

Nation's Best Young African-American Basketball Players Showcase Their Athletic Talents April 3

1994 MCDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM ANNOUNCED

The nation's top 22 college basketball recruits - including Trojan Langdon of Alaska and Jerod Ward of Mississippi - soon will join NBA basketball superstars Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Patrick Ewing, college stand-out Jason Kidd and many other basketball top athletes of

McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team.

The 17th Annual McDonald's High School All American Basketball Game will be played in New York City for the first time on Sunday, April 3. CBS will broadcast the game live from St. John's University, with tip-off at

12:30 p.m. (EST).

"As always, McDonald's All American Team represents the best high school basketball players in the country," said Dick Starmann, senior vice president, McDonald's Corporation. "It provides fans great entertainment and players the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities, but it's real purpose is to raise critical funds for charities - more than \$1 million over the years."

A portion of the proceeds from the 1994 McDonald's All American Game will also benefit local New York, Bloomfield and New Jersey chapters of Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. Benefactors of the previous 16

games have included the United States Negro College Fund and Sickle Cell Anemia Research.

"The McDonald's All American program has been so successful because it offers something for everyone," said Morgan Wootten, head basketball coach at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, and chairman of the McDonald's All American High School Basketball selection committee. "For 1,400 young athletes, the Team nomination alone is an honor. For the lucky 22 Team members, being selected is a dream come true."

This year's b-ballers on McDonald's All American East Team are Daniel Fortson, Pitts-

burgh, PA; Adonal Foyle, Hamilton, NY; LaMarr Greer, Cape May, NJ; Zendon Hamilton, Cloral Park, NY; Chris Herren, Fall River, MA; Felipe Lopez, New York, NY; Corey Louis, Miami, FL; Norman Nolan, Baltimore, MD; Kareem Reid, Bronx, NY; Curtis Staples, Mouth of Wilson, VA; and Steve Wojciechowski, Baltimore, MD.

Members of the McDonald's All American West Team are Jelani Gardner, Bellflower, CA; omm'A Givens, Aberdeen, WA; Trajan Langdon, Anchorage, AK; Raef LaFrentx, Momona, IA; Willie Mitchell, Detroit, MI; Andrae Patterson, Abilene, TX; Ricky Price, Gardena, CA; Neil Reed, Metairie, LA; Antoine

Walker, Chicago, IL; Jerod Ward, Clinton, MS; and Lorenzen Wright, Memphis, TN.

There have been 416 McDonald's All Americans since the inception in 1977. More than 97 percent of the athletes have gone on to play college basketball for Division 1 programs. Twelve have been members of the U.S. Olympian Teams and 103 are playing in the NBA today.

McDonald's is the leading foodservice retailer in the global consumer marketplace, with nearly 14,000 restaurants in 71 countries. About 80 percent of McDonald's restaurant businesses are owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs.

HEART AND BLOOD VESSEL DISEASES CAUSE SUDDEN DEATH IN ATHLETES

The sudden death of a competitive athlete is a tragic, highly visible event and "some controversy remains regarding the causes of sudden death in this population," Barry Maron, M.D., said at the AHA's 66th Scientific Sessions in Atlanta.

Maron, cardiovascular research director at the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation, and his colleagues analyzed clinical and autopsy data on approximately 100 athletes between 13 and 40 years old who had died suddenly. They identified a spectrum of heart and blood vessel diseases that contributed to these young people's deaths.

About 90 percent of the athletes were males and almost half were African-American. Nearly 90 percent of them died during or soon after competitive games or practice, usually football or basketball.

The most common abnormality, likely responsible for the deaths of almost half of the group, was hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM). This disease is marked by an unexplained increase in the thickness of the all of the left ventricle, the heart's main pumping chamber.

Congenital abnormalities of the coronary arteries were the second most common cause of sudden death in athletes, occurring in about 15 percent. These problems, present since birth, can diminish the supply of blood to the heart muscle. This could predispose such individuals to sudden death, especially during intensive athletic competition.

