

Duckett

about his fate. That's what some said about him when he learned that he had to take dialysis treatment. It was no surprise to me. I can remember when we were playing a game at the Boys Club against the Walnut Cove Lions some 25 years ago. A Walnut Cove player deliberately stepped on Duckett's neck while he was on the bottom of the pile. It left clear marks on him. Most players would have said something or done something to retaliate and, in the process, hurt their team's chances. Not Kenny Duckett. He just got up and went back to the huddle. Several plays later, he took a screen pass and went 94 yards for a touchdown. He later added a 96-yard touchdown reception.

Kids today could learn much from the example that players like Duckett set. When he found out in the 10th grade that he was a diabetic and would be on medication the rest of his life, Duckett accepted it and went on with his life. He never stopped to complain or ask for pity or sympathy.

When he went on to stardom at Wake Forest and in the NFL, he never changed. He always had time for those that knew him. He never did anything to draw any extra attention to himself. He wanted to be treated like everyone else.

Aspiring college and professional athletes would do well to take a page from the life that Duckett led and apply it to their lives. Don't just talk about goals and dreams, go out and do something about them.

Carolina Hornets 15-and-under team finishes undefeated in AAU pool play

The Central Y-Carolina Hornets 15-and-under basketball recently went undefeated in pool play in Durham and qualified for the championship play in the State AAU Basketball Tournament.

The Hornets finished with a 3-0 record in the tournament after defeating the Capital City Cyclones 76-74 on Dovonte Edwards' basket in the final seconds of the game.

The Hornets, defending state champions, soundly defeated Lee County in their opener. The Hornets took a 104-55 victory led by Teddy Petree with 17 points, Juan Edwards with 14 and Turner Battle with 12.

C.J. Paul and Albert Gaynor stepped up on the defensive side and helped keep Lee County's scoring to a minimum. Will Webster and Eric King also helped the Hornets with their rebounding.

In their second game of the

tournament, the Hornets roared past the Chapel Hill Express by a 90-38 score. Mike Russell's floor leadership was the key to the game. He led the team in assists and also played well defensively.

Juan Edwards was the high scorer with 18 points and Dovonte Edwards scored 16. Juan Edwards and Tim Crews were the leading rebounders to pace the team to an advantage in that category.

That victory set the Hornets up with a battle against the Cyclones. The game went back and forth and was deadlocked at 74-74 with 23 seconds left to play. The Hornets held the ball and spread the court for the last shot. The ball finally reached Dovonte Edwards' hands and he drove the lane and scored the winning basket just before the final buzzer.

The Hornets advanced to this weekend's championship play, which will be held in Raleigh.

Hornets' 12-and-under team finishes third in state tourney, qualifies for AAU Nationals

The Central YMCA Carolina Hornets 12-and-under AAU team finished third in the AAU State Basketball Tournament in Concord April 18-20.

The Hornets' finish earned the team a berth in the National AAU championships which will be held later this summer.

The Hornets capped off an exciting weekend of basketball by defeating the Garner Road YMCA 68-29 to earn third place in the tournament in the finale. Justin Waazeah led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points and also added eight rebounds to lead the Hornets. J.R. Hairston also added 10 points and chipped in with four rebounds.

The Hornets opened play in the championship tournament by taking a 53-36 victory over the Greensboro Gaters. Cheyne Lowery dominated at the offensive and defensive ends of the court with 19 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks.

That victory allowed the Hornets to advance to their next game against the Charlotte Royals. The Hornets had little trouble in taking a 64-42 victory. Justin Brim paced the Hornets with 12 points and Whit Holcomb-Faye provided a spark off the bench with 11 points.

The weekend's feature matchup pitted the Hornets against the Charlotte Nets, the defending state champions. Both teams appeared ready for the challenge of the semi-

final game and neither team was able to pull away.

The Hornets fought back from an eight-point deficit in the last 2:34 of the game to take a three-point lead with 24 seconds remaining in the game. But the Nets drilled a 3-pointer with 10 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, the Nets were able to squeak by with a 56-50 victory, ending the Hornets' chances at a state title.

Chris Paul paced the way with 21 points and Justin Waazeah and Cheyne Lowery chipped in with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

The Fayetteville Marlins got a rude wake-up call on Sunday morning when they took on the Hornets. The Hornets ran out to an early lead before taking a 52-25 victory. Waazeah led the scoring effort with 14 points and he also added nine rebounds. Paul added 11 points.

The Hornets will head to Salt Lake City, Utah, July 19-26 for the 12-and-under national championships.

Members of the Carolina Hornets' 12-and-under team, which qualified for the national championship: Chris Gaynor, Chris Paul, Justin Brim, Jermaine Martin, J.R. Hairston, Rashawn Jordan, Jerrick Bines, Doug Dyer, Cheyne Lowery, Justin Waazeah, John Cade, Jason Whitley and Whit Holcomb-Faye.

Hornets 13-and-under finish second in State tournament, earn berth in nationals

The 13-and-under Central YMCA Carolina Hornets finished second in the AAU State Basketball Tournament held in Mount Airy April 17-19.

The Hornets' finish allowed them to earn a berth in the AAU National Tournament, which will be held later this summer.

The Hornets began tournament play with an impressive 61-20 victory over the Charlotte Aces last Friday night. Chris Paul led the way for the Hornets with 16 points and also handed out eight assists. Matt Dinkins chipped in with 11 points and Justin Waazeah had eight points and 12 rebounds.

The Hornets faced the Garner Road YMCA in their next outing and again used an impressive outing to come away with a lopsided win. The Hornets used a 16-0 run in the second quarter to take control of the game, fueled by its

stingy 1-3-1 defense to pull away. The Hornets never looked back and coasted to a 66-35 victory. Whit Holcomb-Faye was the team's high scorer with 13 points off the bench. Dinkins scored eight points and Stephano Jackson, Wozeah and John Cade added six points to help lead a balanced attack.

In Saturday night's semifinal matchup, the Hornets took a 67-50 victory over the Greensboro Gaters. Wozeah and Cheyne Lowery were dominant in the paint and led the way with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Dinkins scored 10 points and J.R. Hairston and Paul added nine points each.

Sunday's championship game against the Charlotte Nets was a nip and tuck battle. The Aces, two-time defending State AAU champions, finished on top 57-56. The Nets converted a free throw with

two seconds remaining for their margin of victory. Lowery's desperation 15-footer at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

Lowery led the team in scoring with 16 points, pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds and had four blocked shots. Dinkins contributed 14 points and Holcomb-Faye was next with 10 points. The team members consist of Stephano Jackson, Justin Brim, Jermaine Martin, John Cade, J.R. Hairston, Justin Wozeah, Whit Holcomb-Faye, Cheyne Lowery, Matt Dinkins and Chris Paul. The team is coached by Andy Poplin and Chris Walton.

The Hornets will head to Memphis, Tenn. on June 27-July 5 for the National AAU Tournament. The team hopes to improve on its ninth-place finish last season.

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Martial Artist! Sensei Woody Bostic Gilbert won the State Judo Championship in the Boys 10-11 Jr. Division in competition in Waynesville, N.C., recently. He began competition in 1992 and finished second in his first outing. He has advanced and improved considerably since then.

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