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Rams stand out in national track

Charlotte was on center stage last week at the Nike Outdoor National track and field meet at N.C. A&T.

Harding High standout Kamorean Hayes won the shot put with a toss of 50 feet, 10 inches and the girls' 400 relay team of Felicia Paulding, Ashley Bethune, Nyosha Bryant and Ranae Nelson became the first N.C. squad to record a time under 47 seconds. They covered the distance in 46.61 seconds.

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Harding field standout Kamorean Hayes won the shot put and finished third in the discus with a throw of 144 feet. She'll throw this week at the high school national meet in Indianapolis.



The 400 relay team of Felicia Paulding, Ashley Bethune, Nyosha Bryant and Ranae Nelson celebrate a new mark for N.C. teams in the event.



PHOTOS/WADE NASH

Paulding sprints down the track during her leg of the 1600 relay.

GOLF BRIEFS

Hollars wins Classic City tournament

Bruce Hollars won the Classic City Golf Tournament June 3-4 in Colbert, Ga.

Hollars finished the two-round tournament with a total of 146, with Willie Fields eight shots behind in second. Tommy Jackson was third at 156.

Ed Johnson won the Ridgewood Golf Club tournament June 10-11 at LinRick Golf Course in Columbia, S.C.

Johnson finished with a two-round total of 149, a stroke in front of Desmond Hale. Ty Young was third with a total of 152.

Johnson also won the Port City Golf Club's Memorial Day amateur tournament May 27-28 at Charleston Municipal golf Course in James Island, S.C.

Johnson fired a two-round total of 144, a shot ahead of Jonathan Smith and Herman Belton. Mac Frye was fourth at 148.

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New region, hurdles for Johnson C. Smith

Travel expense, loss of rivalries a concern with CIAA's impending move

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Road trips are going to get longer for Johnson C. Smith's Golden Bulls.

In April, the NCAA Presidents Council and Management Council approved realignment

of its eight Division II regions, putting the CIAA in the Atlantic and moving the Carolinas Virginia Athletic Conference to the South. For JCSU, it means increased travel costs and the potential for scheduling headaches. The changes must be made by the 2008-09 academic year.

"As far as we know, Pandora



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Charlotte heavyweight Calvin Brock (right) connects to the jaw of Zuri Lawrence in a March 25 bout in Las Vegas. Brock, 28-0, is ranked in the top five in the world by each of the three major boxing organizations going into Saturday's bout against 21-0-1 Timur Ibragimov.

The contender

Calvin Brock on verge of boxing's biggest stage

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

Charlotte native Calvin Brock is one of the top five heavyweight boxers in the world according to the three major sanctioning bodies. Brock, 28-0 takes on 21-0-1 Timur Ibragimov Saturday in Las Vegas. The bout will be televised on HBO.

Is there pressure to bringing the heavyweight title back to the United States?

I'm not looking at it as that as much as a chance to fulfill my dreams to become heavyweight champ of the world. It's not quite like when I fought in the (2000) Olympics, but I do enjoy representing the U.S. I'd love to be the man who becomes king of the heavyweight division.

You're trying to make a name for yourself, but is it tough when you're fighting someone most people haven't heard of?

No. People judge you based on how you look more than anything in boxing. As long as I get in the ring and win impressively, the job is getting done and I'll be marketable.

Then it's important to win by knockout?

If I'm not knocking people out, it has to be a great slugfest like I had with

Jameel McCline (a unanimous decision win in April 2005)

You're considered a nice guy, but do you think people are drawn more to tougher boxers such as Mike Tyson, who was more popular but not as successful as Lennox Lewis?

"I think Lennox wasn't as popular because he wasn't a U.S. citizen and because they liked Tyson's style better. People like knockout punchers. But I think they're tired of the bad-boy image. They're looking for someone like myself to make a statement in the ring and be a gentleman outside the ring."

DOWN AND DIRTY

Durham Bulls third baseman Sean Burroughs tags out Charlotte Knights first baseman Ernie Young during a game at Knights Stadium. Young recently hit his 300th home run over 17 minor league seasons. Young has seven homers and 32 RBI this season for the International League South-leading Knights.



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Sting short on focus, answers

Long dry spells and defensive lapses to blame for poor start

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The Charlotte Sting is doing too much wrong at the worst times.

Usually it's the second half, when competitive games become double-digit losses for the Sting, 2-8 after losing 90-66 to Connecticut Tuesday at Bobcats Arena. The scenario is becoming way too familiar during a losing streak that has reached four games.

"I don't know if it's a mental thing as much as it is focus," Sting guard Sheri Sam said. "It's the same 40 minutes and there are so many nights you can do the same thing over and over. You either keep doing it or you get tired of it, and I think sooner or later, we've got to stop doing the same things over and over."

The second half has been especially brutal to the Sting. Charlotte blew a four-point halftime lead in a 23-point loss to Washington in Charlotte and was outscored 33-15 in the fourth quarter of a 17-point loss in Washington. Sunday's collapse against Indiana came with the Sting

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Charlotte Sting guard Sheri Sam said the Sting needs to focus better on execution.

MEAC BRIEFS

A&T OF drafted by Colorado

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A bum wrist didn't prevent N.C. A&T outfielder Jeremy Jones from being drafted by the Colorado Rockies.

Jones, a junior who missed most of the 2006 season, was picked in the 25th round of the Major League Draft, 738th overall. The Rockies liked Jones' play over his first two seasons, which was enough to convince them to take a chance.

"Everyone dreams of playing professionally," he said. "But to actually have an opportunity to play professional baseball is a remarkable feeling because of all the hard work you put in."

Jones was 2005 MEAC player of the year after batting .402 and leading A&T to the league championship and its first bid to the NCAA tournament.

Norfolk State has added a measure of permanence for two of its coaches.



Jones

Rock Hill kids get a kick out of new soccer-only facility

By Harold M. Tyson  
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

ROCK HILL - Rock Hill's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism expects Manchester Meadows to make the city a soccer magnet.

Manchester Meadows is a 70-acre,

\$12.7 million soccer complex located near the junction of Interstate 77 and Dave Lyle Boulevard. The site, which opened earlier this month, is made up of six natural turf regulation fields and two synthetic turf championship fields. The championship pitches accommodate 1,500

spectators. Each field is lighted for night play.

The soccer pavilion near the park entrance houses the concession stand, restrooms, park offices, and a 150-person capacity multipurpose meeting area that is available for rent. Also, the park has playground

areas, picnic areas (also available for rent), and trails for walking and biking that lead to the nearby Manchester Village shopping area, restaurants, hotels, and movie theaters.

The facility is expected to attract Please see SOCCER/3C

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