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## “Meet The Rams” draws record crowd

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Coach Kermit Blount and the Winston-Salem State University Rams football team were home in the friendly confines of Bowman Gray Stadium on Sunday afternoon as they participated in their annual “Meet the Rams” Fan Fest and Media Day in front of a record crowd that took advantage of their first chance to see the 2008 WSSU football team.

The Rams, entering into their third year of a transition to N C A A Division I status following 61 years of membership at the N C A A Division II level, head into the 2008 season on the heels of a 2007 season which saw WSSU surprise college football pundits by posting a 6-5 record overall.

16th-year head coach Kermit Blount, a man that needs only three more wins to overtake Bill Hayes as the winningest coach in WSSU history,

fielded questions from both media members and loyal Ram fans at the annual fan fest and media-day.

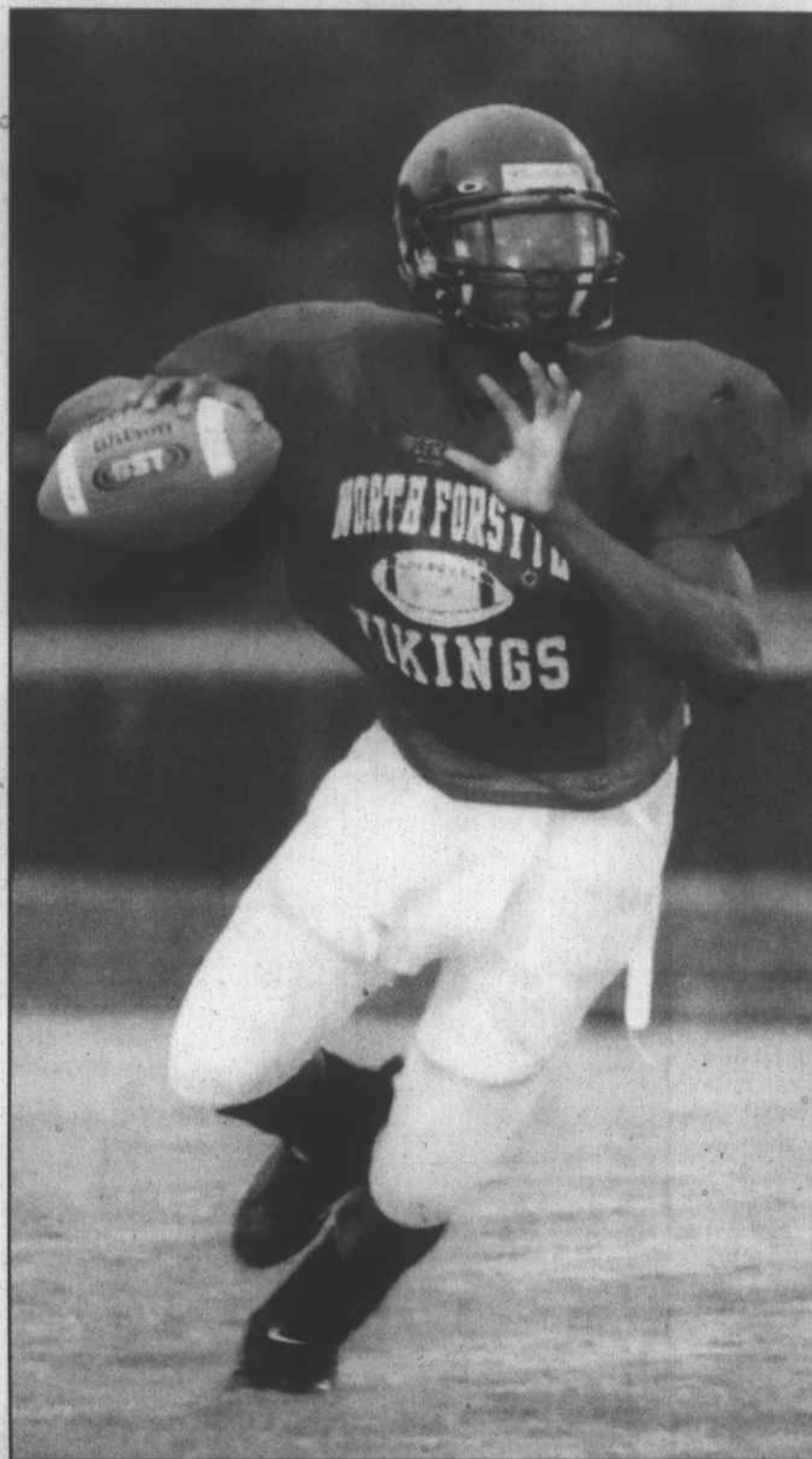
“Last year was a great jump start into the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference” Blount said. “With five MEAC wins, and six wins overall, we are in the midst of building a successful Division I program here at WSSU. This season we are looking to be more consistent on both sides of the football. We realize that this is going to be a tough year as we were hit hard by some losses at key positions, but I know that our young team will come out of the gate hard and this will definitely be another exciting year at WSSU.”

