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COMING THIS WEEK

Greensboro native Brendan Haywood, fresh off signing a six-year deal with the Dallas Mavericks, will host a free basketball camp at his alma mater, Dudley High School, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. There is no cost, but it's limited to 150 children ages 6-14. Information: Derrick ParTEE, 669-6254 or dudleypanthers@gmail.com



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TODAY

Baseball: Check out Greensboro's past and possibly Major League Baseball's future. Former Grasshoppers Logan Morrison and Ozzie Martinez will play in the All-Star Futures Game at 6 p.m. (ESPN2) at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif.

TUESDAY

Baseball: We noted the future stars. Now give it up for the current stars: Robinson Cano, Derek Jeter, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera and Josh Johnson all played in Greensboro and will be in Angel Stadium for the All-Star Game (8 p.m., WGHP-8).

WEDNESDAY



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Baseball: Chase Austin and the Grasshoppers will return to NewBridge Bank Park to begin a five-game homestand against the Asheville Tourists. First pitch will be at 7 p.m. each day through Saturday, then 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$6-9. Info: 268-2255 or gsohoppers.com

FRIDAY

Tang soo do: The World Tang Soo Do Championship is scheduled for the Greensboro Coliseum on Friday (noon-9 p.m.) and Saturday (8 a.m.-9 p.m.). The Korean martial art teaches empty hand and foot fighting, fighting forms, self-defense and weapons.

SATURDAY

Golf: The U.S. Amateur Public Links will conclude with a 36-hole match-play championship at Bryan Park's Champions Course. The winner will earn an invitation to the 2011 Masters. Based on the amateur careers of Ryan Moore and Brandt Snedeker, the champ might also win a PGA Tour event here, too.

Running: Winston-Salem's Beat the Heat 5K will serve as a state championship for USA Track & Field. Learn more at twincitytc.org. The starting gun is 7 p.m., so it'll be a little cooler by then, won't it? Maybe?

What do area golf leaders have in store for Bryan Park?

Publinx may start something big

BROWNS SUMMIT — A national championship is coming this week, and Bryan Park is finally getting its day in the sun.

Six days in the sun, actually.

The 85th U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship will begin Monday at the winding layout around Lake Townsend, and at the end of a 36-hole Saturday we'll crown a unique



ED HARDIN

champion in golf.

The "Publinx" champion is a sort of everyman golfer, an amateur specifically tied to public courses as opposed to being a member at a country club. It is, in effect, a people's championship.

But there's something larger at stake for Greensboro and Bryan Park, something less tangible. A championship three years in the

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making isn't a culmination but a starting point for Greensboro.

"We want to form a relationship with the USGA," Bryan Park general manager Kyle Kolls said.

In other words, this could lead to bigger tournaments and championships down the road.

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U.S. AMATEUR PUBLIC LINKS

What: U.S. Golf Association championship open to amateur golfers who are bona fide public-course players with a USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 4.4.

When: Monday-Saturday.

Where: Bryan Park Champions Course, Browns Summit. The course will play 7,195 yards, par 71. The 10th hole will play at 390 yards in stroke play and at 311 yards for match play.

Admission: Free

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Percy Gates (right) of the Friendly Frogs celebrates his victory in the boys 15-19 50-yard freestyle in a time of 22.07 on Saturday at the Greensboro City Championships.

GCC WINS TWICE

The team also raises \$62,000 in memory of Coach Johnson's wife



Parents cheering during the Community Swim Association's city meet on Saturday.

BY DAVID REYNOLDS, NEWS & RECORD STAFF WRITER

Saturday's script for the Greensboro City Championships couldn't have been written any better for the Greensboro Country Club team.

On the day it was announced the Blue Dolphins had raised the most money in the Swim for Cancer fundraiser, a record breaking total of more than \$62,000, GCC added another accomplishment to its name — a city championship.

It was the perfect ending of an emotional season for the team and its head coach, Chip Johnson. Johnson lost his wife, Anna Lea, to breast cancer in December, and GCC decided to dedicate their season and their total money raised in the annual competition to honor her.

"They have supported me through all of what I've been going through since December, and I feel loved," Chip said. "A lot of people have spent a lot of time and effort and energy to make this happen, and I appreciate the commitment they've made to it and everything they've done."

Twenty three teams participated in the competition, but it was a two-horse race for the championship. The winning margin for GCC over its closest rival, Friendly Country Club, was 90 points, a fairly thin margin for a meet this large.

Both teams were kept in suspense well after the last event was completed. The winning team was named nearly an hour after the final race. But when the announcement was made, pandemonium took over the GCC cheering section.

"I turned to my friend and I screamed," GCC swimmer Olivia Johnson said. "It was a good moment."



Pals prepare to warm up at Lindley Park Pool on Saturday in Greensboro.

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