

Next Level Prospects finish ninth

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The 15U Next Level Prospects finished ninth place out of 97 teams in the AAU Division II Nationals in Little Rock, Ark., July 8-13.

The Prospects finished 6-2 for the tournament. The local 15U team defeated the Arkansas Kings (79-42), Georgia Playmakers (66-46), Central Jersey Hawks (51-40), Slidell Hawks (66-46), New Jersey Panthers (63-54) and Northshore Shockers (55-54). The team only lost to New Jersey Panthers (48-51) and Arkansas Wings (58-55).

"We started out very strong going, 3-0 in pool play and getting a number one seed in bracket play," said Prospects head coach Isaac Pitts. "We started bracket play with an impressive 20 point win. Then we lost our first game to very disciplined, but undermanned Central New Jersey Panthers team by three. That put us in the losers bracket where we could finish no higher than sixth place if we won four in a row — playing two games a day. We won three in a row before eventually losing to the host team (Arkansas Wings) by two in overtime



Next Level Prospects 15U team finished ninth in the nation.

to finish in ninth place."

The Prospects were led by Michael January, who averaged a double-double (18 points, 12 rebounds). January was repeatedly matched against much taller opponents but seemingly played with a big heart and a lot of determination. Pitts said he was their best player and MVP of our team during the national tournament.

"Our tournament MVP,

without a shadow of doubt, would have to be 6-4 Michael January," Pitts said. "He was repeatedly matched up against bigger opponents but managed to average 18 points and 11 rebounds while playing with the heart of a true warrior."

The Prospects also received good play from Michael Falcone, Mitchell Oates, Tyray Belin, Devin Thompson, Anthony

Thomas, Deshean Townsend, Marlon Staton and Quinton Campbell.

"I'm extremely proud of our kids who played hard," Pitts concluded. "I think the city of Winston-Salem would have been proud of them. We would like to thank our sponsors—Chars Restaurant, K-Mart, New Balance and Sharon Dobbins Financial."



Kayla Blevins and Rakiie Badger led the Maverick charge last week.

Spurs and Mavs highlight action at Hanes Hosiery

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The action was intense at the Hanes Hosiery last week. A lot of the action was provided by the players in the 10-12 year old Division. The Spurs and Mavericks highlighted the action with two exciting victories.

Spurs 38, Heat 36 (OT): Jarred Chandler hit two free throws in overtime, helping the Spurs defeat the Heat 38-36.

Overcoming a rocky start, the Spurs rallied down the stretch to shave a 10-point margin during the final two minutes of regulation. Celeste Burgess (13 points) and Cory Allen (12 points) were spectacular down the stretch, hitting enough clutch shots to force the game into overtime.

The Heat pulled out to a commanding lead behind Infinity Penn and Jermaine Gay. Penn (8 points) controlled the boards, putting back several missed shots. Gay (10 points) showed off his strong perimeter game, hitting a number of tough shots. However, the Spurs responded, forcing turnovers and converting enough fast-breaks to force the all-important overtime period.

Mavs 51, Suns 44: Rakiie Badger hit 7 three-pointers on his way to a game-high 39 points for the Mavs.

Badger went toe to toe with Jared Smith of the Suns and the two future stars didn't disappoint. Smith hit 6 three-pointers and scored 32 points as he seemingly matched Badger shot for shot throughout the game. The Mavs pulled out to a 7-point halftime lead, but the Suns battled back, tying the game up several minutes into the second half. Kayla Blevins then scored 4 of her 8 points to spur an 8-0 run that put the Mavs up for good. Ray-Ray Blue chipped in with 8 points for the Suns.

Note: No games were played at the Hosiery this week due to Hang the Nets, which will take place today at 2 p.m. Hot Hoops games are played every Tuesday and Wednesday, between 1:30 and 4 p.m.

White returns to Wake football

Former Deacon linebacker to assist in recruiting

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Former Demon Deacon linebacker Brad White has joined the Wake Forest football staff as the program's recruiting assistant. White's responsibilities include assisting recruiting coordinator Ray McCartney with all correspondence with recruits.

White was a three-year starter for the Deacons from 2002-04. He started 34 of his 35 career games, making 227 career tackles, including 19 for loss. White's 24 tackles against Navy in 2002 still rank as the most-ever by a Deacon player in the Jim Grobe era. He led Wake Forest in tackles in 2002

with 94.

White transferred to Wake Forest from Georgia where he was coached by current Deacon linebackers coach Brad Lambert. White earned his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest in analytical finance and his master's in accountancy. He was named Academic All-District III by the College Sports Information Directors of America in 2004.

Since his graduation, the native of Portsmouth, R.I., has been working for Bank of America as a Portfolio Management Analyst. He and his wife, Kate, reside in Winston-Salem.



Brad White during his playing days.

New WSSU football parking policy announced

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem State University Director of Athletics, Dr. Chico Caldwell announced on Tuesday that a new parking policy will be instituted effective for the 2007 football season. The parking policy will allow fans to reserve parking for both passenger automobiles and recreational vehicles (RV) on both a season-long and game-by-game basis.

The West, East, South and North lots directly on the perimeter of Bowman Gray Stadium as well as the Anderson Center parking lot adjacent to the North lot, located on the campus of WSSU will all have incremental fee values assessed to them with general admission parking, reserved parking and tailgating parking permits available.

Parking for all WSSU home football games will fall into one of three categories as fans will be able to purchase season-long parking passes for both passenger and recreational vehicles (RV) as well as purchase double-size parking spots designated for tailgating.

Winston-Salem State University will begin processing orders for advance parking and tailgating passes effective July 18, 2007 with the deadline for season-long reserve parking passes being set for Aug.

15.

The WSSU Department of Athletics will release the remaining reserved parking and reserved tailgating passes to all visiting teams a minimum of two weeks prior to each scheduled home contest so as to allow visiting teams and fans to secure parking for each game. Due to the visiting team release policy, WSSU fans are encouraged to secure their reserved parking passes well in advance of all home contests so as to ensure parking availability.

"The new parking policies will allow our fans to secure prime parking for all WSSU home football games well in advance of the scheduled date and will allow for fans to ensure tailgating areas prior to home football Saturdays. As well, the revenue generated from the new parking policies will help to defray the increased operational costs of managing a highly-competition Division I athletic program" WSSU Director of Athletics, Dr. Chico Caldwell said on Tuesday.

For additional information on the new WSSU football parking policies and/or to place orders for reserved parking passes, please contact the WSSU Department of Athletics at 750-2141.



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