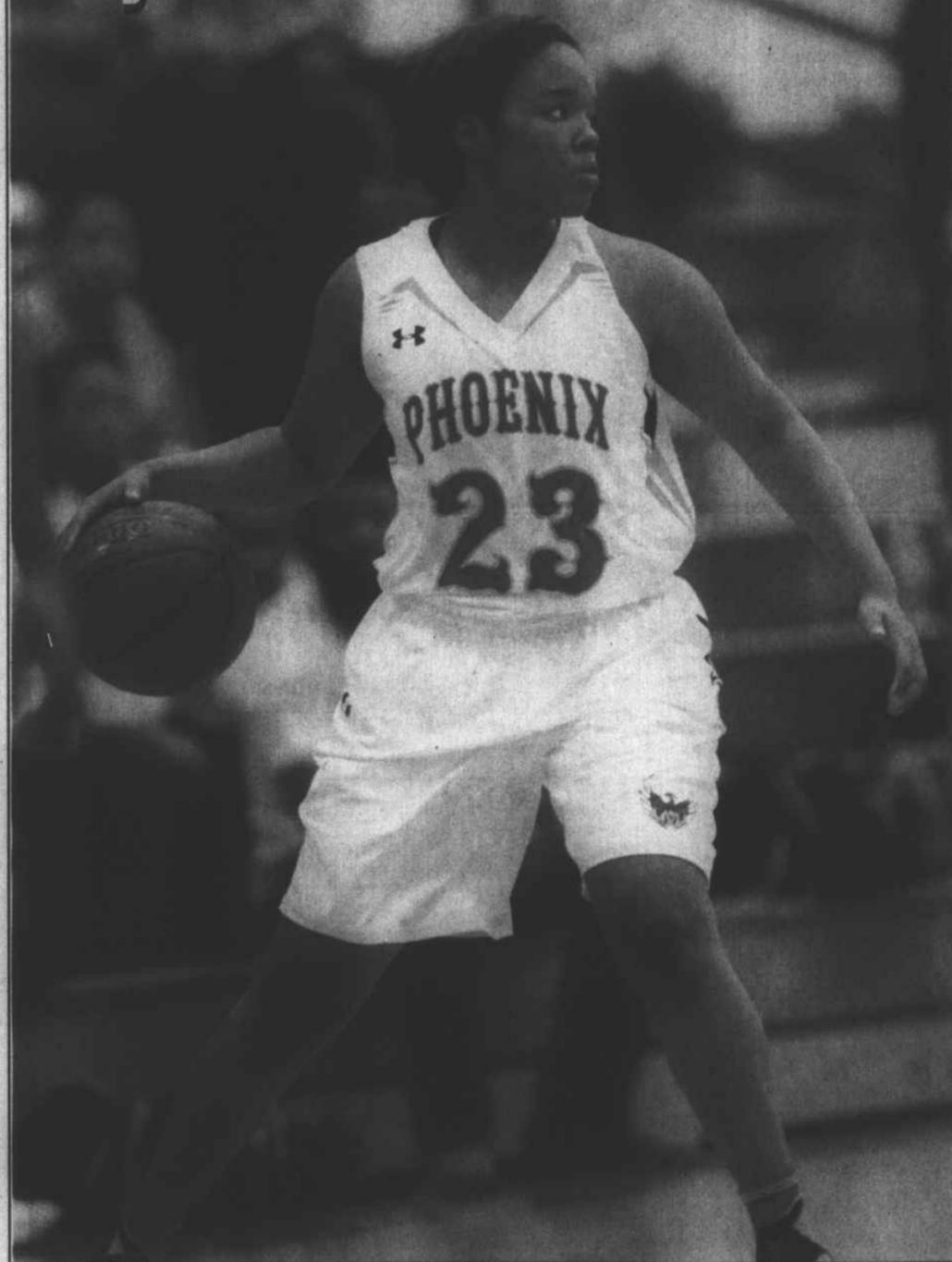
Robinson is very aware of the positive aspects of her game and what she needs to improve on to get better.

"I expect myself to be more mature because the girls there already know how it works. I'm just going to go in and learn and once I get acclimated I can make history there and maybe break records," Robinson stated.

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Kala Robinson is excited to transition to the next level of competition but says she will miss her teammates and coaches.



Area teens earn tennis scholarships

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
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Typically when you hear of high school athletes obtaining scholarships to four year universities, football, basketball or baseball immediately come to mind.

But Makenna Mason of Atkins High School and Brandon Caldwell of North Forsyth chose an alternative route to college athletics by way of the tennis court.

Brandon will be attending Lees-McCrae College in the fall. He said he was attracted to tennis during his freshman year of high school as a sport to play during the spring. Caldwell was a basketball player initially, but turned to the tennis court full time

after injuring himself during his sophomore year. He went on to say he enjoys the individual aspect of the sport because you only have yourself to rely upon.

"We have been working with Brandon for about a year and he has improved about 500 percent, and that's not an understatement," said tennis coach Harold Moore of Forsyth Country Day school. "When Brandon came to us, pretty much all of the girls could beat him, but he told us he wanted to raise his game, and he certainly has."

Caldwell won the All-Conference championship while at North Forsyth. He also finished fourth in the

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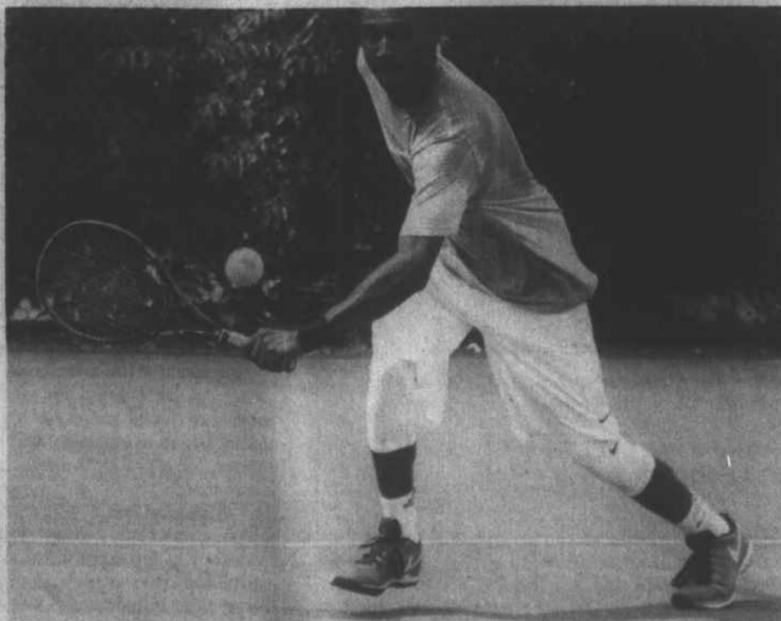


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Brandon Caldwell chases down a ball close to the line in an attempt to return the ball in play during a practice session.