

Street balling added to Super Saturday

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The CIAA tournament is taking its act to the streets during this year's celebration.

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) has partnered with the Street Basketball Association (SBA) to host an exhibition game at the 2004 tournament in Raleigh featuring the most exciting streetballers in the world versus a team of CIAA All-Stars. As a part of a revamped "Super Saturday" line-up, the CIAA Super Saturday Streetball Showcase will re-create the legendary atmosphere of Rucker Park in New York City at the RBC Center. The action will be fast-paced, creative, and fun for all ages.

The SBA has developed a "turn-key" entertainment product branded The Show, which combines the SBA's electric brand of street basketball with music to create an event unlike any other. With an enthusiastic CIAA audience, it could become combustible, creating a thrilling atmosphere.

"This style of basketball is entertaining, fun for the fans and these guys are in high demand," CIAA Commissioner Leon G. Kerry said. "These guys tour the world putting on shows for basketball fans everywhere. You see them on television; you see them in advertisements; they're every-



"Baby Shaq" was featured in this month's Slam Magazine. He's one of many street ballers expected to be at the "CIAA."

where. They will find the fans at the CIAA to be some of the most involved and appreciative of any that will ever see them play."

Scheduled for Super Saturday along with the new CIAA Battle of the Bands, the CIAA Cheerleading Competition, and the first Miss CIAA Contest, The Show brings an entertainment element, including a dunk contest, live music, court-side DJ, game announcer, SBA Ouch Girls (models/dancers) and a competitive game. The game will

feature former CIAA players challenging some of the most recognizable and talented street basketball players in the country. This strategic alliance between the SBA and the CIAA will bring added entertainment value and excitement to the CIAA Tournament fans.

"Partnering with the CIAA is a win-win scenario for everyone involved," said Matthew Rosner, director of basketball for the SBA. "Bringing 'The Show' to one of the biggest tournaments in

the country will provide an excellent platform and opportunity to showcase and promote the SBA while enhancing the overall CIAA Tournament with one of the hottest basketball and sports products in the world."

The CIAA was founded in 1912 and is based in Hampton, Va. The CIAA is America's oldest black college conference. The CIAA is made up of 12 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) situated along the Eastern Seaboard. The CIAA will hold its 59th annual basketball tournament at the RBC Center in Raleigh Feb. 23-28.

The "CIAA," as the week-long event is often referred to, historically draws more than 80,000 fans and has had an economic impact of \$36.6 million in Raleigh since 2000. But it is much more than a basketball tournament; it is a cultural event.

The Street Basketball Association, LLC is a marketing, sports and entertainment company primarily focused on the business of basketball, specifically dedicated to spearheading the growth and development of street basketball. As the first professional street basketball league, the SBA gives street basketball players an opportunity to showcase their talents for scouts, agents, coaches and fans. During the off-season the SBA has exhibition games and tours throughout the world.

MEAC inks 2004 TV schedule

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The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference announced its 2004 Basketball Television Package, which includes nine regular season games and the semifinals and finals of the 2004 MEAC Basketball Tournament. The games will air live on the Major Broadcasting Cable Network (MBC). Check your local cable listings for MBC locations.

The MEAC TV schedule features six men's regular season games and three women's regular-season games. MBC will also televise all of the men's and women's semifinal games on March 12 and the women's final on March 13 at 4 p.m. The men's final will air on March 13 at noon on ESPN.

"We are pleased with our men's and women's basketball TV package," said Commissioner Dennis Thomas. "This year's championship hunt will definitely be a hard fight for the men's and women's regular-season title. I would not be surprised if the championship is decided by the final game. I encourage our fans and supporters to catch the games on MEAC basketball on MBC."

Women's TV Schedule

Day, Date, Game, Location, Time

• Sat., Jan. 24, Hampton at Delaware State, Dover, Del., 1 p.m.

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Carolina right now," McNabb told a television reporter after beating Green Bay on Sunday. Hey, it looks like Carolina has a chance to basically sneak up on them. Carolina's defense did a decent job of containing McNabb when the two teams faced each other earlier this season. In that game, McNabb ran twice for 6 yards. But he completed 18 of 26 passes for 182 yards, one touchdown and one interception. McNabb was sacked three times, though.

