

# Booster Club tourney slated for Oct. 24

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem State University Amon Booster Club board of directors recently announced that the inaugural WSSU Amon Booster Club Golf Tournament will be held on Oct. 24 at Winston Lake Golf Course with the captain's choice tournament being slated for an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Early registration for the 2008 WSSU Amon Booster Club began last Friday, and will continue until Oct. 20 with early registrants eligible for a \$20 per person discount. Cost per player in the early registration period is \$80 with team registration also available for \$320.

Following the conclusion of the early registration period, which ends on Oct. 20, cost per player will increase to \$100 per player and \$400 per team with all proceeds benefitting the WSSU Athletics Operational Fund. The 2008 WSSU Amon Booster Club Golf Tournament will take advantage of a "three flight format" that will break the participants

down into three skill levels as the captain's choice tournament caters to golfers of all abilities.

For additional information, or to register by phone, contact Lori Dobbins, WSSU Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions at (336) 750-2936.

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the Panthers and Redskins warm up. Some of them got to give certain players dap (hand shake) before the game. They also got to run out on the field through smoke. That was pretty cool. They all seemed pretty excited. Why wouldn't they be? I still get excited when I go to Panther games sometimes. It's just a cool atmosphere.

There I was, pondering certain things I wanted to do with our Pop Warner coverage, while I watched young players on the field last Saturday. Some people tell me that we do a good job of covering Pop Warner football. I feel like we can do more, though. I'd like to have a complete page dedicated to the weekly Pop Warner action. I already know that it's impossible to include write ups for every team in every division. We're not going to even attempt that. But we would like to have a couple write ups on a variety of teams each week. Game summaries can be emailed or brought in to me every Monday by 5 p.m. The summaries don't have to be perfectly written or long. I'll make the proper adjustments to it. I only ask that first and last names be included when talking about certain players. Please don't simply send a kids last name.

Also, me and Charlie Pfaff and Tim Wilson will shoot at different fields each Saturday. Well, Tim will always be with the Falcons because he also coaches with the organization. But he will be taking photos for me. If there is a special game that you would like for us to shoot simply give me a call or shoot me an email. We'll try to work something out. Let's have a good season this year.

### All-Pop Warner teams

I stated in an earlier column that we're also going to put out an All-Pop Warner team that consists of some of the standouts of the NW Midget division (which is this area). I'm hoping to put out a booklet so that we can include the whole team at the same time instead of putting different classes in each week.

That will be released after the season. I'm shooting for first or second week of November. We'll have a team for Junior Pee Wee up to Midget. And, there will be a first-team, second-team and Best of the Rest. We'll also name an MVP, Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year — as well as a few features on some of the athletes and people that made the season a success. Players will be nominated by their coaches and/or league representatives a week before the season concludes. As you can see, I've been thinking about this quite a bit lately. I look forward to another great year of Pop Warner football. I wish every team the best of luck this year.

### Letter to the Sports editor

I get quite a few interesting letters each week. Some of them are nicer than others. But they're all welcomed.

I received a very good letter from attorney Vernon Cloud, who's from Winston but lives in Charlotte. I thought I'd share it with you all this week.



Tyson Patterson is one of the best ballers to play in the city.

Cloud wrote: What's up Anthony. My name is Vernon Cloud Jr. I'm originally from Winston Salem but I now live here in Charlotte. I enjoy reading your articles as well as your interviews. Every Thursday I make sure to pull up The Chronicle so that I can see who you've interviewed or what topics you've wrote about. I probably know about half of the people you've interviewed growing up. Porshe Jones (that's my peeps), Josh Pittman, etc.

My pops coached basketball and taught in Winston for about 25 years (East Forsyth, the old Atkins High School, Parkland, etc and he coached the first ever Winston Lake AAU team).

My great uncles, Napoleon Cloud and Swandell Cloud coached out at Glenn High School for about 30 years. (Josh Howard's high school coaches) So I've been around sports all my life.

Anyway, enough about me and my fam. The reason I'm emailing you is because I read all of your stories and sometimes you pose the question of the best ballers to come out of Winston. I think many of the old school people are overlooked.

The guys my father coached in AAU and my uncles coached were some of the best ballers ever. Maybe because they're not around in the area much they don't get mentioned.

But I'd love to see a story about some of these ballers. Some of the names are: Kevin Thompson, Bryant Figgins (the best baller to come out of Winston in my opinion) Andre Owens, Carlos Mumford, Reggie Torrence, Thad Young and John Floyd. Man those were the real ballers. Don't get me wrong, Josh Howard, Tyson (Patterson) and Josh Pittman were good too. But the guys I mentioned paved the way.

