



**Erwin's Shakira Allen & Hendersonville's Sam Wilkins voted HOOP
STARS of the Week for North Carolina**

U.S. Army to honor the best high school basketball players in Asheville recruiting territory

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ASHEVILLE, NC – The U.S. Army Asheville Recruiting Company is proud to announce that Erwin's Shakira Allen and Hendersonville's Sam Wilkins are the HOOP STARS of the Week presented by the U.S. Army. Allen's 21 points led Erwin to a 62-49 win over North Buncombe in the Mountain Atlantic Conference 3A title game. Wilkins earned tournament MVP honors after helping lead Hendersonville to a 76-52 win over Mountain Heritage in the Western Highlands Conference title game. Wilkins opened the tournament with 29 points in a win over Avery while scoring 14, grabbing five rebounds, and dishing out five assists in the title game victory. As weekly winners, both HOOP STARS of the Week are finalists for the HOOP STAR of the Year.

The HOOP STARS presented by the U.S. Army campaign honors the best high school basketball players in the company's recruiting territory in western North Carolina. Fans can vote online for the weekly winner at www.TheSportsFlash.com. Voting ends at 9:00 P.M. EDT on Thursday. The winner announced on Friday.

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If you have any questions about the HOOP STARS presented by the U.S. Army, please contact Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570 or via e-mail at TheSportsFlash@aol.com.

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