

## Salem's soccer team wins awards

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Five players on the Salem College soccer team, the Spirits, received NCAA All-Association of Division III Independent awards, and head coach Jay Callahan received AD3I Coach of the Year honors. The NCAA AD3I consists of 17 independent NCAA DIII institutions from throughout the country.



Callahan

Tatum Justice (a first-year student from Jacksonville, NC) received the highest honors for the team. She was selected as a first-team midfielder. Justice led the team with goals on the season with nine, including three game-winning goals. She also added three assists.

Tori Collier (a junior from Raleigh, NC) was selected as a second-team forward for the second year in a row. Michala Michaux (a junior from Morganton, NC) received honors as a second-team defender.

Two soccer players were selected to the third team. Samantha Hubbard (a first-year from Sanford, NC) was selected as a third-team forward, and Kayla Stover (a senior from Sturgeon Bay, WI) was a third-team midfielder.

Coach Jay Callahan, who received Coach of the Year Award, has led the soccer program at Salem from a 1 win/15 loss record in 2006 to a 22 win/9 tied/2 loss record over the 2007 and 2008 seasons.

This is the first year that Salem College has been a full-fledged member of the NCAA's Division Three.

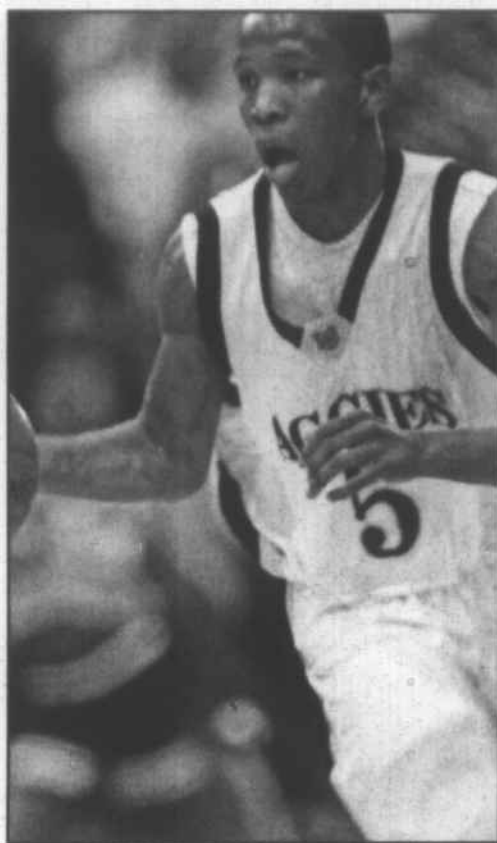


Photo by Charles Watkins

A&amp;T's Tavarus Alston scored 15 points.

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yard out to grab a 24-6 lead.

In the third quarter the Chargers Hakeem Sillman raced wide from nine yards out to make the score 30-6. With 2:30 left in the third quarter, Santoni tossed to Sillman for an amazing 41 yard pass and run. Santoni then completed a pass for a one point conversion and the score was Chargers 37-Colts 6.

"We were very banged up and tired because we had two brutal games that we had to come from behind to win," said Oak

## Physical Zips take down Aggies

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The North Carolina A&T men's basketball team knew what it was getting into. Yet the Aggies went and endured it anyway because they needed the experience. Head coach Jerry Eaves expected Akron to be tough, physical and aggressive. The Zips did not disappoint in a 78-61 win over N.C. A&T at Rhodes Arena last Saturday night.

Senior guard Ed Jones led the Aggies with 23 points and three steals on 6-for-11 shooting. Junior guard Tavarus Alston added 15 points and four assists for the Aggies (5-4), who saw their three-game winning streak come to an end. The Zips were led by freshman Anthony Hitchens' 23 points and four assists.

The loss marked the second straight season the Aggies traveled to play the Zips and lost.

"I came back again because I love the atmosphere here and I love their style of play," said Eaves. "We don't get to see that style of play a lot. In our league, they're not going to allow the bumping, the grabbing, the pushing and hand-checking. But in this league it is understood that teams are going to play a little more aggressively. My team needs to see that. I want my team to become more aggressive."

The Zips used their physical style to grab 17

offensive rebounds for the game. But the biggest benefit Akron took from its aggressive play was forcing the Aggies into 29 turnovers. The Zips scored 28 points off of those turnovers.

The Aggies remained closed for most of the night, however, because they shot the ball well. The Aggies shot 61.9 percent in the first half. Layups by Nick Wilson and Tavarus Alston with less than a minute to go in the first half helped the Aggies head into the locker room tied at 35.

Despite the competitive contest, N.C. A&T could not rid itself of turnovers. The Aggies committed four in the first 3 1/2 minutes of the second half and fell behind 42-35 after also not scoring a basket in the same time frame. A Jones three put the Aggies on the board in the second half. Two Jones free throws at the 14:41 mark moved the Aggies to within two at 44-42.

