

SPORTS WEEK

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Tickets on sale for playoff game

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Tickets are now on sale for the Winston-Salem State University's NCAA DII Playoff game on Nov. 24.

The game is scheduled to start at noon at Bowman Gray Stadium. The undefeated Rams will take on the winner of the Bloomsburg University/Shippenburg University game.

There are 24 teams in the 2012 Division II Football Championship. The Winston-Salem State University Rams were awarded the top seed in Super Region One and will receive a first-round bye.

Eight first-round games will be conducted on the campus of one of the competing schools.

Second-round winners will meet in the quarterfinals at various campus sites. Quarterfinal winners will advance to play in the semifinals on the campus of one of the competing schools.

WSSU made a historic



WSSU Photo by Garrett Girma
Coach Connell Maynor pumps-up his team at the recent CIAA Championship Game in Durham.

run in the DII Playoffs a year ago, making it all the way to the national semifinals before falling 21-14 to Wayne State. The Rams are the only final four team from 2011 to make the field in 2012.

The 2012 championship game will be

played Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. at Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence, Ala., and will be broadcast live on ESPN2 HD and ESPN3.com.

Tickets prices for the Nov. 24 game are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets can be pur-

chased at the Winston-Salem State University Ticket Office, located at the Anderson Center on the WSSU campus, the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum and all ticketmaster.com outlets.

UNCG's Chelimo strong at national championship

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

UNCG junior Paul Chelimo, a native of Chebiemit, Kenya, earned his second-straight All-America honor after placing 10th overall on Saturday in the 2012 NCAA Division I Cross Country National Championships at E.P. Tom Sawyer State Park in Louisville, Ken.



UNCG Photo
Paul Katam and Paul Chelimo at the NCAA National Championship race.

Chelimo is the only runner in UNCG cross country history to earn All-American honors, and he improved his finish three spots from last year's national championship race (13th).

Chelimo, who has been battling an injury for the past month, ran valiantly in the penultimate race of the season to finish in the top 10 of the country. His time of 29:29.80 set a new UNCG program-record in the 10,000-meter race, surpassing his previous top marks by almost seven seconds. He tallied a time of 29:36.51 in the NCAA Southeast Regional this year and a 29:39.0 in the NCAA championships last year.

Sophomore Paul Katam, a native of Eldoret, Kenya, made his first career appearance in the NCAA National Championships and placed 77th overall in the race. Katam turned in a time of 30:33.30 on the 10,000-meter course, gaining valuable experience in the national championship race.

The 2012 cross country season marked the second straight year that UNCG has sent two runners to the NCAA National Championship. Last year, Chelimo was joined by former Spartan Joey Thompson in the race. The Spartans have only sent multiple runners to the race twice in program history. Additionally, Chelimo became the first Spartan to win Southern Conference Runner of the Year honors in back-to-back seasons.

All-CIAA Volleyball Team includes Lady Rams

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Last week, five Winston-Salem State Lady Rams volleyball players were named to the 2012 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) All-Conference teams. The Lady Rams took home the honors after finishing the regular season in third place in the CIAA Southern Division.

Sophomore setter Kayla Brass and senior right side hitter Francesca Edgerton earned first team All-CIAA honors. Brass took home the honor after finishing the season ranked fourth in the CIAA with 620 assists and adding 24 service aces. Edgerton ranked fourth in the CIAA with 235 kills; she led her team with 28 service aces.

Also earning all-conference honors

was junior outside hitter Avoni Seymour, senior middle blocker De Ann Smith and junior utility Katelyn Sigala. Seymour finished third on the team with 203 kills and had the second most digs with 243. Smith led the Lady Rams with 110.0 total blocks (33 solo) and ranked second in the CIAA in total blocks. Sigala led the Lady Rams with 267 digs.

Making the CIAA All-Rookie Team was freshman middle blocker Olivia Owens.

The Lady Rams ended the regular season with a 9-22 record and a 9-7 in the CIAA record. They played in the CIAA Volleyball Championship Tournament this past weekend at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton, Va. The team exited the tourney after losing to Chowan in the semi-finals.



WSSU Photo by Garrett Girma
Kayla Brass prepares to serve.

Elizabeth City State headed to Pioneer Bowl

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The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) have announced that Elizabeth City State University and Tuskegee University have been selected to participate in the 14th Pioneer Bowl. The game will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 at A.J. McClung Stadium in Columbus, Ga.

The Elizabeth City State University Vikings, led by Head Coach Waverly Tillar, finished first in the CIAA Northern Division and vied for the CIAA Championship title for the second consecutive year. The Vikings are currently 7-4 overall and 6-1 in conference play.

