



The Champion

Eye of a hurricane: Marvin Ladson shows the form that led him to the Southeastern welterweight championship; for more on the story, see B11 (photo by James Parker).

College Notebook

Hayes cautious at the start

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Talk to Bill Hayes just before preseason practice and you come across a man with the optimism of a used car salesman.

But, as the season nears, the Winston-Salem State football coach grows more cautious. For example, he took a look at the Rams' schedule last week and proclaimed a break-even record over the first six games would satisfy one of NCAA Division II's most successful coaches.

"Winning three of the first six would be reasonable to me," Hayes said. "Last year we were predicted to go 6-4, and we overachieved and went 9-2."

"But we're not afraid of a challenge."

WSSU opens with Virginia State Saturday at 7 p.m. in Bowman Gray Stadium and one of last year's losses came at the hands of the Trojans. Four of the next five games are on the road, including two games with NCAA

Ranking	Team	Record	Points
1.	Grambling State	0-0	112
2.	Jackson State	1-0	108
3.	Delaware State	1-0	102
4.	Alcorn State	0-0	53
5.	Central State	0-0	48
tie.	Hampton	0-0	48
7.	Fort Valley State	0-0	46
8.	Winston-Salem State	0-0	45
9.	Tennessee State	1-0	43
10.	Mississippi Valley	0-0	27
11.	Southern U.	0-1	22
12.	N.C. A&T	0-0	21
13.	Norfolk State	0-0	16
tie.	Virginia Union	0-0	16
15.	Bethune-Cookman	0-0	15

Division I-AA teams (North Carolina A&T and Howard University) and two of Division two's best teams (Hampton University and Central State) from last season. The other game is against arch-rival North Carolina Central record-breaking Earl "Air" Harvey, who threw for 550 yards against Jackson State last Saturday.

If Hayes' reasonable prediction comes true, it will depend

largely on the availability of certain players. Hayes said the Rams are not as deep as they were last year.

"If we lose a (fullback Leonardo) Horn or a down lineman, it could be a very long season," said Hayes, who returns 10 starters from last season's team.

As if the gnawing reality of injuries that are sure to come isn't enough of a headache, Hayes will be without his starting "Brut" and "Zip" linebackers. Mark Wallace, a preseason all-conference pick, fractured his hand last week and is out for five more weeks. Meanwhile, Angelo Spruill decided not to play. Spruill, who married this year, wanted to devote his time to his new family.

Charles Ikard, who was red-shirted last season, figures to man one of those linebacking slots. The other one is up for grabs, Hayes said.

Wide receiver Masha Paul said Please see page B7

Prep Spotlight

Cunningham's heroics give Spartans early victory

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KERNERSVILLE -- They say that heroes are hard to find.

But don't tell Pat Cunningham, whose dramatic one-on-one defensive play enabled Mount Tabor to edge East 13-12 in their season opener last Friday night.

The Spartan defensive back made the play which preserved the season-opening win. The 6-foot-2, 180-pound Cunningham stopped Eagle quarterback Kevin Hauser from getting a two-point conversion following an eight-yard touchdown toss from Hauser to Lamont Scales with 3:14 left to play. Scales' TD came on a fourth-down play.

"When I saw him coming to my side, I made up my mind that I was going to stop him and I did," Cunningham said.

Spartan Coach Ed McDonald watched his team fall behind 6-0 in the second quarter on a three-yard pass from Chan LaRue to Scales. But McDonald said he was pleased with the way the Spartans reacted to the Eagles' first touchdown.

"Whenever a team would score first on us, our team would be down and play like the game was already over," McDonald said. "This year everybody kept their heads together and played good football all four quarters."

Eagle Coach Perry Pearson said that the Spartans displayed good character and played a great game. "They moved the ball very well against us,"

Pearson said. "They played some great football."

LaRue, the Eagles' starting quarterback, suffered a broken left arm on the last play of the first half. LaRue was fading back to pass when he was hit by Spartan defensive tackles Aaron Jarrett and Warren Gentry.

Pearson said that the junior quarterback will not return this season. "He's going to be in a cast for a while," Pearson said.

Jarrett said the Spartans, who scored 13 second-quarter points, wanted to preserve their lead going into the half.

"We haven't been rushing the quarterback too hard because up until halftime we were taking ourselves out of the play," Jarrett said. "We knew Please see page B6"



Tyrone Lewis en route to 126 yards.