Panther head coach John Fox, who played against McNabb when Fox was the Giants' defensive coordinator, has an idea of how to stop the Philly QB. He proved that while he was in New York. The Giants were effective with the "mush-rush" against McNabb. He was most effective when he (McNabb) rolled right out of the pocket.

"They are a very resilient team that has had to play through injuries and adversity to get to this point," Fox said. "That showed again against Green Bay. It is also an experienced team that is used to playing in big games. The nucleus of the roster has been in championship games, so you know they are not going to be surprised by anything. They know the drill, and you know (head coach) Andy Reid is going to have them well prepared. I'm sure Andy has a feel for our team after the first game and his familiarity with me from when I was with the Giants."

I want to believe the Panthers will pull off the victory and make it to the Super Bowl, but it's hard to beat Philadelphia in Philly. Did you see the way they came back on Green Bay? And they stay behind their team until the final

• Sat., Feb. 14, Florida A&M at Hampton, Hampton, Va., 1 p.m.

• Sat., Feb. 28, Howard at Hampton, Hampton, Va., 2 p.m.

Men's TV Schedule

Day, Date, Game, Location, Time

• Sat., Jan. 24, Hampton at Delaware State, Dover, Del., 4 p.m.

• Mon., Jan. 26, Florida A&M at S.C. State, Orangeburg, S.C., 8 p.m.

• Mon., Feb. 2, Norfolk State at Coppin State, Baltimore, Md., 8 p.m.

• Sat., Feb. 14, Florida A&M at Hampton, Hampton, Va., 4 p.m.

• Sat., Feb. 21, Bethune-Cookman at Howard, Washington, D.C., 1 p.m.

• Mon., March 1, Md.-Eastern Shore at Morgan State, Baltimore, Md., 8 p.m.

MEAC Basketball Tournament TV Schedule

Day, Date, Game, Location, Time

• Fri., March 12, Women's Semifinal, Richmond, Va., TBA

• Fri., March 12, Men's Semifinal, Richmond, Va., TBA

• Fri., March 12, Women's Semifinal, Richmond, Va., TBA

• Fri., March 12, Men's Semifinal, Richmond, Va., TBA

• Sat., March 13, Women's Final, Richmond, Va., 4 p.m.

• Sat., March 13, Men's Final, Richmond, Va., 4 p.m.

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"It's a tough place to play, but that comes with the territory," Fox said. "Anybody you play is going to be good, and playing away is a challenge, but we have played well on the road this season, including last week. Philadelphia is a tough opponent wherever you play them. We expect it to be loud, and we will have to match the intensity."

Good luck.

WSSU player earns All-America honors

One of Winston-Salem State's most exciting football players capped a great season with All-America honors. Brandon Hussey, the sensational sophomore from Pine Top, was selected to the D2Football.com All-American team for his spectacular special teams play for the Rams last season.

Hussey missed the entire 2002-03 season due to academics troubles, but burst on the scene this past season as if he didn't miss a beat. Hussey was one of the most dangerous kick returners and receivers in college football last season. He finished the season with 16 punt returns for 376 yards and two touchdowns (23.5 yards per return average). He also returned a total of 19 kicks for 437 yards and an overall average of 23.0 yards per return.

So, Brandon did his thing last season. He, along with the rest of the Rams, can't wait to make some more noise next season. The Rams will begin winter workouts after the Martin Luther King holiday.

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UMES steals first victory away from A&T

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Didier Socka scored six of his eight points in the final four minutes and blocked a potential game-tying shot with three seconds left to lead Maryland-Eastern Shore (1-8, 1-2 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) to a 52-50 victory over N.C. A&T (0-13, 0-4) in men's basketball action at the Corbett Sports Center over the weekend.

Socka hit a lay-up to give the Hawks a 44-40 lead with 3:53 remaining in the contest. He then stole the ball from Aggie guard Sean Booker and hit another lay-up on the

offensive end for a six-point margin. Booker hit a three-pointer from the left corner to cut the lead in half, but was called for a traveling violation after a UMES turnover at the 2:54 mark. Tee Trotter then hit a three-pointer at 2:41 for a 49-43 UMES lead.

