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SECTION B

## High school programs set to get football underway

The 1997 high school football season officially gets underway on Friday (Aug. 1) and teams around the Triad Area will begin their quests for conference and state championships.

Several local schools hope to improve upon their finishes from the 1996 season when they advanced to the state playoffs.

In Winston-Salem, West Forsyth, East Forsyth, Glenn and Mount Tabor all made it to the playoffs a year ago. Greensboro Dudley and Greensboro Page represented their city in fine fashion during the '96 season by earning berths in the playoffs. High Point had two teams as well, sending both Andrews and Central to post-season play.

Those that didn't make it to post-season play, Carver, North Forsyth, Reynolds and Parkland in Forsyth County, along with Grimsley and Smith in Greensboro begin their trek anew.

In addition to outstanding teams that were in the area last season, there will also be a long list of top returning players in the area.

Perhaps the ringleader is West Forsyth's Jamal Scott, who will be the point man in the Titans' newly installed 4-3 defense. Reynolds

also has a leader on the defensive side in junior linebacker Rodmond Dunlap, who has been the team's leading tackler since breaking in with the Demons as a freshman.

Another junior of note on defense is North Forsyth's Angelo Crowell. Crowell, who comes from a long line of Crowells who have put on the Vikings' red and blue. Crowell was named all-conference last season as a linebacker. However, he will also line up at tailback for North this season.

Mount Tabor, which advanced to the second round of the 4-A playoffs last year, will feature some of the area's top offensive performers. The Spartans' bread and

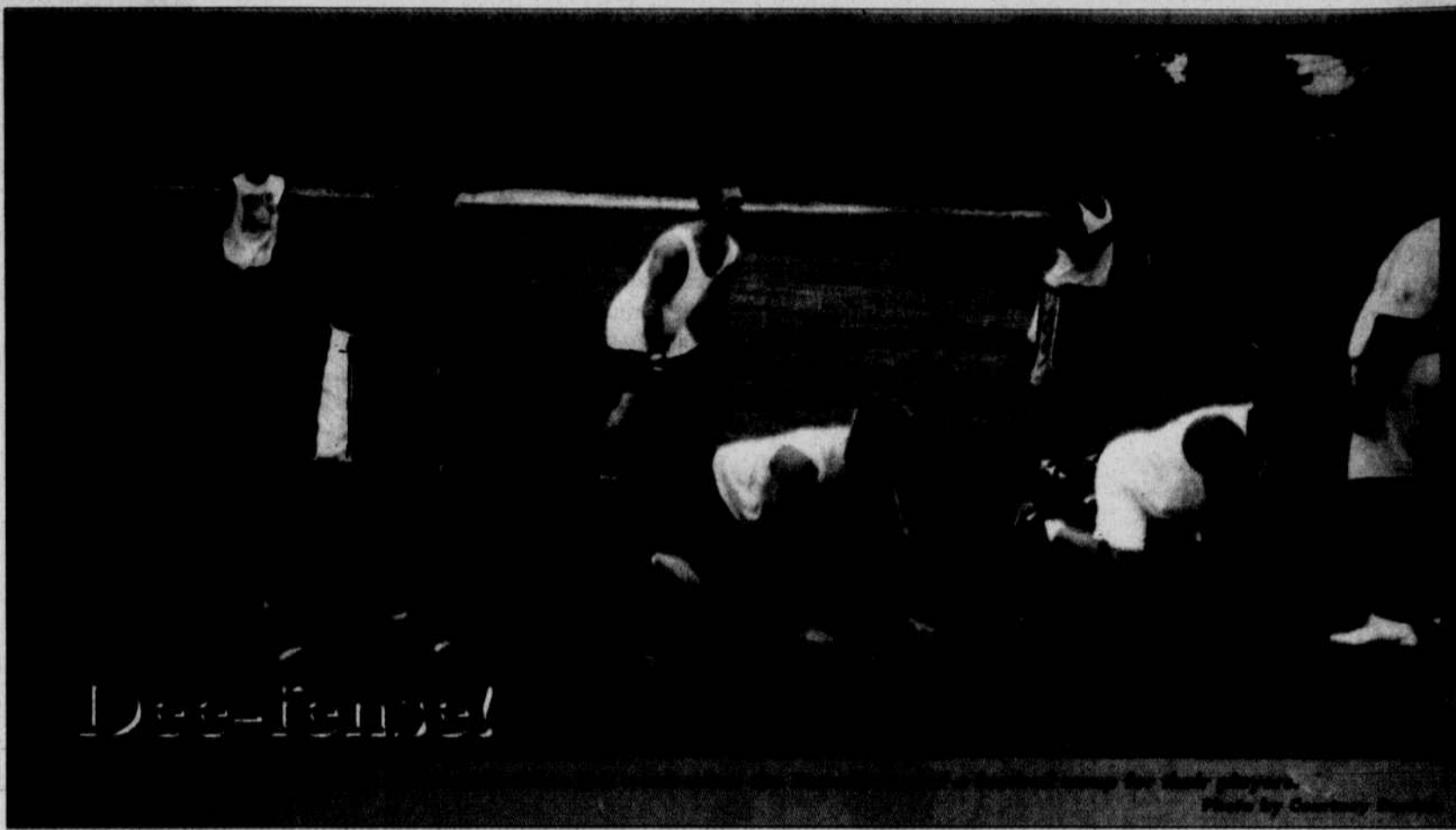
butter will be junior fullback/tailback Art Brown. Brown has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in both his freshman and sophomore seasons and is expected to put up big numbers again this year.

