

# YBAers show that you can excel in athletics and studies

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With so much negativity surrounding black athletes who are academically-troubled, it's refreshing to discover that there are a number of young blacks who can play ball and excel in the classroom also.

That's the reason why this week's *Chronicle Sports* has opted to focus much of its attention on the Winston Lake YMCA's YBA All-Academic team.

The call for black athletes doing a better job of taking care of business in the classroom isn't a novel idea. Fact is, not enough has been said about those youngsters who do excel in sports and in the books.

As a result, the folks at the Winston Lake YMCA decided to do something to clarify the message about sports and school work.

"Our motto is to build the mind, spirit and body," said Marcellette Orange, Winston Lake YMCA executive director. "It's

not just the winning and fun that goes with competing that we're concerned about. We stress academics and will continue to

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Over the years, Winston Lake has earned a well-developed reputation for producing quality basketball teams that fare well in state and national AAU tournaments.

In some circles, however, there's still the irritating opinion that in predominantly black youth sports organizations, the books tend to take a back seat to what is accomplished on the field of play.

That bit of reasoning irks many of Winston Lake's volunteer coaches. Collectively, these guys are making a point of making sure that their players understand that academics will always come first if they are to play at Winston Lake.

"I can honestly say that the coaches do not play lip service when it comes to stressing studies," said John Allen, who coaches the Broncos in the 12-15s age group. "More than a few coaches have been known to bench players until they improve their grades."

"For our younger players, it's important that we stress this now, before they get to high school. Having this All-Academic team shows that we have kids who are producing in the classroom. They take a lot of pride in that."

## Rams' Piggott scores 900 on SAT

By Chronicle Staff

At 13, Darryl Piggott has a lot going for him which involves a lot more than playing basketball at a better than respectable level.

Piggott, who plays for the Rams in the CIAA 12-15s division in the Winston Lake YBA, has a leg up when it comes to school. Or more specifically, the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Last year as a 12-year old, Piggott took the SAT and scored 900 (510 on the math part, 390 on the verbal portion).

That's an excellent score for someone his age, someone who

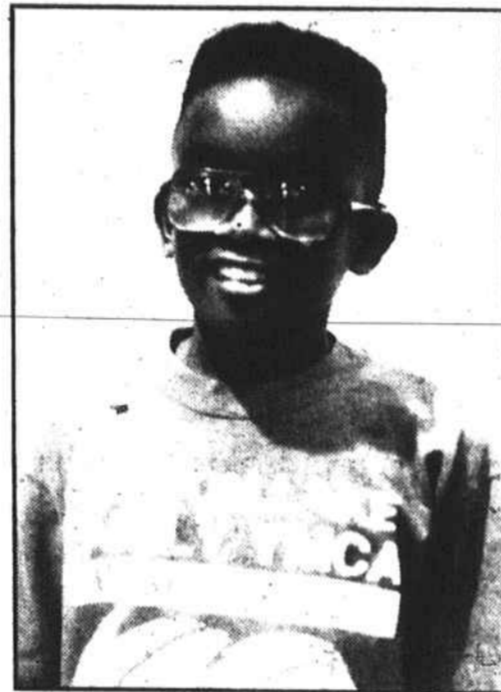
still has another year left before reaching the high school level.

Piggott, who is enrolled in the Academically Gifted Program at Walkertown Middle School, was allowed to take the SAT based on recommendations from WMS administrators.

Their recommendations were based on Piggott's scoring in the 99th percentile on the California Achievement Test (CAT).

After recording the 900 SAT score, Duke University invited Piggott to become a part of its Talent Identification Program (TIP). The TIP screens seventh graders nation-wide to participate in summer sessions of academic enrichment.

Darryl's father, Daniel Piggott, principal at Independence



Darryl Piggott

High School, is elated with his son's academic performance.

"Before I became a principal, I was a math teacher," the elder Piggott explained. "So I know that in order for most high school kids to do well on the SAT, they have to be able to handle algebra and geometry. Darryl has not taken those courses yet, so I'm hoping that he continues to keep it up."

In conclusion, one might easily conclude that Piggott's academic success has something to do with genetics — on both sides of the family tree. Darryl's mother, Jannette, is a math instructor at East Forsyth High School.

## YBA's regular season comes to an end

By Chronicle Staff

The Winston Lake YBA

ended its regular season with a bang last weekend. Here's a recap of the action that took

place at the Winston Lake YMCA and Carver High School.

### NBA 6-8s

**Bulls triumph**  
The Bulls grabbed control in the second half of play to secure a 23-16 win over the Lakers. Tony Byrd was the top gun for the victors with eight points. Stephon Chaney led the Lakers scoring with six points.

**Pistons finish undefeated**  
The Pistons capped a perfect season by nipping the Hornets 23-21. With this win, the Pistons finished the regular season with a 10-0 record.

The victors were led by Turner Battle who led all scorers with nine points. Charles Sanders was the top scorer for the Hornets with eight points.

### NCAA 9-11s

**Panthers win by one**  
The Panthers and Blue Devils battled from start to finish, but it was the Panthers who walked off with a 27-26 win.

Jason Brayboy tallied 19 points to pace the Panthers. Omar Powell's 16 points was tops for the Blue Devils.

