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Hoops shoot

The 28th annual Oak Island Elks Hoop Shoot competition will be held at the Southport gym, Saturday, December 18, at 1 p.m.

The Southport-Oak Island competition is for youngsters age 8-13 and is the "national free throw shooting contest" for kids.

More than 3 million youngsters throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in age categories 8-9; 10-11; 12-13. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop.

The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals.

Local winners will compete against other contestants in the district event in Wilmington. Names of the national winners will be inscribed on the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" plaque on permanent display in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

30 and over

You're never too old. Exercise is good for you. Have you got game?

The Brunswick County men's basketball league at Shallotte and men's 30 and over league at South Brunswick Middle will begin play in December.

The first eight teams that register in each league will make up the leagues. Fee is \$390 per team in both leagues.

Entry fee must be paid to the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department near Bolivia. Deadline to enter is Tuesday, November 30.

Only teams that have paid the entry fee will be considered registered. For more information, call the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, 253-2670, or 800-222-4790.

Ten Star camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only.

Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include Raleigh and Boiling Springs, not to be confused with Boiling Spring Lakes. For an evaluation form, call 704-372-8610.

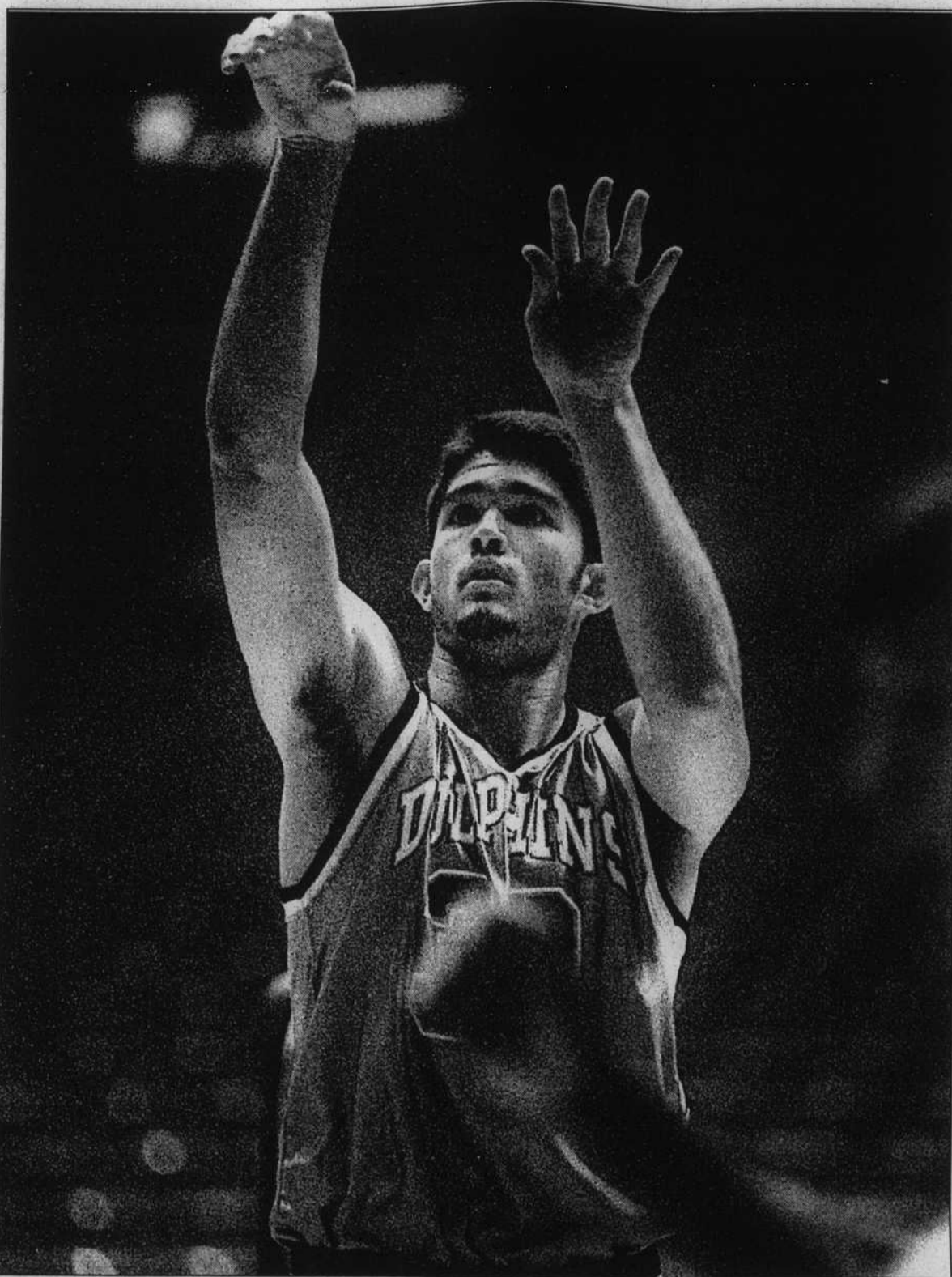
Batter up

Troy Heustess, head baseball coach at Appalachian State University, will lead a mini-baseball camp for youngsters ages 8-18 at the Shallotte District Park, December 29-30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Former West Brunswick star Eric Johnson and coaches from Young-Harris College in Georgia will also be on hand to teach fundamental of baseball. This is the first time a camp has been sponsored for county youths by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. on December 29 with a fee of \$10 per player. Instruction will focus on the fundamentals of hitting and fielding.

"We're going to try it on a trial basis," said county parks director George Page. "Our goal is to have 50 kids come out. I feel the more visible our kids become the better it will be for them and their futures."



Freshman Shannon Huffstetler made his first trip to the Dean Smith Center at Chapel Hill on Sunday in a battle against the UNC JV team.

Photo by Jim Harper

A conversation with...

Shannon Huffstetler

Shannon Huffstetler, a 1999 graduate of East Gaston High at Mt. Holly, is a freshman on the Brunswick Community College basketball team. Huffstetler ran cross country in high school and played center on the basketball team. With the Dolphins, the 6'6", 215-pounder, plays forward and is enjoying his first year in college, adjusting to life both on the court and in the classroom. Huffstetler talks about his decision to attend BCC and what he sees in the future.

