

BLACKOUT?

County lacks black high school football coaches

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There seems to be an extreme lack of black high school football coaches in Winston-Salem. Sure, football season is months away, but prime interviewing time is now for high school coaches.

Many schools across the nation are evaluating candidates for coaching positions during the days, weeks and months leading up to the end of the school year in hopes of filling the vacancies before summer workouts. The number of openings may differ and vary each year, but there's constantly a lack of black coaches getting opportunities to fill the void.

"It's not just with high school," said Carver head coach Keith Wilkes. "There's not enough black coaches in high school, college or

pro. They'll never be more black football coaches than white. I don't think we're really getting an equal chance to coach football, like we are in basketball. That's been my philosophy from the start."



Wilkes

Many black coaching candidates in Forsyth County don't feel like they're getting an equal opportunity to get hired. Even coaches with experience, talent and qualifications are finding it hard to even get looks from schools.

Carver offensive back coach

Rodney McKoy added: "I'm nationally qualified. I've coached in three different states. I've even coached some college ball. I interviewed for the job at East Forsyth. I didn't get hired due to certain circumstances. I didn't even get an interview for the North Forsyth job. They said they were interviewing the best candidates and ended up interviewing guys who were lateral entries and didn't even have their paperwork in order. I've got a master's degree, and I had my paperwork in order. It's real frustrating."

No Forsyth County coach is more frustrated than Parkland's defensive coordinator and assistant head coach Linwood Jerald.

"You got that right," Jerald said. "When I came into this system, in 1998, they told me the way



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Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, right, presents Michael Jordan an American flag during a ceremony before the Washington Wizards' game against the New York Knicks on Monday. The game was believed to be the last home game for the basketball great. The flag flew over the Pentagon on the anniversary of Sept. 11.

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R.J. Reynolds senior Mike Orr smashes a shot during the Demons' victory over South Rowan on Monday. R.J. Reynolds is the only undefeated team in the conference.

Captains lead R.J. Reynolds to tennis wins

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There aren't too many varsity tennis teams playing as well as the Demons of R.J. Reynolds right now. Not too many teams have been able to stop the team's late season charge either, especially not the Raiders of South Rowan.

R.J. Reynolds (14-2, 6-0) smashed the Raiders in a clean sweep at Hanes Park on Monday. The game was a make-up of an earlier scheduled match that was postponed due to rain. The Demons didn't seem to be too affected by the postponement. As a matter of fact, they seemed to relish the opportunity to beat up on a team in some good weather.

"I'm not going to say that we were too worried," said Demons head coach Drew Shermeta. "We were confident. We've been pretty strong in the conference the last couple of years. So I didn't necessarily believe we had a reason to be worried."

"I really think we're getting in shape for the state playoffs. That's one of the things we're gearing for. We've played some tough teams already to get us better prepared, both in conference and out of conference. I think we're heading toward where we want to be, which is competitive on the state level."

Mission accomplished. R.J. Reynolds looked good enough to play on the nation-

al level en route to a flawless effort against the Raiders. The Demons' three captains definitely stepped up their level of performance during the matches. No. 1 Arendell Carlton, who's also a strong candidate for conference Player of the Year, had his way with South Rowan's Sean Burney. He dusted Burney 8-0 to increase his personal record to 13-2 on the year. No. 2 Hewitt Engram and No. 3 Ben Heruska displayed some serious tennis skill as well. Engram defeated Ryker Helms, while Heruska made waste of Rodney Alexander.

"My top three guys are playing really well for us right now," Shermeta said. "Arendell Carlton, Hewitt Engram and Ben Heruska are playing really, really well right now."

Hamilton Engram, Ryan Bernthal, Mike Orr, Jeffrey Schlosser, Evan Collins, Alex Kintner, Cullen Clark and Greg Webb also put in respectable performances during the match.

The Demons won all of their singles and doubles matches. The county's only unbeaten team looks like it's ready to make a run at the championship. Shermeta says that his confidence is very high right now.

"As far as the conference tournament, my confidence is really high," Shermeta said. "As far as the state level playoffs, I don't know. We're not

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Wake cross country team earns honors for academics

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The Wake Forest women's cross country team earned All-Academic honors from the U.S. Track Coaches Association (USTCA) for NCAA Division I cross country earlier this week.

Demon Deacons Anne Bersagel, Risa Rutland and

Anna Sherman were selected as Academic All-Americans by the USTCA.

The combined

grade point average of the Wake Forest women's cross country team for the 2002 fall semester was 3.23, and teams needed a 3.0 to qualify for the All-Academic team honor.

Individuals that placed in the top 15 of their NCAA regional meet or are NCAA All-Americans for the most recent NCAA Cross Country Championships in addition to having at least a 3.25 GPA qualify for USTCA Academic All-America honors.

Bersagel, a sophomore political science major from Greeley,

Colorado, finished her fall semester with a

3.94 GPA. During the 2002 cross country season,

Bersagel

was named to the All-ACC and Southeast All-Regional teams. She led the Demon Deacons to a ninth-place finish at the 2002 NCAA Cross Country Championships, while earning All-America status with an individual performance of 25th place.

Rutland, Wake Forest's only three-time All-Regional selection, held a 3.73 GPA during the 2002 fall semester. The Houston, Texas, native placed eighth at the 2002 ACC Championships, earning All-ACC honors; 13th at the 2002 Southeast Regionals, earning All-Regional honors; and 64th at the 2002 NCAA Championships while helping

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No one's perfect, not even Tiger

FROM THE
HUDDLE
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Tiger Woods is human. He doesn't win every tournament he enters — only the majority of them. With that said, that's one of the reasons why fans are SO shocked when Tiger doesn't finish on top.

As I said about two weeks ago, "I'm going to watch the Masters on television and watch Tiger make history." Well, I did watch history in the making, but the history that was made was by Mike Weir, the first left-handed golfer to win the Masters.

I spent the majority of the weekend watching golf on tel-

evision. I think I may give Tiger bad luck. Every time I want to catch history in the making and view a Tiger match, he loses. Sure, no one said that he couldn't be beaten. But I at least wanted to see him battle it out with Weir in the end, and not Len Mattiace, who's also a lefty, but he plays with his right hand. Oh yeah, he's also a former Demon Deacon.

Back to Tiger. Against a backdrop of weekend protests over Augus-

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Tiger Woods watches the final round of Sunday's Masters. Woods suffers his first loss in Augusta, Ga., in two years.