Brett McKnight put a little more distance between the Zips and the Aggies with a 3-pointer before a crucial moment in the game helped the Zips pull away for good. Akron built its lead to 17 over the next three minutes as the Zips eventually improved their record to 6-3.

A&T will travel to New Orleans to play Tulane tonight. On Saturday, the Aggies will be in Indiana to face Evansville.

Ridge representative coach Lane. Oak Ridge scored 28 points in the second half to beat the Dorchester Eagles (from Boston, MA) 28-20 in the quarterfinals, and scored 22 points in the fourth quarter to beat the Grand Park Panthers (from Jacksonville, FL) 28-6 in the semifinals. "Frankford was much fresher than we were in the championship. They were the better team, but not 31 points better."

Some of the standouts for the Colts were E.J. Hood, Jovontae Coleman, Daniel Abernathy, Braxton Daye, Dylan Borton, James Abernathy, Tyler Truini and Mike Toliver — to name a few.

The Colts midgets finish their season with a 14-1 overall record. Oak Ridge also finished as the No. 2 squad in the nation.

"Northwest Midget can be very proud of how they were represented in Florida," concluded Lane. "... both on and off the field."

Note: The Indian Jr. Midget squad, coached by Jukie Minor, lost in the first round. But the talented squad won their consolation game against the Holy Cross Knights from Texas. The Forsyth County Broncos Jr. Midget (D-II) also lost in the first round, but won their consolation game by defeating the East Dallas Desperados from Texas.



Photo by Tim Wilson

Carver's Terrell Thompson gets harrassed by the West defense during the JV Game of the Week.

## JV

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point of West. Corey Baker and Wendall Holland also played big for Carver — making good on several post scores. Carver was able to close the score to 24-18 with a little under two minutes to go before half-time. But Baker suffered an ankle injury that seemed to cripple Carver for the rest of the night.

"That was a big loss for us," said head JV coach Greg Scales. "He's our sixth man. Corey provides big shots for us. He can shoot a little bit. He also plays good defense for us. That really hurt us when he twisted his ankle on defense."

West Forsyth then began to cause numerous turnovers late in the half. Williams capitalized on several turnovers with easy lay ups on the other end. West took a 30-23 lead into the locker

room at the half.

The Titans began the third with a 7-2 run after Tobe Egbura, Russ Miller and Williams made baskets. West made the score 44-30, 46-32, and 49-34 to conclude the third quarter. But Carver still managed to keep hope alive by forcing West into bad shots, and locking down on defense for spurts in the third. Wright and Terrell Thompson did most of the damage for the Yellowjackets. But Carver simply couldn't find much offensive rhythm, which led to various missed opportunities.

"The game started out pretty well," Scales said. "Then, we kind of hit a bump in the second half. We didn't have a lot of guard play tonight. We didn't rebound well. And, we didn't get back on defense in the transition game. They probably scored half their points off lay-ups."

West took a 63-42 lead with 1:52 remaining in the game after Merion Hall hit a big 3-pointer. Carver went on a mild run to close the score to 63-48 before finally losing the game by 14 points.

"This was our toughest

loss by far," concluded Scales. "We should easily be 500 or better. We lost to North by three the first time. Then, we lost to North by six. We lost to Reagan by six, and West beat us by six the first time we played them. They just played better team ball than we did tonight. We have to get better."

Rickert added: "We're just happy for the win, especially on the road. It's always tough to come play over here. Last year we only won one road game all year. Anytime we can get a win on the road it's even better."

## Wilson

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"Tim has been a great blessing," said Porsche Jones, who's the founder of Team B.O.N.D. "He's a great role model for the kids. He serves as a father figure to a lot of the girls. He really takes care of the kids. That's saying a lot because he could be resting. He has a busy schedule. But he uses his spare time to coach and help out."

Wilson doesn't simply help on the football field and basketball court. He also helps kids that may have financial problems. Wilson provides transportation for many of the kids he coaches. He's also been known to provide registration fees for a number of kids on AAU basketball and Pop Warner football teams.

"I do it for the love of the kids and this community," Wilson said. "There are a lot of good athletes around here. Great kids too. I want to teach them about more things than being a great athlete. I want to help them build character and be upstanding citizens of the community."

## Footing the bill

Wilson, who will admit to not being rich, also paid for a number of Team B.O.N.D uniforms.

"I was just looking at that as a way to give back and help out," Wilson said. "I do what I can to help the team. I've been doing it for 15 years in football."

Jones added: "We're in the process of ordering new uniforms now. Tim is helping with that. He's helping



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Wilson has spent 15 years coaching Pop Warner football.

with a lot of things — like coaching and budgeting. I can't tell you how lucky we are to have someone like Tim with the organization. He's a great role model on top of everything else."

Wilson has four children — two girls and two boys. Yet, he seems to treat a number of kids as well as he

would treat his own.

"Like I said, I want to help kids become great citizens as well as athletes," Wilson continued. "Sometimes you just have to show that you care. It's rewarding to know that I'm making some kind of difference with the kids."

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