Warthog Ely earns second weekly honor

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For the second time this season, Winston-Salem Warthogs starting pitcher John Ely was recognized as the Carolina League Pitcher of the Week. Ely, the third round draft pick of the White Sox in 2007 out of Miami (OH) University, has



won his last three starts including both contests this past week.

In his first outing last

week, the

righthander limited Lynchburg to two runs (one earned) on just two hits while striking out five in the Warthogs three-game sweep of the Hillcats. Ely followed that performance with six innings against shutout Potomac. He surrendered four hits and did not allow a walk, while striking out five in helping Winston-Salem split a fourgame series with the first-place Nationals.

The former Redhawk previously garnered the honor for the week of June 9-15 when he pitched seven shutout innings on June 12 in Wilmington. He allowed just one hit and collected eight strikeouts without walking a batter to earn the win in a 1-0 blanking of the Blue

The Homewood, Ill. native improved to 6-11 on the season with a 4.83 ERA. He currently ranks fourth in the league with 109 strikeouts and 117.1 innings pitched.

It was the second weekly award for Ely this season, who becomes the first Warthog to duplicate the feat this season. Brandon Allen and Aaron Poreda swept the Carolina League honors in mid-May and both have since been promoted to Double-A Birmingham.

HANGIN' TOUGH



Dee Todd is pretty in purple at her alma mater, Winston-Salem State University, for a recent social event. The former N.C. A&T State University Athletics Director is still among the Aggies. She has been reassigned to the school's Department of Education. Sports, though, is still a passion. She recently returned from Poland where she coached the USA junior track and field squad.

IAA championship returns to Durham

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The 2008 CIAA Football Championship game will return to Durham Nov. 8. The Championship game enjoyed its greatest success in the Bull City - having hosted six of the eight championships that have been played since the game was resurrected in 2000.

"We look forward to the Football Championship returning to Durham in November. The City of Durham has been the host of some of the most exciting Championship Games and we expect the 2008 version to be no different," CIAA Commissioner Leon Kerry "The Championship said. Game has been great for our fans who have watched the game all over the country, whether at the stadium or on television."

The CIAA is billing itself as "the Conference of the Quarterbacks" in 2008. Nine starting quarterbacks return including Harlon Hill candidate (Division II Most Valuable



Leon Kerry

Player Award) Lamar Little of Virginia Union who has amassed 4103 passing yards and 51 touchdowns over his illustrious career. The versatile quarterback has also rushed for 1138 yards and 20 touchdowns in just two seasons. With so many outstanding returning quarterbacks like VUU's Little, the level of play should be as high as any conference in college football.

The 2007 Season was an exciting one culminating in the

overtime CIAA Championship Game ever. In Charlotte, Shaw upset favorite Virginia Union, 31-24 in double overtime, to win its first title since its 2004 upset of then two-time defending champ Fayetteville State. Subsequently, both Shaw and Virginia Union were invited to postseason play. Shaw was defeated in the first round of the NCAA Playoffs by Delta State. Virginia Union fell short in its furious fourth quarter rally against eventual Black College National Champ Panthers Tuskegee. The dropped a heartbreaking 58-51 defeat to the Golden Tigers in the Pioneer Bowl.

Both Shaw and Virginia Union will be heavy favorites to return to the championship game this fall with a significant amount of their starters returning. However, Fayetteville State and Elizabeth City State will be among the contenders looking to dethrone the Bears and Panthers as divisional champs.

Browns sign former St. Augustine's star

Former Saint Augustine's College star linebacker Alex

Hall signed a fouryear contract with the NFL's Cleveland Browns before reporting to training camp last week in Berea, Ohio.

Hall is the third Saint Augustine's College player drafted in school history and the first since the school re-

instituted football in 2002. Ike Lassiter was drafted in the ninth round by the Los Angeles Rams in 1962, and Herman Reed was picked in the 12th round by the Baltimore Colts in 1967.

Hall was the only player from the CIAA conference

Draft. Hall was selected in the seventh round by the Cleveland Browns in the 2008

NFL Draft. Saint Augustine's College reinstituted football in 2002 after a 37-year absence.

A Division II All-American and All-CIAA player at defensive end, Hall (6-5, 250 pounds) set school records for career sacks (25.5), season sacks

(13) and game sacks (4.5). Hall, a Glenarden, Md native, is a promising outside linebacker prospect who has a good chance of making the final roster as a pass-rush specialist and on special teams, according to team representa-



Hall

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