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Anthony's top prep football guys

FROM THE HUDDLE

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I was talking with one of my friends the other day, and he asked me who I thought were the best prep football players around the city. I hesitated to answer because I'm pretty objective in what I do. I try not to let my personal feelings get in the way of my reporting. That's just how award-winning journalists do things.

But I then answered with collection of a names of student-athletes from various schools that I really like to watch.



Photo by Charlie Platt

Atkins athlete Shane Allen is one of my favorite athletes in the city.

Whether I've written a story, did an interview with them or whatever — there's quite a few football players that I like around the city. I like a few guys more than others simply because I may know them on a personal level, or know more about them. Take Parkland's Bryan McCorkle and Reynolds quarterback Jeremy Peterson — to name a few. I've known both of those guys since their Pop Warner days. And, what impresses me the most about them is their maturity and performance in the classroom. Those things go a long way with me.

But those aren't the only guys that I really like. First, before I reveal my list of "My Guys" I want to state that this is not an All-Chronicle team or anything like that. This is strictly my thing. I won't narrow it to a Top 10 or anything like that. I'm going to list my favorite five players at a number of positions.

Let's start with my favorite position, and that's running back. My top five running backs are as follows: Brandon Chandler (Glenn), Bryce Sherman (Carver), Dedrick Anderson (West), Terrill Gourdine (Parkland) and David McIntyre (Carver). Chandler should definitely get more touches at Glenn. It might've been a different game if he got more carries during the Bobcats' loss last week. Oh, I also like East Forsyth's Chris Smith. I also like West Forsyth's Josh Coston.

At quarterback, I like Jeremy Peterson (Reynolds), George Richardson (Glenn), James Booker (Atkins), D.J. Adams (Parkland)

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Photo by Anthony Hill

Carver's David McIntyre has been patiently waiting to show his skills on the offensive side of the ball.

Who's the Mac?

Carver's McIntyre showcasing backfield skills

BY ANTHONY HILL
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Not many high school fans or spectators were familiar with David McIntyre's awesome skills out of the backfield unless they remembered his performances with the Winston-Salem Tiny Indians a few years ago. With the Indians, McIntyre ran wild on opponents.

But he's spent most of his time on the defensive side of the ball at Carver, playing cornerback.

"When he first got here we were looking at him at running back," said Carver head coach Keith Wilkes. "But we had

some guys banged up on defense, so we had to move him over there. Now he's one of our best defensive backs. But after that run on Friday he might get more chances to run the ball. He could be a college prospect at either running back or defensive back."



Wilkes

The run that Wilkes was referring to was the amazing, Barry Sanders-type touchdown run that McIntyre executed to give the Yellowjackets the lead for good early in the fourth quarter against Glenn. During that run, McIntyre was spun by one Glenn

defender. He then hurdled another before being swung to the ground. But he didn't fall. McIntyre put the "kick stand" down by catching his balance inches away from the ground. He then broke two more tackles on his way to the exciting 13-yard touchdown. McIntyre ran the ball as if he was trying to prove himself.

"There's always something to prove," said McIntyre, who's a junior. "Just like that run. Some people want to see me do something like that again to see if that was a phase or gimmick. That's every day stuff for me. To be honest with you, it was crazy that I even got in there at running back. You know I'm used to playing defense the whole time. So, it really caught me off guard. I thought I was going to be a lead blocker on belly or something — with the

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Stoutamire's jersey to be retired

BY ANTHONY HILL
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In May of 1978, Johnny "Bug" Stoutamire became the first athlete to have his jersey retired at West Forsyth High School. The 1974 graduate of West received the huge honor right after signing a two-year contract with the Buffalo Bills. Before that, he was an All-CIAA defensive back at Livingstone College — under former coach Baxter Holman.

But there was no greater feeling to Stoutamire than having his No. 22 retired at his old high school. Stoutamire, who's surprisingly not a member of the W-S/ Forsyth County High School Hall of Fame, will have his jersey re-retired on Oct. 26. The special ceremony will take place during halftime of the West Forsyth and Reynolds football game.

"It's always an honor to have something like this happen to you," Stoutamire said. "... especially considering the time that I played at West. It was right after integration. A lot of people

looked up to me to keep things going. You had to prove yourself time and time again."

"It's still a great feeling," Stoutamire continued. "It's just a humbling experience. Initially, I couldn't grasp why my jersey was being retired again. It took me by surprise, but it's still a great honor. I'm looking forward to the event. To have my jersey retired was definitely around the top of my accomplishments in life. And, this is still big to me."

Stoutamire had quite a few accomplishments while at West, in a number of sports. He was All-City/ County and All-Conference in football, where he starred at linebacker. He was also the Male Athlete of the Year his senior year. In 1972, he received Leadership Award in football. Stoutamire also performed well in basketball and track. Stoutamire was an All-Northwest performer at forward and center in basketball. He also ran on a record setting 440, 880 and Mile Relay team, before capturing MVP honors

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Johnny "Bug" Stoutamire

WSSU orchestrates big homecoming event



Photo by Joe Daniels

Former WSSU and NFL player Tim Newsome sits besides Ram coach Kermit Blount during a news conference.

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem State University Department of Athletics last week, plans to hold a "Celebration of Champions" banquet on Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. in the WSSU McNeill Banquet Hall in the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center.

The banquet was put together by the Celebration of Champions Committee. The banquet will celebrate the 40th anniversary of WSSU's legendary 1967 NCAA Division II National Championship basketball team and will help commemorate the 30th reunion of the 1977-78 CIAA Championship football teams. Among the former athletes expect-

ed to attend are Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, Timmy Newsome and Kermit Blount. Monroe, a former New York Knicks and Baltimore Bullets star is one of the NBA's 50 top all-time players. Newsome is a former standout running back who played for the Dallas Cowboys from 1980-1988 and was named to the Cowboys All-Decade team. Blount is the former All-American quarterback that led the 1977 and 1978 WSSU football teams to back-to-back CIAA Championships. He is currently the WSSU head football coach.



Earl Monroe

Tickets for the banquet are \$50. For additional information, call (336) 750-3147.