

BASKETBALL

Deacons battle in the 11-14-year-old Hanes Hosiery Hot Hoop Summer Basketball League at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center. **page 17**



YOUTH SPORTS

Talent brought the curtain down on this year's National Youth Sport Program at Winston-Salem State University. **page 18**



CHECKERS

29th annual American Pool Checker Association national championship was held at the Holiday Inn North last week. **page 19**



SPORTSWEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1994 Page 15

Hoop Haven

Exposure is Name of the Game for AAU Players

▲ *"This tournament is the recruiting package of the year for high school students."*

By JEROME RICHARD
Chronicle Sports Writer

Two or three times a week, Darryl and Melissa Edwards load their son Dovonte' into the family car in Chapel Hill and drive an hour and a half to Winston Salem where Dovonte' meets C.J. Paul and Mike Russell.

Paul's or Russell's parents then drive the three boys to Hickory, an hour or so west via Interstate 40. On eastbound I-40, Josh Henighan and Concho Brown leave Winston-Salem for Durham. On I-85, David Burns drives south from Winston to Charlotte.

Such is life in the world of Amateur Athletic Union basketball where exposure, competition

and improvement are everything. To get that exposure and to play better competition, which leads to individual improvement, players and their parents are willing to make sacrifices for the opportunity that exposure brings — namely a shot at a college basketball scholarship.

Exposure is especially important for players like Henighan and Brown, rising seniors at Parkland High School, who are near college age and whose time to impress college coaches is dwindling. Their best shot at exposure is at national AAU tournaments, such as the Junior Boys Tournament underway through Saturday at Joel Coliseum, where dozens of college coaches flock to evaluate talent. It was at national AAU tournaments that several current college players,

including Donald Williams of UNC, shot to national prominence. Williams' head-turning performance at an AAU tournament in Milwaukee drew the attention of college coaches and recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons. "Kids want to play on a team that has a chance to go to national competition because national competition means they'll be seen," said John Allen of Winston-Salem, secretary of the North Carolina AAU Association and an official at the Junior Boys Tournament. "The 17-year-olds are particularly interested in that because they are a year away from college." William Butler, coach of the Winston Lake Lakers, says: "This tourna-

