

# Sports

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## Team Bliss rolls to 'bragging rights' hoop title at Stout



MASTER SGT. STEVE MILLER  
Robert Hardnett of Team Bliss passes the ball underneath Saturday during his team's 106-68 triumph over the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, in the final game of a "bragging rights" tournament at Stout Gym.

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The post men's basketball team staked their claim to Fort Bliss hoop bragging rights during a three-team round-robin basketball tournament Friday and Saturday at Stout Gym.

Team Bliss played its two games back-to-back Saturday morning and afternoon, surpassing the century mark both times in routing the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy 101-70 and the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division 106-68. The two wins made them the champions of the affair with a perfect 2-0 mark; USASMA placed second by beating 4-1 Cav 79-66 in the tourney opener Friday night to finish 1-1.

"In the first half we were sleep walking, but once we got the right chemistry on the court and put pressure on the ball, we were able to get some points off turnovers," said Team Bliss coach Anthony Lester. "We play aggressive defense all the time, and everybody on this team can play."

Even so, Team Bliss didn't start to pull away until the latter stages of the first half when their full-court trapping defense started leading to turnovers and layups. The primary beneficiary on the scoring end was Corey Washington, who had 28 of his game-high 34 points in the first half as Team Bliss assumed a 52-35 halftime lead.

The second half was more of the same as Team Bliss' lead gradually grew to 20, 30 and finally to the 38-point final margin. Winston Allen joined Washington in double digits with 14 points for Team Bliss. Andre Smith paced 4-1 Cav with 16 points, and Robert Hopkins added 12.

"Team Bliss didn't get to play in too many out-of-town tournaments or in a league because of budget constraints," said Joe Fedak, varsity intramural sports coordinator. "This tournament was sort of a culminating event for Team Bliss and a way to get the other teams some games."

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#### Post 5K run

The annual post 5-kilometer run is set for 6:30 a.m. April 14 outside Replica Pool. It is open to active-duty military personnel assigned to Fort Bliss, as well as activated Reserve Component members.

Runners may register on site from 5:30 to 6:20 a.m. the day of the race. Age categories for men and include 34 and under, 35 to 39 and 40 or older. For women, the categories are 29 and under, and 30 or older.

For information call Joe Fedak at 568-5995.

#### Bowling championships

The intramural bowling championships are scheduled for April 17 to 20 at the Fort Bliss Bowling Center. The top 16 teams from the 34-team regular season will qualify for the tournament.

Teams will be seeded into brackets for the post tourney based on final regular-season standings. For information, contact Javier Matamoros, league coordinator, at 568-6272.

#### Post paintball tourney

The annual post paintball tournament takes place April 22 at Biggs Paintball Park. It is open to active-duty military personnel assigned to Fort Bliss, as well as activated Reserve Component members. The tourney will be a single-elimination event with a consolation bracket, meaning all teams are guaranteed two games. Registration will be held from 8 to 8:30 a.m. the day of the event.

For information call 568-5995.

#### Post track championships

The post track championships are set for April 25 to 27 at Stout Field. The meet consists of running events only and is open to active-duty military personnel assigned to Fort Bliss, as well as activated Reserve Component members. Participants wishing to compete must register at the track no later than 30 minutes before the start of their events. For information call 568-5995.

## Masters Weightlifting Championships to be held at Bliss

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The USA Weightlifting 32nd Annual National Men's and Women's Weightlifting Masters Weightlifting Championships is scheduled to begin Friday at Mitchell W. Stout Physical Center.

This is a first for Fort Bliss or any other military installation to hold a global event with approximately 200 competitors with some coming from as far as China, according to Caitlin B. Smith, Sport and Fitness Management Trainee.

"It's probably something a lot of people have never seen," said Smith.

The weightlifting competition will run from Friday to Sunday with two main lifting events consisting of the snatch as one of the lifts and the clean and jerk as the other.

Competition categories are grouped by age, weight and gender.

Douglas L. Briggs, fitness coordinator for Stout Gym, placed a bid to host the event two years ago to spon-

sor the location of the 2006 weightlifting championships.

Events are scheduled for the participants of the competition with a tour of Mexico and trips to other areas of the city, including a banquet and annual meeting to be held at a local Mexican restaurant.

Awards for individuals will be given for each classification by age and weight for the total amount lifted. The best lifter awards will be given to each men's and women's age group based on the Sinclair-Sinclair and Meltzer-Malone age and body weight method.

Team awards will be for the men's first, second and third place and women's teams' first, second and third place.

Friday's meet is the last qualifying meet for the 2006 World Masters and the 2006 Pan-American Masters Championships.

The event is free admission to the public and parking is scheduled to be available through Remagen Gate.



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A competitor is watched closely as he begins his lift at a bench-press competition previously held at Stout gym.