

Deacs named to honor society

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Louis Frazier, Zac Selmon and Jeremy Thompson have been recognized by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame as members of the Hampshire Honor Society, a group comprised of college football players who maintain a 3.2 GPA or better over the course of their career.

Wake Forest's three selections mark the most of any school in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Other ACC honorees include Tom Santi (Virginia), Nick Larkin (Boston College), Patrick Bailey and Matt Rumsey (Duke), Kevin Tuminello (Georgia Tech), Steve Hauschka (NC State), Joe Dailey (North Carolina) and Jud Dineley (Virginia Tech).

Qualifications for membership include being a starter or significant substitute in one's last year of eligibility at an accredited NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III or NAIA college or university, achieving a 3.2 cumulative grade point average throughout the entire course of undergraduate study and meeting all NCAA-mandated progress towards degree requirements.



Frazier

This is the second year the NFF's Honor Society has been in existence. The NFF's Hampshire Honor Society capitalizes on the NFF's current National Scholar-Athlete program, expanding the number of scholar-athletes the NFF can recognize each year and further strengthening its leadership role in encouraging academic performance by the student-athletes who play football at the more than 700 college and universities with football programs.

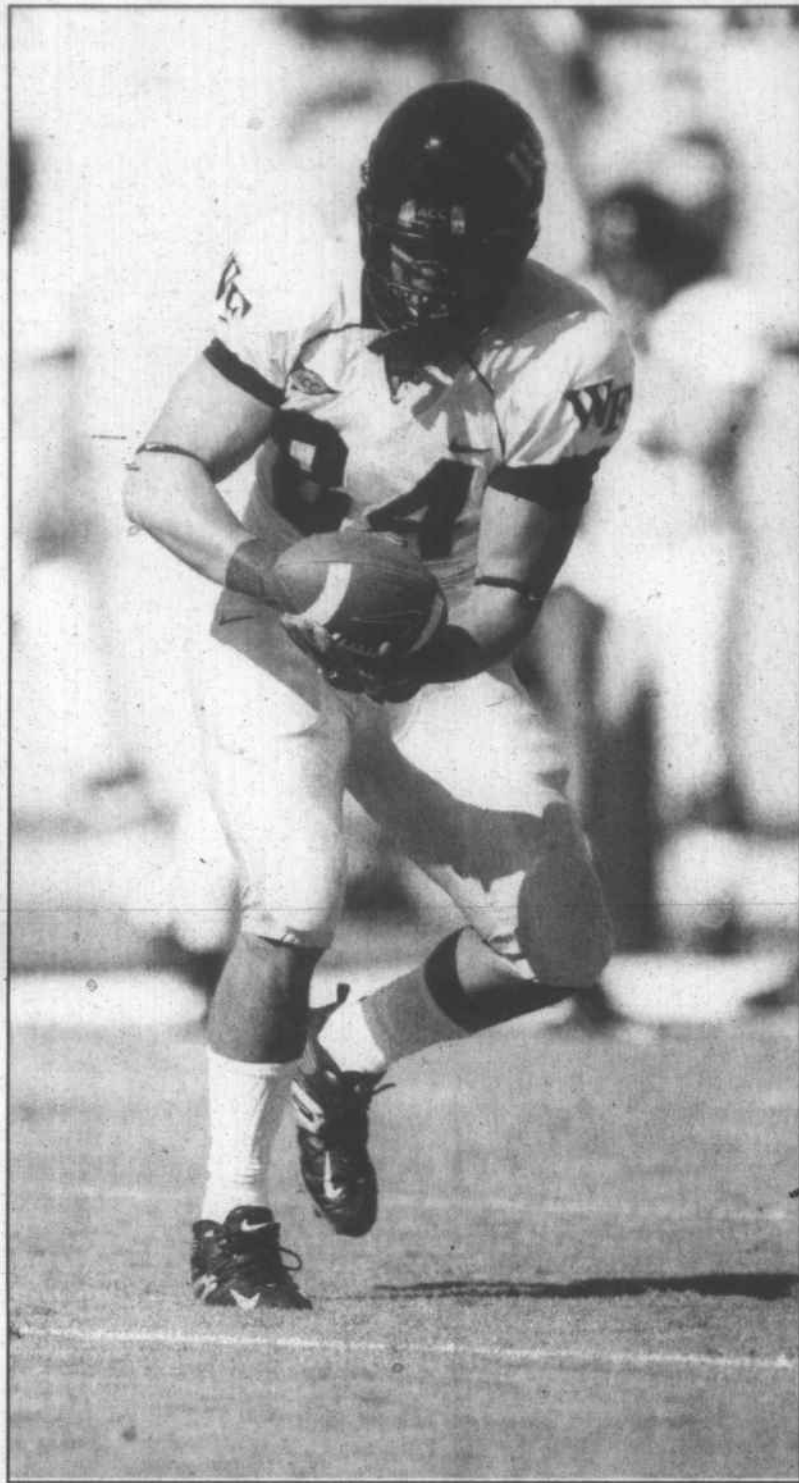
Frazier, who started at left tackle and was on the field for 601 offensive snaps last season, was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America first team in the fall and holds a 3.76 GPA with a major in biology and minors in chemistry and sociology.

