

Lady Rams softball sweep UMES

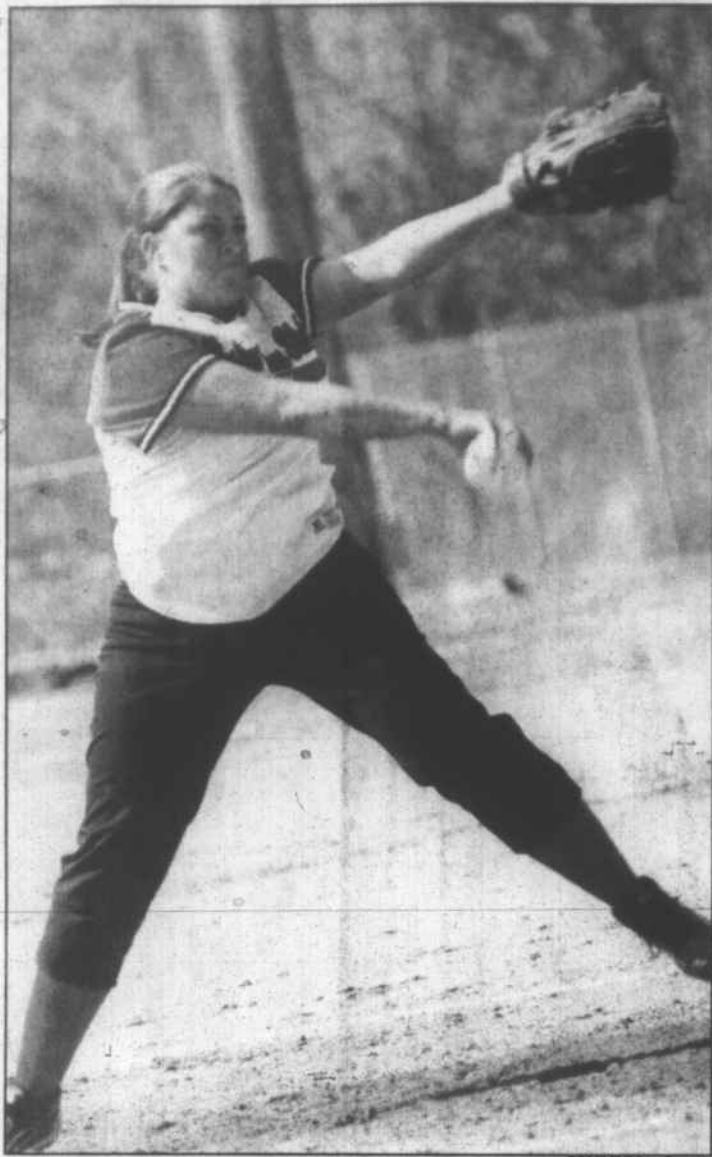
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The Winston-Salem State Lady Rams (11-9) completed their doubleheader sweep with a 12-4 win over the Maryland-Eastern Shore Lady Hawks (1-9) in a hard-fought contest. In contrast to the Lady Rams' dominating win in game one of the doubleheader, game two was a battle with neither team wanting to back down.

The Lady Rams opened the game with an early 7-0 lead, including a four-run performance in the third inning. A pair of UMES errors and a passed ball helped the Lady Rams cross the plate in the contest and placed the team in control of the game.

However, the Lady Hawks would not give up easily, scoring four runs in the fourth inning. A WSSU fielding error allowed a pair of UMES runs to score in the contest, while a Lady Hawk double would drive in the other two runs and cut the WSSU lead down to just three runs, 7-4. The home team would close the game out with five unanswered runs over the next two innings as the team scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, followed by three more fifth inning runs. WSSU junior infielder Amber Shore drove in the clinching run with a two-RBI single that gave the Lady Rams the 12-4 victory.

WSSU freshman catcher Bonika Terry led the way for the



Ram pitcher Amber Shore had one of her best games. WSSU photo

Lady Rams with a 2-for-3 showing at the plate with a run scored and an RBI. Shore also added a pair of hits with three RBI and two runs scored.

In the first game of the doubleheader, WSSU won 11-2. As a team, the Lady Rams dominated the game with 11 total hits, while allowing just two earned runs to the Lady Hawks.

The Lady Rams took control of the game in the second inning when WSSU freshman outfielder Candace Spinks hit her first career home run, a grand slam that put the Lady Rams ahead, 4-0. The Lady Hawks would strike back in the very next inning with a two-RBI triple that cut the Lady Rams' lead in half, 4-2. The Lady Rams would go on to score seven unanswered runs to close out the game, including scoring six runs in the fourth inning. The inning also featured two of three errors by the Lady Hawks.

WSSU junior pitcher Amber Shore (6-3) had one of her best games of the season notching 11 strikeouts in just five innings of play while allowing just five hits and just one extra base hit to the visiting Lady Hawks. Leading the Lady Rams from the plate was freshman outfielder Candace Spinks who went two-for-two from the plate with four RBI and two runs scored in the game. Shore added a pair of RBI as well, going 1-for-3 from the plate in the win.

St. Augustine's wins NCAA Division II men's crown

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Saint Augustine's College, of the CIAA, won its third straight men's national title and also finished second nationally in the women's standings at the 2008 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships held at Myers Field House on Minnesota State University's campus over the weekend.

Legendary head coach George Williams has now directed the Falcons to 30 NCAA Division II national track and field titles including 11 national men's indoor championships.