Tuskegee is coming off a 55-18 victory over Fort Valley State in the SIAC Championship Game. Under the direction of sixth-year Head Coach Willie Slater, No. 14 Tuskegee has won nine consecutive games en route to earning its 26th SIAC Football

Championship. Led by Harlon Hill Trophy candidate Derrick Washington, Tuskegee is currently 9-1 overall and 8-0 in conference play.

Tuskegee will be making its 10th appearance in the Pioneer Bowl. This will be Elizabeth City State's second appearance in this historical game. The Golden Tigers have won eight Pioneer Bowl titles, with their last coming in a 21-7 victory over Elizabeth City State in 2009.

The Pioneer Bowl, established in 1997, is the only NCAA-sanctioned Division II bowl game involving HBCU athletic conferences. Last year, Johnson C. Smith defeated Miles 35-33 in the Pioneer Bowl XIII.

For tickets and/or other information, go to either www.TheCIAA.com or www.TheSIAC.com.

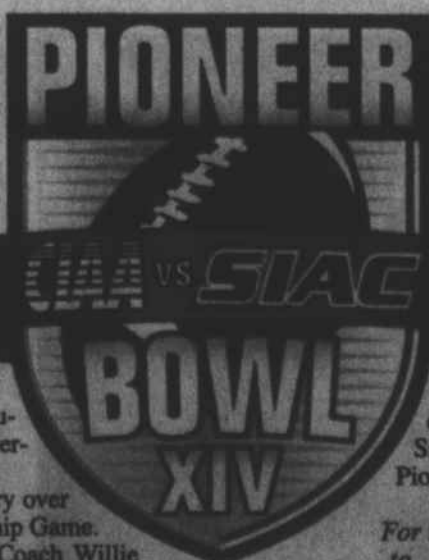


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Dedrick Anderson moves down the field.

Local standouts performing glowingly

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Running back Dedrick Anderson of Winston-Salem put on a memorable display in his final college football game. The former West Forsyth star dashed and darted for a career-high 200 yards on 19 carries in Johnson C. Smith's 57-6 win over Livingstone in the Commemorative Classic.

Anderson, a 5-foot-4, 150 pounds senior, scored three touchdowns in that game and was named the Classic's MVP. It was a fitting way to end a career for Anderson, who rushed 1,063 yards this season. He's the first at J.C. Smith to run for over 1,000 yards in a season since 1991. Anderson is now No. 3 in the school record books for single-season rushing yardage.

This turned out to be a breakthrough season for Anderson and his team. Anderson was named second-team All-CIAA as the Golden Bulls (6-4) posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1972-73.

In conference play, JCS went 5-2 to finish second in the CIAA's Southern Division behind Winston-Salem State. The Golden Bulls closed out their season with four straight victories – the longest win streak at the school since 1996.

Anderson scored 10 touchdowns as a senior and led his team in rushing, scoring (60 points), and all-purpose yardage (1,699).

Gabby Oglesby of Guilford College was recently named to the D3hoops.com Preseason All-America team. The 6-foot junior forward from Winston-Salem is a second-team pick.

A year ago, Oglesby, who played at Mount Tabor, led Guilford to its first Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship in 10 years. In the process, she was voted ODAC's Player of the Year and she was also the ODAC Tournament MVP.

Oglesby led the Quakers in scoring (14.7 ppg.), rebounding (7.9 rpg.), field-goal percentage (.514) and blocked shots (2.3 bpg.) last year. She entered this season with a school-record 127 blocked shots.

The Quakers, who finished last season with a 22-7 record, were ranked 11th in the Women's D-III News Preseason Top 25 Poll. At press time, Guilford, the preseason pick to win the ODAC, was 2-1 with double-digit victories over Greensboro and N.C. Wesleyan. The Quakers suffered a 55-51 loss to nationally-ranked York (Pa.) in the Dady Seven Hotels Classic on last Sunday.

Sophomore SamQuan Evans enjoyed a productive season in his first year as a full-time starter for Tennessee State. The 6-0, 280 pound sophomore delivered solid performances for a vastly improved defensive unit.

Evans, a 2010 graduate of Carver, finished the season with 33 tackles (including five for losses) and three quarterback sacks.

Tennessee State posted an 8-3 record and was ranked as high as 23rd in the national polls for the NCAA's Football Championship Subdivision (formerly known as Division I-AA).

The Tigers led the Ohio Valley Conference in total defense (361.6 yards per game), pass defense (208.5 yards per game), pass defense efficiency and they were second in points allowed (22.8 points per game). That's a significant improvement from 2011, when TSU ranked at or near the bottom of the conference in most defensive statistical categories.



Oglesby



Evans