The Aggies responded by getting two free throws and a basket from Jeff Alvis and a three-pointer from Steve Koger to bring N.C. A&T within one, 51-50, with just 1:04 left. Trotter hit one of two foul shots for a two-point lead. Following a timeout, Brian Faulcon drove the ball to the basket, but Socka rotat-

ed and rejected Faulcon's lay-up attempt. N.C. A&T had one more chance to send the game to overtime, but Alvis could not get an off-balance lay-up to fall at the buzzer.

"Foul shooting was the difference in the contest, as the Hawks shot 16-of-20 for the game, including 7-of-10 in the second half. N.C. A&T finished 10-of-16, but made only nine of 13 attempts in the pivotal second half. UMES committed 21 turnovers compared with 13 for N.C. A&T, but won the points off turnovers, 16-10.

Trotter scored a game-high 21 points, while teammate

Aaron Wellington added 10 points. Javes Wiggins had a game-high 12 rebounds to go with five points. Jeff Alvis led the Aggies with 16 points and seven rebounds, while Steven Koger added 15 points. Sean Booker scored nine points and added five rebounds and two steals. The three Aggies, all natives of Louisville, Ky., combined to score 40 of the team's 50 points from the N.C. A&T bench.

N.C. A&T will attempt to end its 14-game losing streak after a week off. A&T's next game is set for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at MEAC foe Coppin State.

Winston-Salem Tiny Indians to hold registration for coaches

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Would you like to coach a Tiny Indian football team? Do you want to coordinate one of the up-and-coming cheerleading squads around the city?

Well, the Winston-Salem Tiny Indians will be accepting applications for cheerleading

and football head coaching positions. The cheerleaders are holding registrations for all squads, while the aspiring football coaches can apply only for Junior Peewee, Peewee and Junior Midget positions. Applicants have until Jan. 30 to turn in all needed paperwork.

All coaches are required to pass a mandatory background check, along with participating in an interviewing process set forth by the executive board of the organization. Applications may be obtained at the 14th Street and Rupert Bell Recreation Centers.

Applicants also can apply through the team Web site at www.indian2002.com, or simply call organization president Leonard Green at 765-7515. Application should be mailed to W-S Indians at P.O. Box 1571, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27102.

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Sunday back. They have really created a rivalry, a true rivalry, here at Carl Russell. We also have some new coaches this year. James Summers is back, after taking a few years off. Robert Little is coaching a hungry Timberwolves team this year. He brought a team over from 14th Street. That, and other things, should make for a very exciting season."

Three games tipped off the new season, with the Kings going against the 76ers, the Lakers squaring off against the Timberwolves, and the Nets battling the Celtics.

"The Celtics could be the surprise team," Bailey said. "They're coached by Joey Lawson. They are extremely fundamental. They really remind me of the old Boston Celtics. They're the type team you don't want to play in the first round of the playoffs, or the season-opener."

The talented Marcus Worthy and the Nets made sure the Celtics didn't begin the season with a win over them as they dusted the Celtics 54-37. Worthy scored a game-high 20 points and seven rebounds. Brandon Chandler and Antonio Hay also contributed to the Net victory with good games. Trent Lawson, who finished with 15 points and three assists, paced the Celtics. Brandon Miller contributed with nine points.

Kings 30, 76ers 29: The exciting duo of Rashad Lemon and Antonio Sunday led the Kings. They combined for 20 points and nine rebounds. The 76ers didn't have anyone to score in double digits. Jamel Kinzer scored a team high of seven points for the 76ers.

Lakers 32, Timberwolves 27: One of the most talented ballers at Carl Russell, Calvin "J-Man" Gantt, led the Lakers over

are here, supporting the kids and their programs.

"Saving the youth doesn't lie in one person's hands," Bailey concluded. "... Nor can one

recreation center, YMCA, or school save all the troubled kids.

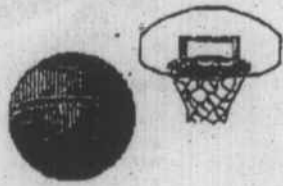
This has to be a collective effort to turn tomorrow's generation into the best."

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The Winston Lake Lakers are accepting applications for coaches through February 6th for the 10 & under and 14 & under age groups. If you are interested in coaching, you may pick-up an application from Richard Daniels at the Winston Lake YMCA (336) 724-9205 or contact: Mr. Ike Black at (336) 725-5702.

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