Williams says his men's team was determined to win the championship.

"Any championship is hard but these kids pulled together and worked," said Williams, who was named 2008 regional women's coach of the year.

Leading by one point heading into the final day, the Falcon men scored points in sprints and jumping events to pull away from the field. The Falcons finished with 68 points to beat challengers Abilene Christian (49 points) and Adams State (39 points).

The Falcon men were led by Joe Kindred (Fuquay-Varina,

NC) and the 4x400 relay team. Kindred, the 2008 men's regional field MVP, captured the high jump title and placed second in the long jump on Friday. The foursome of Alvin Miles (Kingsville, TX), Chris Cox (Tinton Falls, NJ), Antonio Abney (Willingboro, NJ) and Randy Curry (Trussville, AL) sealed the title Saturday by winning the 4x400 in the final event.

On the women's side, Barbara Pierre (Winter Haven, FL) swept the 60 dash and 200 dash titles for the Lady Falcons, who barely lost 55 to 48 to national champion Adams State despite competing with seven women.

Pierre, a sophomore, won the 60 dash for the second straight year but she was stunned to win the 200 as well.

"I was very surprised because I was ranked 13th, and ended up coming in first," Pierre said.

Erica Young (Raleigh), the 2008 women's regional track MVP, won the 400 dash for the Lady Falcons.

Overall, it was a good meet for the Falcons and Lady Falcons according to Williams.

"I hope they are as successful in life as they are on the track," Williams said.



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and players. I try not to choose based on which teams I like the most. That always seems to fail, unless I were talking about UNC. I think Carolina is a sure bet to make the Final Four unless Roy Williams finds a way to choke. I don't care what you say. He's a choke artist.

One thing I really don't agree with is coach Bobby Knight's call to make the tournament into a 128-team marathon. He would say that after coaching at Texas Tech. The only people that want more teams included are schools that have the biggest chances of being left out. That is just a waste of time. Every team would be playing in the tournament, and that would take the intrigue away. Big time. It would make a seemingly meaningless regular season go further into irrelevancy. We might see one or two upsets. But that's very unlikely. I like the way it is now.

Black Magic was worth the wait

I tried to tell anyone that would listen that "Black Magic" was good as advertised. It was both entertaining and educational. The documentary, which was co-produced by Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, was a great presentation of the true history of college ball as it was played from back in the day into the early 80s and 90s, at HBCUs — featuring some of the best players and coaches you never heard of. Well, some of them.

Like, I didn't know who Ben Jobe was. He was the great Southern coach that beat Bobby Cremins' Georgia Tech team in the 1993 NCAA tournament using offensive sets that he adopted from the great John McLendon. We also learned more about Earl "Black Jesus" Monroe, Cleo Hill, Earl Lloyd, Pee Wee Kirkland, John Chaney, McLendon, Bob Love, coach Bighouse Gaines and several other pioneers and HBCU standouts. It sure was good seeing coach Gaines again.

We learned that some of the best black players could only attend HBCUs. Tales of racism and hardships of the athletes and coaches were also told. One of the more entertaining portions were the segments on Pee Wee Kirkland. He was a New York playground legend who chose crime and drugs over basketball and spent 14 years of his prime behind bars. While in prison he was still getting his stats put into a newspaper, while playing in a prison league.

What's shocking to me is the fact that this entire documentary was kind of an accident. The documentary maker Dan Klores, told me via conference call that he set out to make a general history of basketball film for ESPN. He said

that the more interviews he did the more he learned about the black stars and coaches who have faded into twilight. Unlike baseball's Negro Leagues, many of the black basketball players had no outlet once college was over, so they used their degrees and went into teaching and coaching. Some went to play for the Harlem Globetrotters.

I can't say enough about that documentary. I did think that it jumped around a little too much. But it was still worth the time.

What's REALLY going on?

I was at the City/County track meet last week and I was impressed with the Carver boys and Mt. Tabor girls. I was most impressed with the performance of the Winston-Salem Prep track team. They scored several quality points. They even have over 10 student-athletes already qualified for states.

That's saying a lot, considering they don't have a track or weight room. Think about that for a minute. This school doesn't have a track to practice, or a weight room to get stronger. I sat in the Prep gym earlier this week to watch the team practice running in a gym. Do you hear me. And, they have to beg schools to use their track just to practice. One school (Mt. Tabor) didn't allow the school to use their track recently. That's just sad, really. Here we have black kids that have to work four times as hard as most kids. Their classes are harder (yet they all have good

gpa's). A lot of those kids only take honor courses, and their reward for doing those things is getting less. Prep athletes don't have a track or a weight room. Why would you even start a school without making sure the school has some of the essentials? I'm sorry, but a track and weight room are essential to me.

And, this is a four-year old school we're talking about. I don't know who to blame. But I will start by asking why do we need two more schools again? Why not COMPLETE the schools we already have. Instead, we have schools with trailers for classrooms. And, people that want to build two more schools. Last time I checked, Winston-Salem Prep was a school just like Reagan and Atkins. Why is it seemingly treated like a second class institution? Something needs to be done about this. I'm not going to mention any names yet. But I will next time I write something about this, because I have several people in mind that could do something about this.

It's just sad, really. Some schools simply don't get a break. Ask Carver. Ask Prep. Notice something about those two schools? They both have a large population of black kids with dwindling enrollment numbers. Yet, we somehow need more schools. Come on now.

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Players lift Coach John McLendon to celebrate a win.

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