

# SPORTS WEEK

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WSSU is still trying to establish itself as a D-I program.

## WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?

I met two graduates of Winston-Salem State over the weekend. They were two older grads. Of course, I have a point in disclosing that information.

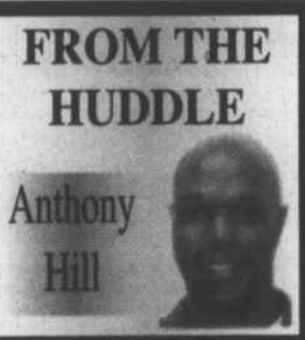
I couldn't help but smile as they told me stories about how much fun they had in college, and how much fun Winston-Salem was back in the 80s. I mean, Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation District Supervisor Ron Beverly also tells me great stories about Winston-Salem State. But he's a former Ram athlete.

I expect him to have stories. But the two alums I met over the weekend weren't even in the WSSU band. They weren't Greek either. But the interesting fact about their stories were the fact they were seemingly a result of a big win or championship by a Ram sports team.

With Winston-Salem State's commencement coming up, I've kind of wondered what kind of stories the latest grads will tell years from now. I am sure some of them will have great stories and memories. But I'm not sure how much Ram sports will be remembered. I mean, most of the basketball games are either on the road or at the Coliseum — which

is far from being the Rams home court. There's nothing wrong with the Gaines Center. I used to go to games all the time when WSSU was a Division II team. I'm not going to talk about how much I wish WSSU was still in the CIAA. I'm leaving that alone.

Let me get back on this sports thing. I love coach Bobby Collins and his staff.



FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill

I also think the girls basketball team has some good talent. But it's a tall order to ask them to really compete on this level.

I know the athletes feel like

they can will their teams to beat anyone on a given night. The problem comes when that given night comes every blue moon or not at all. I mean, seriously. I am sick of reading about the L's the Rams are constantly taking trying to be a Division I program. Take for instance, last Saturday's 74-46 loss to N.C. State to drop to 1-7 on the year. The Rams shot less than 30 percent for the fifth time in that loss.

"I am very disappointed in our play tonight" WSSU head coach Bobby Collins said in postgame interviews. "We didn't have

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## West JV beats up Carver

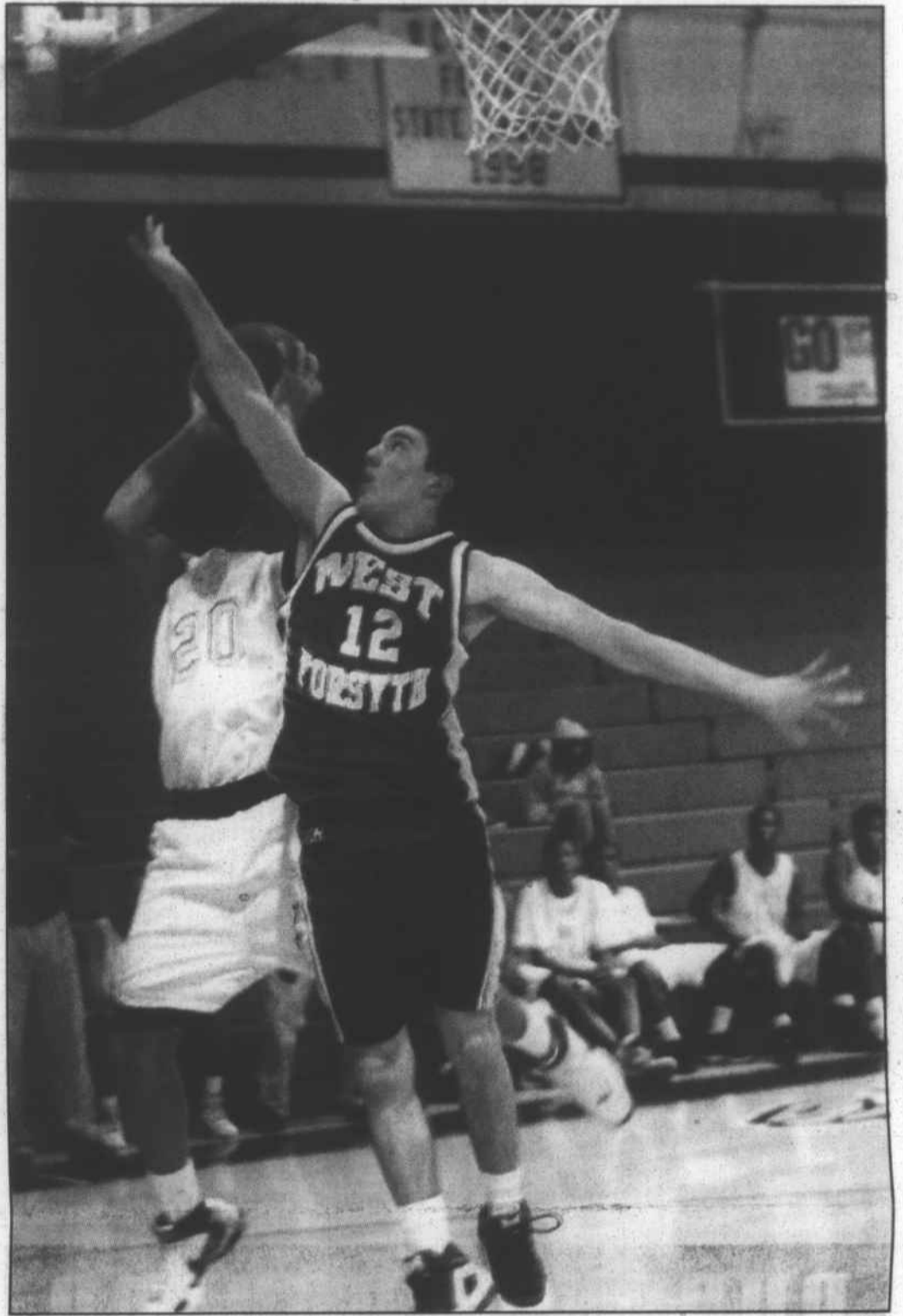
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West Forsyth head JV coach Jeff Rickert wanted his team to play in Carver's gym in hopes of getting a better understanding of the lighting and how the ball may bounce. Rickert wanted his Titans (4-2) to get a feel for the gym they will play in during the Chronicle/Lash JV Holiday Basketball Tournament on Dec. 26.

