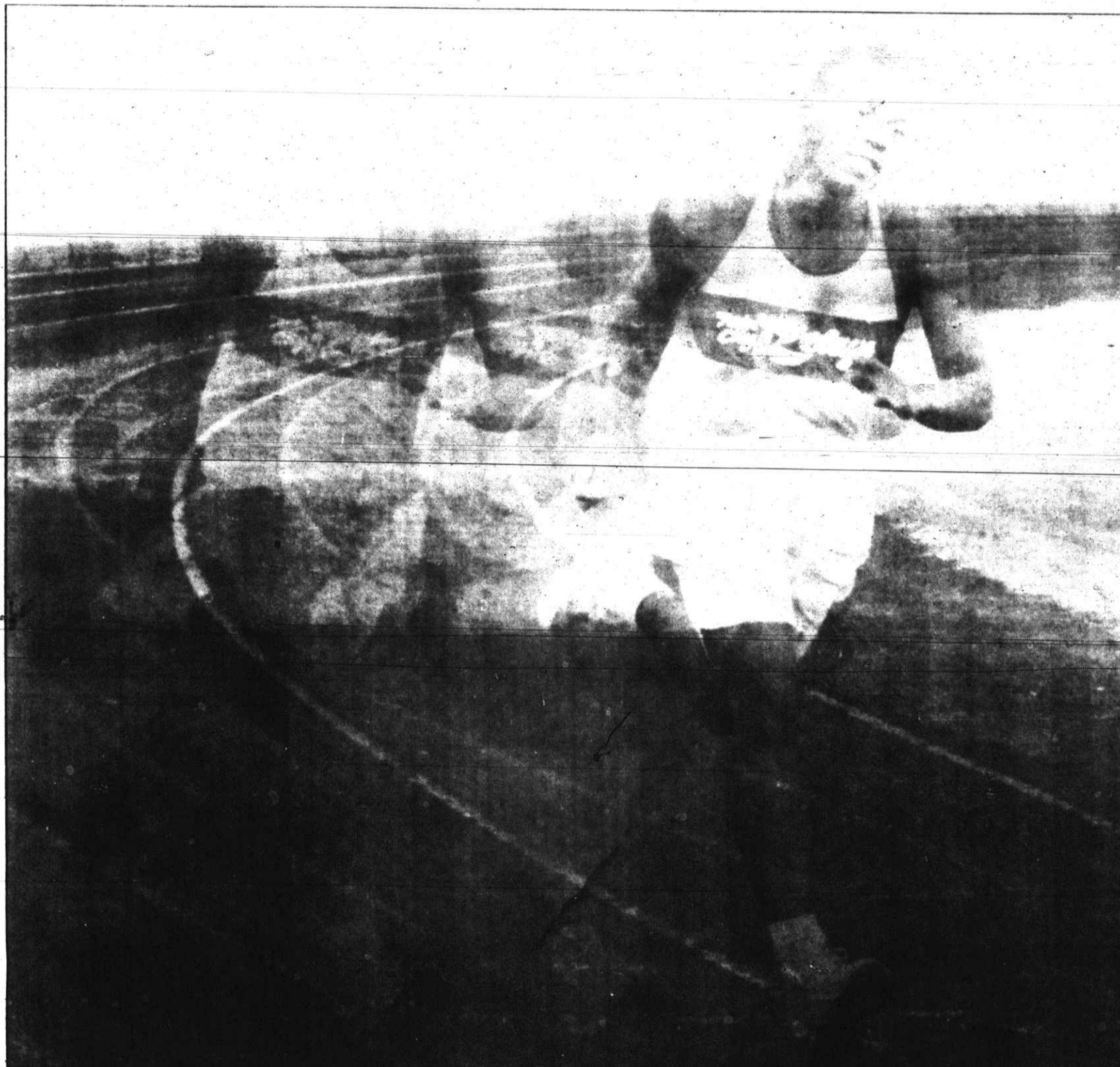


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TC Relays ride herd at state AAU track championships



Made for speed

It doesn't take long for folks to understand that Pablo Smith of the Twin City Relays is well suited for high speed chases on the oval. Smith, who runs the 100, 200 and both sprint relays, captured three gold medals at last weekend's North Carolina AAU/Junior Olympic track championships in the Senior Boys Division. The rising senior at Glenn High School is expected to be a top contender for more gold at the AAU and TAC nationals later this summer.

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By Chronicle Staff

The Twin City Relays Track Club earned a treasure chest full of medals last Saturday at the North Carolina AAU/Junior Olympic Championships at High Point.