Another story I think would be interesting would be a story about the Winston Lake AAU program. They're still repping across the nation today. Winston Lake is special and many of the youngsters don't know the history and some of the ballers that have played in that gym. Anyway, even if you don't cover these topics, you're doing an awesome job man. Keep doing your thing and I wish you continued success.

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## North

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ing for one. Livingston finished with more than 200 yards of total offense.

"Travis is the leader of this team," Gilchrist said. "He's not just a leader on offense. Travis plays a lot of defense for us too. He's a solid leader for us on both sides of the ball. He gives us our best chance to win because he's been in the program longer."

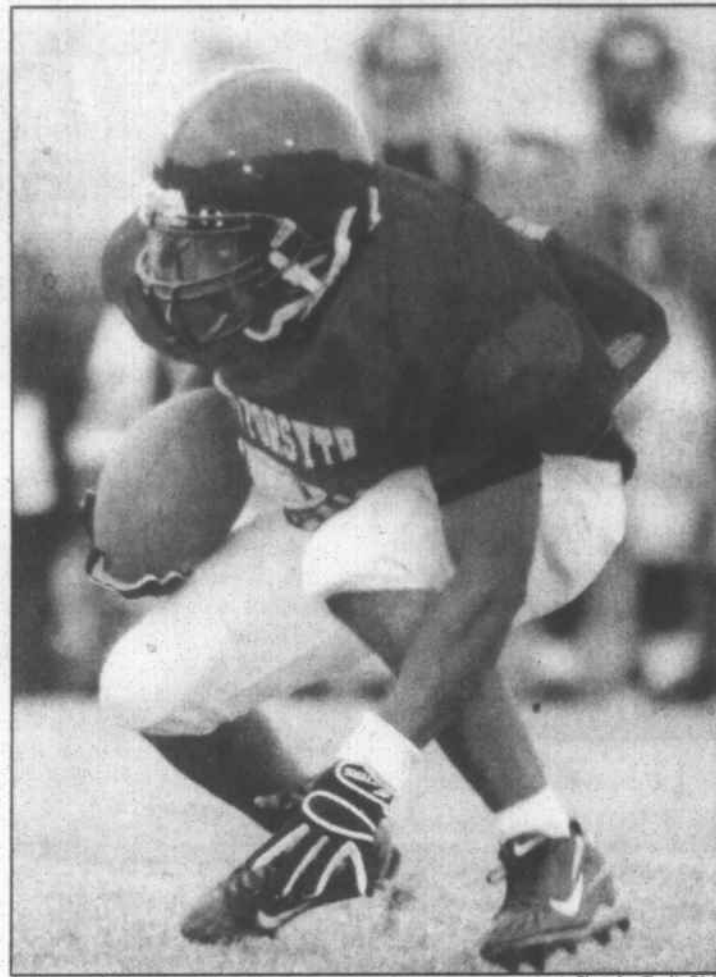
North is also working out sophomore Krishawn Coleman at quarterback.

"Like I said, this is Travis' team," Gilchrist said. "But we also want to bring the young guy (Krishawn) up to speed. He needs to be ready to play at all times because of the fact that Travis plays a lot of defense. Later on in the season he might play more. But right now we feel like Travis gives us our best opportunity to win."

Other key players on offense are Brad Goff, Miguel Gordon, Rakis Bailey, Reggie Roberts, Jamel Johnson and Ben Pfaff — to name a few. North has a selection of running backs to put into the game this season too. The Vikings were led by Jamel Johnson during last week's game. He finished with 135 rushing yards. North also has guys like Bailey, Taquan Canty and Livingston.

"Bailey is a really good back," Gilchrist said. "He's going to be special. Jamel is a really good back. We have quite a few backs. There's just not enough balls for everybody right now. It will all work out as the season progresses. That's a good problem to have."

### North Forsyth's senior leadership



North running back Rakis Bailey looks for running room.

"We actually have a really good group of seniors," Gilchrist said. "They've all been in the program for four years. And they're ready to help us turn things around. Our expectations are to compete for a conference title and make a run in the playoffs. That's never gonna change. We expected that last year too. We probably would've played better if it weren't for a few circumstances last year. But the leadership is more solid this year."

Gilchrist doesn't totally blame the players for the way things turned out last year. "We're going to have to do a better job of coaching too,"

Gilchrist said. "We're going to have to try to coach a little better and put some kids in good spots to make plays. Hopefully things will work a little better than they did a year ago."

