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Top players from around the United States come to Oberlin tournament

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Athletes from around the country came to Oberlin over the weekend to play in the 31st Annual Outdoor Basketball Festival at Park Street Park.

Everyone from local players from down the street to big-time NCAA Division I ballers participated in the three-day extravaganza.

The best team fielding Oberlinians was the Underdogs. They fell to the eventual champions from Sandusky 61-38 in the semifinals.

The Underdogs had Phoenix alums Marcus Bailey and Dominique Stamper to go along with 6-foot-8 Dartmouth College forward Dan Biber.

Phoenix all-time leading scorer Morgan Jones played for the Big E's, but his team was eliminated by

the Underdogs.

Play was a little chippy at times. When one player was called for a double-dribble, he threw the ball off the court and was hit with a technical foul from the referee.

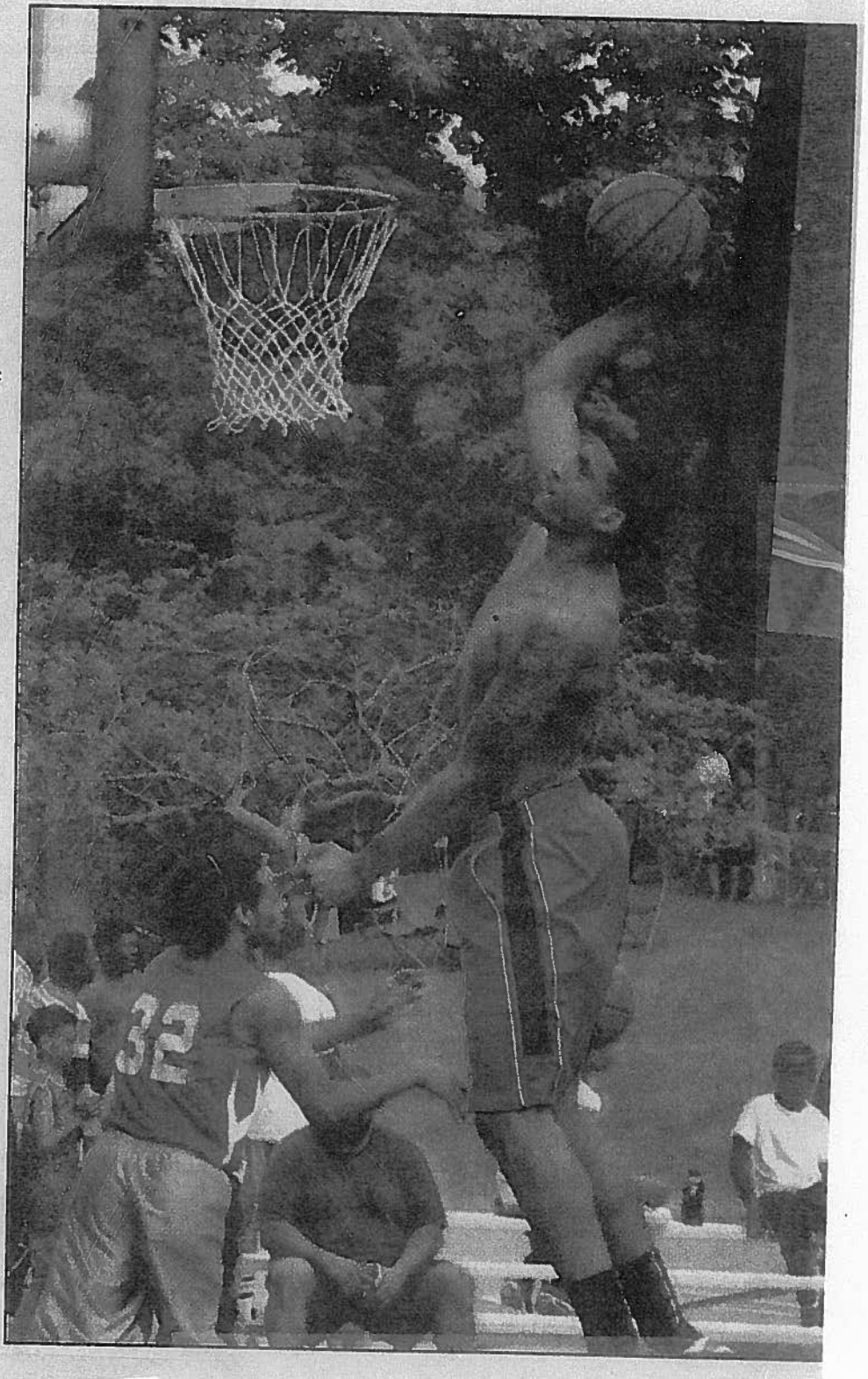
But a scintillating championship sent the crowd home happy, with Sandusky's Ryan Williams hitting five three-pointers to lift his team to a 51-49 victory and earn him tournament MVP honors.