Rickert's troops took advantage of Tuesday's trip to Carver and left the gym with a 66-51 victory over the Yellowjackets (1-6) during the JV Game of the Week.

"We're very thankful for the win," Rickert, who's Titans will enter the tournament with the No. 1 seed. "We're a young team that's still learning to win. I'm thankful to be able to play in this gym before the tournament. I've got a lot of freshmen. So, it was a very good thing for the guys to be able to kind of get used to this gym and the environment."

West began the game strong — taking an 18-9 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Titans, behind the play of Matt Mullen, Russ Miller and the talented Vic Williams, added to the lead to make the score 21-9 with 7:03 to go before the half. But Carver stormed back midway through the second after turning up the pressure on defense — applying a stifling half court press. Albert Wright got things going for Carver when he connected with a 3-pointer midway through the second. He then followed that up with another easy basket to pull to within 10



West Forsyth's Evan Bunch applies defense to Carver's Albert Wright on Tuesday night.

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## BEYOND CALL OF DUTY

Tim Wilson helps on and off the field

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Most kids tend to grow up idolizing sports stars and entertainers nowadays. A lot of kids are quick to name stars like Chris Paul, LeBron James, Peyton Manning, Kobe Bryant, Steve Smith and other big name athletes as their role models.

But Tim Wilson, who's a local police officer, has been just as important as any of those stars when it comes to helping kids and being a role model in his community. Wilson has had the strongest affect on the youth through coaching.

"A lot of times the kids don't even know I'm a police officer," Wilson said. "They may see me in my uniform if I have to wear it to practice. A lot of them don't know I'm a police



Local policeman Tim Wilson spends extra time coaching.

unless I tell them. Believe it or not, most kids respect me more as a coach than they do as a police officer. They don't call me officer Wilson. They call me coach Tim

even when I'm wearing my uniform."

Wilson has coached youth sports for almost 20 years in Winston-Salem. He's coached for the Winston-Salem Falcons and assisted with several basketball teams. He's presently assisting with a youth team at the Winston Lake YMCA and Team B.O.N.D (10U AAU squad).

Wilson didn't start coaching after a storied athletic career. He wasn't even a star athlete when he was younger. He did play football. But he stopped before his 11th grade year. Wilson excelled in wrestling, but chose to concentrate on his school work after his junior year. Still, Wilson seems to coach several sports as if he just stopped playing last week.

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## Oak Ridge Colts finish season second in the nation

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The Oak Ridge Colts midget squad came to within one victory of a Pop Warner national title when they fell to the Frankford (PA) Chargers, 37-6, in the Pop Warner Division I Midget National Championship game last Saturday.

The game was filmed by ESPN, and will air on Christmas Day.

"It's overwhelming," said Frankford head coach Rasheed Mohammed in the post game celebration here at Disney's Wide World of Sports. "Our whole community has been behind this team from the very beginning. I woke up this morning

and heard voices of people that I'd heard all season and said, 'Am I home?' I mean, all those folks traveled twenty hours to get down here and support us, and now we've brought our first ever Pop Warner national title back to Frankford."

The Chargers jumped to an early lead at 6:25 of the first quarter on a 20-yard touchdown by tailback Hakeem Sillman. The PAT kick attempt was blocked and the score stood at Chargers 6-Colts 0. But, the Colts fired back with a nifty slant pass-and-run for fifty yards by Braxton Daye. When the PAT attempt failed the score, at 4:20 in the first quarter, was all knotted up at 6-6.



Oak Ridge Colts tight end Daniel Abernathy races for yards during the title game.

Then, true to their name, the Chargers stormed back. At 1:54 in the first quarter, Kevin Malone powered into the end zone from four yards out. When the PAT kick attempt was blocked, the Chargers led 12-6.

In the second quarter, the Chargers defense took control by holding the Colts vaunted air attack in check. Meanwhile, at 4:05 of the second quarter, Frankford's Santoni connected with Martin on a 20 yard score. When the PAT failed, the Chargers lead rose to 18-6. Then, with five seconds left to go in the first half, Hakeem Sillman popped through the line from one

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