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Anson High School Sports Update

Anson High School Wrestling

- Saturday, December 2 - Wrestling season has officially started and the Anson High School boys and girls wrestling Bearcats attended the Jim Hayes Invitational at East Mecklenburg on Saturday. Both teams put forth a full effort. **The girls placed 8th** of the 17 teams present. Notable wins include matches by Leigha Clarke, Macayla Mason and Genesis Moore who all earned 3rd Place finishes for their performances. **The boys placed 10th** of the 19 teams present. Notable wins include Emmanuel Chambers' (5-3) impressive 5-1 performance for 3rd Place in his weight class. Jackson Stinson (3-2) also performed at the highest level to place 4th in his weight class. Please be sure to congratulate all of our Wrestling Bearcats as they prepare for the upcoming conference matches. **Girls:** fLeigha Clarke, Macayla Mason, Genesis Moore, Shyanna Wallace, Shavondra Tanner, Ariyanna Lindsay and Amisha Caldwell. **Boys (varsity):** Emmanuel Chambers, Jackson Stinson, Jamir Melton, Jaylen Melton, Titus Mungo, Jaizon McNeil, Joshua Dalrymple, Drekwon Owens, Dejuan Leak, Tyleek Huntley, Owen Taylor, Domingo Rios, Tiyon Allen, Roderick Campbell, Javen Reyes-Garcia and Zaquavian Pickett.

Anson High School Track

- Tuesday, November 28 - AHS indoor track team competed at Monroe. **Girls placed 1st.** Laynala Mathis 1st 55-meter hurdles, Janiyah Maxwell 1st 55-meter dash, 4th 1st long jump, Janiyah Maxwell 1st Triple Jump, 2nd long jump, Trinity Sellers 2nd 55-meter dash, 2nd Triple jump, 2nd 300-meter dash, Carely Powell 2nd 55-meter hurdles, Pashunce Maxwell 1st shot put, Zeranna Little 3rd shot put, Rikeya Little 6th 300-meter dash, Elizabeth Ray 6th 500-meter dash, Kennedy Ramsuer 4th 55-meter hurdles, 4x400 meter relay 2nd Abigail Crawford, Ari Metcalf, Elizabeth Ray, Laynala Mathis. **Boys placed 5th.** Elijah Sellers 1st 55-meter dash, 2nd 300-meter dash, Johntavius Booker 1st 55-meter hurdles, 4th 300-meter dash.
- Thursday, November 30 - AHS competed at the JDL in Winston-Salem. **Girls finished in 7th Place** out of 13. **Highlights:** Pashunce Marshall 1st shot put; Zeanna Littel 3rd shot put; Janiaya Maxwell 4th high jump, 5th long jump, 3rd triple jump; Trinity Sellers 5th triple jump. **Personal best performances:** Carley Powell 55-meter hurdles; Kennedy Ramsuer 55-meter hurdles; Janiaya Maxwell triple jump, long jump; Trinity Sellers triple jump; Laynala Mathis long jump; Jakyira Davis long jump; Alyssa Campbell long jump and 55-meter dash; Zeranna Little shot put; Abigail Crawford 500-meter dash; Kennedy Ramsuer 500-meter dash; Elizabeth Ray 500-meter dash; Brookelyn Walker 300-meter dash; Trinity Sellers 55-meter dash; Elijah Sellers 55-meter dash, long jump; Caleb Leslie 1000-meter run; Dylan Johnson shot put; Gabriel Maxwell shot put. **Boys finished 13th Place** out of 13.
- Tuesday, December 5 - AHS competed at Forest Hills. **Girls finished in 3rd Place.** **Girls highlights:** Janiyah Maxwell 1st 55m dash, 1st 300m dash, 1st long jump; Janaiya Maxwell 1st triple jump (qualified for States), 1st high jump, 2nd long jump; Trinity Sellers 2nd triple jump; Kennedy Ramsuer 3rd high jump; Laynala Mathis 2nd 55m hurdles; Carley Powell 4th 55, hurdles; 4x200m relay team 3rd Janiyah Maxwell, Trinity Sellers, Alyssa Campbell, Laynala Mathis. **Boys finished 7th Place.** **Boys highlights:** Elijah 4th 55m dash, 5th long jump; Johntavius Booker 1st 55m hurdles.

