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New direction needed for TC



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Enough is enough. It is time for Twin City Little League to cut its losses and head in another direction when it comes to its administration.

That became painfully obvious in recent weeks, but it really hit home last week when the league hosted a Minor League All-Star game on July 4 against Northwest Forsyth.

Because it was a holiday, the City of Winston-Salem Recreation Department didn't prepare the field for the game. And neither did anyone from Twin City. When Northwest arrived the field had no first or third base lines chalked out along the infield. Neither was there a batter's box at home plate. Not only that but rocks and other debris were strewn across the field and the area around each base was in serious need of raking.

When supporters from the opposing team observed the state of the field they quickly moved to make the field ready for play. Meanwhile the leadership team of Twin City sat back and did nothing.

What a terrible commentary on the state of affairs in the league. Not only that but it flies in the face of everything the league strives to teach our kids. Letting Northwest Forsyth come in and take the lead in preparing the field is like allowing an invited guest to come into your home and clean up your living room in order to have a place to sit down.

Although that is only one example of the workings of league administrators, it also speaks to the state of affairs of Twin City. But that's the way things have gone in the last few years.

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Ralph Saunders (left) and Vernon Brown (right) had multiple hits in last Saturday's victory. Antonio Bennett (center) turned in a strong defensive effort.

TC Minors knocked out of tourney with 6-2 loss

All-Stars captured three lopsided wins before loss to Southwest Forsyth

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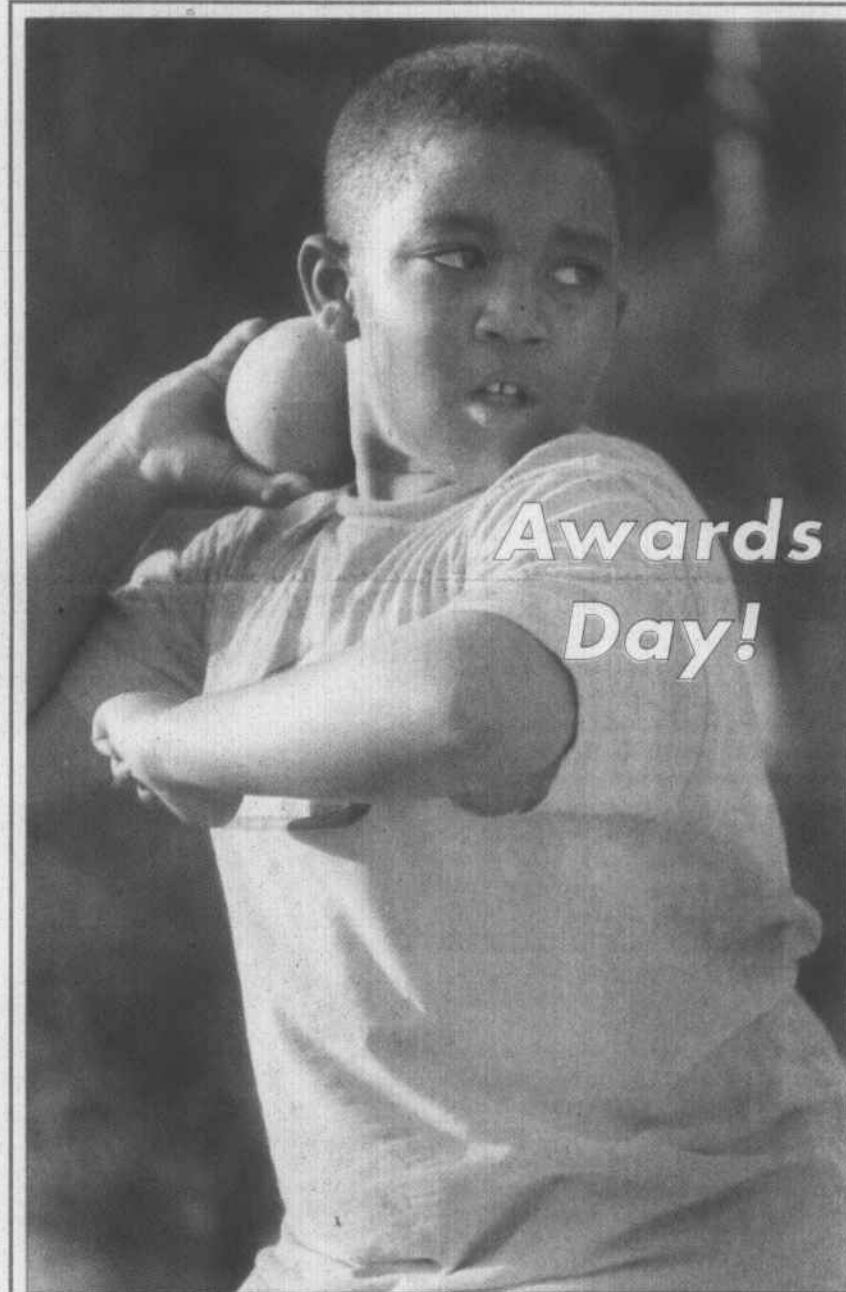