■ Why did you choose to attend Brunswick Community College?

"I got in touch with Coach (Gene Doane). He called my house and told me that he knew I was looking at some other teams. He said if things didn't work out with the other schools to give him a call because he would be willing to have me. Things at other schools didn't work out, so I gave him a call. That's pretty much how I got here."

■ Are you glad to be here?

"Oh, yes. At first, I wasn't too sure if I even wanted to play basketball anymore. After the season got started, everything just changed. I was a whole lot happier. I like it here."

■ What were you going to do if you didn't play basketball?

"I probably would have ended up going to a school to just concentrate on academics, maybe go to a school closer to home."

■ What was your high school career like at East Gaston?

"It went pretty good. My sophomore year I got to play with Stuart Hare, who is now at UNC Wilmington. I was MVP for my junior year and my senior year. I scored over 1,000 points. I was like the fifth person in the school's history to ever do that. That was pretty cool. Our teams weren't that strong, but we had a lot of fun playing."

■ Is the level of competition now any different than what you were used to?

"It's tougher. In high school, we had a tough conference also. It's a lot

tougher, I'd say, now. It's a whole lot more fun because we're doing more winning that I was in high school. That's always fun."

■ How did the transition go for you, in having to change positions from center to forward?

"I moved out to the wings a little bit. That's a whole lot different. I'm still learning some of the things that go along with that position change, but I enjoy it more. Playing outside, I get more touches with the ball. Plus, I get to create a little more. In high school, I was playing center all of the time. I liked it, but I'm enjoying this, too. It's a good change."

■ Sounds like you are really glad to still be playing basketball then?

"Oh, yes. When we started playing our games, we were playing really well. I think that's one of the things that helped me. I was like tired of playing because we were not winning. I was wanting to win, and it was getting hectic really. Now that I'm here, we really have a good shot at being a successful team. That's really what I wanted to do."

■ How did you get involved in this sport? Was there someone who influenced you along the way?

"When I was younger, I played in the recreation league. All of my friends were doing it, so I just started playing. Basketball, I enjoyed it, but I played other sports, too. When I started playing basketball I didn't really know that it's what I was going to do. When I got to the seventh grade, I was pretty good but I wasn't all that great. When I made the team in the seventh grade that really helped me out a lot. If I hadn't made it in the seventh grade, I don't know how I would have ended up, if I would have said, 'Forget it all,' or if I had tried again."