Anson High School Boys Varsity Basketball

- Thursday, November 30 - **AHS beat Chesterfield 58-52.** **Leading players:** Jayden Little 33 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 10 steals; Courtney Sturdivant 7 points, 2 assists, 4 steals; DeQuon McKeever 5 rebounds, 2 steals; Jaqualin Liles 6 rebounds.

This was a really good team win to start the season. We had a couple leads & they came back to take the lead at 52-50. The guys executed and hit foul shots in the last 2 minutes to go on an 8-0 run to end the game. Really pleased with how hard everyone played.

- Friday, December 1 - **AHS beat Gray Stone 71-29.** **Leading players:** Jayden Little 33 points, 7 rebounds, 7 steals; Emmanuel Sturdivant 10 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals; Amari Ingram 7 points, 2 steals; Jamaal Griffin 4 points, 2 steals.

This was a good night for us as we got everyone a lot of playing time and that will only help us down the road to have all of our guys ready to go. Our defense in the 2nd half was really good and led to a number of easy baskets. We need to learn to be focused for 32 minutes but that will come as the season progresses.

Anson High School Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

- Tuesday, November 28 - **AHS beat Chesterfield 24-17.** **Leading players:** Taviane Robinson 9 points, 12 rebounds; Xytarion Ledbetter 9 points, 3 steals.

Really good win for our young JV team to start the season. They played hard all game & played as a team. The 2nd half they got over the 1st game jitters and played well.

- Friday, December 1 - **AHS beat Gray Stone 61-1730.** **Leading players:** Taviane Robinson 18 points, 14 rebounds; Joshua Walls 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals; J'Mahri Love 8 points, 2 steals; Slade Winfield 7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals; Devon Tucker 6 points, 2 assists.

This was a good win for a young JV team as we got everyone a lot of playing time and that will only help us down the road to have all of our guys ready to go. Our defense in the 2nd half was really good and led to a number of easy baskets and held them scoreless in the 3rd quarter. We are looking to keep the progress going every day in practice.

Anson High School Girls Varsity Basketball

- November 20-22 - **Thanksgiving Tip Off at North Stanly High School.** Nov. 20 AHS lost to North Stanly 60-23. Leading scorer Zariah Massey 11pts. Nov. 21 AHS lost to Monroe 34-31. Leading scorer Titiyanna Burns 15 pts. Nov. 22 AHS lost to Gray Stone 34-32. Leading scorer Dorhianna Rivers 14 pts.
- Thursday, November 30 - **AHS lost to Chesterfield 53-17**

Anson High School Girls Junior Varsity Basketball

- Thursday, November 30 - **AHS lost to Chesterfield 14-7**

Anson County's October Unemployment Rate

Anson County Anson County's unemployment rate for October was 4.0%. The September rate was 3.8%. Anson County ranked #77 of the 100 counties statewide (low to high).

Here are other past rates in Anson County: **2023:** August 4.2%; July 4.2%; June 4.2%; May 4.0%; April 3.6%; March 3.9%; February 4%; January 4.3%. **2022:** December 4.0%; November 4.6%; October 4.9%; September 4.2%; August 4.9%; July 4.7%; June 5.3%; May 4.7%; April 4.6%; March 4.9%; February 5.1%; January 5.1%. **2021:** December 4.4%; November 4.7%; October 5.2%; September 4.9%; August 5.8%; July 6.5%; June 6.1%; May 5.5%; April 5.4%; March 5.9%; February 7.5%; January 7.7%. The **2020** rates were: December 7.1%; November 7.2%; October 7.2%; September 8.5%; August 8%; July 10%; June 7.9%; May 10.1%; and April 8.2%. In March 2020 the unemployment rate in Anson County was 4.9%, just before it was affected by the pandemic.

Statewide Statewide the unemployment rate for October was 3.3%. In September it was 3.2%.

Anson's total labor force in October was 10,203, with 9,794 employed and 409 unemployed. In September the total labor force was 10,211, with 9,820 employed and 391 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 84 of North Carolina's counties in October 2023, decreased in five, and remained unchanged in 11. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 5.9 percent while Swain County had the lowest at 2.6 percent.

Fourteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases and one remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Fayetteville and Rocky Mount each had the highest rate at 4.5 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 2.8 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.3 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 95 counties, increased in two, and remained unchanged in three.

All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in October by 21,004 to 5,114,298, while those unemployed increased by 6,799 to 176,984. Since October 2022, the number of workers employed statewide increased 122,003, while those unemployed decreased 14,368.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

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