

County players test skills

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BASKETBALL

Do you think Michael Jordan listened when word had it there would never be another Dr. J? And do you think Vince Carter took it to heart when experts said there would never be another MJ?

The answer to both of those questions are definitive nos, and that is why participants in the 10th Annual Oakland County Slam Dunk 3-Point Shot Contest Thursday at Troy High School won't be listening either.

The near 30 competitors in the slam dunk and better than 50 participants in the 3-point action will look to have their names engraved alongside such former winners as Shane Battier (Detroit Country Day), David Bowers (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) and Jon Poyer (Birmingham Brother Rice).

The slam dunk field is scheduled to include Eccentric-area skywalkers Jeremy Battier (Country Day), Paris Bernard (Rochester Adams), Mike Billingsley (Birmingham Seaholm), Brian Davies (Farmington), Paul Davis (Rochester),

Robert Ferns (Troy Athens), Mitch Harris (Troy), Joe Hundley (Farmington Harrison), Jason Jackson (Birmingham Groves), James Mathis (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), Mike McKee (Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest), Emir Medunjanin (North Farmington), Jonathan Merritt (West Bloomfield), Greg Mercer (Southfield), Ken Moore (Southfield-Lathrup), Brett Myers (Waterford Mott), Maurice Searight (St. Mary's), Ben Simonton (Bloomfield Hills Roper), Ralph Sylvester (Birmingham Brother Rice) and Kip Szostek (Walled Lake Western).

Observer/Eccentric-area sharpshooters will feature Neil Ashmon (Roeper), Bernard, Nick Body (Waterford Lakes), Marion Burt (Grosse Pointe Woods), Chris Cisacke (Athens), Winston Coffee (Farmington Harrison), Matt Coombs (Waterford Mott), Greg Crenshaw (Southfield), Jenero Dawood (WL Western), Javier Diaz (Auburn Hills Avondale), Luke Filar (West Bloomfield), Justin Fuller (Troy), Jermaine

Gonzales (St. Mary's), Mark Green (Farmington), Hayes Grooms (Brother Rice), Kay Guthrie (Country Day), Steve Horn (WL Central), Dave Luman (Oxford), Greg Irish (Clarkston Springfield Christian), Jonte Jones (St. Mary's), Jamal Joseph (Southfield-Lathrup), Steve Kilpela (Bloomfield Hills Andover), Ryan Marino (Clarkston), Jason McKenzie (Northwest), Jimmy Melberg (Oakland Christian), Jason Miller (Lake Orion), Josh Molnar (Franklin Christian), Walker Russell (Rochester), Phil Watha (North Farmington), Kyle Wood (Seaholm) and Chad Woodhull (Waterford Kettering).

Included in the evening's activities will be a scheduled appearance by select Detroit Pistons, and raffles for such items as a Grant Hill autograph basketball, pairs of Pistons tickets and the opportunity to make four shots from the floor — lay-up, free throw, 3-point and half-court — to win a two-year lease for an automobile.

Competition begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Children under five will be admitted free.



Girls swim team: The members of the Family Y-Stingrays girls swim team are (front row, left to right) Ashley Cohagen, Rachel Fedorko, Kelli Warwood, Jenna Bachrouche, Hannah Heebner, Heather Lawrence, Brittany Prior, Killee Olson, (second row, left to right) coach Ellen Lessig, coach Bob Holdridge, Alison Lum, Carolyn Collins, Kelsey Campbell, Desiree Asmar and head coach Eric Newton.



Boys swim team: The members of the Family Y-Stingrays boys swim team are (front row, left to right) coach Tara Grider, coach Bob Holdridge, Garrick Givens, Jacob Warnick, David Vaphiadis, Ian VanTassell, Kevin Karoub, Steven Murphy, Michael Spickel, Phillip Robinson, head coach Eric Newton, (back row, left to right) Christopher Wloch, Alex Gaucher, Brook Heebner and Garrett Fisk.