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and left far too many times on Tuesday night for Twin City Little League's Minor League All-Stars. Twin City fell behind by a 5-0 deficit in the second inning and dropped a 6-2 decision to Southwest Forsyth on Tuesday night.

The loss ended Twin City's season once again. Twin City, which opened the District Tournament with a victory and then a loss, had moved deep into the tournament after securing lopsided victories over Spencer, Northwest Forsyth and Stokes County in its previous two games. However, the team came out of the gate slowly and never got

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Getting aspiring track and field athletes off to a good, early start has been a staple of the Tri-City program.

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Tri-City's founders passing the baton

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After 23 years of leading the way, the time has come for the founders of Tri-City Relays Track Club to pass the baton. The program's founders, Lemuel Johnson and Jerry Riley, are doing that this summer. But they aren't just running off into the sunset.

Riley and Johnson are handing the leadership role off to some of the people who helped to make the program a success.

Tri-City's rich history and tradition began in 1980 when Johnson and Riley hooked up to steer local track athletes toward competition in local, state and national AAU meets. That first group consisted of 10 males and only one female, Ann Hall. Hall went on to enjoy an outstanding AAU, high school and college career. Hall met and married Trevor Graham while at St. Augustine's College. Graham, a former standout track athlete, currently coaches world champion and Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones.

That original organization was called the ChevRelays. The first local meets were hosted at Wake Forest University. Since then there have been hundreds of meets and the team has brought home top honors in meets throughout the nation.

Johnson and Riley have been with the organization from its inception and have been instrumental in its success. But now both say they are ready to step back a bit and allow others to assume leadership roles.

"We want to first thank the many people who have in the past contributed to 23 years of running, jumping, throwing, coaching, supporting, tutoring and achieving success," Johnson said. "We are more than pleased and happy to be only founders and consultants - not retirees from the game. Track will forever be instilled in our

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Photo by Bruce Chapman

Larry Johnson keeps his eyes focused on a pass as Rodney Brewington provides instruction during the Next Level Football Camp at Atkins Middle School.



Victor Johnson (back row, right) and members of his Junior Golf program who recently received trophies at their awards day, which wrapped up the program at Reynolds Golf Course.

Now a veteran, Woodbury looking for more playing time

Former WSSU quarterback believes a breakout year is possible

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If this season goes like last year, Tory Woodbury should be ingrained as a staple in the New York Jets' offensive scheme. After earning a slot on the active roster last season, the former Winston-Salem State standout is hoping to get more playing time during the 2002 season.

Woodbury, a Winston-Salem native, signed a free-

agent contract with the Jets after the 2001 draft. Although some people considered him a long shot to make the team, Woodbury never relinquished his third position on the Jets' depth chart at quarterback. That in itself says something about his staying power.

"I guess they thought since I came from a Division II program that didn't pass the ball much I'd have a difficult time making it on this level," said Woodbury,



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who will be home in Winston-Salem until July 26, when he reports to training

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