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Rams Plagued With Injuries

By Isiaette McArn

The WSSU Rams lost several key players in the hard-hitting game against the North Carolina A&T Aggies.

Denard "Flip" Smith suffered torn knee ligaments that required surgery. During an interview, Smith exposed his feelings about the injury. "I miss the sport...I wish I were out there playing." Smith was red-shirted during his freshman year. Being red-shirted allows a player to play four years of college ball in five years. Normally, a player can only be red-shirted for one year. "The coaches are trying to get an extension for me now so I can play another year, but that's going to be a hard decision for me to make," says Smith.

The top two running backs, Mike Ferguson and Chris Kirkpatrick are also sidelined because of injuries.

Ferguson dislocated a shoulder, while Kirkpatrick suffered a foot injury. Neither player saw action in the North

Carolina Central and Virginia Union games. Trainer, Buddy Taylor stated that Ferguson and Kirkpatrick will

play in upcoming games. Linebacker Reggie Griffin will be sidelined for the rest of the season because of a dislocated wrist which required surgery. Defensive back, Dan Bryson, hurt in the A&T game, did not play last week, but is expected back soon. Harold Timmons saw no action in the Central game because of a bruised shoulder. However, Timmons returned to play in the Virginia Union game.

Aaron Bost and Glen Rowe are currently out of action due to injuries sustained in the Central game. Bost sprained an ankle and Rowe suffered a shoulder injury. Hopefully, the team will soon get on a winning note.

New Faces In Ram Football

By Daphnie R. Lindsay
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"Brewington, Holland, Samuels, and Page are the four blocks of granite that will lead our defensive lines for years to come," exclaimed Coach Bill Hayes, head coach of the Ram football team.

Coach Hayes states that, "the defensive position was the position where recruits were needed most and we are very satisfied with the ones we got."

The "four blocks of granite" are only four of the thirty new members of the Rams football team. Assistant Coach Charles Griffin states that, "all of the recruits are very good players."

Coach Hayes says, "Chris King, a 6'0, 175 lbs. defensive back from Detroit, Michigan has all the attributes. He has great speed and quickness, and he is the best skilled athlete as a freshman on the team."

Coach Hayes says, "Chris' brother, Victor, is a fine prospect and he will be a starter before the end of the season."

There is Tommy Blackwell, who is "very aggressive" states the coach.

"He is playing as a freshman on the second team and hits harder than anyone on the team at 6'0, 220 lbs., from Detroit, Michigan.

Commenting on the team, Tommy Blackwell claims, "it has class and a good coaching staff who depend on me to be a good player. I am the hardest hitter out there and they call me the Detroit hit man. I am looking to make All American."

Coach Griffin thinks that Ray Chadwick, a 6'1, 175 lb. quarterback and wide receiver, "is the best athlete on the team." Coach Hayes adds that, "he is the best prospect in five years."

Anthony Means, a 5'5, 165 lb. tailback from Charlotte, N.C. "is a great prospect" declares Coach Hayes. "He will play as a freshman and he has good speed, desire and discipline and I think he will be very successful."

Anthony Means states that, "I came to WSSU because the atmosphere is more pleasant and the Rams have a chance to be one of the best teams in the CIAA and I hope that I can be a part of it."

Kevin Grinton, a 5'6, 180 lb. halfback and specialist returner from Booneville, N.C. says, "the Rams are the best team in the conference. When everyone on the team learns their position and the rules, we will prove that we are the best team in the conference. We have the best coaches in the league also because they only try to help you, not hurt you, but you have to help

yourself too." Grinton has been injured with a broken shoulder but

Coach Hayes is confident that he will play as a sophomore.

Kerry "Hollywood" Bentley, a 6'2, 205 lb. tight end from Fort Lauderdale, Florida sums up how the recruits feel. "We have a good young team and

we have a lot of goals to fulfill. The title is something we want but we will have to work hard to get it, excusing the fact that we have a lot of injured players. We are here to do our best."

Along with the recruits, two new coaches were added to the staff. Coach Bill Hayes commented that Steve Komondorea, a defensive line coach, "is everything I wanted in a coach. He is an extremely hard worker and very dedicated to the Rams."

Mr. Komondorea started coaching in 1973 at Cummings High School in Burlington, N.C. In 1977 and 78, he coached at Reidsville Senior High and in 1979 and 80, he was a nose guard coach at Carolina.

The Head Coach refers to Alfred Harvey, an offensive backfield coach and WSSU graduate, "as very knowledgeable and hard working."

Harvey started coaching in 1975 at Gumberry High School in Northampton County, N.C., where he was the Athletic Director and Chairman of the Health and Physical Education Department. In 1978, he coached Women's Basketball at WSSU for three years. From there he coached at South Stokes High School in Walnut Cove, N.C. as an offensive coordinator.

Trainer Wins Award

By Isiaette McArn

Buddy Taylor, trainer for Winston-Salem State University Varsity Sports, was honored with an award for his athletic services September 21, from Cramer Product, Incorporated. This is the second consecutive year he has received this honor. He is also featured in the September issue of *The First Aider*.

The First Aider is a monthly newsletter dealing with the care and prevention of athletic injuries. It is distributed to every school athletic department in the country.

Taylor was inducted into the 1981 National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame last June. He is the youngest member to receive this prestigious honor and the third Black in the country to be inducted.

Interested in following the Rams football team? The SGA will sponsor a bus to each of the away games if at least 155 students purchase tickets through the Student Affairs Office. Make your interest known and support the Rams on the road.

Students, be sure to pick up your activity game cards for home games in the lobby of the C.E. Gaines Center.

1981 Women's Volleyball

Sept.	29	High Point	High Point	
Oct.	1	St. Augustine's College	Winston-Salem	7:00 PM
	5	St. Augustine's College	Fayetteville	
	7	Greensboro College	Greensboro	6:30 PM
	13	N.C. Central	Bennett College	7:30 PM
	16	Atlantic Christian	Elon College	6:00 PM
	19	Elizabeth City	Durham	6:00 PM
	20	Wingate	Winston-Salem	6:00 PM
	23	Pembroke State	Wingate	
	26	Catawba	Salisbury	6:30 PM
Nov.	2	A&T State	Winston-Salem	6:30 PM
	6	CIAA Tournament	Norfolk State	
		NAIA District Tourn.	Elon College	