

# Lady Rams team up with Parkland for mentoring program

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The Lady Rams of Winston-Salem State always seem to be working hard, on and off their platform of play. The Lady Rams and the university are committed to giving back to Winston-Salem. The university has implemented several community interaction programs in which WSSU student-athletes mentor local youths.

Under the guidance of Tonia Walker, associate director of athletics and senior women administrator, the WSSU athletics department is initiating the "Ram Buddies/Ladies in the House" program for the second consecutive year. This year the program is in conjunction with Parkland High School and Parkland's assistant principal intern, Karen Morning-Cain, who serves as co-adviser of the program with Walker.

"Last year, Karen Morning-Cain was a teacher at Wiley Middle School," said Walker. "We initiated the program there, as we tried to do some community service with our student-athletes. Once Karen moved over to Parkland we thought we should move the program with her, and it's proven to be beneficial."

A reception was held at Parkland High School to kick off this year's program Oct. 15. More than 20 Lady Ram student-athletes who had been identified as possessing strong leadership characteristics, keen judgment, and good mentoring skills by their respective coaches were on hand to kick off the 2003-04 program.

"Last year we had male athletes as well as female," Walker said. "We had a harder time controlling the event because of the large number of student-athletes on hand. This year we chose to go with female athletes because they're more at risk. We're continuing our efforts to make this program grow."

Among the student athletes were volleyball, women's basketball,



Walker

bowling, softball, and tennis players, as well as an athletic trainer, who have been selected to serve as ambassadors to Parkland High School in an attempt to reach at-risk ninth- and 10th-grade female students. The Ram Buddies will have the goal of redirecting these students' mode of thinking through positive experiences, open discussion, role play, mentorship and character-building exercises to help provide a strong foundation upon which to make a difference in these young people's lives.

Each Ram will commit to spend at least one hour a week with her "buddy" and promise to take an interest in the overall success of that student. Some of the Rams involved with the program are: Benita Wickler, Ebony Douglas, Jamila Dalton, Dara Bess, Xandria Henderson (volleyball); Shannon Davis, Heather Davis, LaToya Vaughn, LaKelsha Carney, LeAndrea Suggs (softball); Nikki Eason, Janine Martin, LaShonda Horton, Tiffany Tonkins (women's basketball); Janelle Lewis, Macaenzie Nowell, LaToya Deschamps (bowling); Trinette Lewis, Chandra Allen, Shannon Johnson (women's tennis); April Allison (athletic trainer).

# Aggies outlast Florida A&M

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The Aggies are in a tie for first place with Hampton after a 22-16 victory over the Florida A&M Rattlers last Saturday. The battle between the Rattlers and Aggies was just as intense as all of the past meetings.

The Aggies got on the board first after Carl Scriven punched in a 5-yard touchdown run with 8:58 to go in the first quarter. Yonnick Matthews connected with the PAT to give the Aggies the early 7-0 lead. It didn't take long for Matthews and the Aggies to light up the scoreboard again as he connected with a 25-yard field goal with 12:47 to go in the first half.

Florida A&M finally got on the board when Juan Vasquez connected with a 35-yard field goal with 2:06 to go in the opening half. The two teams went into the halftime with the score 10-7.

The Aggies began the second half on fire on defense. The exciting Curtis Deloatch intercepted a Ben Daugherty pass and raced 36 yards for a touchdown. Matthews missed the PAT to leave the score at 16-3 in

the third quarter.

Florida A&M then turned up its intensity by scoring two unanswered touchdowns to tie the game at 16. The Aggies got the go-ahead touchdown when Orrick Watkins hit a streaking Jamal Ones for a 33-yard connection to give N.C. A&T the six-point victory.

The Aggies finished the game with 329 total offensive yards, while the Rattlers finished with 313 yards.

Saturday is homecoming for the Aggies as they take on Howard. The game is set to start at 1:30 p.m. at Aggie Stadium.