North's defense is led by senior defensive lineman Rodney McCloud — who was an all-conference performer last year. Other key defensive standouts are S.Q. Bush (JV Defensive Player of the Year), Canty, Livingston, Gordon and Goff — to name a few.

"Rodney (McCloud) should've been all everything around here," Gilchrist said. "Nobody can block him one on one. He demands respect

## SCHEDULE

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 29  
Parkland

Sept. 5  
@ Reagan

Sept. 12  
Glenn

Sept. 19  
@ Carver

Oct. 3  
@ Smith

Oct. 10  
North Davidson

Oct. 17  
@ West

Oct. 24  
@ Mt. Tabor

Oct. 31  
Davie

Nov. 7  
Reynolds

every time he steps on the field. S.Q. is coming along strong too. He's playing like he did on JV. We're expecting a lot from him. We're expecting quite a bit from a number of guys. I think they're ready to come through."

The Vikings play a very challenging schedule, though. Gilchrist jokingly called it a Bowl Championship Series schedule. North host a talented Parkland squad tomorrow night.

"Every week we're playing somebody good," Gilchrist concluded. "Every week we're trying to get better. Hopefully the kids will take that challenge. I love these kids, and I believe they can help turn this program around."

## Terry

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W-S Prep head coach Andre Gould added: "I think it's very big for Ray to have his second camp here at Reynolds. We did it at the YWCA last year. We sat down and talked about it. We both agreed that it would be a good idea to bring it home. Actually, his uncle James first came up with the idea of having the camp here. He worked harder than anyone to make this a reality. He got with coach Gray and helped make this whole thing happen."

Kids packed the Reynolds gym last Saturday morning to learn from one of the cities best young professional ballers. The camp consisted of speeches, skill development drills, exhibitions and fun. Participants were also given an official Reyshawn Terry camp T-shirt and lunch.

"This wasn't your typical camp with kids just running around to different stations," Gould said. "We really worked these kids. They learned that it takes hard work to get to the next level. They also learned some of the drills they will need to do when they make it. We talked with the kids about discipline, teamwork, fundamentals, listening and so many other things."

"This wasn't easy today," Gould continued. "And, we had qualified coaches putting them through most of the drills. There weren't many water breaks or anything. Training sessions were very intense. It was basically like a college or pro practice — with more instructing. Most importantly, I feel like the kids had a good time. It's always good to have fun and learn."

Some of the coaches to help Terry with his camp were Reynolds head girl's coach Monty Gray, local varsity



R.J.R. assistant Mike Copland talks strategy with kids.



Here, Clyde Reynolds is showing someone how to shoot.

coach Clyde Reynolds, W-S assistant varsity coach Carlos Mumford, W-S Prep head girl's coach Jonathan Gainey, Gould, Reynolds head boy's coach Billy Martin, RJR assistants Mike Cocker and Michael Copland — among others.

"We're going to have some more fun next Saturday (this coming Saturday)," Terry said. "We're going to have another one-day camp for the kids. We welcome

more kids to come next time. We're just going to continue to build on what we're doing each year. This camp is definitely going to get bigger each year. We're looking forward to bigger and better things next year."

### Terry's progression with Mavs

Things are looking rather good for Terry in his quest to be an NBA player. He was drafted in the second round by the Orlando Magic during the 2007 NBA draft before being traded to the Dallas Mavericks.

The Mavericks chose to sign a few veterans last summer and ship Terry to Greece for a year. He led the Mavericks in scoring during summer league play last year. After another good summer stint, Terry is close to signing with the team — sources close to situation say.

Terry (6-8, 232 forward) showed the consistency the coaching staff hoped for during his second summer league stint. He averaged nearly 10 points and 6 rebounds, and tallied a double-double in the

last game. The 2007 draft choice benefited from getting stronger over the last 12 months and a shift in position.

"Terry played much better this year than last year," Dallas head coach Rick Carlisle said. "One of the reasons was probably that we changed his position. We put him at the power forward instead of the small forward, and he did a very good job there."

The move with Terry mirrors the changes in the NBA and basketball in general.

"The game is becoming more sized-down and more quickness-oriented," Carlisle continued. "He got more done as a power forward. There are situations now with the way the game is played where quickness trumps size. His effectiveness at the power forward position as opposed to small forward is evidence of that."

Terry added: "I'm hoping to be signed any day now. We're still in the waiting process. Hopefully we'll know something within the next week."

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