■ What other sports did you play at East Gaston?

"My sophomore year I ran cross country and track. In my junior year, I just played basketball. In my senior year, I played basketball and ran track.

I did the high jump in track. That was pretty cool."

■ What becomes your goals now?

"After this year or next year, I'd like to go to a four-year school and finish up. I want to get a degree in business management or administration. That's really what I want to do right now."

■ Do you want basketball to help carry you to a four-year school?

"I'm hoping to. After this year, or next year, I'm hoping to be picked up by someone and then continue playing."

■ What are your thoughts on playing in the Dean Dome?

"That's really exciting. I've been in there one time, but I never walked down on the court of anything. That's pretty exciting. I look forward to that a lot. Kris Lang, who plays at UNC, I played against him a couple of times. He's pretty cool. I look forward to going and watching them and playing there. It's pretty exciting."

■ With the Dolphins team, how do you fit in with this particular team? Do you feel you have a good team here?

"We all know our roles. Everybody has a role. We just try to play it as best we can. I think everybody fits in good with each other. I like playing with everybody on this team. Everybody has a role on this team, a job to do, and we pretty much get it done. We struggle some times, but everybody's going to struggle. I'd say overall, we have good chemistry right now."

■ Are college classes what you had expected?

"Our classes are really good. I enjoy them a lot. One of the things I like a lot is that they are smaller. At a four-year school they would be a whole lot larger. Most of my teachers are from the universities anyway. I feel that in the classroom, I'm learning a whole lot, too. I enjoy them. Our classes are pretty cool."

Timeout



A brief look at area sports events, standings

Waccamaw 2A Boys Basketball

Team	Conf.	All	Scores	
Whiteville	2-0	3-0	North Brunswick	64
East Bladen	2-0	4-1	South Brunswick	53
East Columbus	3-1	3-4	East Bladen	61
West Brunswick	2-1	5-1	South Brunswick	57
Fairmont	1-1	1-1	New Hanover	51
South Brunswick	1-2	2-5	South Brunswick	46
West Columbus	1-2	1-5		
South Columbus	0-1	1-1		
St. Pauls	0-4	0-7		

Waccamaw 2A Girls Basketball

Team	Conf.	All	Scores	
St. Pauls	3-0	6-0	South Brunswick	38
East Columbus	4-0	4-3	North Brunswick	11
East Bladen	2-0	3-2	New Hanover	37
South Columbus	0-1	0-1	South Brunswick	28
South Brunswick	1-2	3-5	East Bladen	52
West Columbus	1-2	1-5	South Brunswick	34
Whiteville	0-1	0-2		
Fairmont	0-2	0-2		
West Brunswick	0-3	2-4		

County scoring leaders

Player	Games	Points	3-points	Avg. PPG
Walker, Reggie WB	6	104	0	17.3
Frink, Kendrick WB	6	99	0	16.5
Cobb, Ryan NB	4	58	0	14.5
Andrews, Harold NB	4	44	2	11.0
Daniels, Elton NB	4	42	0	10.5
Bridgers, Tim SB	7	61	2	8.7
Wilson, Chris SB	7	58	0	8.3
Gore, Will WB	6	47	0	7.8
Cowan, Jamal SB	7	55	1	7.8
Lesh, Nic SB	7	44	14	7.7
Fullwood, James WB	6	37	0	6.1
Grainger, Shawn NB	4	23	2	5.7
Summerlin, Heath SB	7	39	8	5.5
Capezza, Rowdy NB	4	11	0	3.6
Davis, Tyrus SB	7	25	0	3.5
Hill, Corey WB	6	20	0	3.3
Peterson, Bill NB	4	10	0	2.5
Green, Nick SB	7	16	0	2.2
Roberts, Joey SB	7	11	1	1.8
Dawson, Tron SB	7	11	0	1.8
Butler, Eric WB	6	10	0	1.6
Bell, David WB	6	5	0	0.8
Moll, Russ WB	6	4	0	0.6
Wilson, James SB	7	2	0	0.5
Wagoner, Phil SB	7	1	0	0.2
McDermott, Ricky SB	7	0	0	0.0

South Brunswick basketball

Cougars travel to face Scorpions

South Brunswick's boys and girls teams will play three games in four days this week -- two on the road at East Columbus and North Brunswick, and at home Tuesday against West Columbus. A game scheduled at North Brunswick for January 5 has been rescheduled for December 15 in Leland.

