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Buck Joyner, St. Paul's coach, taking it easy after undergoing "minor" surgery

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A lot of attention has been directed toward Edward "Buck" Joyner in the last two weeks.

Joyner and his family have handled a lot of phone calls since he suffered what he termed a "mild heart attack."

During a telephone conversation this week, Joyner said he's "doing well" and expects everything to get back to normal in the next couple of weeks.

Joyner, a Winston-Salem native and head basketball coach at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va., said he was feeling a bit fatigued after his team completed its CIAA schedule. He was deciding whether or not he was going to attend the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABA) meeting at the Final Four, when he noticed circulation to his arms and hands

was becoming a problem.

It all came to a head one evening at his home and family members rushed him to the hospital.

Doctors immediately realized that Joyner had a clogged artery and performed a catheterization to open a valve. Joyner was in the hospital and out the next day.

"I guess it was good that I was around home when it happened," Joyner said. "I was able to get to the hospital in time to prevent it from becoming a major problem. It could have been severe if I hadn't been able to receive medical attention quickly."

Joyner said he appreciates the concern of everyone who has come forward, but also wants to clear the record on his condition and his future plans.

"Some people thought I had a massive heart attack or some-

thing," Joyner said. "The doctors told me that it was a problem that was handled and this should be the end of it. They went in and

opened the valve and now I feel fine."

Joyner's doctors prescribed a change of diet and lifestyle and

that is going to be a challenge, he said.

"I'm going through a lot of changes with my diet," Joyner

said. "My doctors said I shouldn't have to worry about this if I can make the changes that I need

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Smith turns head with showing at Portsmouth Shootout

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Question marks galore stared Antwaine Smith in the face last weekend when he took to the court during the NBA's all-star games for college seniors in Portsmouth, Va.

Smith, the CIAA's Player of the Year the last two seasons, had a lot to prove to his detractors. The 6-7 forward made a case for being drafted by putting on an offensive show, scoring 57

points in three games against many of the nation's top seniors.

Ed "Buck" Joyner, Smith's coach at St. Paul's, accompanied Smith to the workouts and said NBA scouts were impressed enough with Smith's showing to predict that he would be drafted this summer.

"He did extremely well," Joyner said. "I think he probably was more impressive than any player there."

Smith, playing in his home-

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Antwaine Smith



From The Press Box

Sam Davis

Stay by court on SAT comes as no surprise

Some things just don't change. There were a lot of people applauding recently when a federal judge struck down the NCAA's requirements for freshmen entering college to "pass" either the SAT or ACT.

I was not one of them. When the ruling was announced, I sat back and watched ... and



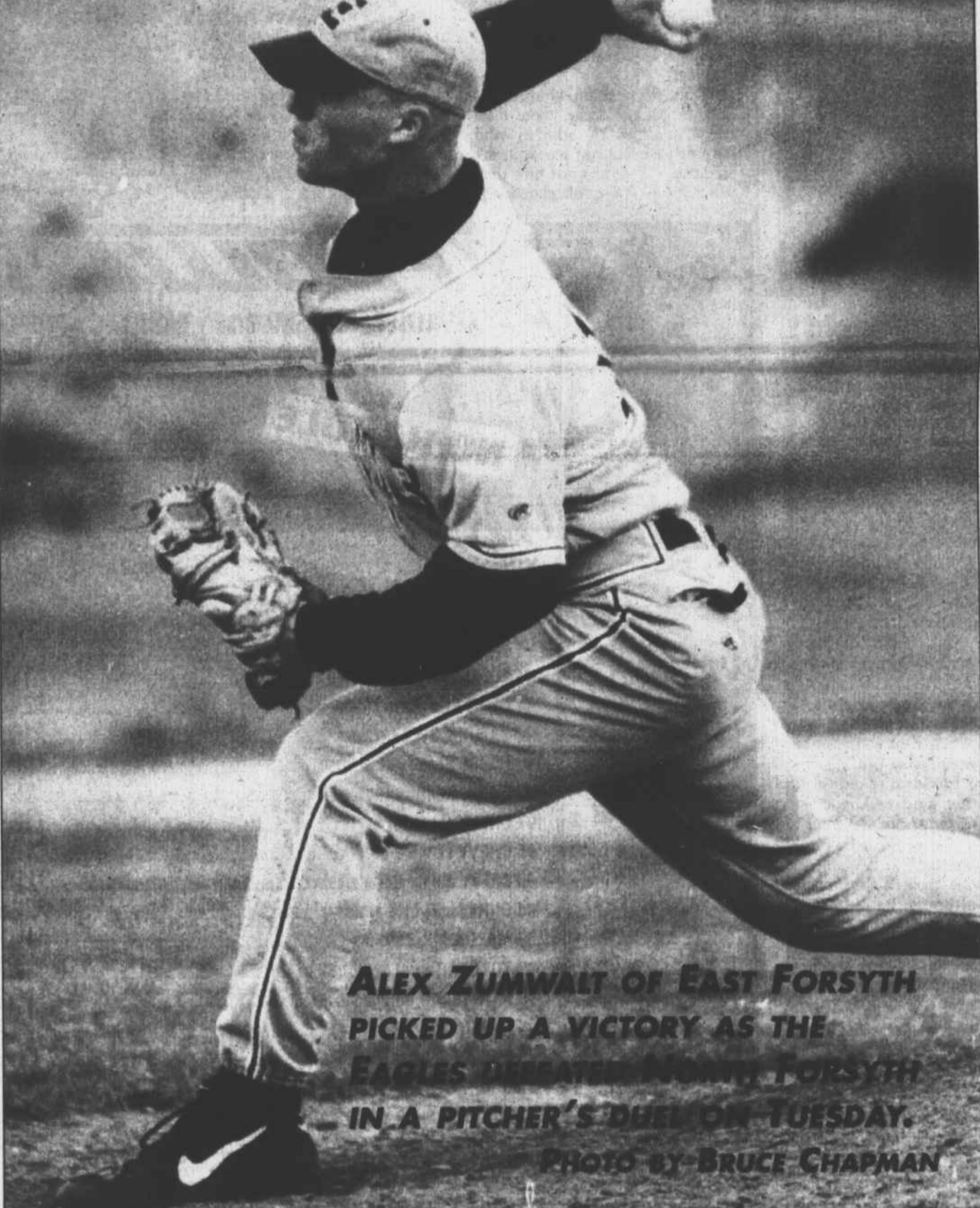
SAT and ACT tests have prevented many talented African-American athletes from gaining eligibility to play in college immediately after completing high school.