The weather held up for the most part throughout the weekend, with the biggest problem being humidity.

Teams had to play at Oberlin High School when a thunderstorm rolled through Saturday morning, but they were back out on the Park Street courts by 3 p.m.

Many people brought grills to the park to barbecue and there were a variety of tents set up, sheltering people from the sun.

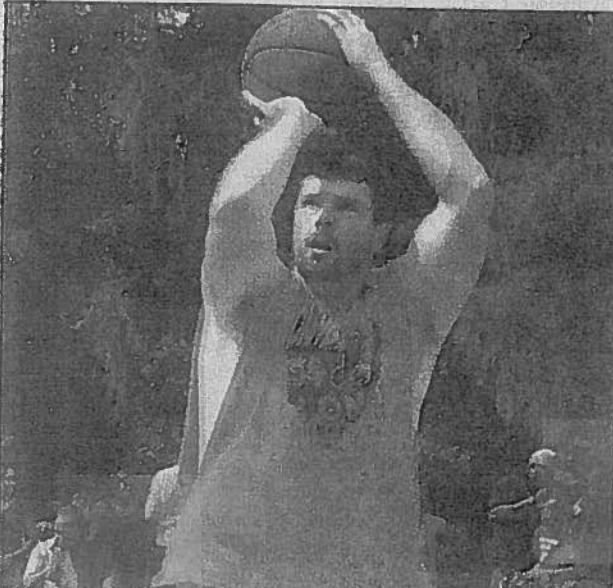
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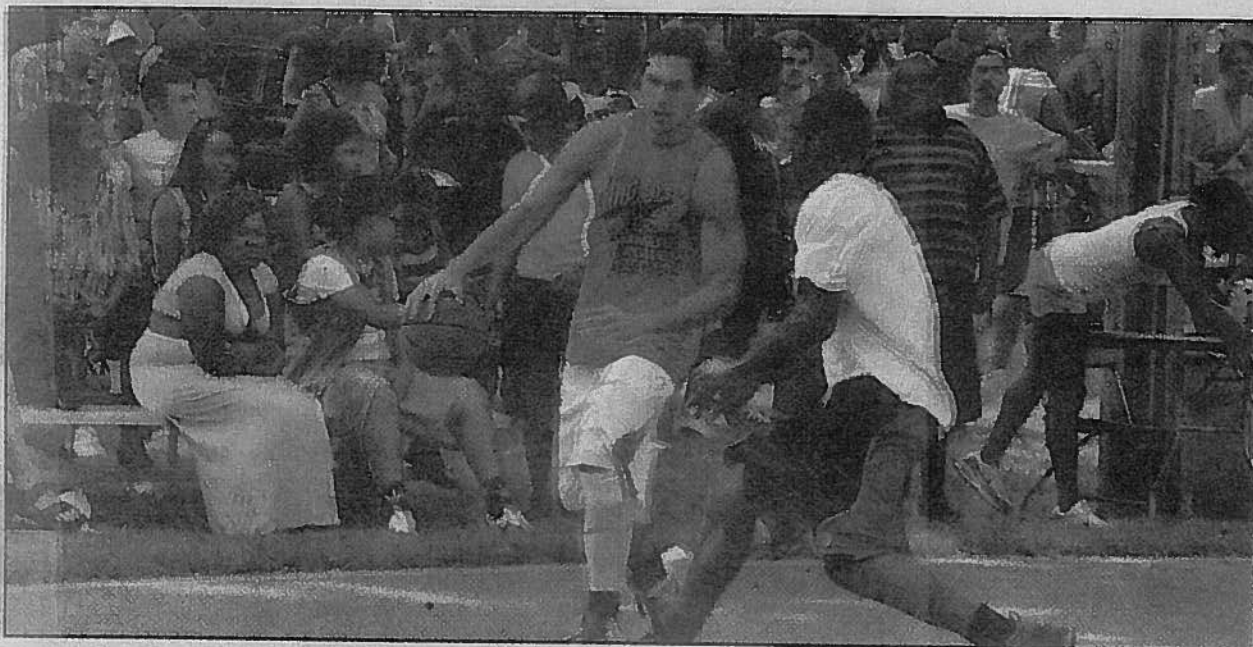
LEFT: Dave Zacour shoots a free throw during a game Saturday afternoon. Zacour's team came from Wooster.

RIGHT: Amin Stevens cocks back for a rim-rattling dunk. Stevens played professional basketball in Slovakia last year.



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ABOVE: Dan Zacour handles the ball as the crowd watches. **RIGHT:** Phoenix alumnus Deshaun Horton throws the hammer down. **LEFT:** Dimitris Dalton puts up a reverse layup in front of an outstretched defender.

