

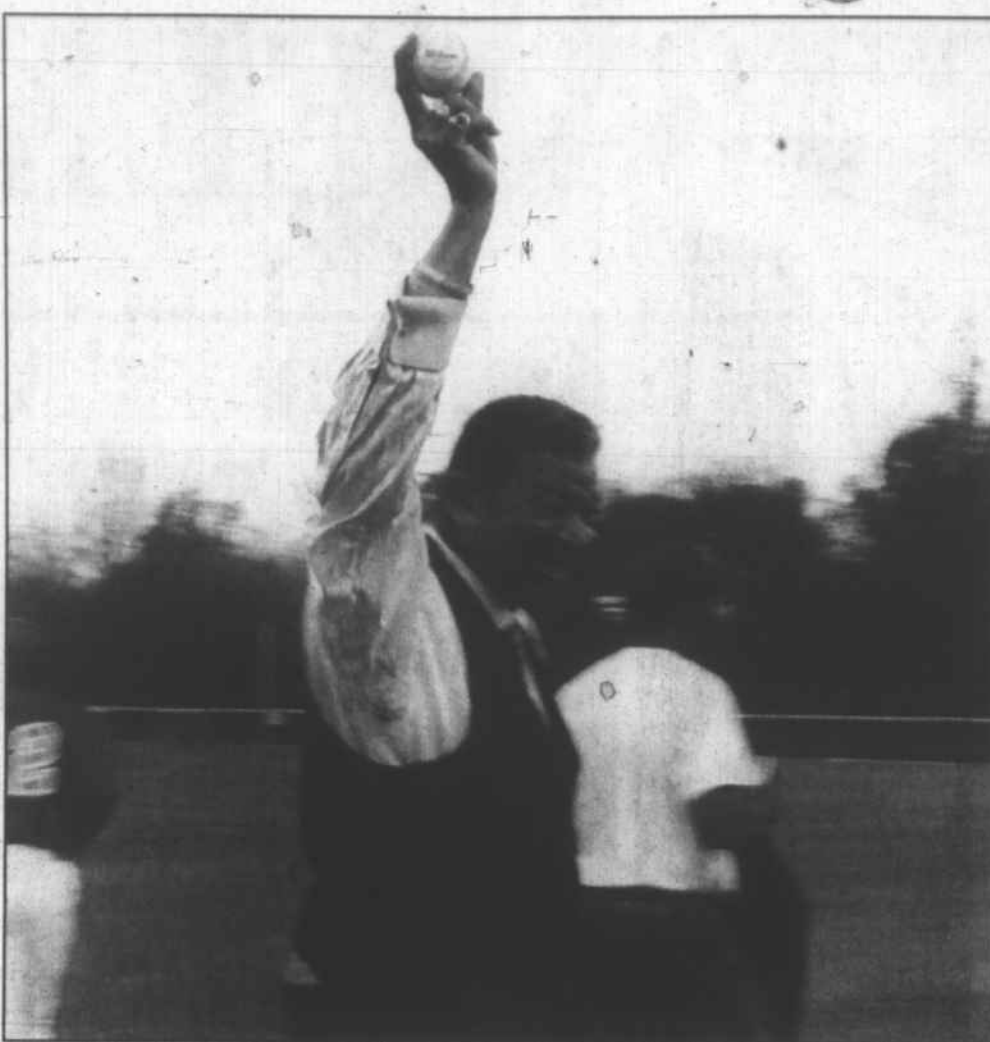
Twin City P.O.N.Y. to host ceremony tomorrow evening

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Tomorrow (April 11) will launch the season opener for Twin City P.O.N.Y. Baseball/Softball Association.

The league will celebrate the occasion with the baseball/softball tradition of throwing out the "First Pitch". Twin City P.O.N.Y. has an evening planned with special guests such as State Representative Larry Womble and Jerry Shadley from the Winston-Salem Warthogs — who will throw the "First Pitch" for boys' baseball. Melissa Hasty-Taylor, Human Resource Director for the City of Winston-Salem will throw the "First Pitch" for girls' softball.

Twin City P.O.N.Y. Baseball/Softball Association is a member of the Babe Ruth League, Inc. The league includes teams from T-Ball to the Major League level. All are welcome to come out and support the "First Pitch" ceremony on Friday at 6 p.m. Twin City Baseball/Softball Complex is located on the corner of Waterworks and New Walkertown Road.



