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Robinson to coach at youth festival

Bishop coach one of six set to help standouts at event

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Bishop McGuinness head girl's basketball coach, Brian Robinson, received quite a phone call while he and his Villains were about play Thomasville on Feb. 22.

Robinson received a call from a USA Basketball representative, saying that he had been selected to coach in the youth development festival this summer. Robinson, who's coached his team to



back-to-back state titles, couldn't tell anyone about his latest news until the announcement became official. Last week, the news became official when U S A Basketball announced Robinson as one of the six high school and AAU head coaches to be selected to serve on the sidelines at the 2007 USA Basketball Women's Youth Development Festival. Robinson will be the head coach of the USA Blue team.

File photo
Bishop's Brian Robinson will coach prep all-stars at the USA Basketball Women's Youth Festival.

"I'm very excited to have an opportunity to coach some of the best rising juniors and seniors in the country," Robinson said. "Last year I got to assist. I was actually shocked when I received the call from the committee. I'm very excited about this opportunity. I'm going to take some of the things I do with my system at Bishop and with my AAU teams, as well as learn what I can while I'm down there. It's going to be a great experience. I'm looking forward to it."

The event will take place June 13-17, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. The training center is located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sherri Retif (Germantown Academy, Pa.) will assist Robinson with the USA Blue team. The other coaches of the event are as followed: Jackie Boswell (Seton Keough H.S., Md. / Maryland Magic AAU), who will head the USA Red Team with the help of assistant Bonita Johnson (University Laboratory School, La.). Caryn Jarocki (Highlands Ranch H.S., Colo.) will lead the USA White Team. She will be assisted by Ed Shepard (Proctor R. Hug H.S., Nev.).

The coaching staffs were selected by the USA Basketball Junior Development Committee, chaired by Jill Meerman, assistant athletic director at Decatur Central H.S. (Ind.) and NFHS representative, and approved by the USA Basketball Executive Committee.

"The committee is very excited about this group of coaches, and we are confident that the athletes participating in this year's Festival will benefit greatly from this talented group," Meerman said. "These six coaches not only bring numerous years of experience, but many years of success as well."

The USA Basketball Women's Youth Development Festival will feature 36 of the top U.S. high school rising juniors and sen-

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William Griffin shares a laugh with a fellow inductee right before they were officially inshrined over the weekend.

17 inducted into Atkins 'Hall'

Butler says second annual event was a success

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The Benton Convention Center was full of outstanding former Atkins High student-athletes and coaches last Saturday night. More than 450 people were also in attendance for the special induction ceremony.

The large group of people packed the convention center to see 17 former Camels be inducted into the second annual Atkins High School Hall of Fame.

"I thought everything went smoothly," said event organizer, Sonny Butler. Butler, who's a graduate of Anderson High, came up with the idea to have an Atkins Hall of Fame. "This was definitely a night to remember. I think people left here with a pretty good feeling. This is really like a dream-come-true for me. I grew up watching all



Vic Johnson and Joe Pete Adams talk about old times.

of those former great athletes. I had it in my heart to honor them."

"Like I said before, I'm just happy the Lord put me in a position to help this become a reality," Butler continued.

"They are all special people. Most of them went on to graduate from college and get their master's degrees. A lot of them have done a lot for this community. Some of the younger kids don't know the

legacy of Atkins. They don't know the history. I definitely thought it was important to preserve the school's history by celebrating some of the former athletes. It would've been a shame to let this rich history die."