The Spartans will also have an outstanding trigger man to run their offense. Senior quarterback Travis Scott, a three-year starter, is looking to put together his finest season to date for Mount Tabor.

Carver, which won its confer-



Press Box



## Hang the Net Competition a big success

By COURTNEY DANIEL  
 Chronicle Staff Writer

It is rare that we have the opportunity to distinguish ourselves and display our talents in the glaring eye of public scrutiny.

Those among us who succeed become champions and amaze us with the ability to perform under the pressure.

The 1997 Hanes Hosiery Hang the Net Contest gave me the opportunity to vanquish all my rivals in the print, radio and television media as we squared off in a three point

contest. My opponents included a troop of "Bad Boy Ballers" from the Greensboro radio station 102 Jamz (102.1 FM), including the infamous Buster Brown, Hannah's Baby Boy

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"Stu", Baby "J", and the intern Doo Doo Dennis. Television sports personalities Sam Crenshaw, Scott Pryzwansky and Dan Rath also stood between me and the Hang the Net celebrity championship, but I felt confident.

The rules for the contest were simple hit as many three pointers as you could with eleven shots. Hanging the net on the rim was worth 21 bonus points and was clearly the way to take home the title.

I was ready and prepared to "wow" the packed Hanes Hosiery gymnasium with a 3-point exhibition of legendary proportions. The gymnasium was standing room only as young people from each of Winston-Salem's recreation center's came to witness the basketball extravaganza. I was there among

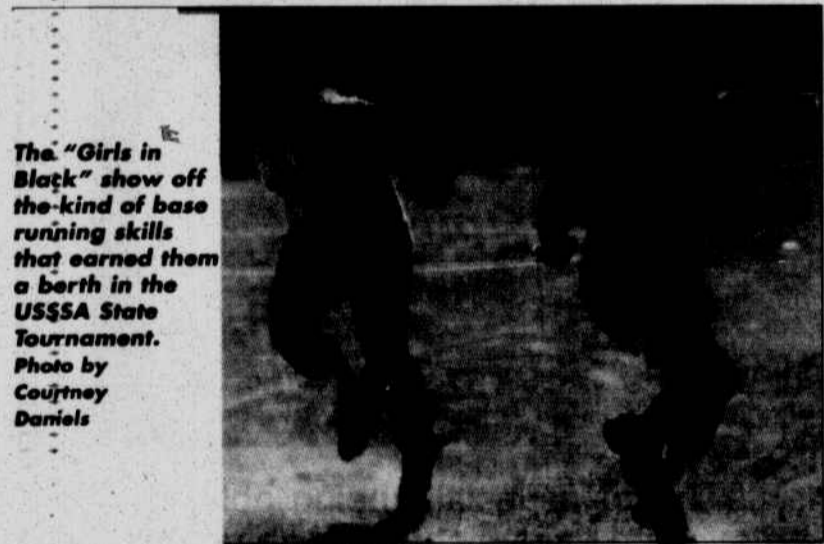
them ready to make my mark on the Hang the Net history books and when the last shots were taken and the dust settled I had claimed... fifth place, bested by four other shooters, including the winner Buster Brown.

