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Titan JV running back Donta Wade tries to find running room during a loss to Reagan last week.

Reagan JV upset West

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The talented West JV football team didn't see an upset coming last week.

The Titans were fresh off a good win over Carver the week before. But Reagan went over to West and gave them everything they could handle en route to a shocking 12-6 win over the Titans.



McGee

"This was a big loss after a big win," said West head JV coach Brian Bowman. "But Reagan played well. They played very well. I'm proud of my kids. They fought back. We just came up short."

West Forsyth appeared to be on the way to either going ahead by one or tying the game up late in the fourth quarter. West Forsyth's talented sophomore running back Donta Wade put the team on his back and pounded the Reagan defense to put West in position to score. Wade finished the day with 122 rushing yards. But officials determined that Wade fumbled the ball at the 10-yard line with 1:45 to go in the game — with Reagan up by 6 points.

"It didn't look like a fumble," Bowman said. "But I don't want to blame anything on calls. We came up six points short."

Reagan began the game strong — pounding the West defense with solid running. Raider running backs Nick Hatch, J.D. Hastings and Juawan Ferguson ran wild on the West defense last week. Dakota Raymond also caused fits for the West defense.

"We have three guys that we feel can score every time they touch the football," said Reagan head JV coach Josh McGee. "That's something we're excited about. They're really a great group of guys. They played well for us tonight. They've been having a good year. We're really excited about the future."

But it was Raider wide out Tyler Fearrington that put Reagan up

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'TITAN'IC GOALS

West Forsyth working toward special season

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The following story is the eighth of a series on some of the high school football teams in Forsyth County. Fans will get a look at what's going on with their favorite team.

West Forsyth's first-year head football coach Adrian Snow asked his bunch one question when he was introduced as the new Titan coach last spring. Snow asked his team what they expected to be doing a day after Thanksgiving.

Most players looked at each other with a look of confusion or sarcasm. But Snow was serious about his question.

"I told them that I know what I'm going to be doing," Snow said. "I'm going to be practicing football because I expect to still be playing around Thanksgiving. That means you're doing some good things. You've had a special season when you're still playing around Thanksgiving. I asked how many of them have even thought about that. Those are the type of expectations I want to have every year."

West players are seemingly buying into the goals and expectations of their new head coach, and have played well so far this season. West has already defeated Charlotte Vance, Glenn and Reagan. The Titans (3-1) have only dropped one game, and that was to Carver. West will travel to play Parkland on Friday night.

"We just need to do some of the little things better, especially on defense," said Snow. "Against Carver, we had some kids that could physically play with them. We just didn't do the little things on defense. When you play a well coached team like that then they'll make you pay. They made us pay."

West has been making teams pay this season with a blue collar approach to the season. Most of the players seem to believe that hard work will take them as far as they want to go this season. Dedrick Anderson, who's a three-year letter winner, definitely seems to believe this can be a special year for him and his teammates.

