

# SPORTS WEEK

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## Reynolds JVs want to close out 2001-02 baseball season with a title

Freshman pitcher Hampton Foushee tosses no-hitter to keep hopes alive

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THE CHRONICLE

The 18 games that R.J. Reynolds' junior varsity baseball team has played put the team in position to challenge for the Central Piedmont 4-A Conference championship. Now the Demons hope to close the deal.

Thanks to a no-hitter by Hampton Foushee last Friday, the Demons began this week with a 12-6 overall record and a 6-2 mark in the conference. Foushee struck out four and walked three last Friday as RJR



Kreshel

took a 6-0 victory over West Forsyth. The Demons finish the regular season this week, closing out with a battle against conference leader South Rowan after a battle with North Davidson on Tuesday.

Coach Scott Kreshel of RJR



Broadstreet

“We’re right where we want them to be,” Kreshel said. “Friday’s game is a big game.”

Foushee, a freshman left-hander, will get the starting nod

against South Rowan. He has compiled a 6-0 record for the Demons this season.

“He’s carried the load for us,” Kreshel said. “The thing that we really like about him is his mentality. He goes right at the batters he faces. And he doesn’t let pressure affect him. The worse things get, the better he gets. I think he’ll be ready with a week off.”

The Demons haven’t had any dominating offensive players this season, but they’ve taken

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## Wake Forest Bound!



Chris Paul, of West Forsyth, who was The Chronicle's 2002 Varsity Player of the Year and 2001 JV Player of the Year, announced earlier this week that he will accept a basketball scholarship to attend Wake Forest University.

## Bailey's NFL dream evolved but was never lost from view

FROM THE PRESS BOX  
SAM DAVIS

Charles Bailey's sports career started out with a dream. That dream was to one day make it to the National Football League. Bailey was indeed a talented athlete, receiving numerous honors at Paisley and R.J. Reynolds high schools for his play on the football field. It earned him a scholarship to N.C. Central University.

But after his dream of playing in the NFL didn't materialize, Bailey had to reshape that dream. And today he's living his dream as the assistant general manager of the New Orleans Saints.

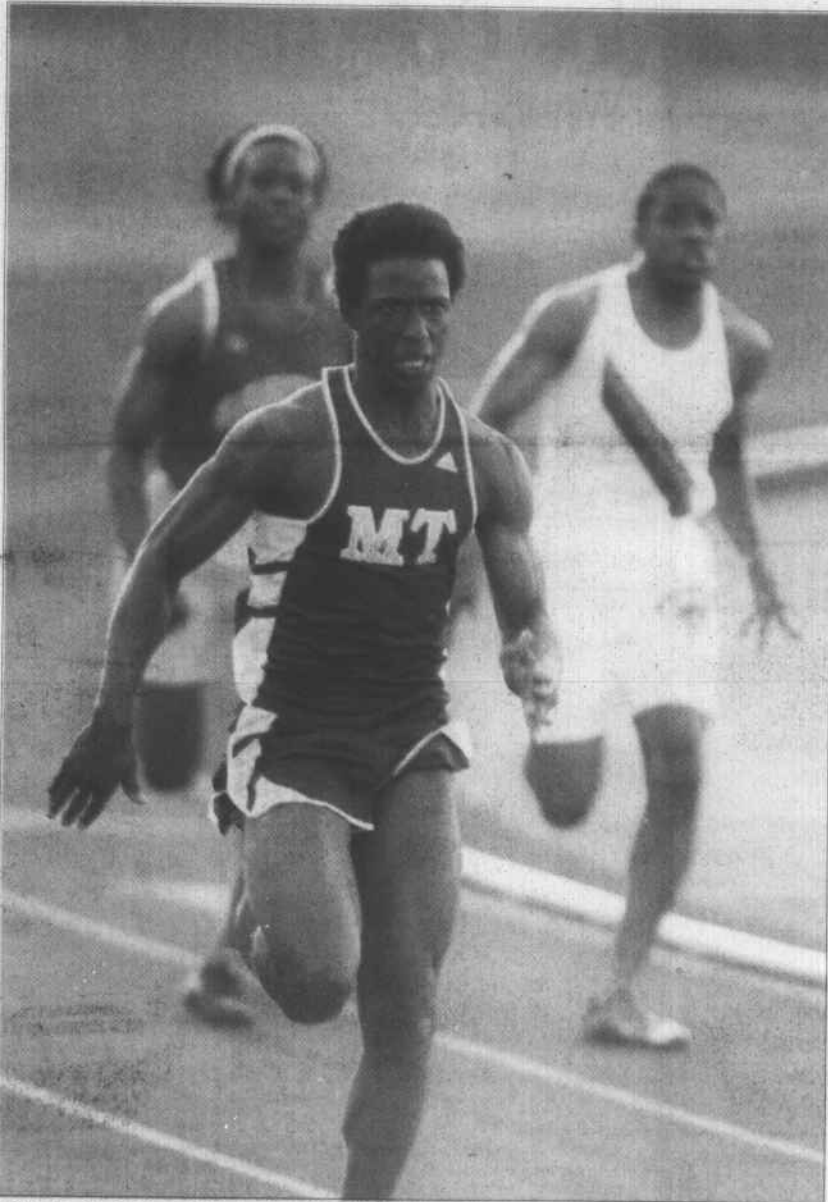
Bailey was one of six former high school athletes from Forsyth County inducted into the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Hall of Fame during a ceremony at Benton Convention Center Friday night. The others were Willie Ashford, William Bennett, Charles Denning, Ernest Gary and Chris Plemmons.