**Deacons dominate**  
Adrian McCloud scored 12 points to lead a balanced attack as the Deacons dumped the Tar Heels 47-36. Shannon Johnson was the top scorer for the Tar Heels with a game-high 13 points.

**Hoyas prevail**  
Anthony Tomlinson and Ashanti McDowell combined to

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**YBA BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD & UPCOMING GAMES**

**LAST WEEK'S SCORES**  
(These games mark the end of the YBA's regular season)

**NBA 6-8s**  
Bulls 23 Lakers 16  
Pistons 23 Hornets 21

**NCAA 9-11s**  
Panthers 27 Blue Devils 26  
Deacons 47 Tar Heels 36  
Hoyas 48 Wolfpack 43

**CIAA 12-15s**  
Eagles 51 Bison 44  
Aggies 59 Golden Bulls 53  
Broncos 60 Rams 55

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES**

**Today through Saturday**  
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6-7 Valvoline Presents: Camel Mud & Monster Truck Championship ..... Coliseum  
7 Thunderbirds vs Columbus ..... Annex  
13 Thunderbirds vs Richmond ..... Annex  
15 World Championship Wrestling ..... Coliseum  
21 REBA MCENTIRE / SAWYER BROWN / BROOKS & DUNN ..... Coliseum  
29 BEACH MUSIC CONCERT ..... Coliseum  
Chairmen of the Board/Band of Oz/Joe Pope & The Tams  
(?) Thunderbirds Playoff ..... (Date to be determined) ..... Annex

**APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS**

3 TRACKS (by Yolanda King) ..... Coliseum  
4 Royal Lipizzaner Stallions ..... Coliseum  
10 Statler Brothers ..... Coliseum  
10-12 Piano & Organ Supermart ..... Coliseum Assembly Room  
16-19 Winston-Salem Spirits vs Peninsula ..... Ernie Shore Field  
20-22 Winston-Salem Spirits vs Frederick ..... Ernie Shore Field  
25 Winston-Salem Symphony/Berlioz Requiem ..... Coliseum  
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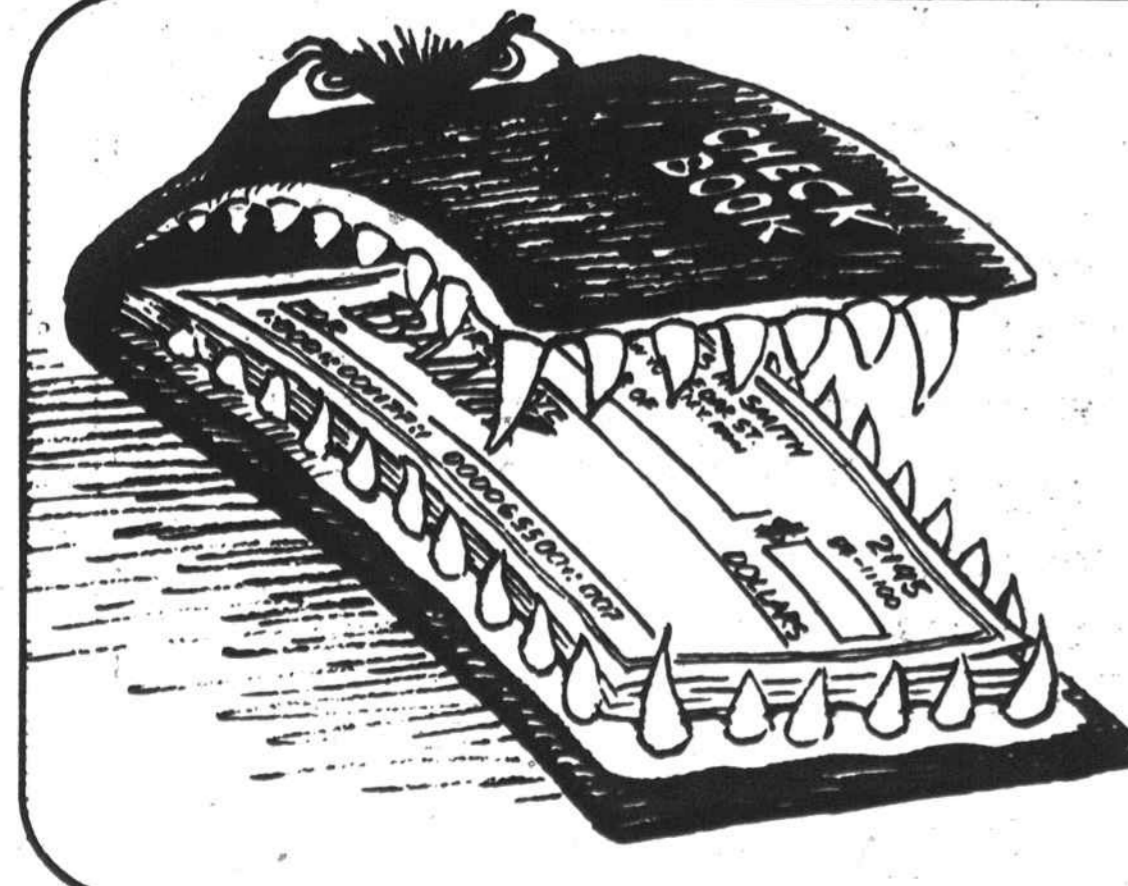
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