"This year has been going great," said

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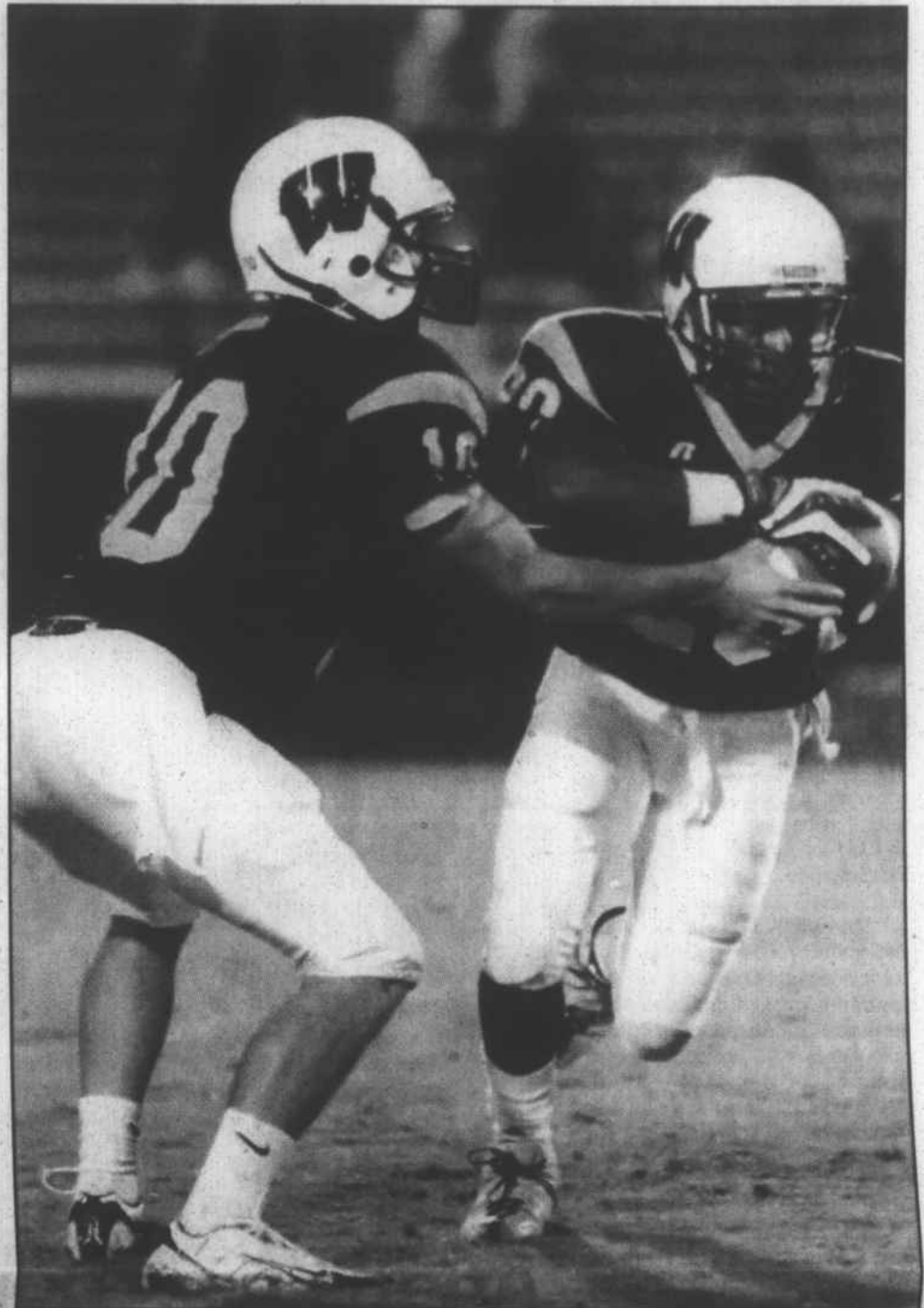


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West Forsyth junior quarterback Pat Midkiff hands ball off to standout running back Dedrick Anderson.

Coach bringing sporty styles

Cranston Hargrove is producing custom shoes, cleats

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Cranston Hargrove, who's a local youth coach, has a very stylish hobby.

When he's not coaching Pop Warner football or youth basketball at Carl Russell Community Center, Hargrove is usually producing stylish shoes for both women and men.

He uses his artistic vision — as well as paint, beads and glue to create some of the most creative footwear around. Several people already go to Hargrove for his shoes. Rappers Mr. Cheeks and Keith Murray place shoe orders regularly. NBA star Josh Howard had a pair on his feet while taping an episode of MTV Crib's. Howard has purchased several pair from Hargrove.

Several Pop Warner players have a pair of his newly designed cleats. Hargrove has a son, Pharoah Hargrove, who plays for the Carver junior varsity football team. Young Hargrove sports a stylish pair of blue and gold cleats on Thursday nights for JV games.

"I'm trying to get in touch with Chris Paul so I can do a pair of shoes for him," Hargrove said. "I want to do a pair of Beijing Olympics CP3 shoes for him. I was also thinking about doing a pair of Rest in Peace Skip

