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The Southwestern 4A Conference will lose one of its most able and outstanding coaches when Vernon Hedrick of Olympic resigns at the end of the year.

Hedrick, the only basketball coach Olympic has had in its 18 years of existence, is retiring at the end of this season. He has been a public school teacher for 30 years.

The driver's education teacher admits that he will surely miss the excitement of high school basketball.

Over the years, Hedrick has vigorously supported basketball in the Southwestern 4A and has always maintained a positive attitude whether his team was winning or losing.

He actively supported the champion from area on the state scene.

Last year, he was head coach for the victorious West All-Star team in the East-West All-Star game in Greensboro. The 110-101 win was the first West win since 1977.

Two of his best years at the southside school were 1975 and 1982.

In 1975, the team, which was lead by Jeff Anthony, Stan Brown, Dwight Allen, Ronald Nance and Donald Smith, went to the state first round only to lose to a hot Durham Hillside team at the Olympic gym. They were 19-7.

In 1982, the Trojans, led by Chris Brown, Kerry McDonald, Ronald Simond, Melvin Wallace, Herman Springs, beat West Forsyth and advanced to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs at Catawba College in High Point.

The Trojans were 18-10 that year.

Several outstanding players have graduated under Hedrick's tutelage including Kenneth Taylor, Onda Richardson, Tim Harris, Gene Harris, Kerry McDonald, Chris Brown, Derrick Floyd, Melvin Wallace, Johnny Mathias, Frederick Fee and others.

The Southwestern 4A Conference winner will host the second place team from the Western 4A. In all likelihood, that will be Freedom of Morganton or Huss of Gastonia.

THE RANKINGS

1. Myers Park - The Mustangs of Bob Nastase have put together a conference championship in a year that was supposed to be lean.

2. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings were a small but steady bunch and made a mad rush for second place to prove that point.

3. West Charlotte - The Lions lost a heartbreaker at Olympic that took the conference championship from their hands.

4. Independence - The Patriots predicted for lower division status moved into first after the beginning of the year and never relinquished. Their junior varsity team finished 18-1.

5. Olympic - The Trojans lost heartbreakers at North, West and Independence but won three straight at the end of the season to put the clamps on fifth place.

6. East - The Eagles won some big ones this year over North.

7. Garinger - The always dangerous Wildcats of Garinger had two twin towers in James Elmore and Willie Walker that should be heard from in the future.

8. Harding - The Rams put the lock on the last conference playoff spot when they beat West Mecklenburg twice.

9. West Mecklenburg - Next year, the Indians have everybody back. That includes Milton Moore, Robbie Pope, Damon Rawlinson, Harry Canty and John White.

10. South - The Sabres finished the conference season 8-18, losing the final game by one point. Mark School and Roman Phifer return next year to lead the team on.

Congratulations to state wrestling champions Tony Mercer and Willie Naves. Mercer, a heavyweight, won in 49 seconds. He attends North. Naves, a 167 pounder, attends Garinger.

Here's to the best of luck for coach Hedrick, an innovator in Southwestern 4A conference basketball, a great friend and a great coach.

When Harding's Rodney Clark won the Midwest Regional championship in the 112-pound class, he bettered his record to 26-2 and became the first Harding wrestler never to lose a dual match in three years of competition.

Danny Brigman of Independence beat him in the finals of the Myers Park tournament. This time around, Clark was 10-3 winner.

Haywood Workman won the Southwestern 4A Conference scoring race. The Myers Park veteran finished with a 19.85 scoring average.



"Skip" Glenn
.....Diminutive 140-pounder

Dwayne "Skip" Glenn Is "Player Of The Week"

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Dwayne "Skip" Glenn is this week's Charlotte Post "Basketball Player of the Week."

The diminutive 5'7", 140-pounder plummeted his way through the lane to the Trojan goal several times Friday in an attempt to give his coach a going-away present.

Coach Vernon Hedrick of Olympic High School coached his last regular season game at the southwest Charlotte school.

The opponent was West Charlotte and it appeared that the outcome was decided when the Lions went up by 11 in the third quarter.

Enter the Charge of the Light Brigade - Olympic's substitutes Reggie Wilson, Antonio Howard, Lemar Simond, Donald Simmons and Glenn - and the Trojans draw closer.

Glenn was't finished. Substituting for Jeff Miller at the number one point guard position, he scored 14 points, his season high and guided his team to the 67-59 upset that cost the Lions a second place in the conference.

"I believe we will have a good team," Glenn said earlier in the season.

Winn-Dixie To Offer "Frequent Buyer" Savings

Area Winn-Dixie Stores, in cooperation with several major retailers, will offer a "Frequent Buyer Savings Plan" to customers beginning February 29. The plan enables Winn-Dixie shoppers to save through certificate reimbursement.

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Beginning this week, the grocery stores will present to customers one "Sav-A-Chek" coupon for each \$1 spent at Winn-Dixie. When customers have collected 40 coupons on a "Frequent Buyer" certificate, it will be redeemable for savings on Winn-Dixie specials or \$1 off at Piedmont Airlines, Hardees, Eckerd Drugs or One-Hour Martinizing (dry cleaners) at participating stores.

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Maurice Wilson Will Participate In Track

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

When spring comes on, a young man's fancy turns to love and track.

Maurice Wilson is a 17 year-old West Charlotte junior who is the son of Mrs. Peggy Douglas.

"We have been practicing for about a week," said the trackster, who will participate in the discus and the shotput events.

Wilson is a very good football player, and it is his motivation to be an even better one that is the reason he is participating in track.

"I do it to get in shape for

football," he said.

The former junior high champion in the shot-put 49.5' and discus-110' is a real good linebacker for the Lions.

He bench-presses 300 pounds.

"I am real excited about our season," he said. "Although practice is just getting underway, it looks like

will be a contender for conference crown."

The Lions open their season Friday, March 9, at West Mecklenburg.

Child Care Crisis Clinic Scheduled

A forum on the crisis in child care in North Carolina is set for 7 p.m., Friday, March 9, at the Park Road Center YWCA.

Marjorie Warlick, Executive Director of Child Care Resources, will moderate the session. Panelists include John Lail,

Director, N.C. Office of Day Care Licensing; Rachel Feamire, Director, N.C. Office of Child Care Services; Hon. Louise Brennen, state representative and Natalie Cohen, Child Care Advocate.

The forum, open to the public, is sponsored by the YWCA Public Affairs Com-

mittee, and there is no charge. Baby sitting services will be available at no charge. Though pre-registration is not required, it is advised. Call 525-5770 for a two-week days.

Family Dollar

The Board of Directors of Family Dollar Stores, Inc. (NYSE symbol FDO), declared a regular quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of \$.04 per share, payable April 18, 1984, to holders of record at the close of business on March 15.

Family Dollar Stores, Inc., operates a rapidly expanding discount store chain of 707 stores located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana, Arkansas, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Seventy-two stores have been added to the chain since the beginning of the Company's fiscal year on September 1, 1983. The Company expects to have at least 760 stores in operation by the end of its fiscal year on August 31, 1984.

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