Rep. Larry Womble will be a part of the First Pitch ceremony.

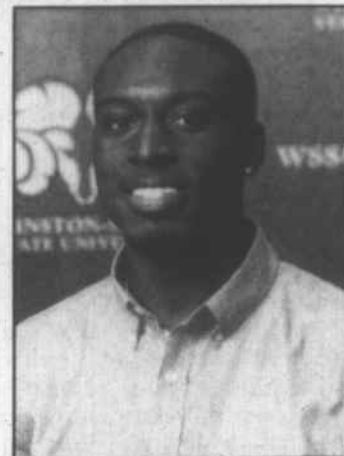
Wet weather doesn't slow Gerrod Sidbury

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The wet weather wasn't enough to slow down the Winston-Salem State Rams last Saturday, as the team posted some great finishes on day two of the 2008 Duke Asics Invitational. The Rams sprinters dug deep to post some top times at the event, which featured a field of over 1,900 athletes.

WSSU junior Gerrod Sidbury had the best individual finish of the day, placing ninth in the men's 400m dash with a time of 48.63 in the event. Junior Richard Marcellus had a pair of great performances placing 23rd in the men's 100m dash in a time of 11.36. He was also solid in the men's 200m dash, placing 33rd in a time of 22.71.

The Rams relay teams were also strong, placing 11th in the men's 4x100m relay in a time of 43.81. The relay



Gerrod Sidbury

team returned to take part in the men's 4x400m relay, placing sixth in the event in a time of 3:20.93.

The Rams will return to action in nearly two weeks when the team takes part in the International Freedom & Friendship Games hosted by North Carolina A&T.

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advanced on a passed ball. That was followed by a wild pitch that allowed Conover to score.

Ramirez's walk to Bullock set up a two-run RBI double to left field for a 5-0 Aggies lead. Another dropped fly ball by the Rams put runners on first and third led to a two-run single by senior Sylvia Felder that capped off a seven-run first by the Aggies. The Aggies followed that performance with second inning that ended with the Aggies scoring nine runs on eight hits.

All three WSSU pitchers went into the circle in the loss with junior Desiree Ramirez (1-5) taking the loss on Monday. Ramirez pitched just one-third of an inning, allowing three earned runs with a strike-out and two walks. WSSU junior Amber Shore, who had pitched both games of a double-header on Sunday,



Here, a Lady Ram gets tagged out during a loss to the Lady Aggies on Monday.

pitched two and two-thirds innings as well, allowing three earned runs with four walks and a pair of strikeouts.

Lady Ram sophomore Ashley Boswell pitched an inning, allowing five earned runs with just one walk.

With the loss, the Lady Rams have dropped seven of their last eight games.

Ballers

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and the only junior on the AP All-State Team. CJ had a special year. (And) Mike Grace played a huge role in running our team and being a leader on the court. He was also Central Piedmont All-Conference and made the Central Piedmont All-Tournament team to go along with second team All-District."

"Besides their character and work ethic on and off the court, the best thing I can say about both players are that they are coming back for another year." Muse continued. "If they will put in the work in the off season and improve as much this spring and summer as they did last year they will be fun to watch their senior season."

"It is fun watching student-athletes grow as people and players over their high school career. It's also nice to see Winston-Salem well represented on this All-District 7 team. Each one of these kids are good players and deserve to be on this team. Others players from Winston-Salem should have been nominated to be placed on this team."

For for girls, Mt. Tabor's Shay Jones (First team), Glenn's Meredith Mills (Second team) and Kaela Bellefeuille (Third team) also graced the squad.

Other area noteworthy players Anna Freeman (East Davidson), Ashlei Clodfelter (North Davidson), Lindsay Brendle (High Point Central), Alyssa Cutshaw (East Davidson), Megan Tate (High Point Central) and Allison day (North Davidson). North Surry's Whitley Culler won Girl's Player of the Year for all districts.

Some of the other noteworthy guys to make the squad were Davie's Drew Absher, Mount Airy's Robby Reid and North Surry's Lee Martin.



Mt. Tabor's Mike Grace.

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