

**LOCAL SPORTS**

**Winston Lake will hold tourney**

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Some of the finest Amateur Athletic Union basketball players in the state will be heading to Winston-Salem next week.

Norman Joyner has announced that the Winston Lake Family YMCA will be the host of an AAU basketball tournament July 10, 11 and 12 for the 14 and under and 16 and under age divisions.

"We have been looking to take the AAU basketball program a step further around here," Joyner said.

"So we decided that we would host a tournament so the kids could get some exposure to outside competition."

Joyner said that of the eight teams entered in the 14 and under division, half of them will represent North Carolina in national competition.

"It will really be a competitive field playing in the tournament. The Washington D.C. team was the defending 12 and under national champions last year, and they'll be playing up with the 14 year olds in our tournament."

"We also have teams from Raleigh, Kings Mountain, Charlotte and Waynesboro Virginia. All of those teams will use our tournament as a tuneup for national competition."

He said the Winston Lake YMCA Summer Basketball Tournament will use a round-robin format, allowing each team to play at least three games.

In the 16 and under division, Joyner said two Winston-Salem teams will compete for the championship.

"Our 15 and under team will move up a notch, giving us two teams in the 16's. I think it will be good for our 14 and 15 year olds to get a chance to play some of the older kids."

"That's the only way you can improve -- playing against someone better than you," Joyner said.

**Forsyth Consolidation**

Joyner says he wants to see all the Forsyth County AAU basketball organization consolidate for the benefit of the kids.

"We had a meeting a while back to discuss bringing everyone together," Joyner said.

"I think most of us agree that if we pulled our forces together, then it would ultimately benefit the kids."

"We would have a better shot at making the nationals and getting the kids more exposure."

Joyner said that Glenn High



Norman Joyner

School's Kevin Thompson was a prime example.

"Kevin played with us, and after the state tournament, he got all kinds of letters from colleges and universities. I read in a publication the other day, that he is one of the top 30 sophomores in the nation already."

"Making a national tournament can help us get some of the kids like Kevin the exposure they need to land that big college scholarship."

Joyner was quick to point out the academic advantages of consolidation as well.

"If we're talking about a national scope, then it will motivate the kids in other areas too. Organized activities are important to building character in our youth. That character usually comes back to help them in the classroom and later on in life."

"That's why we have this program -- to help kids, not just play basketball."

Joyner said what kids do -- or more importantly, what they don't do over the summer months can make or break a successful high school athlete.

"To really make it these days, kids have to use their time over the summer wisely," Joyner pointed out.

"That means playing in some form of organized league and continuing their conditioning. A lot of kids will get in these unorganized pick-up games and get hurt. They also pick up some bad habits when they're not being coached."

"I wish more kids would take a look at joining the YMCA. We have an excellent atmosphere here for them to continue playing and conditioning themselves over the summer."

**Basketball Camp**

The idea of a basketball camp is being tossed around in the AAU ranks.

Joyner said that the idea of a local AAU basketball camp already has the blessings of several area coaches.

"Coach (Clarence 'Bighouse') Gaines and Coach (Bob) Staak of Wake Forest have expressed their interest in getting a local camp for our youth," Joyner said.

"We've had some businessmen and other folks in the community who have met with us about doing some things with this program. The idea of a basketball camp has been discussed and I hope we can get one started eventually."

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speed by the time the 100-meter dash is over. Whereas Derrick is a better sprinter.

"Julius just has the upper body for the endurance and Derrick has the legs for the quick acceleration for sprinting events."

"All I know, is that the Twin City Relays is very fortunate to have them both running on the same team. I'm just glad we don't have to run against them."

Meanwhile Speas just takes it one meet at a time for now. And the hunger for gold medals continues.

He may even acquire a taste for Olympic gold -- somewhere in the 1990's.

**Atlanta Results**

Although the Twin City Relays track club only took a handful of athletes, they let the folks in Georgia know they were there.

Julius Reese, the defending national champion in the 400, spent the weekend working on sprinting events. Reese captured the gold medal in the intermediate boys 200-meter dash, winning

easily with a time of 22.2.

The rising junior at Mount Tabor High School was edged out at the line in the 100-meter dash, though. He settled for the silver in the event, clocking a 11.0.

Joining Reese in the intermediate boys division was Sonny Weaks. Weaks ran a 11.19 for fourth place in the 100, and narrowly missed the bronze medal for third. He did, however, take third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.5.

Scott Fletcher finished second in the 110-meter high hurdles, earning a silver medal with 13.9 second run. Elbert Ellis of the Durham Striders won the event, and went on to capture the 400 hurdles as well. Ellis was the MVP of the meet, taking home four gold medals.

Meanwhile, Fletcher showed off his quickness by taking fourth in the 400-meter dash with time of 22.7.

In the midget girls division, Jatarsa Hayes won the gold medal in the long jump. Hayes

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