2007 saw the Rams record their first winning season in WSSU’s Division I era as Blount led the Rams to a 6-5 finish en route to earning his 11th winning season in his 15 seasons as the Rams’ head coach.

A young team that returns only 41 letterwinners in 2008, only 27 of which are upperclassmen, will again look to take the MEAC by storm in 2008. Despite losing 12 starters to graduation and another to the NFL, the Rams return the services of their entire receiving corps, a pair of quality running backs, a talented punter, and an offensive line that is virtually unchanged from a 2007 season which saw the Rams average over 20 points per game.

The Rams will face 11 opponents in 2008, a schedule laden with talented programs, nine of which averaged winning percentages of over 54.5 percent last season.

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North senior quarterback Travis Livingston is one of the leaders of the Viking football squad this season.

Photo by Charlie Pfaff

## Vikings look to change fortunes

BY ANTHONY HILL  
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The following story is the fifth of a series on some of the high school football teams in Forsyth County. Fans will get an early look at what’s going on with their favorite team this summer.

North Forsyth head football coach James Gilchrist knew his ball club was a lot better than their final record indicated. Without some early key injuries, a couple of forfeited games or suspensions the Vikings probably would’ve had something to smile about after last season.

But things didn’t work out that way and the Vikings suffered through a long season. But Gilchrist and his players seemed to have put the past behind them. And, they’re looking strong as they move forward — especially after a 20-3 endowment week win over Trinity.

“We have a little more consistency than we had last year during our first game,” Gilchrist said. “We also had less mental breakdowns than we had a year ago. I saw some good things. But we still have plenty of room for improvement.”

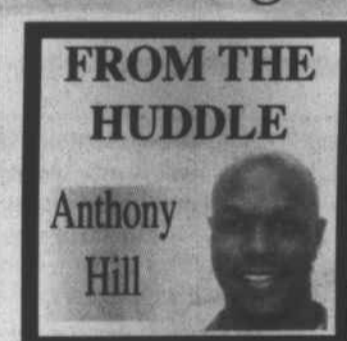
One of the strong points for North was the play of quarterback Travis Livingston, who was one of the key players to suffer an injury last season. Livingston scored three touchdowns during the victory last week. He ran two touchdowns, while pass-

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Gilchrist

## Thinking about Pop Warner at Panthers game



FROM THE  
HUDDLE

Anthony  
Hill

I’m willing to bet that I was the only reporter in the press box at Bank of America Stadium during the Panthers and Redskins game that covers Pop Warner football. That’s what I was thinking before the Panthers put that beat down on Washington last Saturday.