Sports Profile

Rams rely on Paul for long haul

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Masha Paul has lived in a society within a society within a society, and the living hasn't always been easy.

There have been times when he just wanted to get away, to hitch a ride with his truck driving stepfather and see the country.

But the senior wide receiver on Winston-Salem State's football team not only is black in a white world. The Detroit native also is Muslim, which brings with it certain trappings that are not too unfamiliar with being black in a white world. Part of Paul's experience has meant being closed off to the world at large.

"People in Detroit didn't take kindly to Muslims," said the soft-spoken Paul, who grew up in the Herman Gardens projects on Detroit's East Side. "It was rough in the Gardens, and we had to go to our school at 6 or 7 o'clock in the morning. When we got home in the afternoon, my mother made us stay inside."

"My mother kept us isolated. She didn't want us playing sports. She wanted us to use our minds."

Masha (ma-shaw in Arabic, Mash-eh around WSSU) learned how to draw instead of learning how to block and tackle. His equipment consisted of paper and pencil, and he often wondered about the other boys who played games in pads and helmets.

He finished his studies at the Muslim school with his eighth-grade year, then he began his first year of public school as a freshman at Detroit's Central High School. His first day there remains a central experience in his life.

"It was my very first class and I came in late," he said. "We wore suits in Muslim school, so I thought that's how you dressed. I came in with this suit on and went to the back to an available desk. I heard the snickers at me in my suit."

"I felt like I was the loneliest person in the world."

Yet, Paul began to overcome his shyness at Central.

"I was exposed to new things and I started to run wild some," he said. "I got involved in a gang or two."

For the most part he remained an outsider, maintaining few close friends. He also continued putting his mind to work like his mother wanted.



Masha Paul averaged 22.6 yards a catch last year (photo by James Parker).

Brush And Ball

While art was his main academic interest, basketball was his sport. Possessor of a 43-inch vertical jump, Paul played varsity basketball all four years at Central. Only 5-foot-10, Paul could dunk starting his jump flatfooted directly under the basket. Because of his leaping ability, he played forward and his favorite play was the alley-oop.

As good as Paul was in basketball, another prep athlete in the city was getting most of the headlines in the *Detroit Free Press*. Derrick Beasley, now a strong safety for WSSU, was not only an outstanding basketball player, he also was an all-state choice in football at Cody High School.

"Everybody used to talk about Derrick Beasley all the time," Paul said. "I was jealous because I was from an all-black school and I didn't get any publicity. He was from an integrated school out in the suburbs."

"When we played my senior year, I checked Derrick. They were hot dogs and he was the baddest thing around, I psyched myself up and we beat them. I led Central in scoring that game." Please see page B3

Prep Football

West's defense stifles Reynolds

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CLEMMONS -- West linebacker Donald Carter had a feeling it might be a long night against Reynolds' wishbone offense last Friday.

The Demons had not installed the run-oriented formation until midway through last season, long after their 3-0 season-opening loss to the Titans.

"The wishbone's the most difficult offense to defend for me," Carter said. "There are so many options and those runners are fast."

