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WSSU fantastic freshman Jed Bines is one of three very talented Ram running backs. Bines is a former Parkland High great.

WSSU's Bines makes offense gel

Normally, when a freshman football player is as good as WSSU's Jed Bines, fans scramble through the team's media guide to research his past.

No need to do that with Jed. He's no rumor. Most fans around Winston-Salem already knew how talented the fantastic freshman was. The only question on most of our minds was, "When is he going to get the touches he deserves?" That question was answered last Saturday, when Bines carried the ball 16 times for a whopping 163 yards.

While most of the Ram fans were anxious to see Jed do his thing on the field, he sat and waited patiently for his opportunity. That's how Jed is. He's a very patient and strategic runner. Just watch how he waits on blocks and plays to develop before he breaks an exciting run. For the few who haven't seen him do his thing, Saturday will be a perfect chance to get a glimpse when the Rams bump heads with N.C. Central. Hey, and the game's going to be on television too. So everyone's going to see Jed get down.

Anthony: What's the deal, Jed?

Jed: Nothin' much. Just chillin'.

Anthony: Now you had a pretty good game last week. Just tell me how special that was for you to come out and show the fans what you could do?

Jed: Oh, it was really good. It was a good chance for me to play. I hadn't really been getting to play much. Coach (Blount) put me in, and I just came out, the line blocked, and I just ran behind them.

Anthony: Man, you got 163 yards in your first game, really getting some burn (playing time). So that's what's up, man.

Jed: (Smiles.) Yeah.

Anthony: That's tight. I know that most great players get a mental picture of what they're going to do before games. Did you kind of imagine what kind of game you were going to have before last Saturday?

Jed: Not really. I just went out there and took everything play by play.

Anthony: Now at the beginning of the season everyone was talking about this great freshman running back that Winston-Salem State had and all. The media were everywhere, trying to talk to you and everything. How much pressure was that for you, dealing with all the expectations?

Jed: It was a lot of pressure. I didn't really know if I was gonna

play. Then I had to try to live up to the hype. Right now I've just gotta wait my turn.

Anthony: All right. What has been the most challenging part of being here at Winston-Salem State? Has it been competing on the field? Has it been the academics? What has been the most challenging part to you?

Jed: Mostly getting adjusted to the classes. Most of the time when you wake up you don't want to go to class. So adjusting to that has probably been the toughest

part. **Anthony:** So, are you enjoying it here at Winston-Salem State?

Jed: Yes. This is a good environment to be in. I'm not too far away from home.

Anthony: Let me ask this: How's the relationship amongst the backs? I mean, one game "Pedie" Byrd is doing his thing. Then Martin Hicks gets off. Now you.

Jed: (Smiles.) Yeah.

Anthony: With competition like that, how good is your guys' relationship, really?

Jed: (Smiles.) Well, we're really tight. We're like brothers.

Anthony: When one of us shines, then we tell him congratulations. Everybody can do as good as the next in our backfield.

Anthony: Now you guys lost to Fayetteville State, and that had to hurt.

Jed: Yeah.

Anthony: Does the team really believe that you all can still capture the championship?

Jed: Yeah. Deep down inside,

we know we can. Some people doubt us, but we all believe it's possible.

Anthony: When you say, "some people," are you talking about people outside of the team?

Jed: Yeah. Everyone on the team thinks we can still pull it out.

Anthony: OK. Let me ask you this: I hate it that Monte (Purvis) had to sit out this year, but can you tell me how he's handling sitting out? Do you two still talk as much?

Jed: Oh yeah. He's chillin'.

right now.

Anthony: Let's change this up a little bit. If you could play on any NFL team, which one would it be?

Jed: Tampa Bay.

Anthony: Why?

Jed: That's my favorite team.

Anthony: (Smiles.) So that was your team even when they sported the orange and white uniforms?

Jed: (Laughs.) Yeah.

Anthony: I can't believe that. I don't think anyone was a true Buc fan back then.

Jed: (Both laugh.) OK, when Warrick Dunn got there is when they became my team.

Anthony: That's more like it. (Pause.) What's the most exciting class for you here at WSSU?

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He stays on the second floor, and we're still doing our thing. He's handled the situation the best way he could. He's just chillin'.

Anthony: That's good. (Pause.) Did you watch the football game on Monday night?

Jed: Yeah.

Anthony: Do you still like Priest Holmes?

Jed: Yeah. I think he's the best running back in the NFL. I also like Edgerrin James.

Anthony: Are those the guys you look at to kind of mold your style a little bit?

Jed: (Smiles.) Yeah. I watch both of them.

Anthony: Jed, what's the biggest difference between high school ball and college ball? You ripped up the field in high school, and you're seemingly doing the same thing in college, so what's the difference to you?

Jed: It's a faster game in college compared to high school. You have to watch more film and get adjusted to teams now. I'm just now getting adjusted to that. It's moving pretty smooth for me

Dawn Staley to headline 2004 USA Basketball

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

USA Basketball announced recently that Charlotte Sting point guard Dawn Staley will headline the 2004 USA Basketball Women's Senior National Team.

Staley, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and three-time WNBA All-Star, was named as one of the first seven members of the team, which is expected to represent the United States at the 2004 Olympic Games.

"It's always an honor to represent your country, especially during these times," Staley said. "I believe that USA Basketball has afforded me some great times, some memorable times, that I will cherish forever and ever. Anytime I have the opportunity to do this, I will put my name in the hat and play."

Joining Staley are Lisa Leslie (Los Angeles Sparks), Katie Smith (Minnesota Lynx), DeLisha Milton-Jones (Los Angeles Sparks), Tamika Catchings (Indiana Fever), Shannon Johnson (Connecticut Sun) and Tina Thompson (Houston Comets). The seven athletes have competed for a combined 68 previous USA Basketball teams in addition to their Olympic accomplishments.

"I'm very excited at this time with the seven core players that USA Basketball has selected," said Van Chancellor, 2004 USA National Team and Houston Comets head coach who in 2002

piloted the United States to the gold medal at the FIBA World Championship. "I'm familiar with what they can do, and I'm excited to work with all of them again as we get ready for the Olympic Games. I'm sure that



Staley

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the other five players, who will be added in the future, will be able to complement this core group and give us another winning basketball team."

Chancellor will lead the United States in its defense of its No. 1 world ranking at the 2004 Olympics, and the USA's three assistant coaches will be announced at a later date. The XXVIII Olympic Games will feature national teams from 12 countries competing Aug. 13-29 in Athens, Greece.

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for ages 12-15 and 15-18 next month. Ballers who want to play in the 12-15-year-old league cannot have turned 15 years old before Oct. 15, while aspiring players of the 15-18 league cannot play if they're already out of school or turned 19 years old before Oct. 15.

Sign-ups for both leagues will be held Nov. 3-7 at Mineral Springs Middle School. The sign-up times are 6-8 p.m.

Each player will need a copy of a birth certificate and first-quarter report card. Any questions or concerns should be relayed to Hubert Crosby at 722-4337.

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