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Touring HOYTES camp now the new focus of basketball mentor McPhee

The man who was once synonymous with the Grand Bahama Sports

Complex is settling into a new role that focuses more prominently on his personal basket-

ball brand.

Noted National Sports Hall of Fame inductee and basketball guru Coach Gladstone "Moon" McPhee now intends to take his HOYTES development program throughout the country with a series of camps, wherever there is an interest.

Recently, McPhee returned from Exuma, where he staged a successful and well-attended camp in George Town, Exuma and it fueled his appetite to pass on his knowledge to more of the young boys and girls of the Family Islands.

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"Exuma was just great. It was a good venture and I am crafting the template for taking the camp throughout the country, going forward," said McPhee.

The option therefore is open to the Ministry of Education, through its schools in the Family Islands, Local Government, sporting clubs and Christian communities. The HOYTES

Development Program is based in Grand Bahama and includes the ongoing camp at the Gladstone "Moon" McPhee Park,

touring. Out of the hundreds of boys and girls who have passed through his camps and gone on to be successful adults are Yo-

is a milestone achiever on the most renowned collegiate circuit in the world. Coach Yo, as McPhee-McCuin is fondly called, moved this year from Jacksonville University where she led her team to three successful years at the magical win number of 20 and a National Collegiate Athletic Association's berth, to the University of Mississippi.

She is in Mississippi under a five-year contract.

Jones or course is the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) standout for the Connecticut Sun who dominated play in successive years in South Korea and China. She also has WNBA all-star status and is the all-time season rebound record holder.

Hield plays now for the Sacramento Kings, after being drafted and playing most of his first year for the New Orleans Pelicans. He is considered one of the top young prospects in the National Basketball Association (NBA). Such, sums up the coaching pedigree of McPhee.

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EXUMA CAMP — Coach Gladstone McPhee with HOYTES Exuma camper.

SPORTS SCOPE

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and two tournaments annually.

McPhee's résumé is unmatched in The Bahamas, in the category of basketball men-

lette McPhee-McCuin, Jonquel

Jones and Buddy Hield.

The former is his daughter. He groomed her and now she



GAME ONE IN THE BAG — Jonathan Hepburn, left with ball, surveys the court on the fast break during game one of the Under 13 championship of the West Grand Bahama Community Summer Basketball League championships. Hepburn led the GB Dental Cleaners with 17 points in the game one win over the Candy's Wolverines at the Fritz Forbes Community Park in Pinedale, Eight Mile Rock. (PHOTOS: SHAYNE STUBBS)

Cleaners, Extractors, Destroyers, Drillers one win away from championship status

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That special moment for teams in the West Grand Bahama Community Summer Basketball League has finally arrived.

The competition is exciting!

Four championships series - Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 and Open - all tipped off this past Tuesday at the Fritz Forbes Park in Pinedale, Eight Mile Rock.

Game one of the Under 13 best of three series between the GB Dental Cleaners and the Candy's Wolverines set the tone for what was a competitive evening. However, despite a shaky start for both teams the Cleaners eventually took the 1-0 series lead with a 25-21 win over the Wolverines

Jonathan Hepburn was a one-man wrecking crew for the Cleaners who poured in 17

points.

The Cleaners built an 8-4 lead before the Wolverines rebounded and tied the game, 8-8, with under three minutes to go in the first half.

The Wolverines eventually took a 10-8 lead with 1:00 to spare in the first half. However, the Cleaners went on a 6-0 run to take a 14-10 lead headed into halftime.

Despite the best efforts of the Wolverines, the Cleaners managed to hold on to a 19-15 lead with 4:28 left to play in the second half. The Cleaners pushed their lead up, 21-15 before the Wolverines responded with a good look inside and made it a 21-17 lead.

The defensive end continued to be a burden for the Wolverines as with 2:18 remaining in the half, the Cleaners increased their lead 23-17 with a pair of free throws.

With 30 seconds left to tick in the second half, a strong effort

to climb back in the contest was cut short for the Wolverines. The Cleaners proceeded to keep the Wolverines at bay, to hold on until the final buzzer sounded.

The G.B Power Chargers put on a strong showing in the opening half of their Under 15 game-one contest against the Busy Bubble Extractors. Nonetheless, the Extractors turned play around in the second half to snag game one, 31-26. Vincent Mackey led the charge for the Extractors with 12 points.

The Chargers owned a 5-2 lead before the Extractors made it a one-point 5-4 game. The Chargers began making good use of their size advantage on the inside and inched out to a 7-4 lead midway through the first half.

The Extractors made sure they remained in striking distance but the Chargers owned the 9-8 lead with 1:57 to go in the half.

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FROM DEEP — Vincent Mackey, right with ball, sets his feet before firing away from three-point range during the Busy Bubble Extractors' game one win over the G.B Power Chargers this past Tuesday. Mackey led the Chargers with 12 points in the Extractors' 31-26 win.