Brown barely beat out the hot hand of Pryzwansky on the strength of two hung nets and took the the Hang the Net trophy back to Greensboro.

The sting of my defeat was dampened by the excitement of the rest of the Hang the Net competi-

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## YSFL makes impressive showing at state softball tournament



The "Girls in Black" show off the kind of base running skills that earned them a berth in the USSSA State Tournament. Photo by Courtney Daniels

The Youth Fellowship Softball league participated in its first USSSA State Tournament which was held in Charlotte, N.C. recently. The "Girls In Black", a 12-under team, and IMANI, a 16-under team, fared very well amongst some of the best teams in the state. Both teams advanced to the second round in their respective divisions, but fell short in the Championship rounds. However, a lot of positive things came out of the tournament for both teams.

The "Girls In Black", coached by Jonne Hayes, placed third in the USSSA

District Tournament that was held in Winston-Salem on June 20-22, but fell to sixth place in the State Tournament by losing to a tough Mathews team, last year's state champions, by one run.

IMANI, coached by Harvey Barber, fared a little better than their sisters and advanced to the semi-finals and a fourth place finish by losing to an experienced

and extremely talented Carolina Reds team. IMANI did have two players named to the USSSA All-Tournament team, Johanna Harding and Teaneka Howell, and won a berth to the USSSA World Tournament.

"It's been an experience they won't soon forget," said Hayes, president and co-founder of the YSFL. "I believe it was the weekend stay away from home, dining out in different restaurants (not McDonald's) and supporting each other during their games,

that allowed these girls to become so very close."

When asked if he or Coach Harvey Barber, of IMANI, were disappointed in the way their teams performed, both were quick to defend the effort and performance of their girls.

"I am very, very proud of the way our young ladies performed and gave all they had", said Barber.

Hayes was quick to point out

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## Sinking hole-in-one keeps Jones abuzz

By COURTNEY DANIEL  
 The Chronicle Staff Writer

There is perhaps nothing more elusive in the game of golf than a hole in one.

For Naomi Jones it was a feat that had escaped her for some 25 years, before she stepped to the par three No. 13 hole at Winston-Salem's Heather Hills Golf Course and launched a tee shot that found nothing, but the bottom of the cup, taming all 154 yards in a single stroke of her four iron.

"The pinnacle of golf is hitting a hole in one," said Jones. "Now that I've gotten one I can truly say that I've really played some golf."

Jones road to golfing glory started not at Heather Hills but at Winston Lake golf course where her husband, E Jerry Jones, was once the resident golf pro and where she still plays herself. She

says was attracted to the game because it was the right blend of exertion and leisure.

"The game is relaxing," said Jones. "You get to come out and get around, get some sunshine, met some really nice people and have a good time. And you get a little exercise, too."

Jones has honed her golf skills by playing at a number of the local courses and is now a part of a women's club that gets together once a week to test the greens and their mettle.

During her golf career Jones has come close several times to the one struck nirvana that is a hole in one.

"I've gotten close a couple of times," said Jones. "And I've hit eagles out at Winston Lake, but I couldn't quite get that hole in one."

Now being able to add that feat



Naomi Jones

to her golfing resume is the greatest thrill of her golfing life.

"Oh yes, it is safe to say that this is the highlight of my playing the game," she said.

SEE JONES ON B3

## Double tournament participation too much for Carolina Hornets

By SAM DAVIS  
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Facing adversity is just as much a part of sports as it is of life.

That's the theme Coach Walter Faye tried to emphasize to his Carolina Hornets AAU basketball team during its play in national AAU competition the last two weeks.

Faye's team, which captured the 15-and-under national championship last season after finishing in the top eight for each of the previous three years, didn't fare as well this season.

The team finished the year with a 37-9 record, but its road in the 16-and-under and 17-and-under National AAU tournaments was paved with obstacles. And playing in back to back national tournaments didn't help either. The Hornets finished play in the 16-



The Carolina Hornets learned a hard lesson in stretching themselves too thin, but hope to grow from the experience.

and-under tournament in Greensboro on July 17, then boarded a plane for a trip to Orlando, Fla., to begin play in the 17-and-under tournament on July 19.

"That's something we'll never try to do again," said Faye. "We were tired physically and mentally."

The Hornets' egos might have been bruised a bit as well. The team advanced to the Sweet 16 in the 16-and-under tournament after going 3-0 in pool play. However, it was all downhill for the team after that point.

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