

Sports

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7-9 INVADERS



Members of the Invaders, a 7-9 Fall League soccer team sponsored by the Bertie Recreation Department, are (from left, front row) Camden White, Simeon Strother, Titus Strother, Winston Warren and Jaheim Cofield; (second row) Chase White, Matthew Lee, Jalin Bell, Patrick Godwin, Ayden Stalls and Levi Dozier; (third row) Coaches Bobby Strother and Charlton Godwin.

10-12 DOMINATORS



Members of the Dominators, a 10-12 Fall League soccer team sponsored by the Bertie Recreation Department, are (from left, front row) Destin Webb, Kam Murphy, Kash Murphy, Sally Spruill, Alexis Fairless, Sarah Spruill, Lucy Spruill and Zoe Stallings; (second row) Coach Shellee Fairless, Ebonie Murphy and Coach Wayland Spruill.

10-12 GENERALS



Members of the Generals, a 10-12 Fall League soccer team sponsored by the Bertie Recreation Department, are (from left, front row) Tayvien Ward, Summer Mizelle and Nathan Daniels; (second row) Gillam Ivey, Coleen Askew, Reagan Dickens, Sawyer Mizelle, Tony Jackson, Shelby Walker and Elijah Strother; (third row) Coaches Donna Mizelle and Don Highsmith.

13-15 AVENGERS



Members of the Avengers, 13-15 Fall League soccer team sponsored by the Bertie Recreation Department, are (from left, front row) Lindsey Dickens, Julia Cara and Hannah Price; (second row) Tayvien Ward, Christopher Pierce, Matthew Arvis, Hatcher Price, James Brooks, Riley Ratzlaff, Avery Jernigan and Sawyer Mizelle; (third row) Coaches Donna Mizelle and Don Highsmith.

Fourth

From B1 Talib's invitation and that the league didn't fine him. Still though, you can't punk a man in front of the whole world and expect no punishment.

Brand new Alabama Offensive Coordinator Steve Sarkisian forgot about the 60 plus cameras at his game last week. Sark was up in the booth and, either bored or hungry during the game, decided to root around in his nostril with the little finger of his left hand. It was his decision to then stick the above mentioned digit, and anything stuck to it, in his mouth while on television that disgusted more than a few of us.

As humiliating as that may be, it's not as embarrassing as it must have been when a few members, of the US Men's Olympic Basketball Team decided they could, while competing in Brazil, go visit a brothel unnoticed.

In a day and age when every camera has a phone (yes I said that right), what would make two 6'11" and one 6'7" highly televised and talked about millionaires think they could stroll up in The House Of The Rising Sun without somebody trying to get paid by TMZ?

The same kind of question could have been asked to Michael Phelps. The olympic swimmer was visiting

the University of South Carolina in 2008 when he decided to smoke marijuana in front of six people including at least one guy he didn't know very well.

I'm certain it was medicinal but it was a mere three months after winning eight gold medals in Beijing. Despite being the biggest sports star on the planet, Phelps thought it wise to publicly self medicate by taking riffs off a two foot glass bong.

Fortunately for Phelps, he isn't even the most notorious Olympic swimmer. No swimmer has been more embarrassing and dumb in front of cameras than Ryan Lochte. He is that silly looking fellow that got drunk in Brazil, trashed a gas station, tried to get away, got some guns pulled on him by security guards and then told people the next day that he got robbed. All that mess, only to have security footage come out that shows what really happened.

We could all try and do less dumb stuff in our life but those that work in front of cameras should try harder. That's all I'm saying.

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Bertie

From B1 Spivey had eight rebounds. Spivey recorded half (four) of Bertie's eight blocks. Mornings added three, while ShaNidra Outlaw had one. Bertie plays at J.H. Rose today (Jan. 11).

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