YMCA-STINGRAYS SWIM RESULTS

The Farmington Family Y Stingrays finished third at the recent B-and-under meet. The top finishers at the Y championship meet are listed below.

8-YEAR-OLD GIRLS
100-yard medley relay (Ashley Cohagen, Alison Lum, Hannah Heebner, Kelli Warwood), third; 100 free relay (Heebner, Warwood, Rachel Fedorko, Cohagen), eighth; Cohagen, 25 back, first; 25 free, second; 50 free, fifth; Heebner, 25 breast, second.

7-YEAR-OLD GIRLS
100 free relay (Alison Lum, Jenna Bachrouche, Kelsey Campbell,

Amanda Bucklin) second; Campbell, 100 IM, 12th; Lum, 25 free, second; 25 fly, second; 50 free, second; Bachrouche, 50 free, fourth; 25 free, sixth; Brittany Prior, 25 free, ninth; 50 free, ninth.

8-YEAR-OLD GIRLS
Olivia Jones, 25 fly, sixth; 25 free, 11th; Killee Olson, 25 fly, ninth.

8-YEAR-OLD BOYS
100 medley relay (Christopher Wloch, David Vaphiadis, Garrick Givens, Michael Spickel), third; 100 free relay (Spickel, Vaphiadis, Wloch, Phillip Robinson), fifth; Robinson, 100 IM, 10th; 25 breast,

10th; Spickel, 25 free, first; 50 free, second; 25 back, second; Wloch, 25 back, 10th; Jacob Warnick, 25 breast, ninth.

7-YEAR-OLD BOYS
100 free relay (Garrick Givens, Kevin Karoub, Brook Heebner, Alex Gaucher), second; Givens, 25 breast, first (meet record); 100 IM, third; 25 fly, third; Karoub, 100 IM, eighth; 25 free, 10th; Steven Murphy, 100 IM, 11th.

8-YEAR-OLD BOYS
Brook Heebner, 25 breast, first; 25 free, fourth; 25 fly, seventh; Alex Gaucher, 25 free, fifth; 25 fly, sixth; 25 back, sixth.

Trojans have new girls coach

Livonia Clarenceville athletic director Charles Sorentino didn't have to look very far to find a new coach for the girls varsity basketball team.

His search went only as far as the boys junior varsity bench, from which he plucked assistant Chris Burt.

Sorentino recently handed over the reins of the girls program to Burt, who will assume head coaching duties for the first time at the prep level.

In addition to working as an assistant with the boys JV team last season, Burt, 23, has coached at various summer camps over the last few years.

"Chris did a great job with our boys," Sorentino said. "He's patient and has an outstanding knowledge of the game. He knows how to teach the basic game."

BASKETBALL

Burt takes over a program that was 2-40 over the last two years and 0-21 last season, under former coach Jamie Clark.

Burt, however, jumped at the chance to take over the team.

"I love basketball and enjoy coaching," he said. "This was a perfect opportunity for me to take a program over for myself. There weren't too many reasons I could think of not to take the job."

One of the biggest challenges facing Burt may be the fact that he doesn't have extensive experience working with girls. Because of this, he plans to hire a female assistant coach to help him with the transition.

"A lot of this will have to be learned as I go," Burt said. "It's

hard to predict what the biggest differences will be."

Burt is already busy preparing for next season. Since being hired, he has contacted returning members of the team and put out the word to others who may want to try out.

"My biggest goal is to turn this program around," said Burt, noting there will likely be a JV team next season.

Burt grew up in Plymouth and is a 1995 graduate of Dearborn Divine Child where he lettered in basketball and track. He earned his education degree from the University of Michigan, and is student teaching at Northville High School.

"I've got a lot of energy and passion for the game," he said. "I've also got a hard-nosed work ethic that will be reflected on my team."

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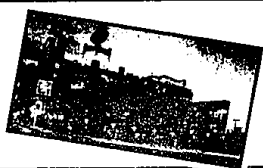
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