



The Lakers of the 6-10 Division

Playoffs going down at Hosiery

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It's down to only two teams (per division) at the Hanes Hosiery Hot Hoops Summer League. In the 6-10 Division, the Deacons and Tarheels earned the right to battle for championship. The Spurs and Hornets earned the right to play for a 11-14 Divisional title.

Deacons 19, Blue Devils 8 (6-10 Division): With their season on the line, the Deacons seemed determined to advance to this week's championship game.

The Deacons were led by floor general Caleb Burgess, who finished with 10 points. The Deacons also got solid contributions from Delia Davis and Tyreke Hazel. Evan Ross of the Blue Devils gave his best effort with 6 points for his team. David Morgan also played hard for the Blue Devils, despite the loss.

In the other 6-10 Division playoff game, the Tarheels were able to slip by the Wolfpack, 15-14. The Tarheels found help across the board that allowed them to advance to this week's championship game.

Haven Hairston, Sherrard Wells and Arnieca

Patterson each scored 4 points for the Tarheels. Josh Goodman also played well for the winners. Amir Lumpkin led the way for the Wolfpack with 10 points.

Hornets 51, Celtics 40 (11-14 Division): Rakee Badger filled up the nets for the Hornets, scoring 25 points in the victory. He also had several crafty assists. The Hornets also got solid contributions from Rae Brown, Emmanuel Moore, Hasan Smith and Kadejah Johnson.

Stephan White ended his season with a bang, scoring 21 points for the Celtics, while teammate Daisean Rucker added 10 points and several key rebounds.

In the other 11-14 Divisional playoff game, the Spurs took down the Lakers by 18 points (55-37). With almost all of the Spurs players scoring at least one bucket, the Lakers proved to be no match. Daniel Woodruff kept up his consistent play for the Spurs — scoring 17 points. Roosevelt Harrison and Celeste Burgess added 9 points apiece for the Spurs. Tre Brown and Jalen Knight of the Lakers split their teams points with Brown scoring 12 and Knight finishing with 23, which was a season best.

Bobcats announce season schedule

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The National Basketball Association announced the 2008-09 NBA regular-season schedule last week and the Charlotte Bobcats will open on Thursday, Oct. 30 at Cleveland versus the LeBron James-led Cavaliers. The Bobcats schedule also features 21 weekend home dates, including 11 Saturday night games.

Eight of the Bobcats first 10 games will be at home, highlighted by visits from 2008 NBA Olympians Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat on Nov. 1, Tayshaun Prince and the Detroit Pistons on Nov. 3, Chris Paul (CP3) and the New Orleans Hornets on Nov. 7 and Chris Bosh and the Toronto Raptors on Nov. 9.

The Bobcats will also host Carmelo Anthony and the Denver Nuggets on Nov. 11, Deron Williams, Carlos Boozer and the Utah Jazz on Nov. 14, Dwight Howard and the Orlando Magic on Nov. 16 and Josh "J-Ho" Howard and the Dallas Mavericks on Nov. 18.

Other highlights of the schedule include a Thanksgiving weekend visit from the defending NBA Champion Boston Celtics on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. and a celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday at 2 p.m. on Jan. 19 against the San Antonio Spurs. The Bobcats will play 24 of their final 41 games on the road, including two five-game road trips.

All Bobcats home games will begin at 7 p.m., with the exception of the MLK game against San Antonio and two Sunday contests against Toronto (Nov. 9, 1 p.m.) and Orlando (Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m.).

New broadcast partner FSN South and sister network SportSouth will air 70 games this season, with a schedule to be unveiled at a later date.



Charlotte Bobcat point guard Raymond Felton goes up strong during a game last season.

Brown

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come back and serve your alma mater in any capacity," said Brown. "To be named athletics director is a little more special because I am a product of North Carolina A&T athletics. I really want to build our future on the strong traditions of the past."

Brown began his professional career as a teacher and coach at C.L. Harper High

School in Atlanta. Five years later he became the head men's basketball coach at Howard Community College in Columbia, Md. In 10 seasons, he compiled a 191-110 record.

The foundation for his ascension to director of athletics began in 1996 when he accepted a position as an assistant athletics director and assistant men's basketball coach at Wheeling and Jesuit University. He spent five years there before being hired as an associate athletics director at

Bowie State University in 2001. A year later, he returned to his alma mater as an associate athletics director.

"From the first day I stepped on campus," said Brown. "I fell in love with the school. It wasn't called Aggie Pride back then, but you had people on campus ready to preach to you about the importance of being an Aggie. We have to restore the attitude in our student-athletes that once you become an Aggie, you've become something special."

Washington

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up in a panic only to realize that his mother was physically gone.

"That was hard on both of us," said Washington, who's a walk-on for Wake. "But my mom always told me that we will always have each other if something were to happen to her. What my mom and dad taught us will take us a long way. I'm pretty strong. At the same time, this really hurts. But I keep telling myself that everything will be OK."

Carver athletic director Alfred Poe added: "C.J. is a very strong-minded kid. He was also very close with his mother. He knows that she probably would want him to keep working toward his goals at Wake Forest. I know he's hurt. But he's such a strong kid that I think he will use her blessings to help himself and his sister keep going."

Washington has felt the burn of losing a parent before. At the tender age of 11, he lost his father. He's now in his second year at Wake, where he maintains a 3.0 grade point average — without either of his parents. But he's still walking strong and taking each day one day at a time. He said his latest tragedy is helping him grow — despite the fact that he's extremely hurt. Washington understands that he's got to move on.

Washington's Motivation
"Moving on is actually an understatement," Washington said. "I think I've grown through this. My mom always told me that God put your eyes in front of your head so you wouldn't look back. My mom told me not to ever feel sorry for yourself. Both of my parents always told me to stay focused. My sister is the emotional type. I feel like I have to be strong for her too."

Washington's Wake Forest teammates have also helped him over the past two months.

"They've really been picking me up everyday," Washington said. "It feels like we're actually brothers. They've really been here for me. We were doing this workout called Gameday. That's where you do 50 reps of 220 or 240 pounds of hang clean. That's a lot. My hands were bleeding. A lot of the guys were telling me to do it for my mom. That's what I did. That helped me power through. My mother motivates me to do a lot, especially when it comes to running extra and lifting more weights. She's my motivation."



Wake redshirt freshman C.J. Washington darts through a hole during a recent scrimmage.

Washington's hard work hasn't been going unnoticed either. He was moved from wide out to running back to give the offense more depth at the position. Washington could easily find himself in the mix for action from the backfield. After all, Josh Adams was once third on the depth chart before bursting on the scene for Wake last year.

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