The list of inductees included: William "Chick" Carter (Football and baseball, 1938-42), Ruth Johnson Carter (Basketball, 1939-43), Samuel Cary, who was affectionately known as Mr. Cary (Basketball coach that won two straight state championships, 1943-53), Lillie Jackson Vanlandingham (Basketball, 1947-50), Joe Foster (Basketball, 1948-49), Reuban Gilliam (Basketball, 1948-52), Donald Young (Basketball and football, 1949-53), James Sligh (Basketball, 1949-53), John Wesley Cuthrell (Football, 1949-53), David Harris

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Pro boxing to return on June 23

Corey Winfield, Carlette "The Truth" Ewell set to fight

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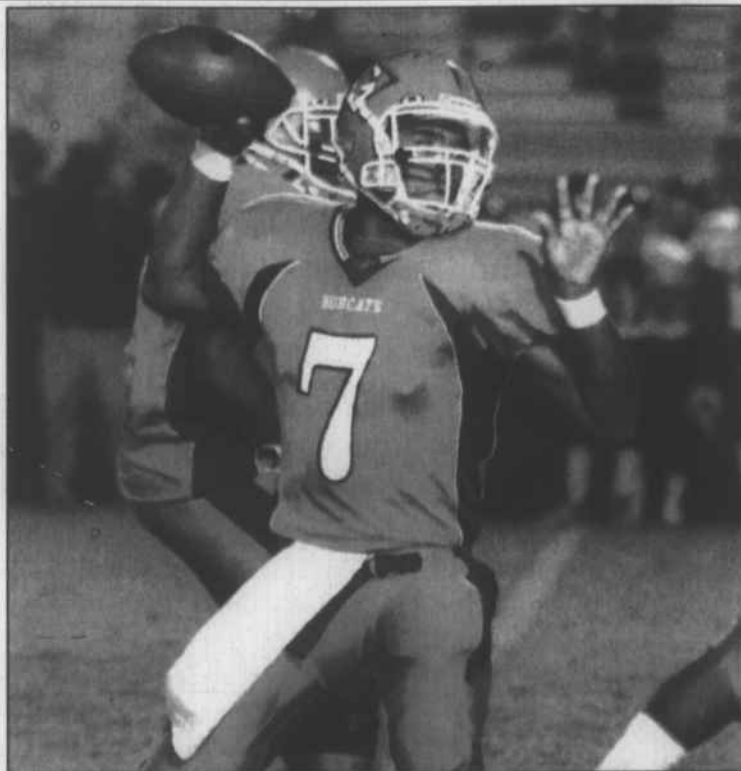
Fight fans get ready. Ring of Dreams has another night of great professional boxing lined up for Fight Night on June 23, at the LJV Coliseum Annex in Winston-Salem. The event is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

The exciting night of boxing will feature three female bouts, along with an impressive male lineup. In the headline event, local boxer and two time champion Carlette "The Truth" Ewell will take on the tough, undefeated heavy-weight Yolanda Fagan in a quest for her third world title, this time in the super middleweight division. Ewell, who says she is at her prime fighting weight, now has her sights set



Photo by Charlie Platt

See Boxing on B4 Local boxer Corey Winfield connects with a thunderous straight jab during his last bout at the Joel.



File photo

Glenn senior quarterback Jamie DeGeare was Anthony Hill's favorite senior student-athlete this past school year. Hill reveals some of his other favorites during this column.

ANOTHER GREAT SENIOR CLASS

At the end of each year I like to give props to a few of my favorite senior student-athletes. I like to call the list, "My Greatest Hits." I usually have a cool, instrumental playing in the background as I think of 10 of my favorite seniors. What am I listening to right now? "Showtime" by Nelly Furtado will be just fine.

I mean, my Top 10 or Greatest hits definitely made things happen for their team and school this past year. Now, let me remind everyone that this is my list. Some of my favorite student-athletes probably didn't make all-state or anything like that. This group of athletes were my favorite for a variety of reasons. I liked to talk to some of them about certain topics. Others gave me the scoop on some stories. And, there are a few in this

list that really were stars in their sport. But it was really all about them being cool, young student-athletes.

Before I start, I want to congratulate all of the graduating seniors. Good luck to you all with your next steps in life.

Hopefully, more great things will be in store for you. Now, let's start on this list. I'm going to begin at the top of the list.

Glenn's senior quarterback Jamie DeGeare was my favorite student-athlete this past year. I loved everything about DeGeare. He was a four-year starter that played every game as if it were his last. Plus, he showed the heart of a champion. It was hard for me to perform when my

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