South Brunswick's girls team will go for a 3-0 record against county competition in the battle at North on Wednesday.

South Brunswick schedule: Nov. 22 at Pender; Nov. 30 at St. Pauls; Dec. 1 vs. New Hanover; Dec. 3 vs. West Brunswick; Dec. 7 at East Bladen; Dec. 8 at New Hanover; Dec. 10 vs. North Brunswick; Dec. 14 vs. West Columbus; Dec. 15, at North Brunswick; Dec. 16 at East Columbus; Dec. 27-30 in State Port Pilot Seashell Holiday Classic Tournament; Jan. 4 vs. South Columbus; Jan. 5 at N. Brunswick; Jan. 7 at Whiteville; Jan. 11 vs. Fairmont; Jan. 14 vs. St. Pauls; Jan. 18 at West Brunswick; Jan. 21 vs. East Bladen; Jan. 28 at West Columbus; Feb. 1 vs. E. Columbus; Feb. 4 at S. Columbus; Feb. 8 vs. Whiteville; Feb. 11 at Fairmont

North Brunswick basketball

North Brunswick schedule: Dec. 7 vs. Bladenboro; Dec. 8 at West Brunswick; Dec. 10 at South Brunswick; Dec. 13 at Bladenboro; Dec. 15 vs. South Brunswick; Dec. 27-30, in Seashell Holiday Basketball Classic; Jan. 11 vs. Lejeune; Jan. 14 at Dixon; Jan. 18 vs. Topsail; Jan. 21 at Pamlico; Jan. 25 at Jones Sr.; Jan. 28 vs. Dixon; Feb. 1 at Lejeune; Feb. 4 vs. Pamlico; Feb. 8 at Topsail; Feb. 10 vs. Jones Sr.

South Brunswick wrestling

South Brunswick wrestling schedule: Dec. 8 vs. Socastee S.C. at West Brunswick, 6 p.m.; Dec. 11 at Croatan Tournament, all day; Dec. 17-18 at West Brunswick Christmas Clash, all day; Jan. 8 Conference Duals at North Brunswick, all day; Jan. 10 Tri-match with Loris and Myrtle Beach at Loris, S.C., 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 19 Tri-match with Myrtle Beach and Georgetown at Myrtle Beach, S.C., 6 p.m.; Jan. 22 conference duals at Croatan, all day; Jan. 26 Brunswick County Tournament at South Brunswick, 6 p.m.; Jan. 29 conference tournament at West Brunswick, all day; Feb. 1 vs. Laney at Trask Middle School, 7 p.m.; Feb. 3 vs. Pender High at Pender, 7 p.m.; Feb. 8-12 state dual championships, TBA; Feb. 18-19 East Regional tournament at Williamston, all day; Feb. 25-26 State Tournament at Charlotte, all day.

Brunswick CC basketball

BCC schedule: Dec. 12 at UNC Chapel Hill JVs; Dec. 17-18 at RCC Classic; Dec. 28-29 at Sante Fe Classic; Jan. 7 vs. Rockingham CC in Leland, 7 p.m.; Jan. 8 vs. Spartanburg Methodist in Leland, 3 p.m.; Jan. 12 vs. Lenoir CC in Leland, 7 p.m.; Jan. 15 at Aiken Tech 3 p.m.; Jan. 18 vs. Sampson CC at South High, 7 p.m.; Jan. 22 at Louisburg, 7 p.m.; Jan. 27 at Central CCC, 7 p.m.; Jan. 31 at Methodist JVs, 7 p.m.; Feb. 2 at Lenoir, 7 p.m.; Feb. 6 at US Naval Academy JVs, 2 p.m.; Feb. 10, Central CCC at South High, 6 p.m.; Feb. 12 Aiken Tech in Leland, 3 p.m.; Feb. 14 at Craven; Feb. 17 at Sampson; Feb. 19 Louisburg in Leland, Feb. 26 at Spartanburg Methodist; Feb. 27 at Limestone College.