

Taking The Express

School, who will attend Hanes Middle School next fall. "That pumped us up."

After Paul's free throw and time out, the Rocket's 5'9" center Justine Lopez missed a shot from close range as Paul defended.

"It was on my tip-toes waving my hands at him," the 5'0" Paul said. As if the Express didn't have enough weapons in its arsenal, the team added more firepower for a run at the national title when it picked up Dovonte' Edwards. Edwards, a triple threat as-point guard, shooting guard and small forward, played for the Winston-Salem YMCA Lakers this year. When the Lakers were eliminated from the state tournament, Edwards became eligible to play for the Express under AAU rules allowing teams to add three players for the national tournament.

"I'm happy the Express picked me up because I heard they are a good organization," Edwards said.

as he sat with Paul and Russell at a card table in the basement of the Paul home waiting to be driven to practice in Hickory. "They set a team goal to finish in the top 20 at the national tournament.

"They welcomed me and I think I'm slowly, but effectively fitting in," Edwards added.

"He's made friends fast," Paul said. "We had parties at the coach's house and we got to know Dovonte' and the other new guys. It made them feel welcome."

The experience of playing for a top-flight AAU team transcends the basketball court. Paul admits his game has improved playing against quality competition, but he and his two Winston-Salem teammates note there are other lessons to be learned as well. "Playing for the Express is not all basketball," Edwards said. "Coach teaches other things such as life lessons and says we have to be a family."

A measure of how well those

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lessons have been learned is the Best Sportsmanship trophy won by the Express at a tournament in Beckley, W. Va.

Russell, Paul and Edwards are the epitome of precision and teamwork on the court, but part company when it comes to favorite college basketball teams. Paul and Edwards root for UNC while Russell, the most valuable player of the Capital Games Shootout in Silver Spring, Md. over the Memorial Day weekend, is a Michigan fan.

Edwards lives just down the street from the Dean E. Smith Center in Chapel Hill and proudly notes he has played with the TarHeels' Brian Reese and Pat Sullivan.

Not to be outdone, Paul says, "I know Jerry Stackhouse and saw him and Donald Williams playing ping-pong when I was in Chapel Hill at camp. They take it seriously."

Teamwork can only go so far when it comes to certain bragging rights.

Sports Briefs

Junior Golf Exposure Program to Begin

On June 20, 1994, The National Black Golf Hall of Fame will start its Junior Golf Exposure Program. The purpose of this program is to bring golf instruction and exposure to the underprivileged junior citizens who live in Forsyth County. This program will be given to any Junior 8-16 free of charge, courtesy of The National Black Golf Hall of Fame.

The program will be conducted by Harold Dunovant, Class A member of the PGA and assisted by Mohammed Herb. This program will run for three weeks, June 20-July 8, five days a week, 9-11 a.m. each day. The program will be held at the Civitan Park.

Any junior who would like to take part, please call Harold Dunovant at 721-1113. We are also looking for volunteers to act as monitors.

AAU Meeting

Winston Lake AAU organizational meeting will be held on Thursday June 30 at 7 p.m. at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

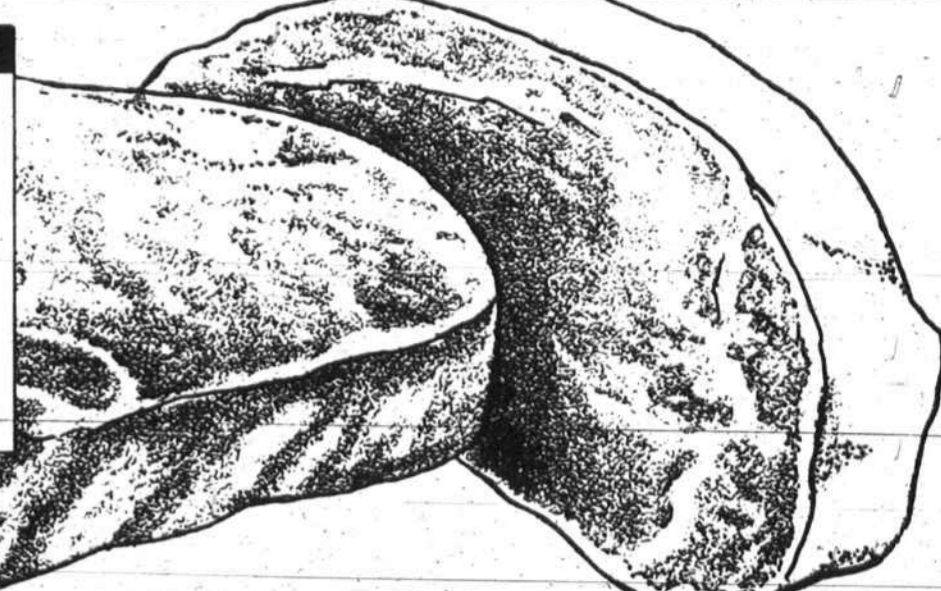
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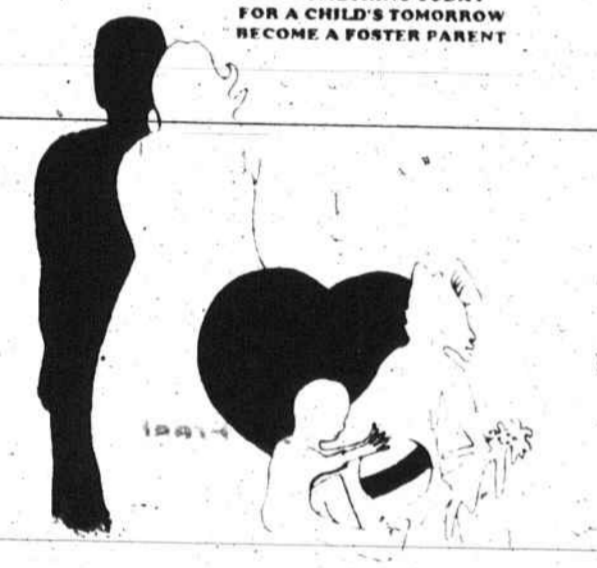
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