

Laker 19s are headed to AAU nationals in July

By Chronicle Staff

One bad half of basketball cost the Winston Lake 19s the state AAU tournament title. The Lakers, however, recovered in time to down Salisbury in the game for second place to assure them of a spot in the AAU nationals later this summer.

Romie Crowell and Kenny O'Neal were the two Winston players to be named to the AAU 19s All-Tournament team.

"I thought we handled ourselves well," said Sonny Butler, Winston 19s coach. "We had a little over a month to practice, but we came out OK. When you look at the stats, you'll see that we had even scoring distribution, which means we played team ball."

Winston finished the tournament with a 5-1 mark. The Lakers defeated Salisbury 82-72 to advance to the nationals which will be played at Tallahassee, Fla., July 27 - Aug. 3.

Against Salisbury, the Lakers built a 48-40 lead at the half and prevented Salisbury to getting any closer.

"The game was pretty close early on," said Butler. "But it was easy to see that we were still tired from our game in the finals against the Charlotte Sonics that we played earlier that day."

"Against Salisbury, we were able to get a lead in the first half, then trade baskets in the second half. When it got to the five minute mark, we went to a delay game to run some clock and force them to foul us so we could get some free throws."

Patrick King (15 points) led a quartet of Winston players scoring in double figures. John Floyd and Crowell added 12 points apiece. Jamie Foster chipped in with 11.

In the championship game, the Lakers never fully recovered from the Sonics early bombardment and they lost, 88-76.

Winston found themselves sinking quickly after the opening tip. The Sonics came out blazing on all fronts. At one time, they held a commanding 22-6 lead.

But the Lakers regrouped and

made several runs in the second half. But in the end, the Sonics' experience enabled them to keep Winston at bay. "It's hard to come back against a good team

like the Sonics," said Butler. "In the first half, they shot the ball extremely well. They just didn't miss many shots."

"Not only are they a good

team, but they know what to do. Most of their guys have played on the same AAU team since they were all 12-year olds."

The Lakers were able to mount a serious challenge in the second half after Butler made a defensive adjustment to neutralize Charlotte's perimeter shooting.

"We started out with a 3-2 zone because we wanted to stop their point guard from getting a lot of penetration in the middle," Butler explained. "But what they did was get the ball to the weak spot in the zone which was in the corner. They really hurt us with

their jump shooting."

Winston abandoned their zone and employed a man-to-man that they trapped out of. That change of strategy allowed the Lakers to slow the Sonics down enough for them to make their runs.

Floyd topped the Winston Lake scoring list with 21 points. Crowell scored 14 points and O'Neal added 13 points. Thad Young chipped in with 12 points.

The bulk of the Sonics offense was provided by Thomas Burroughs (28 points) and David McMahan (22 points).

Even though his team didn't take the tournament trophy, Butler has seen enough to convince him that his guys will be able to do some damage at the nationals. "I feel good about our chances," Butler said.

"We only have 12 guys on our roster for this tournament, so we can add three more people for the nationals. We'll do that, add a few new wrinkles and be ready when it's time to play."

AAU 19s notes

AAU followers got the opportunity to witness more than a few future collegians in action last week.

Winston Lake has four players who have signed to play college ball for the '91-'92 season: John Floyd (North Carolina A&T), Thad Young (Coastal Carolina), Donnie Petree (Fayetteville State) and Kenny O'Neal (North Carolina A&T).

The Sonics' Thomas Burroughs, who runs the floor well, has a good shooting touch and is a monster rebounder, will play for Virginia's Cavaliers next fall.

