

Little CIAA and Little NBA kick off season at Sims Center in Happy Hill Gardens

The Little CIAA season got off to a rousing start on Feb. 9, when the Fayetteville Bronocos and the Shaw Bears squared off.

The Bronocos escaped with a 30-18 victory. Paris Barnes and Von Pearson led all the scorers by combining for a total of 16 points for the Bronocos. Corey Moore and Stephen Scott matched that total for the Bears but got little help from their teammates.

In the second game of the

evening, the Winston-Salem State Rams defeated the Livingstone College Bears by a 40-34 score. Brian Carlton and Ray Bristow led the Rams by combining to score 26 points. The Bears were led by Jovon Scipio and Russell Scott. They scored 25 of their team's points.

The Little NBA season got underway on Feb. 14 when the Lakers defeated the Magic 19-9. Donald Scipio led the Lakers with 12 points and Jermaine Thompson

led the Magic with five points. In the final game of the day, the Bulls defeated the Celtics by a 33-5 score. Jamie Glenn, Chachez Allen and Greg Good led the Bulls with 32 points and Joshea Crews and Thomas Warren led the Celtics with four points.

League Commissioners Rock Bitting, Ben Piggott and Charles Rice said they were impressed with the children who are doing their homework and playing basketball.

HERE I GO!



Lashonta Johnson of Glenn drives to the basket against Parkland in the Bobcats' victory last Friday night.

Hughes captures title in adult championship pool tournament at Hanes Hosiery

On Feb. 6, the Hanes Hosiery Gym put the basketballs up and brought out the pool cues and balls as some of the top pool players around town came to compete in a double-elimination, eight-ball, pool tournament

At stake was bragging rights for the title of "the best pool shooter at the Hosiery". Willie Hughes went undefeated to win the championship and Bryant Young placed second. Alfred Shaw was third and Jimmy "Jet" Brannon captured fourth place.

Art Blevins, the tournament director, said it was a huge success. He said the center will try to hold pool tournament championships every six weeks. Players are already calling in and inquiring about the next tournament.



The top finishers of the pool tournament at Hanes Hosiery were, top left, Willie Hughes, top right, Bryant Young and bottom photo, Alfred Shaw and Jimmie "Jet" Brannon.

Signups scheduled for ASA/USSSA Softball team

Signups will be held for ASA/USSSA Softball for girls ages 5-16 at Rupert Bell Park on Sat., Feb. 21, and Sat., March 7, at Rupert Bell Park. The Winston-Salem Youth Fellowship Club is sponsoring a team that will play in fast-pitch tournament throughout the state of North Carolina. Last year, the girls brought home the third place trophy from the USSSA National Softball Tournament, which was held in Charlotte. Program organizers say they are looking for players to join the team, even if they have never played softball before. For further information, contact Jonne Hayes at 725-5577 or Renee Harding-Price at 767-0986. Or you can write the program at Winston-Salem Youth Fellowship Club, P.O. Box 1652, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102-1652. Applications can also be picked up at any Recreation Center in the area or at the Girls Club, HAWS or YMCA.

YBA, in sixth year, has new focus for its members

The YBA, which stands for Young Brothers Association, is entering its sixth year of operation and is focusing in on a new direction for its members. The club, founded by Devaldean Penn, is a mentoring group for young male students. The focus this year, according to Penn, is "Learning to Help Somebody Else; It's Not Just Me". Penn says helping others is an excellent way of getting young people to volunteer their time to helping others and making their step in the right direction. "These efforts can come in the form of helping each other, going to work in their own communities, and also helping around the house," Penn says. "Learning what and how it feels to volunteer, without being paid money. We work on a project in our school, by collecting pennies to help with the "Kids Cafe", a project that is going on at the Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church on Patterson Ave., where Rev. Seth O. Lartey is the pastor. With a generous contribution from the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Omicron Gamma Lamda, Inc., Kernersville Chapter, the group was able to give a little more than \$200.00 to that worthwhile project. The group made the contribution on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997 at the 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service. "Rev. Lartey was very appreciative of the contribution and the fine efforts of the YBA members and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity," Penn said. "The Alpha's Men also serve as mentors, as well as Rev. Lartey on different occasions. "We plan more activities for the members to participate in during 1998. We plan to have some Saturday Morning sessions to help our members in other areas of growing up, such as Self-Esteem, Academic Achievement, Positive Behavior, Classroom Motivation, Peer Pressure, Drugs, Man Talk Issues and many more. We also plan to work a couple of evenings at the Kids Cafe at Goler Memorial Church." The Saturday morning sessions would be open to any young men, who would be interested in being a part of the group. Anyone with questions can contact Penn at (910) 760-3534. "All efforts in the mentoring program is to help our young men to do well in school and helping them prepare for the future," Penn said. "Thanks again to the YBA members and the Brothers of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for their fine efforts."

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