Bailey's presenter was his brother, Richard Bailey Jr., who nominated him for the honor. “This is an honor that I will always treasure,” Bailey said after receiving his medallion and plaque. “I have several people here with me to help me cherish this moment. There are a lot of people who played a part in this, and I would like to acknowledge them.”

That list included Bailey's parents, Richard Bailey Sr. and Martha Bailey. It also included his brother Richard and numerous coaches along

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## Penn Relays lives up to all of its hype



Mike Loyd of Mount Tabor chronicled his experience at the Penn Relays. Loyd and his teammates will be out to capture the 4-A West Regional track championship this Saturday.

The following is part of a diary that was composed by Mike Loyd of Mount Tabor, chronicling his experience at the Penn Relays, which was recently held at the University of Pennsylvania.

Participating in the Penn Relays was a wonderful experience for me and my team, as a whole. Coming from Winston-Salem and having my first experience in a big city like Philadelphia was awesome.

First off, it was very exciting and amazing. The big buildings, subways, food stands on the corners and the smell of Philly cheese steaks (were) a totally different experience from living here.

The experience on the track was great too. On the boys' side, we competed in the 4x100-meter relay (J-Mee Samuels, Jerrod Wiley, Wes Bailey, Mike Loyd), the 4x400-meter relay (Jerrod Wiley, Anthony Polzine, Mike Loyd, Matt Debole) and the 4x800-meter relay (Kirk Bjorling, Colin Cronin, Tim Leones, Matt Debole). In addition, Matt Debole competed in the mile and took first place with a time of 4:09.7, and Colin Cronin participated in the 3,200-meter run and placed 19th in 8:50.

While there were lots of positives, there were also some hurdles to overcome. Our first event on the guys' side didn't go too well, with the guys running 8:13 just after running 7:57 the previous weekend. We were out of it from the start, and we never really had a shot at qualifying.

The next event up for us was the boys' mile, and Matt Debole was a stud. The runners took it a little more (conservatively) than at the Indoor Nationals, not slower but more conservatively. And at the finish I saw him blow past some of the top prep milers in nation. I was never really worried that he wouldn't win because I see him run every day and I know what he is capable of. When I looked down and saw that he closed in 57.8 for the last quarter-mile I knew he was rolling. Matt's one of those special kids you can't limit — and his future is really limitless.

## Multi-talented Johnson and Bobcats getting ready for 3-A state title run

BY SAM DAVIS  
THE CHRONICLE

There appears to be no limit to the versatility of Nolan Johnson. His talent has been manifested in many areas, and in each he seems to have distinguished himself.

Johnson is the consummate example of a student-athlete. He is a top student, with a grade-point average that exceeds 3.5. He's active in his church, Union Baptist. He volunteers at the food bank, and he is a top baseball player.

And while his interests are varied, right now he's trying to focus on something that is important to him. For the next couple of weeks Johnson will be pursuing an elusive goal. He and his teammates at Glenn High School will be about the business of trying



Johnson

to win a state 3-A baseball championship.

It is one that has eluded Johnson and his teammates for three seasons but appears to be well within reach this season.

Johnson has been a member of the varsity baseball team at Glenn for four years and has played a major role in one of the state's tradition-rich programs. Johnson is the team's top pitcher this season, having posted a 7-0

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## Scholar-Athlete!



Eric Brown of the Winston-Salem Falcons is one of the many athletes from the Northwest Midget Football League who will be recognized for their academics at the Little Scholars Banquet at the Hawthorne Inn on Saturday night.

## Kappa Magic wins a title, and a player's patience is rewarded

BY JOHN ALLEN  
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Kappa Magic, a team comprised of talented players from Winston, Thomasville, Lexington and Burlington, captured the prestigious Junior Boys title for North Carolina in recent AAU competition. The competition took place April 26-28 in Charlotte.

North Carolina is known for having some of the finest AAU programs in the nation, and to win the crown in this older age division of AAU

provides a great deal of recognition for the players within the college recruiting circles among the college coaches and recruiting analysts. This is basically the same team that won the state title last year as rising juniors and then went on to finish third in the nation at the 16 and under AAU boys nationals. Several key additions made the team look on paper like the one to beat, but championships are won on the court.

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