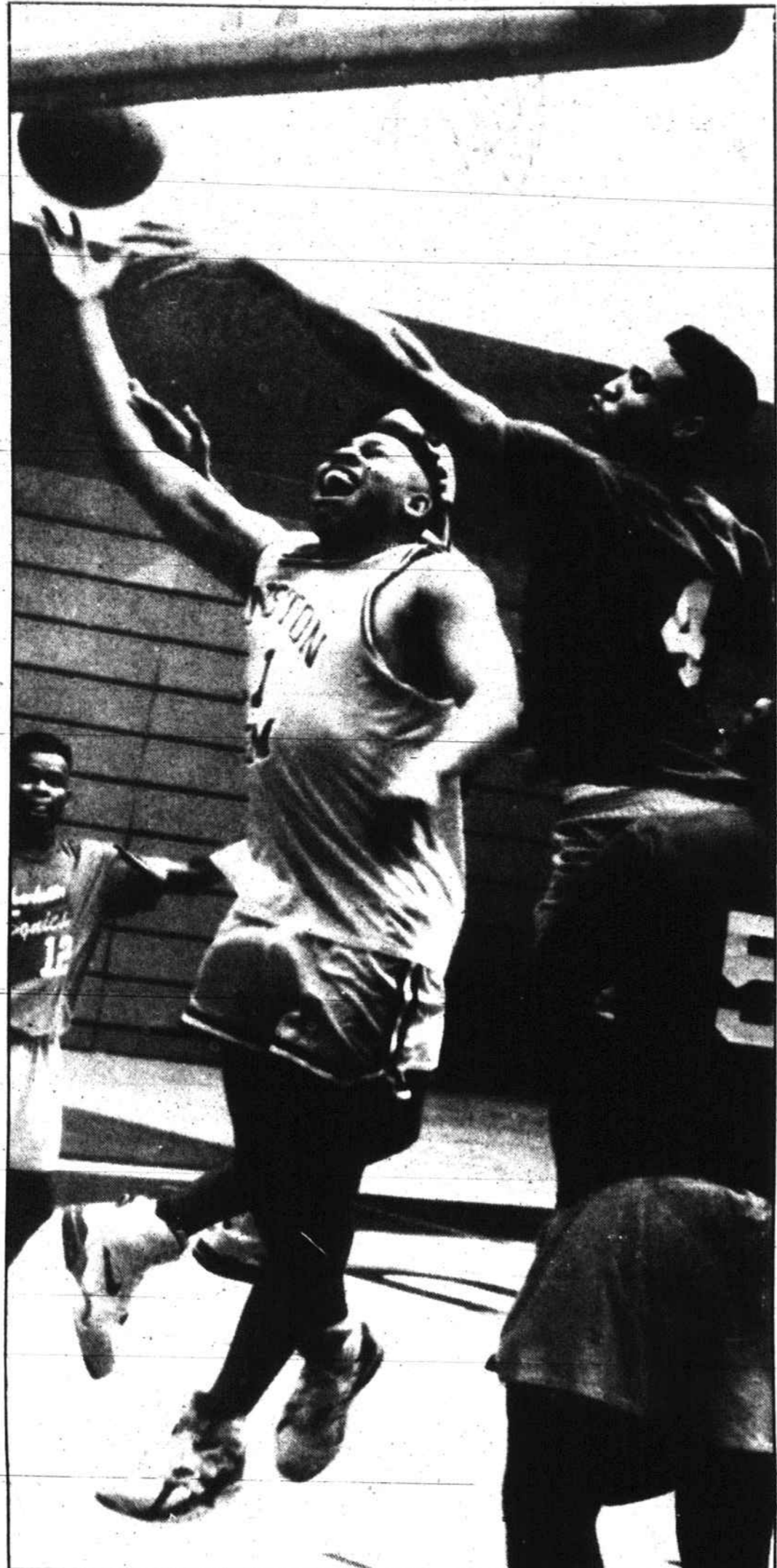


Photo by T-Lee
Kenny O'Neal (light colored jersey) slices past three Sonics defenders during the tournament finals last Sunday.

