

Winston Lake 15s finish runner-up in Durham

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Winston Lake YMCA may have one of the smallest 15-and-under AAU teams in the state, but head coach Luther "Ticky" Burden isn't worried.

"It took some of our other teams some time to develop, so I'm not getting into any big hurry," said Burden, who will guide the team into the 15-and-under state tournament in two weeks.

"This group is a year away, I think, but we have some talent and can be a good team if it comes together."

Burden was encouraged when he took eight members of his 15-and-under squad and seven players off the second 17-and-under group to form a team to compete in a 16-and-under tournament recently in Durham.

The makeshift Winston Lake team beat Virginia Beach 56-48 in the first round two weeks ago thanks to 18 points from Antoine Mobley, David Russell's 17 and 15 from Tony Mallard.

The Twin City team then disposed of Washington D.C. 54-49 behind a 25-point, 10-rebound effort from Russell, a jayvee player from North Forsyth. Mobley, formerly a role player at Glenn, added 14, while South Stokes' Mallard had 12 and North Forsyth reserve Jermaine Carlton chipped in 10.

In the semi-finals of the Durham YMCA-sponsored tournament, Winston Lake outthrustled Durham's number two team and emerged with a 49-48 win thanks to eight straight free throws in the final minute from David Russell, who led the effort with 22 points.

Burden said his team did well

to make the finals and was really impressive in the championship game of the tournament when they faced Washington D.C.'s top team. The D.C. Stars, coached by the brother of John Watkins, boasted a front line of 6-8, 6-7, 6-8 and had a pair of 6-5 guards.

"This team (Washington) had just dominated every game they



David Russell led Winston Lake in scoring the entire tournament.

played in the tournament," said Burden, a former first team high school and college All-American.

"They were winning every game by 20 and 30 points. No one had been able to give them a decent game."

That is, until they met up with the Winston Lake squad. Carlton, one of the county's most improved big men, took control of the middle and blocked a team-high 12 shots. Mallard, one of the best leapers on the team, rejected another five himself.

"We established right away that they were not coming in the lane with any of that Mickey Mouse kind of smiff," said Burden.

"We let them know that size was not going to intimidate us."

Winston Lake went cold from the free throw line, however, and fell 64-59 when they missed 15 out of 23 tries at the charity stripe.

One of the pluses, was the emergence of Mallard as a dominating player on the inside. The 6-3 Saura forward went into the lane and threw down a thunderous dunk over the heads of a pair of 6-8 forwards and a 6-7 center.

"I haven't seen anyone leap like this kid since I left the pros," said Burden, a former New York Knickerbocker. "I jumped up out of my seat when he dunked it. He was really getting up in the air that game."

Jermaine Carlton (6-5) played the game of his life, too. He was blocking shots I didn't know he could even reach."

Burden said his youthful 15-and-under team may be in for a rude awakening at the state tournament, but his second 17-and-under team may take a few folks by surprise.

"Our 15's are so young," he stressed. "But this second 17-and-under group has some serious talent. If it weren't for guys like Bryant Feggins and Kevin Thompson, a lot of these guys would be on the first team."

"Both of these teams have a good attitude -- that goes a long ways."


The Winston Lake 17-and-under teams began play in the state tournament yesterday in Concord.]

The top 17-and-under team (All-Stars) will face Fayetteville Friday night at 9:30 p.m. The second team (Gold) will take on the Yanceyville Aces tonight at 6 p.m. The Gold team had a final tuneup Saturday morning, when they defeated the Greensboro Nighthawks in a scrimmage.

The Nighthawks, coached by David Bulla, is the third Greensboro team in the state tournament.

The state 17-and-under tournament runs through Sunday in Concord, just outside of Charlotte.

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NBA NOTES

Call Larry Bird four-eyes no longer

By BILL BARNARD
AP Basketball Writer

LARRY BIRD decided to quit wearing goggles despite a broken bone around his left eye, saying the protection they offer isn't worth sacrificing his vision on the court.

"For a couple of weeks, the doctors insisted that I wear the goggles, but I took them off as soon as they said I could," Bird said. "I just didn't like wearing them. Sometimes, you take your chances out there. The first game after I took them off, the eye got hit again in Chicago. It wasn't right on the eyeball, but just above it. It was swollen, but not too bad."

Moses Malone, who had a broken bone similar to Bird's, has worn goggles ever since he was told in 1986 that another blow on the eye could end his career. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Thurl Bailey and Roy Tarpley also wear protective glasses.

SECRETARY OF THE Navy William Ball, who just took over the post last week, is considered less of a hardliner than his predecessor, James Webb, but a Navy spokesman said he's not ready to let Ensign David Robinson out of his two-year active duty commitment.

Robinson, who signed an eight-year contract with San Antonio for an estimated \$26 million, will have to wait until the 1989-90 season to join the Spurs unless the Navy changes its policy.

The Spurs have reported hearing speculation that Robinson would be allowed to leave the Navy after the Olympics, but the Summer Games don't end until the first week of October, about the time NBA training camps start.

Robinson is stationed at a submarine base in King's Bay, Ga. At 7-foot-1, he is too tall for submarines, so he serves as a construction contract supervisor.

BEFORE SEATTLE'S 151-107 romp over Phoenix on April 2, Nate McMillan, with 21 points on Feb. 27, had joined high-scoring Dale Ellis, Tom Chambers and Xavier McDaniel as a 20-point scorer for the SuperSonics this season.

Against the Suns, Kevin Williams scored 21 and Derrick McKey 20 as Seattle's bench players scored 77 points. On March 15 at Phoenix, in a 111-90 loss, Seattle

reserves did not score a point. THE LOS ANGELES Lakers have had the best record in the Western Conference every

year since 1981-82, and seven different teams have either finished second or tied for it in the six previous seasons.



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- Large and small group activities.
- Progression: Day camp is an introduction to camping in nature.