By meet's end, the Relays had won 31 gold medals. The club had 50 athletes qualify for the AAU Region III Championships which will be held July 12-13 at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Athletes qualified for the regionals by finishing among the top four in their respective events at the state meet.

Twin City had an especially strong showing in the relay events. The club had 14 teams to qualify for the regionals in the 4 x 100 (10 teams) and 4 x 400 (4 teams) in the different age groups.

Four golds each

Individually, the Intermediates Division produced the top

age group performances for the local club. Darius Brewington and Gabrielle Williams proved to be the toast of the track, winning four gold medals each. Both were victorious in the 100 and 200, plus the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay.

Brewington was very dominant in both sprints in the boy's competition. His 10.86 in the 100 broke the field. Brewington's closest competitor was teammate Hamilton Cuthrell,

who was second at 11.38. Mandell Dobson, another TCer, was third (11.56).

The story for the 200 had the same ending. Brewington clocked 22.59 to win going away. Tyrone Smith, who specializes in the 400, finished third at 23.25.

In the 4 x 100, Brewington teamed with Cuthrell, Dobson, and Gregg Millner to win in 44.85. TC's "B" team (Shawn William Gullick, Kendrick

McClain, Maurio Brooks and Smith) finished second in that same race (45.75).

The 4 x 400 relay was no sweat for TC's foursome of Gullick, Smith, Millner and Brewington who sped to first place with a 3:33.0.

Williams earned her gold, but it wasn't easy. In the 100 and 200, she dueled with teammate Ajila Thomas and each time, the race was close. Williams won the 100 in 12.76, but Thomas

was always in chase, finishing second at 12.86. Shekita Acker (also of TC) was fourth (13.49). Williams built a little more cushion in the 200, but not by much. She hit the tape at 26.58 and Thomas finished second at 26.95.

Williams and Thomas hooked up with Jatarsa Hayes and Billie Stevenson to capture first place in the 4 x 100 (50.2).

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Big Apple Pro-Am Basketball League's inaugural season tips off

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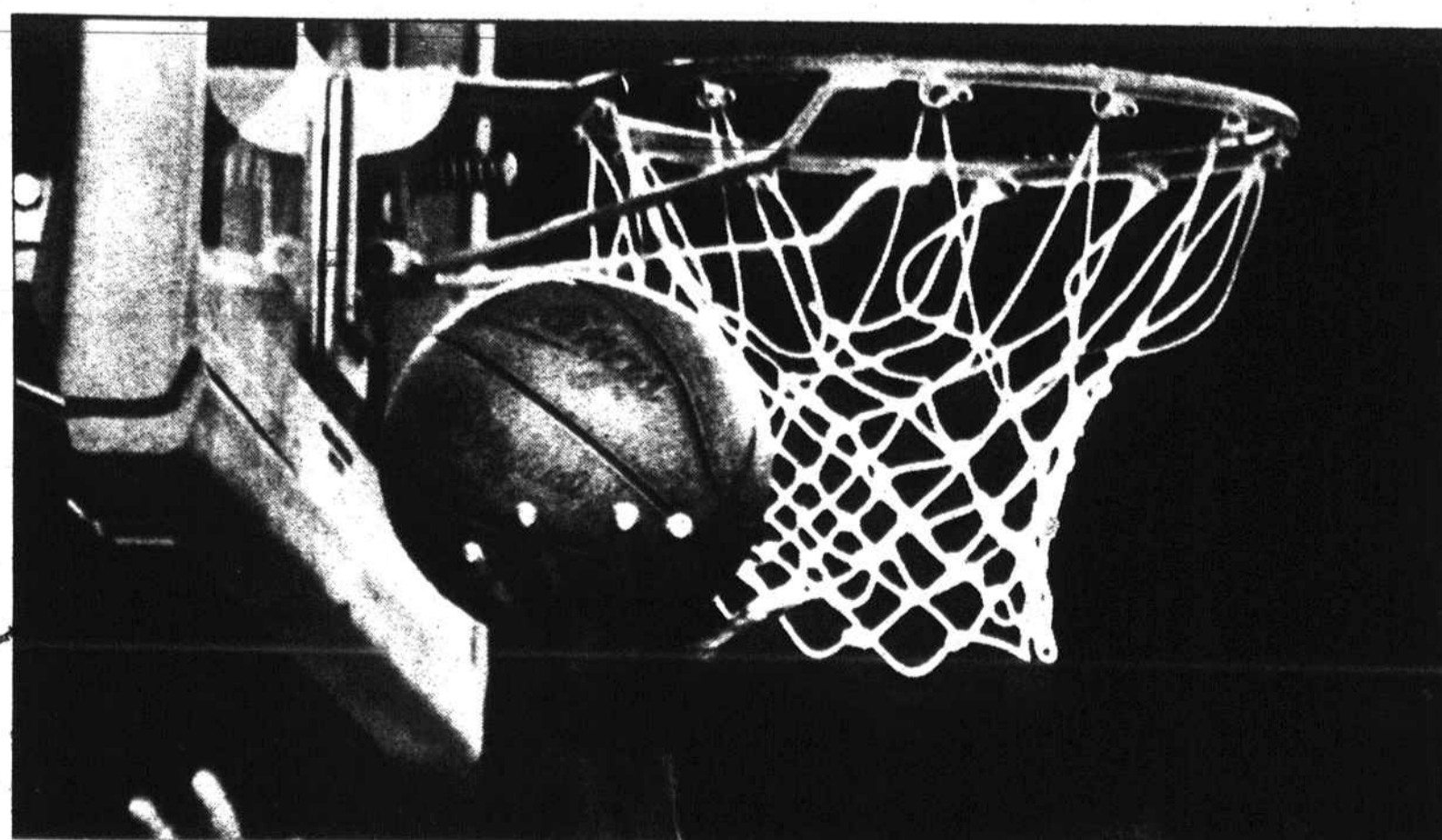
The Big Apple Pro-Am Basketball League tipped off its first season last Saturday with a full slate of games at the Hanes Hoisery Recreation Center.