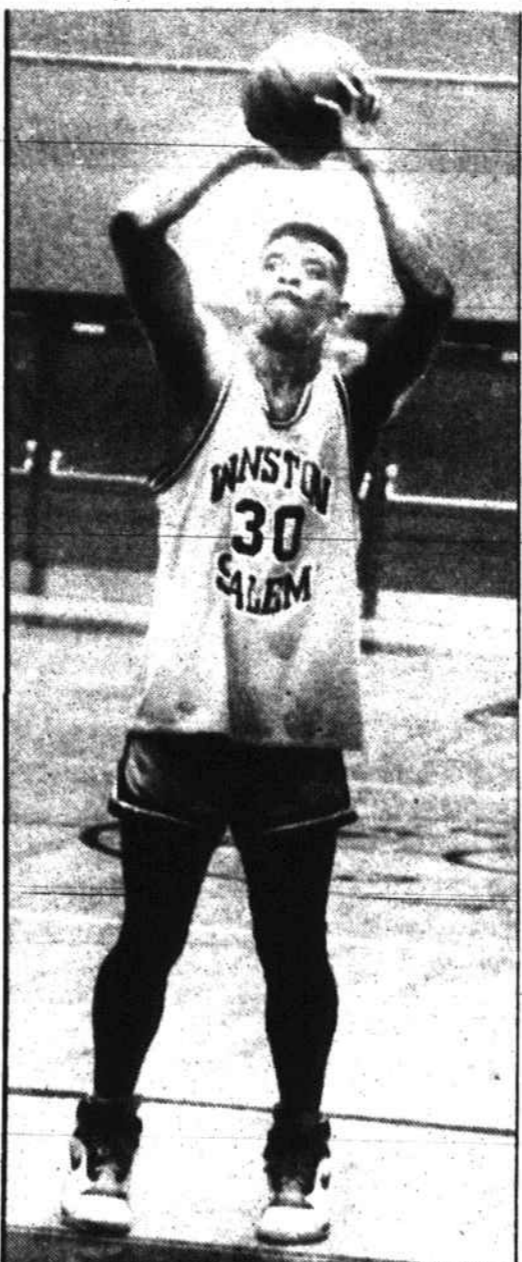



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Romie Crowell was a major contributor for the Winston 19s last week.

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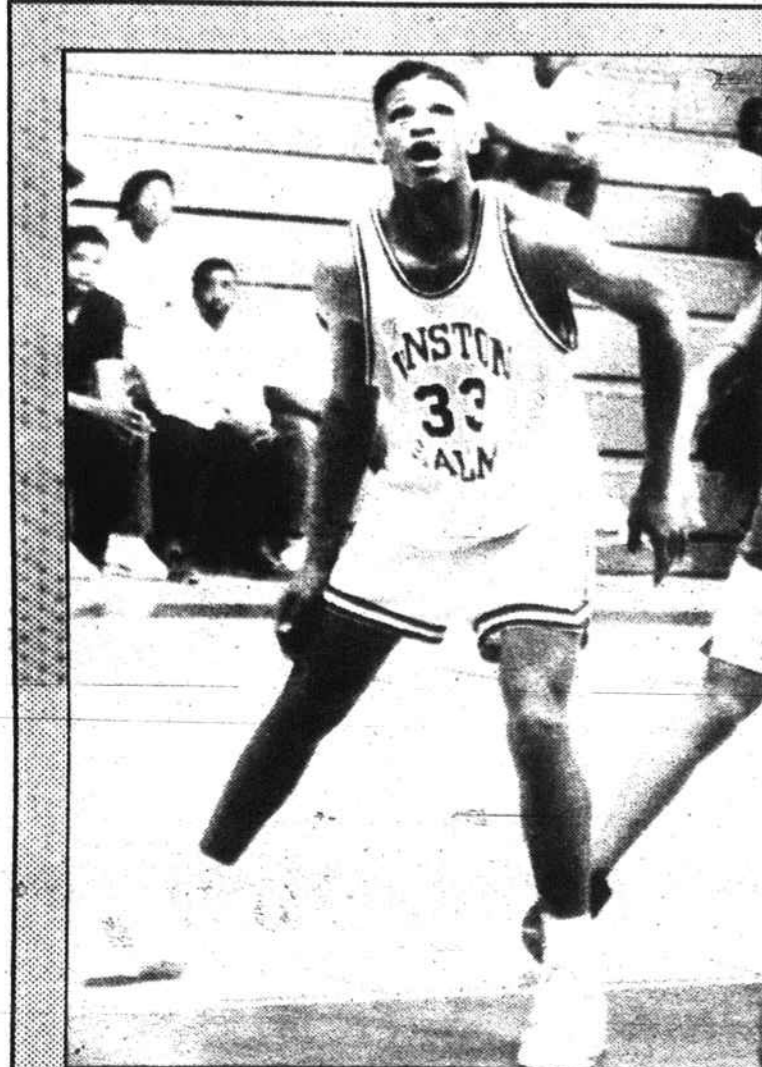
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Thad Young

Thad Young has shattering experience at Winston Lake

Carver's Thad Young was not on a seek and destroy mission during last week's North Carolina AAU Basketball Tournament held in Winston-Salem.

But on the second night of play, the 6-6 center rocked the house — literally. Young completed a vicious slam dunk last Thursday night, tearing down the rim and shattering the fiberglass backboard in the process. His team, the Winston Lake 19s were playing the Mecklenburg County Knights in an early round game at the Winston Lake YMCA.

After Young's feat, the crowd and his teammates exchanged hearty high fives. For the rest of the tournament, Young's replication of the Darryl Dawkins Effect, was a hot item of conversation.

Young will attend Coastal Carolina this coming fall on a basketball scholarship.



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