

West Charlotte Favored

High Schools Expect Banner Year

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The high school basketball season is here and it looks like another banner season for the locals.

Let's take them one by one from the favorites on down to the "spoilers."
West Charlotte won state championships in 1963 and 1966 in the old North Carolina Athletic Conference and finished second to Wilmington New Hanover in 1968.

This could be the year of the Lions. They have talent, depth, height, good ball handlers and good shooters. Coach Charles McCullough is optimistic about 6'3" John Parks, 6'5" Lamonte Lindsey, 6'4" Reggie Reid, 6'2" Malcolm Pharr and Toby Alexander. On the bench will be Duane Berry, Terry Chavous, Bobby Hanes, Bobby Bass, Marty Miller and Darryl Broome.

Olympic with 6'4" Ondre Richardson in the middle should challenge West Charlotte for the top spot. The Trojans of Coach Vernon Hedrick return 6'1" Jeff Nance, and 6'0" Gerald Stevenson, Ronald Cherry, Charles Abbot and Randy Hood. Chris Rudisill, a sophomore should help the run-and-gum team whose weakness may be a lack of height.

The Vikings of North, coached by Leroy Holden, have hot shots Graylon Wallace and Gerald McAfee back. They



Ondre Richardson
...Olympic star

also have Wyatt Chase, Mac Walls, and 6'3 1/2" Dwight Lewis and could be a contender if they overcome their lack of height and bench depth. The bench consists of Gerald Carr, Newton Williams, Robert Quarles and Melvin Hoover.

The defending state champions of Coach David Price return Jerome Mobley, one of the best players in the state, Aaron Cunningham, and John Fitch. They added Vernon Stowe, Greg Little, Jerry Morris, Dwight Miller and Carter Sewell.

Their forte is depth, quickness and experience but they don't have much height. Garinger's Wildcats are very solid, 6'4" Brick Smith and Bryan Little return to join 6'7" senior center Frank Owens, Johnny Witherspoon



Jerome Mobley
...South's bomber

and 6'5" Mike Allen to make the Cats a tall team.

R.C. Reynolds, a transfer from West Palm Beach, Florida, will help the team also.

Predicted for sixth spot are the East Eagles coached by Reginald Thompson and led by everybody's all-county Michael Grant.

Grant will be joined by Billy Banner, Curtis Crawford and 6'7" Michall Mullis to give the team good shooting, good defense and quickness.

A lack of height at the forward spots may hurt the Eagles.

The Harding Rams of Coach Pete Campbell find themselves in their lowest spot in years. They are bigger than normal, with 6'6" Lester Threll in the center position. Greg McCullough, Jimmy



Graylon Wallace
...North's hot shot

James, Bernard Baker, Kevin Steele, and Ronnie Lowe will lead the Rams' attack.

The Patriots return Tommy Stillwell, Jay Schwamberger, Reggie Wilson, Audwin Helton, and Jack Planter. They will be experienced and a good shooting team but lack height and rebounding.

The small, poor shooting, slow West Mecklenburg Indians of Coach Morgan Walker will have to press and rely on good defense. They consist of Antoine Hoover, Gerald Wilburn, Ray Bennett, Joe Edder, Frank Carter, Joe Black, Anthony Maddox, Fred Brown, Roger Brown, Jeff Avery, Bryan Lynch, Clinton Phillip and Antonio Williams.

Myers Park, rated last, lost everybody. They are quick but lack size and experience. Heading Coach Wayne Ayers' roster are Henry Atkins, David Thomas and Ivan Diggs.

Abrams Named "Coach Of The Year"

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A week after football practice began, Rudy Abrams the head football coach of the West Charlotte High School pondered the future of his Lions.

"We don't have much depth and I don't know what it is but West Charlotte has never had a large turnout for football like the other schools. This really hurts our program," he explained.

One might have passed this off as jargon but the Lions had not been to the playoffs since they joined the North Carolina High School Athletic Association in 1966.

Prior to that, competing in the Western Conference of the old N.C. H.S.A.C. with Second Ward, York Road, Gastonia Highland, Asheville Stephens Lee, High Point William Penn, Winston-Salem Carver, Winston-Salem Atkins, and Greensboro Dudley, they would always bring home some kind of marbles.

But integration hit and the last bastion of Black school Triple County Baseball

League Sets Meeting

A meeting of the Triple County Baseball League will be held Friday, December 3, at 7 p.m., at Bethlehem Center, 2705 Baltimore Avenue.

The main topic of discussion will be the 1977 schedule. The meeting is open to non-league teams, said Bill Cole, president of the popular semi-pro circuit.

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pride in Charlotte saw numbers of talented athletes opt for private schools rather than attend West Charlotte.

This year the reverse happened and all of a sudden Abrams found himself with a quarterback who wanted to prove he could play in a 4-A league named Scott Bridgewater.

Frank Carr and Perry Caruthers were set up as targets. Archie Matthews, Tommy Green, and Billy Deavers

were set to anchor the line and suddenly West Charlotte found itself with a team. As a matter of fact the Lions whose only two losses were to playoff teams, East Mecklenburg and Richmond County, are the only local team left in the 4-A playoffs after a 14-7 victory over East Forsyth.

For these reasons, no more, Rudy Abrams who has done an outstanding job at West Charlotte is our coach of the Year for 1976.



Rudy Abrams
...Ponders future

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Into Hall Of Fame

Shaw Inducts Armstrong Brothers

Raleigh - Dr. Wiley T. "Army" Armstrong and his brother, Randolph T. "Navy" Armstrong were inducted into the Shaw University Hall of Fame in ceremonies held in Raleigh's Hilton Inn on Saturday night.

The Rocky Mount natives were students at Shaw in the 20's and went on to become probably the most accom-

plished athletes in the history of the school, joining Dr. James E. Lytle in the Hall of Fame.

Describing the accomplishments of Dr. Wiley T. "Army" Armstrong would be akin to writing the scenario of a Hollywood movie. "Army" was the first four-year, four-letter athlete at Shaw, starring in football, basketball, and being an

outstanding tennis player. "Army" also was an all-conference, and an all-American athlete, drawing the admiration of all who watched him play, and also the praise of both teammates and also opponents. Grantland Rice said, "It wasn't whether he won or lost, but how well he played the game." To hear such outstanding sports figures as Skink Browning, Pete Williams, and Cecil Flagg tell of how "Army" Armstrong influenced their careers was almost impossible to imagine.

Dr. George Debnam related how Dr. Armstrong was his guiding force in his quest for his medical degree, and May or Bill Turnage of Rocky Mount, spoke of Dr. Armstrong, "the citizen."

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Monday, Dec. 6
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