Another cause uncovered by the study was myocarditis. "This is a disease process that usually begins with a viral infection and then inflammatory changes in the heart muscle," Maron says. It was the likely cause of deaths of basketball stars Reggie Lewis (of the Boston Celtics) and Hank Gathers (of Loyola Marymount University).

Most athletes with any of these three conditions might be disqualified from competitive sports.

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LOCAL LEAGUE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CORPORATE CHALLENGE

The ninth annual Corporate Challenge games, sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities, is rapidly approaching. Opening ceremonies take place Sat., March 26 at Freedom park (E. Washington Ave. at No. Mojave Rd.).

Dave Parker, Corporate Challenge Coordinator for the

City, reminds all corporations planning on competing in this year's challenge, that the registration deadline is February 1.

Corporations that have not submitted their registration fees are asked to call the City's Corporate Challenge office at 229-6706 for details.

CHUCK MINKER SPORTS COMPLEX NEW HOURS

The City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities announces expanded

hours of the Chuck Minker Sports Complex. The facility, located at 275 N. Mojave Rd., and Stewart Ave., is now open 7 a.m. weekdays. Closing remains at 9:30 p.m.

Weekend hours have also been expanded. Saturday programming now continues until 5 p.m. New Sunday hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Chuck Minker Sports Complex is a full service health club offering aerobics, racquet-

ball, basketball, volleyball, wallyball, gymnastics, self-defense classes, first aid, and CPR workshops. The facility is equipped with weight rooms, fitness equipment, saunas, Jacuzzis, showers, and dressing rooms. Daily fees are accepted for specific programs or memberships are available.

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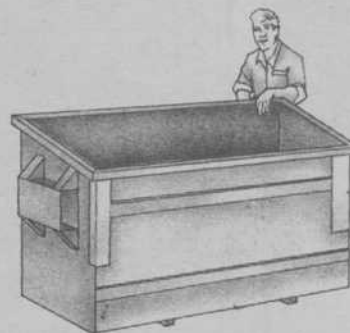
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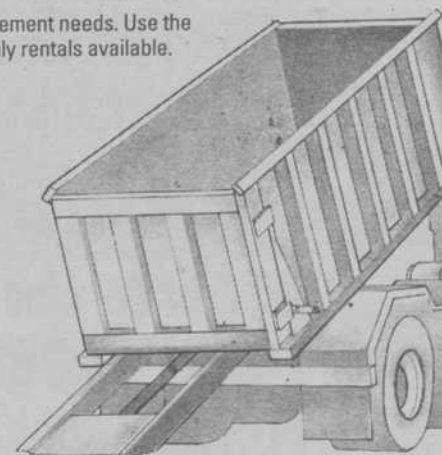
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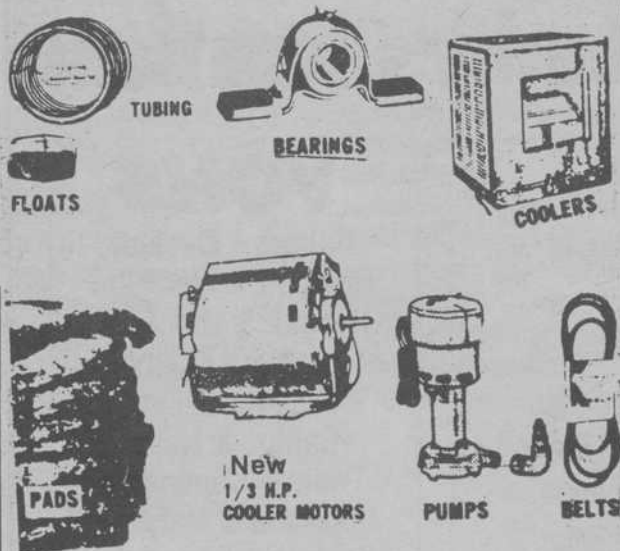


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