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## Black on Sports



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Last year, before the WSSU-A&T game, the Aggie sports information department helped the Rams get fired up by sending out a press release indicating that the game would be a rout similar to the ten other meetings between the two schools on the gridiron.

Bill Hayes, the Rams coach, used that release to key his team up and they went on to drub the favored Aggies 33-6 in route to a perfect regular season.

At a press conference last week Jim McKinley, the A&T head coach, indicated that the Ram game this season would be the most important game on the teams schedule and at the same time was more cautious about pre-game comments.

At that point everyone realized just how important the rivalry has become after just one year. The Aggies pride was seriously damaged by the loss to the once-lowly Rams.

The game became so big that it was moved from Bowman Gray to Groves Stadium to accommodate the expected crowd of 30,000. Now the game has taken on the flair of an Oklahoma-Nebraska contest with the discovery of Aggie assistant coach Steve Doolittle hiding in the bushes below the Rams practice field taking notes on the teams snap count and formations.

The "spy in the Kudzuz" said he came over to exchange films with the Rams and said he only watched the team practice for about five minutes, saying he couldn't resist the temptation.

The Ram coaching staff told quite a different version. According to them Doolittle had not brought over films to exchange since Hayes and McKinley had decided not to exchange films over a month ago and they said notes on Doolittle's pad indicated that he had been watching for quite some time. "We don't even have the Gold Bowl film" (the film Doolittle supposedly came to get); said one coach. "That film has been loaned out and he had to come and hide before practice or else we would have him," added another irate coach. "He had to climb a fence eight feet high to get where he was and we couldn't even find his car. It was a premeditated act and even if it is not against NCAA regulations its against the moral code we go by here at WSSU," said Coach Hayes.

Doolittle admitted he was guilty and McKinley apologized for the incident and said Doolittle would be disciplined. However, at the same time he leveled charges that the Rams sent coach Otis Hawkins over to spy on their practices last season. Hawkins denies that flatly saying, "I haven't been on the A&T campus for more than a year and I wouldn't spy on my Alma Mater anyway." He is a graduate of A&T.

So the fire has started. A fire that can only be put out on September 2 when the two teams lock horns at Groves Stadium in a game that will mean even more to both teams now.

## Indians, Pond Giants Win in Tournament

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Curt Roseboro doubled to leftfield in the top of the ninth inning Tuesday night scoring Curt Gibson as the Winston-Salem Indians came from behind to defeat the Winston-Salem Pirates 7-6 an advance in the winners bracket of the sixth annual Winston-Salem Invitational tournament at Ernie Shore Field.

In the first game the Pond Giants scored a run in the tenth inning on two walks and a fielders choice to nip Smith's Garage and join the Indians as the only two teams remaining in the winners bracket.

The Indians took a one-nothing lead in the second when Allen Fulk singled in Roseboro, who had reached base after forcing Ted Petree who walked at second.

The Pirates tied the game in the bottom of the inning and took the lead with two runs in the third. Chuck Burney and Don Hill singled before catcher Gary Matherly, who had a single a double and a triple stroked a David Mizell pitch to the wall in leftcenter for a double. They added three runs in the fifth as Matherly tripled in Burney and Hill again after each had singled. Matherly scored when the relay throw from the outfield went into the dugout.

The Indians came back with a single run in the fifth and jumped on Ben Warner for two runs in the sixth. Warner replaced starter Don Hill in the inning after the starter complained of a sore arm. Ted Petree greeted Warner with a home run high over the left-field fence. Roseboro followed with the first of his



The Ram backfield of Randy Bolton, Kermit Blount and Tim Newsome looks ahead to the Aggie game.

## For Ram-Aggie Rivalry

# 30,000 Expected

A crowd of 30,000 people are expected to crowd into Groves Stadium on Saturday, September 2 to see the WSSU Rams take on their arch rivals from nearby Greensboro, the A&T Aggies, in a game that may be a preview of the Gold Bowl of 1978.

The Rams beat the Aggies for the first time in their history last year 33-6 on the Greensboro teams

home field. The Rams went on after that opening victory to win ten games in a row before losing to South Carolina State in the Gold Bowl. A&T lost three of their first four but finished strong with a 7-4 record and Head Coach Jim McKinley says his team was the MEAC's best at the end of the season.

Both teams have many of their starters back and the

game has taken on more significance with the discovery of an A&T assistant coach spying on the Rams practice early this week. ("That incident should sell us a few additional tickets," joked Ram athletic director "Bighouse" Gaines.

Ticket sales are going well for the game. All seats are reserved and ticket prices are \$6.00 each.



You can always expect the unexpected when a state, county or municipality department is in need of an increase of revenue. Looks like we are faced with a North Carolina Wildlife deficiency. The Commission states that more money is needed to provide and maintain public facilities.

The Commission proposes an increase in fishing permits. There has been an increase of 36 per cent within the past three years; from \$5.50 to \$7.50. The next move will probably go to \$10.00 for an annual fishing permit.

This anticipated increase will be levied on ages 16 and above; to include senior citizens who have, for the past few years, been given some concession on their purchase of an annual permit. Fishing with natural bait in one's own county will be eliminated.

A state permit will be re-

quired to fish in one's backyard, literally. Even to date the fishermen are being short changed. Fishing has not been the same since boating and skiing has become prominent.

On public waters we now have cabins that make it almost impossible to find an access to the public lakes. Weekend fishing, that was, once an expected outing, is practically cut out by the other water sports; fishing hours in most areas have been cut due to water disturbances.

Before boats were licensed, fees from fishermen paid for the access areas that boat operators now enjoy. In spite of the privileges accorded by the state permits the rights of the fishermen are infringed upon and nobody is doing one thing about it.

Can you imagine an elderly citizen having to pay \$10.00 for a permit just to dunk red worms or a

doughball at Winston Lake. Such rules are likely to come out of the Wildlife Commission unless some adverse public sentiment is shown.

The irony of it all is the fact that the body that makes the regulatory rules and set fees are individuals who fish in secluded or private waters, knowing none of the problems that confront the average license buying fisherman.

If you are interested in your future fishing now is the time to write the N.C. Wildlife Commission in Raleigh, N.C., and express your views regarding licensing of natural bait fishermen who fish in their home county.

If you have any new ideas on increasing the Department's revenue, send that in too. Your show of interest is important. Don't wait, it will be too late after these proposals are made into law.

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