

Fun was fare of day at youth football camp

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The first two years of the Winston-Salem Youth Football Camp taught Bill Oakley a lesson.

"The first thing is that football is a sport that kids love to play, and it doesn't matter how old you are," Oakley said.

Oakley, who recently took an assistant coaching position at Davie County High, said he was thrilled to see the number of participants show up this year. Nearly 100 kids were on hand on June 28-29 at Mount Tabor High School. The kids were divided into two groups, with the older kids (ages 10-15) and the younger ones (6-9) alternating on offense and defense.

The young group spent June 28 going to offensive stations where they learned techniques on each position. The older group spent the session on defense. The following day the campers switched, with the young group on defense and the older group on offense. Each camper received instruction from each of the camp coaches in their respective areas of expertise. At the end of both days the campers were allowed to choose a position that they wanted to play.

Most of the campers have been introduced to football in the local Pop Warner leagues. Several junior varsity programs in the county were also represented. Oakley said the emphasis was on teaching techniques and drills to improve each player's skills. But that wasn't the only thing emphasized.

"I think the most important thing is that the kids had fun," Oakley said. "We didn't want anyone to come to this camp and

not be allowed to just have fun and enjoy the session."

In the first two years, the camp was held from 8 a.m. to

noon. This year the hours were changed to 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"I think that had a lot to do with the turnout," Oakley said.

"I think the hours allowed the parents to bring the kids and watch them. I thought the participation by the parents was

tremendous. Most of them brought their chairs out and just relaxed and watched their kids."

Oakley said the coaches who facilitated the camp were another reason for its success. They included head coaches DeAngelo Bell of Parkland and Greg Gentry of Mount Tabor and assistants Lonnie Pulley of Parkland, David Atkins of Reynolds, Chad Groover of Davie County and Dave McConnell of West Forsyth.

"It seems like the staff gets better each year," Oakley said.

"We have guys who are really concerned about the kids and make the session interesting and fun."

Oakley said he didn't know what the future holds for the camp, but he hopes it can continue to grow and prosper.

"We're looking forward to bigger and better things," Oakley said. "We don't know what direction the camp will take, but we just hope that we can help the kids enjoy something that probably isn't as complicated as a lot of coaches make it out to be."



Camp participants enjoyed an assortment of drills.

Hanes Hosiery

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Although Johnson, Brim and Scott did most of the damage for the Kings, Jarrett Crompton, Dwayne Lloyd, Marshall Cunningham and Ervin Crawford also came through with key plays. Crawford hit two crucial three-pointers down the stretch to help his team hold on for the victory.

Kevin Stout scored a game-high 29 points to lead the Kings. Joe Smith added 17, and Jamar Peterkins added 15 points and six assists.

76ers 42
Spurs 31

Eric Banks scored a team-high 12 points and the 76ers used a suffocating man-to-man defense to defeat the Spurs.

Banks led a balanced scoring attack for the Spurs. Willie Damon, Rob Johnson and Dedrick Carpenter scored eight points each for the 76ers.

Josh Elliott paced the Spurs with 12 points. He was backed by Jeremy Witherspoon with eight and Eddie Arahagbee with four points.

The 76ers limited the Spurs to only 15 second-half points. Robert Bortins, Tim Edwards, Kerry Pettigrew, Calvin Smith and Ronald Mumford all played key defensive roles for the 76ers.

Holley scores 18 to pace Tarheels past Blue Devils in 11-14 Hot Hoops

Ken Holley poured in 18 points and the Tarheels rolled to a 44-23 victory over the Blue Devils in Hanes Hosiery's 11-14 Hot Hoops League.

Stephon White scored nine, Jamar Pitts scored six and Sam Moss and Antwan Mitchell scored

five each to back Holley.

Duke Quick led the Blue Devils with 12 points. Ben Scott added four and Tim McIlwaine had three to support Quick. The Tarheels led by a 21-13 advantage at the half but broke the game open in the second half.

Rams 38
Hoyas 36, OT

Joe Smith scored 17 points and the Rams held on for a victory in an overtime battle. Dwayne Tate scored a game-high 21 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, nearly single-handedly leading his team to victory. Tate's shot at the buzzer, which would have given his team a victory in regulation, rimmed out.

The Rams took advantage of their extra opportunity in overtime, outscoring the Hoyas 7-5. Smith was backed by Sean Lampkins with 10 points, Justin Thorns with eight points and Ryan Livingston with three points.

Orlando Hickman scored five, Daryl Myers had six and Leroy Davis added four for the Hoyas.

Deacons 50
Huskies 37

Marcell Harris scored 15 points and Ricardon Baldwin backed him with 14 points to pace the Deacons to victory.

Bill Terry scored a game-high 21 points for the Huskies, but it wasn't enough to hold off the Deacons, who had balanced scoring. Timaro Baldwin and Marcus Harris scored eight points each for the Deacons. Karson Geddings scored eight points and Terry Law had six for the Huskies.

The Deacons jumped out to a 36-16 halftime lead and never looked back.

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