

Fayetteville State claims seventh CIAA golf title

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Fayetteville State captured its seventh consecutive conference golf title in dominating fashion at the 2007 CIAA Golf Championships at the Cardinal Golf Course last Friday.

The Broncos recorded a two-day score of 594 to easily beat the other seven teams in the field. They were the only team to shoot under 300 both days as six Bronco golfers finished in the top 10 individually. At the tournament's conclusion, the Broncos were named CIAA champions as well as winners of the CIAA Eastern and Western Divisions for 2007. Five of the six Bronco golfers shot under 80 rounds on consecutive days.

Virginia State was second with a two-day total of 631 and Saint Augustine's College was third with a two-day score of 696.

Jerel Whiting of Virginia State was the individual winner with a two-day total of 143 including a 70 score on the second day. Whiting was the only golfer to shoot an under par round in the tournament. Kalani Britos of Virginia



Kevin Lyles

State, the first day leader, was second with a two-day total of 146 and Kevin Lyles of Fayetteville State was third with a two-day score of 147.

The All-CIAA Golf Team consisted of the top six scorers including Whiting and Britos of Virginia State and Lyles, 2006 CIAA individual winner Ian Milne, Derek Scott and Joel Lynn of Fayetteville State.

Fayetteville State was followed by Virginia State, St. Augustine's, N.C. Central, Johnson C. Smith, Elizabeth City State, Virginia Union and St. Paul's.

Wake struggles at ACC championships

Several Deacs turn in new personal bests in respective events

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Wake senior Michelle Sikes followed up her championship and ACC-record breaking performance in the 10,000-meter run from last Thursday by doing the same in the 5,000m, pacing the Wake Forest men's and women's track and field teams on third and final day of the ACC Championships. The Lakewood, Ohio, native ran a time of 16:17.12 in the event to win her second ACC Championship of the conference outdoor season.

The Rhodes Scholar won the only two individual championships on the squad. The men's team finished ninth overall with 35 points while the women placed seventh with 54 points. The women scored in 10 of 19 possible events.

Junior Kevin Marion placed sixth in two events. The St. Petersburg, Fla., native ran a time of 10.62 in the finals of the 100-meter



Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Wake's Ashley Spooner hands off to Nicole Castronuova during a 4x400-meter race.

dash and ran 21.53 in the finals of the 200-meter dash. Marion was responsible for six total team points on the afternoon on the men's side.

Competing in the 1,500-meter run, sophomore Allison Kieffer placed seventh overall in the finals of the event in a new personal best time of 4:30.85. On the men's side, freshman Keaton Morgan ran 12th in a time of 3:59.87.

In the finals of the 400-

meter dash, junior Melissa Council placed sixth overall in a time of 54.61.

Senior Lindsay Neuberger left her last conference championships with a huge new personal best in the shot put. She used her fifth toss on the day to throw 52-01 and improve on her regionally-qualifying performance. She also broke her own Wake Forest record in the event by over a foot.

The tandem of junior Michelle Duffey and freshman Alexandra Gove both gave the Deacs valuable points on the afternoon in the 400-meter hurdles. Duffey placed fifth overall in a time of 1:00.56 with Gove finishing close behind in sixth in a time of 1:01.52.

On the men's side, sophomore Phillip Warsaw placed seventh in the same event in a time of 52.14. His time easily beat his previous personal best in the event.

The Deacs fared extremely well on the afternoon in the relay events. The men's 4x100-meter relay team of Marion, senior Eric Seely, junior Michael Bingham and freshman Jonathan Reid easily surpassed the regionally-qualifying mark of 40.66 to place third overall in the conference meet in a time of 40.29.

The women's team of Gove, Council, junior Ashley Spooner and freshman Nicole Castronuova placed sixth in a time of 46.50.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team of freshman Tyler Dodds, Seely, Warsaw and Reid also finished well, placing third in a time of 3:11.20. The women's side of Duffey, Council, Gove and Castronuova ran a fantastic race, finishing fifth overall in a time of 3:41.97. The women's team regionally qualified in the event with the time and broke school record of 3:42.16.

The men's team overall score took a hit by Bingham's inability to participate in the 200- and 400-meter dash due to an injury he suffered running in the 4x100-meter relay.

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induct another great class that has strengthened our athletic history," Reese told The Chronicle. "We had a number of great former athletes to be nominated. We thought this group was definitely important, especially the 1953 CIAA championship team. They were our first champions. A lot of attention is given to the 1967 team, with Earl Monroe. We had great basketball teams to come before them. The 1953 players were like our trailblazers. So, I am very excited about this group."

The 1953 CIAA champions, the Rams posted a 23-5 overall record as they secured the first of WSSU's 10 CIAA men's basketball championships. All 14 members of the 1953 CIAA championship team will be honored with enshrinement as a group as they become the fourth team to garner WSSU Clarence "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame honors.

All eight individual inductees and the 1953 CIAA champion men's basketball team will be hon-



WSSU photo

Former professional football player Donald Franks will be one of the latest additions to the "Big House" Gaines Hall of Fame.

ored with enshrinement into the WSSU Clarence "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame in a formal induction ceremony to be held on

Aug. 31, the day before the Rams take to the gridiron to face rival North Carolina A&T at Bowman Gray Stadium.

BARKLEY AND THE BOY'Z



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NBA legend and sports commentator Charles Barkley poses with Bobby Humphrey (From left), Byron Perkins, Floyd Keith, Peter Roby (back), Ken Hudson (front), Mike Davis and Larry Lester at a special conference last week in Birmingham, Ala.

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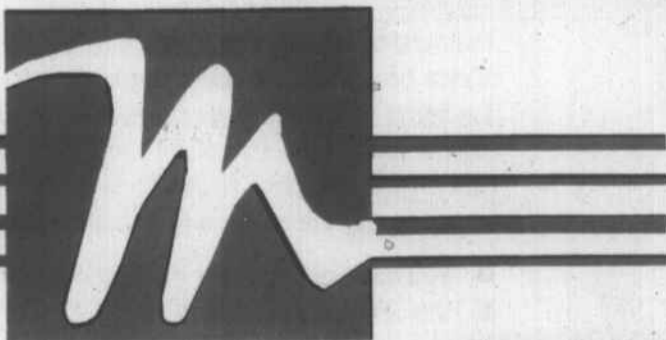
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