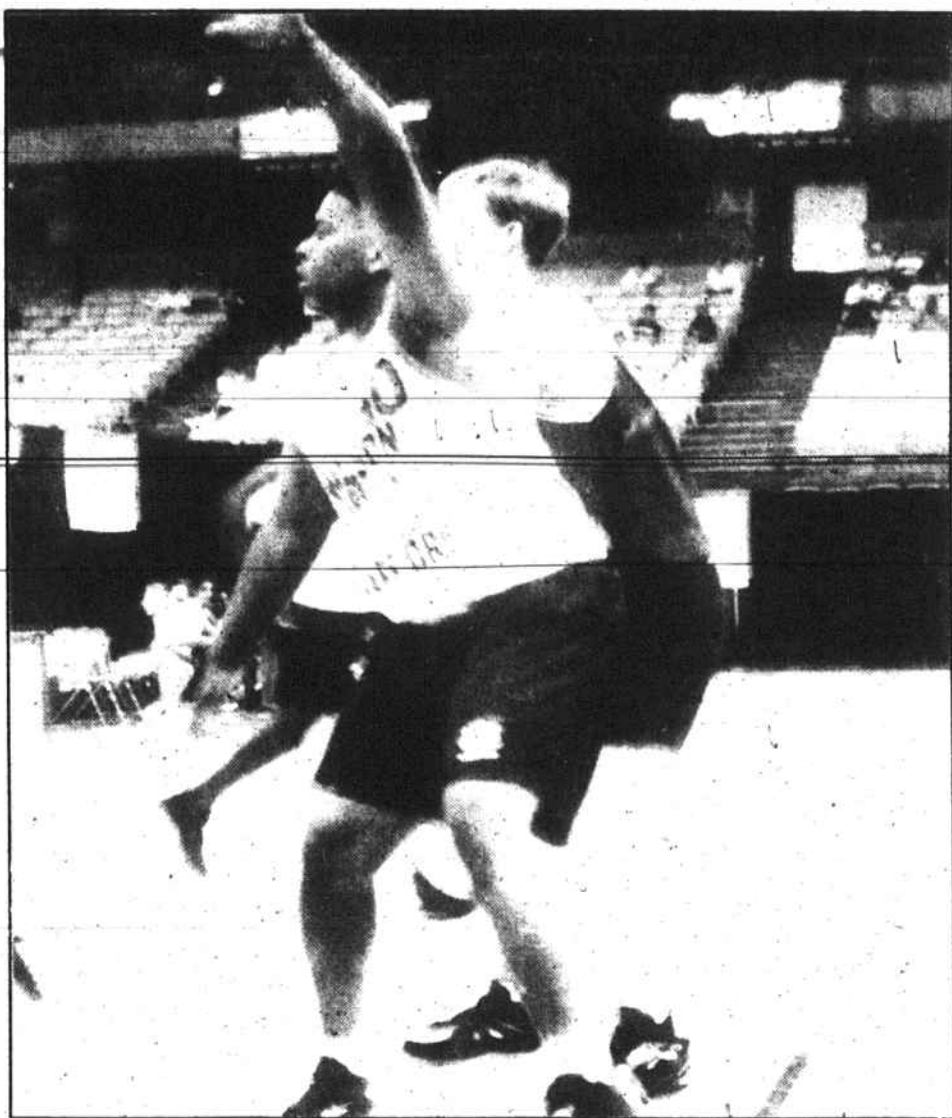
see BUTLER's page 20



The best shot at exposure is at national AAU tournaments where dozens of college coaches flock to evaluate talent.



The AAU Junior Boys national tournament began July 16 with the championship scheduled for July 23.



Coach Butler's Plan Goes Up In Smoke

▲ *Lakers win AAU opener 82-73*

By JEROME RICHARD
Chronicle Sports Writer

Sometimes the best laid plans go up in smoke. That's what happened to William Butler's plan for this year's 17-and-under Winston Lake Lakers.

Butler had planned on having two of the area's top players, Josh Henighan and Concho Brown, on his team this year, but they decided to play elsewhere.

"I put Josh and Concho on last year's team to build a nucleus for this year and to show what we could do, but it didn't work out," Butler said shortly after his Lakers beat the Missouri Magic, 82-73, Sunday in their opening game of

the Junior Boys National Tournament at Joel Coliseum. "Another guy recruited them and I guess they went where they thought they could get to the nationals."

Henighan and Brown, teammates at Parkland High School, are playing with the Durham Eagles, who lost Saturday's tournament opener to Midlands of Columbia, S.C., 94-90. Henighan came off the bench to score seven points, including a three-pointer to tie the game at 90-all with 58 seconds remaining. The basket brought the Eagles back from a 23-point deficit. Brown finished with 16 points. B.J. McKie of Midlands led all scorers

see BUTLER's page 17

Henighan Kicks Back During Football Season

By JEROME RICHARD
Chronicle Sports Writer

Josh Henighan can't wait for football season. That may sound odd coming from a basketball player, but when football starts, Henighan kicks back.

"I get my rest during football season," Henighan said. Until then, there is basketball and more basketball.

Henighan, a 6'1" point and shooting guard at Parkland High School, began a busy roller-coaster junior year on the hardwood for Parkland with practice

last fall. The 1993 holiday season brought Henighan his second Frank Spencer all-tournament honor before he closed the year in the North Carolina 3-A championship game with a last-second loss to Reidsville. It was then on to AAU basketball with the North Carolina Select of Kernersville. After the Select was eliminated from further tournament action with a loss in the state tournament, Henighan was picked up by the Durham Eagles for the AAU Junior Boys national tournament, currently under way in Winston-Salem.

Immediately at the conclusion of the Junior Boys tournament, Henighan will head to Cocoa Beach, Fla.,

to play in the 19-and-under Senior Boys national tournament as a member of the North Carolina Select All Stars. Then it's football season.

"He's been doing that for a couple of years now," Kaye Henighan, Josh's mother, said. "One thing AAU has done is cause basketball to be a year-around thing for Josh. It never ends."

"I think it is something I have to do to catch up," Josh Henighan said, noting that he recently attended the Five-Star Basketball Camp in Pittsburgh, Pa.

see HENIGHAN page 18

A Look At Josh

Josh Henighan's accomplishments during his two years as a varsity starter for Parkland High School:

	Sophomore	Junior
Scoring average	10.2	15.5
Assists	n/a	4.0
Rebounds	3.0	4.0
Steals	n/a	4.0

Sophomore: All conference; defensive MVP; assists leader; Frank Spencer All-Tourney Team.

Junior: All conference; Co-MVP; team captain; Frank Spencer All-Tourney Team; North Piedmont Conference All-Tourney Team.

ENTERTAINMENT

SECCA's McChesney Scott Dunn Auditorium will host summer film series. **page 22**



RELIGION

Shilohian-St. Peter's Child Center graduation commencement exercises were held recently at WSSU's Anderson Center. **page 23**



BUSINESS

Chester Hemphill has been promoted to vice president at Southern National Bank in Winston-Salem. **page 21**