Before the game, a group of Pop Warner players and cheerleaders from the Charlotte area got to watch

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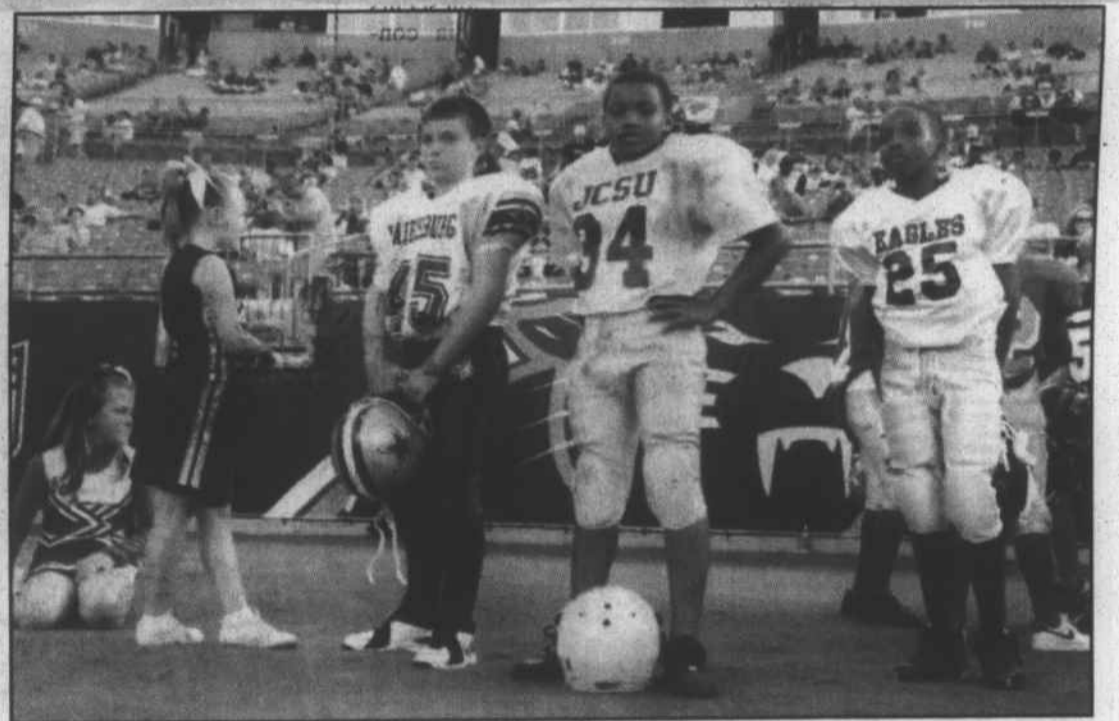


Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Several young Pop Warner players were on hand for last Saturday’s Panthers/ Redskins game at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte.



Pro baller Reyshawn Terry poses with a few campers on Saturday at R.J. Reynolds High.

Photo by Anthony Hill

## TERRY’S KIDS

Former RJR, UNC star hosts youth camp

BY ANTHONY HILL  
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Ask former R.J. Reynolds and UNC star baller Reyshawn Terry what’s the most rewarding part about being a professional athlete and he’ll more than likely tell you that it’s the positive influence he has on young kids.

Terry loves the idea of being a role model, and takes advantage of any opportunity he can to talk with young kids. Earlier this summer he spoke at a Porsche Jones basketball camp. Terry spoke during one scheduled appearance at that camp and came back later that week voluntarily. This past weekend, Terry volunteered his time for his own basketball camp — which was

held at R.J. Reynolds High last Saturday. More than 30 kids — ages 7-17, were on hand to learn from Terry and a select group of coaches and former players. Terry will host another camp at his old high school (R.J.R.) this coming Saturday. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. The camp is free of charge.

“It’s blessing to be able to have a camp,” Terry said. “It’s also nice to have all of these young people come out and support me. That really means a lot to me. I enjoy helping them in any way that I can. Another thing that’s special is having the camp here at my old school. That means a lot to me and the community.”



Gould

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