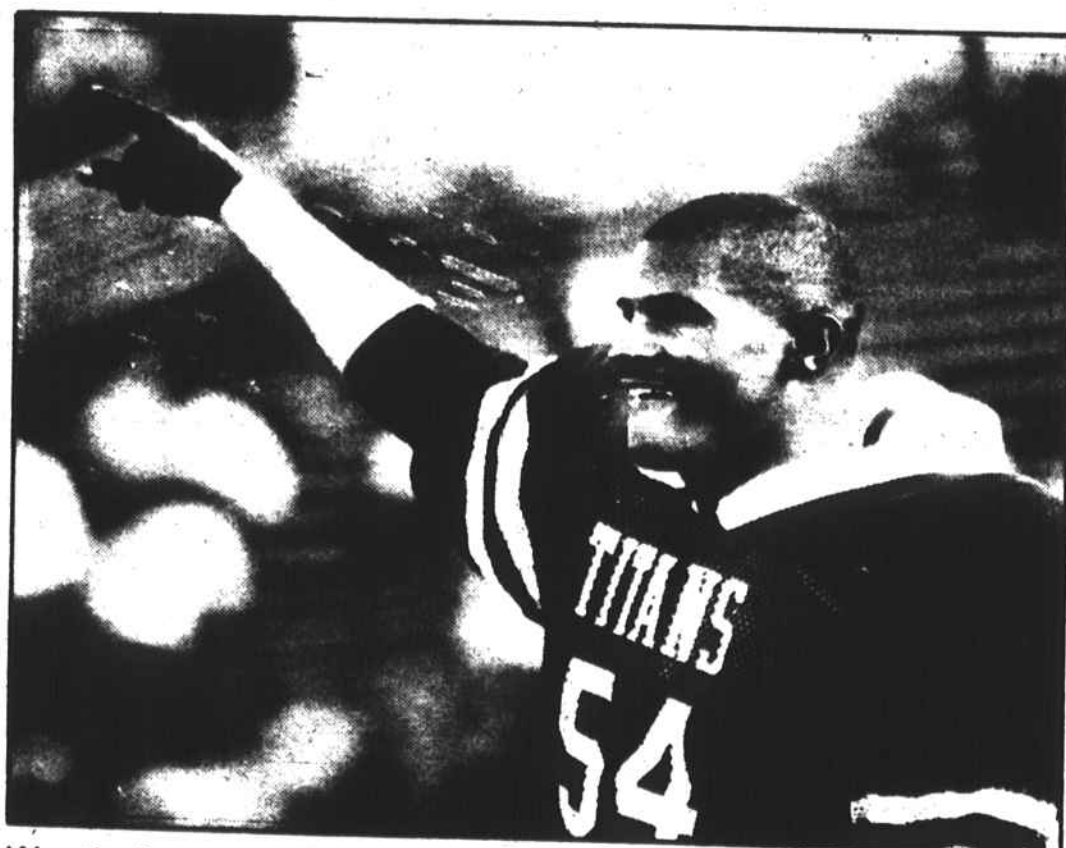
But Carter and his West teammates need not have worried. They not only slowed Reynolds down last week, they applied the brake to the Demons' hope for a successful season opener. West held Reynolds to 54 total yards in a 17-0 Central Piedmont 4-A victory.

"Everybody wanted to stop (sophomore fullback) Dred Booe," Carter said afterwards. "We knew that's what we had to do. We really stuck it to him when we hit him."

Carter led the way for the Titan defense with 10 solo hits and two assists. Defensive back Jeff Ebert had two interceptions and defensive end Mark Wylam had six tackles, including one for an 11-yard loss.

"Once we slowed them down, we didn't worry too much about them moving the ball on us," Carter said. "We felt if we could get one score, that would be enough."

West struggled through much of the first half on offense. The Titans, behind 6-foot-4, 235-pound quarterback Derrick Byers, went airborne and the young Demon defense was up to the challenge for most of the



West's Donald Carter points the way to victory (photo by James Parker).

PREP STANDINGS

Metro 4-A						Central Piedmont 4-A					
Team	Conf.	W	L	T	All Games	Team	Conf.	W	L	T	All Games
Carver	0	0	0	1	0	West	0	0	0	1	0
Glenn	0	0	0	1	0	Brown	0	0	0	1	0
Page	0	0	0	1	0	Mt. Tabor	0	0	0	1	0
Smith	0	0	0	1	0	Davie Co.	0	0	0	0	0
East	0	0	0	0	1	N. Davidson	0	0	0	0	0
North	0	0	0	0	1	Parkland	0	0	0	0	0
						S. Rowan	0	0	0	0	0
						Reynolds	0	0	0	0	1

Last Week's Results

Carver 10, North Surry 7; Mount Tabor 13, East 12; Glenn 14, Reidsville 0; Greensboro Dudley 22, North 8; Greensboro Page 28, Western Guilford 0.

Friday's Games

Parkland at Carver; West at East; Glenn at Reynolds; Mount Tabor at North; High Point Central at Greensboro Smith.

Last Week's Results

West 17, Reynolds 0; Mount Tabor 13, East 12; Kannapolis Brown 5, Northwest Cabarrus 0.

Friday's Games

Parkland at Carver; Glenn at Reynolds; West at East; Mount Tabor at North; North Iredell at Davie County; Kannapolis Brown at Statesville; Lexington at North Davidson; South Rowan at West Rowan.

half. That is, until Byers connected with fullback Bobby Paige for a 49-yard gain with less than two minutes to go before halftime.

"We came out wanting to

run," Paige said. "But their line was bigger than we expected (averaging 216 pounds). So we were just seeing what we could do."

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