waited. Somehow, somehow, I knew that wasn't all there was to the matter. Something that is significant in the lives of young African-American student-athletes wouldn't go away so easily. I figured it could only be a token victory.

Thus far, it has proven to be just that. The NCAA has since been granted an injunction on the matter, which basically allows the

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FIREBALLER!!



ALEX ZUMWALT OF EAST FORSYTH PICKED UP A VICTORY AS THE EAGLES DEFEATED NORTH FORSYTH IN A PITCHER'S DUEL ON TUESDAY.

PHOTO BY BRUCE CHAPMAN

East Forsyth takes 3-2 win over North

Eagles use big hits to stay unbeaten in Metro 4-A Conference standings

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Two baseball teams who were headed in opposite directions looked surprisingly similar when they hooked up in a Metro 4-A Conference tilt on Tuesday afternoon.

North Forsyth, which came into the game after playing its two worst games in recent seasons in last week's Forsyth Invitational, looked the part of the better team for most of the game. However, the Vikings couldn't hold on and dropped a 3-2 decision to fast-charging East Forsyth. East Forsyth, which captured the Forsyth Invitational championship, trailed for most of the game but got a game-winning, two-run, homer by Nick Wedemeyer.

Coach Gene Bowles of North Forsyth said his team broke out of its recent slump, but couldn't come up with timely hits to eek out a victory. North loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh and had its cleanup hitter at the plate with two outs. However, they couldn't deliver the clutch hit to win the game.

"It was just a good ol' fashioned baseball game," Bowles said. "They got two big home runs and that put them over the top. But I thought we played very well."

Todd Speas, the Vikings' ace, pitched one of his better games this season. He gave up only four hits, striking out 11 and walking only one. However the home runs were enough to allow the Eagles to soar to the win.

"We outthit them, but they just had the big hit," Bowles said. "They came through when they needed to and we didn't."

Consequently East kept its winning streak intact in the conference. The Eagles improved to 4-0 while North fell to 1-2 in the Metro and 4-7 overall. But Bowles said the way his team played gave him hope that the Vikings still have a chance to make a run for one of the league's three playoff berths.

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Kappas work magic to capture Nike Showcase Tournament championship

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Before his team ever tipped off in its first game in the Nike Southern Shootout AAU Basketball, Coach Andre' Gould knew the odds of his team coming home with the championship trophy were long.

That fact didn't deter the team. But it did seem to light a fire under the Kappa Magic 17-and-under AAU team from Winston-Salem. Kappa Magic overcame incredibly long odds, upsetting the top seed in the first round en route to the championship.

"The tournament was great for this group of kids," Gould said, during a recent interview.

"We came into the tournament as a virtual nobody and we proved that our bunch of scrappy players can get the job done."

Gould is hoping that Kappa Magic shows that when it competes in Pool Play and Championship competition later this month. Hopefully, that will earn the team a berth in the AAU Junior (17-and-Under) Tournament this summer.

If their first competition of

the season is an indication, Kappa Magic will be one of the state's stronger teams. They marched through their battle with Team Georgia in their 84-72 opening-round victory and the rest of the tournament with surprising ease.

"We were at a disadvantage in size going in and I think they (Team Georgia) took us lightly," Gould said. "You can't measure the heart of the kids we have."

Leading the way for Kappa Magic was Carlos Dixon, a junior at South Rowan. Dixon averaged 23 points in five games. Dion Dixon, from Fayetteville's 71st High, was next with an 18-point average. Not far back was Keegan Haggins, a junior at Carver. Haggins averaged 16.3 points during

the tournament. The team also got strong performances from David Hairston, of Carver, and Matt Ceniviva, who averaged 11.5 points in two games. Gould said the Dixons, along with Haggins, stepped up at key times.

"Those guys really provided leadership as far as scoring is concerned," Gould said. "That was one of the keys for us."

Kappa Magic got an unexpected spark from Derrick Webster of Mount Tabor and Kennard Plummer. Both Webster and Plummer stepped up with big games off the bench for the Kappa Magic throughout the tournament.



Keegan Haggins



Gould



John Pitts

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