

# SPORTS WEEK

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## Seven to be inducted into HOF

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The Winston-Salem State University Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome seven new former WSSU student-athletes and Rams athletic supporters.

The 2009 class of distinguished individuals are from four different categories, as football, wrestling, and track and field will see members inducted into the Hall of Fame and two members of the 2009 induction class will be enshrined for their untiring service to the WSSU Department of Athletics.

Three former Ram football players will be enshrined

as Derrick Beasley, Hubert "Muddy Waters" Hargett and Harrison Junior Stokes will earn the highest WSSU athletic honor in 2009.

Willie Mouzon will be enshrined after a record-setting wrestling career with the Rams, a history that helped him earn a pair of CIAA titles and receive back-to-back All-America honors.



McCoy

Vanessa Kaye Smith Johnson will be the sole Lady Ram to be inducted after a stellar track and field and women's basketball career.

DeValdean Penn and Michael McCoy will be inducted for their 30-plus

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Inductees will receive the Rams Hall of Fame Medal.



## High hopes for new V-ball coach

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In an effort to return North Carolina A&T's volleyball team into a serious MEAC contender again, North Carolina A&T Athletics Director Wheeler Brown turned to someone who is familiar with Aggie volleyball success.

Brown recently named N.C. A&T alumnus Toni Conway as the new N.C. A&T head volleyball coach. Conway spent the previous four seasons as the head coach at Division II Bowie State.

"I am impressed with coach Conway's overall commitment to academics and discipline," said Brown.



Conway

"She was a very impressive student-athlete in the classroom and on the court when she attended A&T. Therefore, I know she will stress the importance of being a complete student-athlete. She will demand hard work, dedication and respect from our ladies. Those are the very things that made this program a solid one for many years."

Conway coached at Bowie State from 2005-08. Three out of those four seasons saw the Bulldogs finish with a winning record in the CIAA. The Bulldogs won 52 games under Conway's tenure. In 2007, Conway led the Bulldogs to an historical season.

The program reached the CIAA Championship final for the first time in school history. During the 2007 regular season, the Bulldogs went 16-14 overall and 8-5 in the conference. Conway also coached the CIAA Rookie of the Year, in middle hitter Bethany Sloat, in the same season. Seven players from Bowie State made second-team All-CIAA in 2008.

"I'm so excited about returning to North Carolina A&T," said Conway, who earned a B.S., in health physical education and recreation (HPER) and fitness and wellness management in 2001.

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Kristi Ingram practices her stroke.

## SHE'S GOT GAME

Talented teen earns coveted spot at Golf Invitational

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Sixteen year-old Kristi Ingram is making a name for herself in the world of golf. Ingram, a rising junior at Mount Tabor High School, says she first picked up a golf club at age five. And she hasn't put it down since.

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "It's just a really fun sport for me. I'm very competitive, and I just like going out and competing against people and winning."

And win she did. Kristi has finished first place in the last four TYGA (Tarheel Youth Golf Association) golf events she competed in. She has earned top honors in the high school sector as well. She has been named both Conference Player of the Year and MVP of her golf team for two years running. She was also named Golfer of the Year by Triad Sports Weekly.

"It feels great," said Kristi, who is ranked 17th in the state, of the accolades that have been rolling in of late. "I just hope I can inspire some young girls out there."

Kristi competed in the 57th Forsyth County Junior Golf Championship July 7-9 and again found success on the green. She placed second in the three-day competition, earning herself a chance to compete at the 62nd Forsyth Invitational Golf Tournament, slated for July 31-August 1.

"I hope to win it, but if not, I just want to do my best," she said. "This'll be a good experience for me, playing with the older people."

While she fully expects competition will be fierce at the upcoming tournament, Kristi said she's used to the pressure.

"I try not to let it get to me. I just go out there and play the course and try not to worry about my competition," she said. "...I push myself to be better, but I don't push myself over the top. I just think of having fun first."

Kristi's father, Christopher Ingram, encouraged both his children to play golf at an early age. Kristi's brother, Chris Ingram, now plays on the golf team at Winston-Salem State

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## Reynolds sports keeping positive outlook for season



Photo by Tim Bullard

Members of the Girls JV B-ball team workout.

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As quarterback of the R.J. Reynolds jayvee squad, Terrence Cannon has a lot of responsibility in leading his teammates, offering leadership and performing to the best of his ability.

That may be a heavy burden for most 15-year-olds, but it's all good to this 10th grader.

"It's hard. There's a lot of hard work. I mean you have to focus on the game, and you've got to concentrate," he said.

Cannon will be a major part of the team's effort to have a stellar upcoming season, according to Coach Darren Nelson. Since the team competes in the Central Piedmont

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## Legends Powwow



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Kansas City Royals Hall of Fame members (from left) John Mayberry, Amos Otis, George Brett, Frank White and Willie Wilson attend the grand opening of the Kansas City Royals Hall of Fame building on July 17. The facility is behind left field at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.