Team	MEAC Standings			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Hampton	4	0	1.0	5	1	.833
N.C. A&T	2	0	1.000	6	1	.857
S.C. State	2	1	.667	4	3	.571
Bethune-Cookman	3	1	.750	6	1	.857
Morgan State	2	3	.400	3	4	.429
Howard	0	2	.000	2	4	.333
Delaware State	0	2	.000	0	6	.000
Norfolk State	0	4	.000	1	6	.143
Florida A&M	0	0	.000	4	4	.500

Note: Florida A&M is not eligible for the MEAC title due to its application to move up to Division I-A

### 2003 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Football Recaps from Oct. 18

N.C. A&T 22, Florida A&M 16  
Bethune-Cookman 31, South Carolina State 28  
Hampton 52, Norfolk State 0  
Morgan State 33, Howard 12

# Bowlers, Hussey celebrate this week

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The Lady Rams bowling team continued its stellar performance over the weekend as it bowled over the entire CIAA.

The Lady Rams, after posting a 4-2 record last Friday and Saturday, rode the wave of momentum following a LaToya DesChamps career-high and WSSU-record 241 game. She and her Lady Ram teammates improved their team's weekend record to 8-4 on the final day and secured a position at the top of the CIAA.

The Lady Rams started the weekend with two quick match victories over St. Paul's College. The Rams defeated the Tigers 740-652 and 754-615.

The Lady Rams then ran into their stiffest competition of the season thus far in the third and fourth matches of the afternoon when the Rams fell in two straight matches to the Lady Vikings of Elizabeth City State, 921-869 and 807-728.

However, the Lady Rams came



Brandon Hussey

back to saddle the Bowie State Lady Bulldogs, a perennial CIAA bowling power, with back-to-back wins, 769-727 and 722-707, thus finishing the day at 4-2.

The Lady Rams, currently sport-

ing a 44-10 record overall, will return to action on Nov. 1, looking to celebrate homecoming weekend in style as they bowl in their home venue, Countryside Lanes in Kernersville.

### Footnote:

Winston-Salem State's sure-handed wideout, Brandon Hussey, is the man. Well, at least in the eyes of the voters of the CIAA Player of the Week awards this week. Hussey earned the honor of Wide Receiver of the Week from the CIAA for the week ending Oct. 19.

Last Saturday, Hussey, a sophomore wide receiver and kick returner for the Rams, recorded 193 total yards, which included two receptions for 105 yards and a touchdown, as well as tallying 88 kick-return yards as he helped to lead the Rams to a 42-23 victory over Livingstone.

Hussey is no stranger to weekly athletic honors. He was named the CIAA's Special Teams Player of the Week for the week ending Sept. 15 and was named Crown Trophy-WSSU Male Student-Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 29.



Photo by Anthony Hill

Carver's Willie Coker prepares for a free throw during the Yellowjackets' loss to Atkins.

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coach and North Forsyth High athletics director, added: "This was just a lot of fun to come out here and play. It wasn't about who won or anything. This was just good fellowship. A lot of people came out tonight to support us."

The "throwback" players from Atkins and Carver also did their thing on the courts, especially the Atkins ballers. A lot of them looked like they did back in the '60s on their way to a 42-30 win over the Yellowjackets in front of a rowdy crowd. A number of players on both squads had good games, including Atkins' Willie "Super Sub" Griffin, Teddy East, Billy McClain, Otha Rucker and Jody Payne Sr. Carver was paced by the talented Waldo Hauser, Vinard Bradley, Bill Carter, Willie Coker and Hobart Jones.

"It feels good today," Jones said after the game. "I feel like I can go another 20 minutes. I started to get some flashbacks after somebody bumped me. That kind of got my nerves up."

Jones and the Yellowjackets couldn't help but be impressed with the crisp skills displayed by the Camels last Friday. "Atkins was absolutely on fire."

"They looked good," Jones said. "They've obviously been playing somewhere. I don't think they had many cobwebs to brush off. They made a lot of good shots."

The games were such a success that coordinators and fans are already looking forward to

next year's games. The basketball games might even be moved to a larger gym.

"Next year we'll have to go to a larger venue," Day said.

"There were so many people here, showing support tonight. This was just a great event. I can't wait to do it again next year."

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