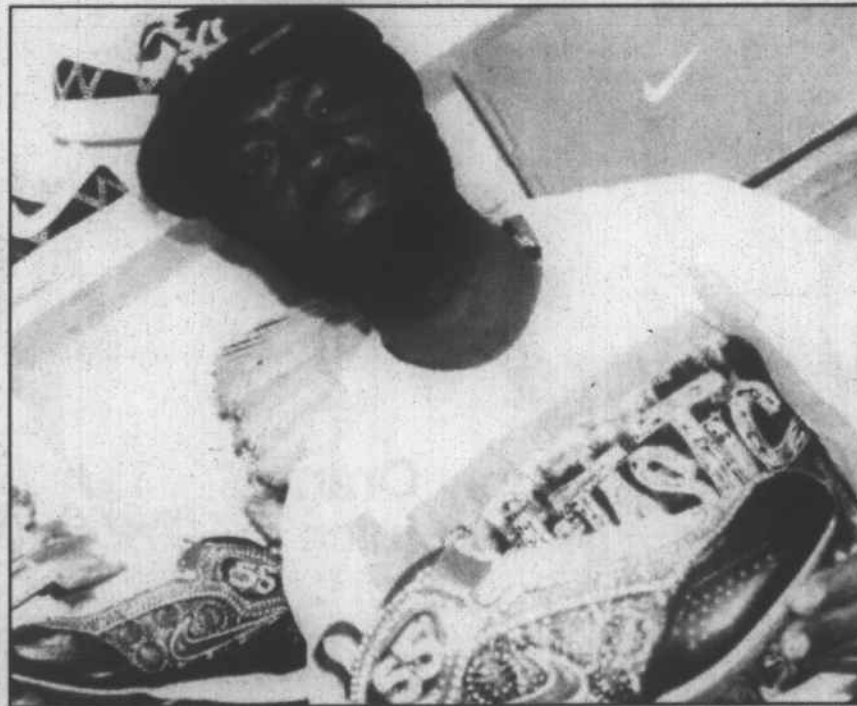


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Cranston Hargrove has been producing custom shoes and shirts for years.

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Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks director Tim Grant was the only former coach included in this year's WSSU Big House Athletic Hall of Fame class. Grant, who played and coached for legendary basketball coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines, was one of eight new inductees last Friday.

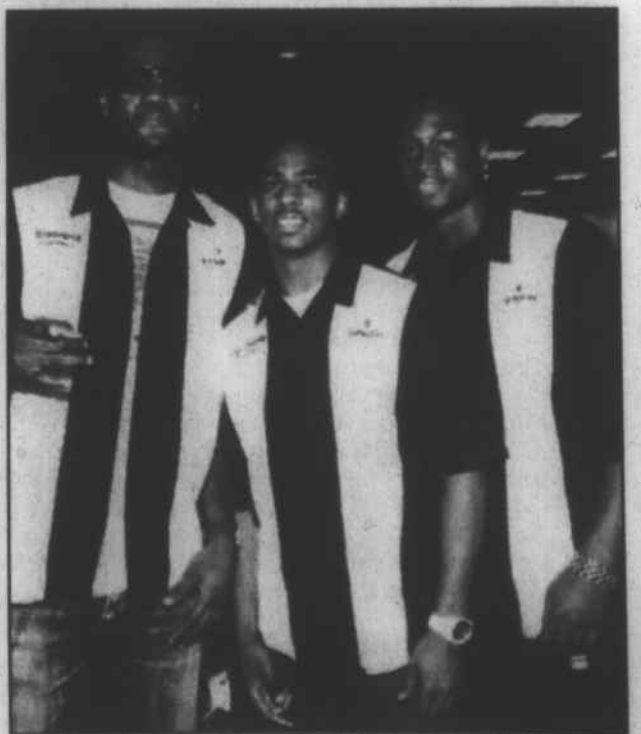
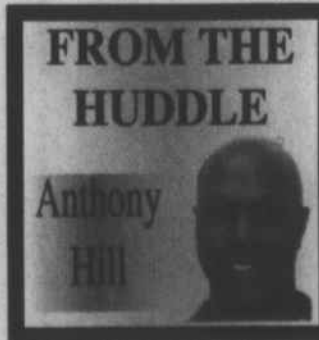
Everyone's ready for CP3 and friends

You already know that I'm excited about this week. Today is the official start to the Chris Paul Winston-Salem Weekend. This is the third year of the annual event that's turning into a community favorite.

Most of you know that Chris Paul's Winston-Salem Weekend is the signature fundraising event of the CP3 Foundation. All of the money generated from the Ludacris concert and the other events of the weekend will benefit the CP3 Foundation, which continually supports a variety of programs and organizations in the city.

I know some of you are wondering who's

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NBA stars LeBron James, Chris Paul and Dwyane Wade pose during CP3's bowling event in 2006.