Selmon, a starter at tight end, was a finalist for the Danny Wuerfel Trophy and an Academic All-District III selection in his senior year. Selmon also serves at the president of the Shine Foundation, a non-profit organization during charitable work in Africa. The tight end averaged 11.4 yards per catch for his career.

Thompson finished his senior season as the team sack leader with 6.5 on the year. He was one of 10 finalists for the National Sportsmanship Award in 2007 and was selected to play in the prestigious Senior Bowl.



Thompson



Wake's Zac Selmon was among the recipients of the NFF honor.



File photo

I rolled with Josh Howard during his run to the NBA Finals.

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(who finished with 10 points). But, hey — I'm rolling with CP3 until the end this year. I rolled with J-Ho (Josh Howard and the Dallas Mavericks) during their run to the finals two years ago. Now I've made up my mind to roll with CP and the Hornets for the rest of the playoffs, and I'm a Laker fan. Do I really believe the Hornets will make it to the Finals? Do you? Why not? I never doubt my boy.

I mean, who would've thought his Wake Forest teams would ever be ranked number one in the nation? Who thought his West Forsyth team would be one game away from a state championship? Let's go back further. How many people thought his AAU team was going to win a national championship? I can tell you one person who believes, and that's Chris Paul.

He always believes his squad is in contention for the championship. We're all arguing about the MVP race. But CP could care less about that award. He's all about the team championship. Please believe.

CP playing like a video game

I haven't really been into playing PS2 or PS3 for a little over a year. But I remember

playing NBA Live last year. I recall playing with New Orleans and doing some crazy things with CP on the game. I had a friend of mine that told me that he was good, but not MVP good. He said Chris wasn't good enough to be dropping double-doubles every game. He also said that CP doesn't score like I had him scoring.

Needless to say, that friend (whom I won't mention) is singing a different tune after watching CP kill the NBA this year. Be honest, watching Chris play is almost like watching some friends play PS2 or something. And, it looks like someone is always pressing the B-button. Some times I forget that I even know Chris. Honestly, he amazes me.

Even the old school guys are giving CP props now, I mean, the local old school guys. I love to go to 14th Street Recreation Center and talk with Louis Lowery and some of the other guys that happen to be there while I'm there. They all admit that Chris is a bad boy. And, we all realize that he is that good. Win, lose or draw — we're all a witness to greatness. And, some of us have seen the maturation of Chris Paul. It will only get better people. Please believe.

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WSSU

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the third consecutive year that the women's tennis team has earned the highest grade point average as this season saw them narrowly edge out the WSSU women's softball team.

The Chancellor's Cup Award was presented to the student-athlete who carries the highest cumulative grade point average and a minimum of two years of athletic participation at WSSU, and for the first time in history, the award was presented to three WSSU student-athletes who all earned 4.0 grade point averages.

WSSU Chancellor, Dr. Donald Julian Reaves presented men's tennis student-athlete Andrew Jones, women's track and field student-athlete Cynthia Grady, and WSSU Red Team Cheerleader Cherrelle Smith the Chancellor's Cup for earning the highest possible grade point average of 4.0.

WSSU head men's football coach Kermit Blount was

a nearly unanimous selection as the WSSU coach of the year after leading the Rams to a 6-5 record in only their third year of Division I competition.

Capping the evening was the presentation of the 2007-08 Mary Garber WSSU Male and Female Student Athlete of the Year awards as women's cross-country/track and field student-athlete Irene Jeptolo and men's football student-athlete Brent Thomas were awarded the highest athletic honor at Winston-Salem State University.

The Mary Garber WSSU Female Student-Athlete of the Year Award recipient, Irene Jeptolo, a native of Kapsabet, Kenya is a nursing major who is a two-time recipient of the award. Jeptolo completed a grueling classroom curriculum coupled with cross-country and track and field seasons where she was undefeated in the spring of 2008 in the women's steeplechase.

The Mary Garber WSSU Male Student-Athlete of the Year Award recipient, Brent Thomas, a native of Durham,

is a Political Science major who, in addition to starting all 12 games for the Rams on the gridiron this season found time to participate in the Cash Elementary "Read Across America Program" as well as serving loyally at the Winston-Salem Children's Museum.

For their efforts in the

sporting arena, the classroom, and the community, Jeptolo and Thomas were awarded the prestigious Mary Garber WSSU Student-Athlete of the Year Award.

A complete list of award winners can be seen at www.wssurams.com.

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