This new league comes about with the merging of the Big Apple Adult Basketball League and the Carolina Pro-Am Basketball

For standings and the schedule for Saturday's games, please see Page B7.

League. Walter Funderburk, commissioner of the Big Apple League and Bleu Colquitt, commissioner of the Carolina Pro-Am League felt that it was in the best interest of both leagues to join forces.

The Big Apple Pro-Am League is sanctioned by the NCAA, which means that area college players with remaining eligibility will be able to participate. Wake Forest swingman Anthony Tucker didn't waste any time contacting a team in the pro-am league. That means that fans of Wake Forest and Winston-Salem



State can look forward to seeing many of their favorite players joining league teams beginning this weekend.

This summer, league teams will compete in local and regional play to reach the ultimate goal — an invitation to play in the National Pro-Am Basketball Tournament to be held at Ft. Hood, Tex. in April 1992.

This year's league has eight teams competing for the league title. Here's a recap of how the action transpired last weekend.

Trouble stops FPA

Trouble came back from a first half deficit to down FPA (Foster Parents Association), 88-81.

FPA held a 47-44 lead at the half, but Trouble stormed back to

tie the game at 58-58 in the second half. After that, Trouble was never in danger. This was a true shoot-out contest, with long-range bombing-taking center stage. For the game, both teams collectively hit on 11, three-point shots.

Trouble had five people score in double figures. Keith Henson led the way with 26 points and

Antonio Smith fired in 20. Ojay Polk followed up with 19 points, while Greg Clayburn and Jesse Byrd chipped in with 10 points each.

Willie Brown was the top gun for FPA with 29 points. Reggie Doster added 16 points and Milton Vaughn finished with 13 points.

Ben's Men prevail

Ben's Men benefitted from a two-man show in toppling Salon Excel, 75-60.

The winners were paced by Barry Chunn and Sam Porter who scored 27 and 20 points respectively. Salon Excel's top scorers were Keith Murrell with 17 points and Dwayne Morgan with 16 points.

Lakers slips past Say No

It was a tight game, but in the end, the Lakers emerged as 82-80 victors over Say No.

The Lakers got balanced scoring with four people hitting in double digits. Kenny Mickens topped the offense with 24 points and "Bam Bam" Bitting added 23 points. Brian Leak (16 points) and Louis Lowery (10 points) rounded out the top scorers for the victors.

Say No was led by Mike

Jones' 24 points. Sidney Wilkins came through with 18 points and Thad Young contributed 12 points.

Celtics romp

The Celtics ran with abandon in smacking the Hoopers, 106-79.

Tim McFadden and Jeff Jones provided the bulk of the offense for the Celts with 24 points each. Donnell Snockes added 14 points and Flagg Stanfield finished with 13 points.

For the Hoopers, Kirk Scales was the leading scorer with 22 points. Todd Sanders finished up with 15 points.

League notes

..... Free basketball clinics conducted by the Big Apple Pro-Am staff and players will be held every Saturday, one hour after the final game of the day has been played. Pro-Am officials urge area youngsters, ages 9-17 to learn from the best players in the league.

..... Saturday is Big Apple Pro-Am "Family Day." Parents and kids are encouraged to come out and enjoy the games, along with music, refreshments and prizes that will be given away.