

SPORTS WEEK

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QEA breaks-in new gym with big win

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Quality Education Academy celebrated the grand opening of its new gymnasium with a 64-48 upset victory over national basketball powerhouse Oak Hill Academy (Va.) last Friday night.

Oak Hill stormed back during the opening minutes of the second half, but the Pharaohs held steady and eventually put the game out of the reach in the final quarter. QEA swing man D'Marques Tyson torched the Warriors with a game-high 18 points, which included four three-pointers.

"What it all came down to was that our guys wanted it a little more," said Coach Isaac Pitts. "D'Marques is a big-time pure shooter. He always has the green light to put it up. We trust him to take the shot and make it."

Tyson was hardly a solo act. Jerelle Deberry contributed 15 points, and 6-foot-10 center



A packed house watches last week's showdown.

Ibrahima Diallo finished with eight points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots. Point guard Imani Miller turned in a solid night's work, logging heavy minutes against Oak Hill's pressure defense and handing out nine assists while committing only two turnovers.

"Aside from what we got

from Imani at point guard, I was pleased with Papa Ndiaye Marsellis Purvis," said Pitts. "Both are 10th graders who gave us a big lift coming off the bench."

Initially, neither team could impose its will on the other. QEA held a slim 12-11 lead near the end of the first quarter, but for the remainder of the first half, Tyson and Deberry took charge and the Pharaohs extended their lead to 33-22 by halftime.

The Warriors made things interesting by scoring 10 unanswered points at the start of the third quarter. Cody Martin scored twice off steals. Caleb Martin hit a three-pointer, and Shelton Mitchell converted a pair of free throws to cut the deficit to 33-32.

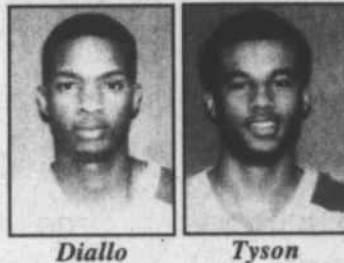
The remaining 5:12 of the third quarter belonged to Deberry and Tyson, who teamed up to score 13 points in QEA's 14-7 spurt. On two occasions in the fourth quarter, Oak Hill managed to pull within five points of the

lead, but each time, its comeback bid fell short. Tyson hit a three-pointer from the right corner with 1:54 left in the game to push the lead back to double digits at 58-46.

Mitchell, who finished with a team-high 17 points, was the only Warriors player to score in double figures. The left-handed point guard has committed to Wake Forest.

Over the years, Oak Hill has cultivated a well-earned reputation for developing Division I college basketball prospects. The Warriors have won eight high school national championships and they were national runners-up six times.

Kevin Durant, Rajon Rondo and Carmelo Anthony are among those Oak Hill alumni who are now in the NBA. On this year's Oak Hill team, the Martin twins - Cody and Caleb - played for Davie County prior to transferring. Both have committed to N.C. State.



Diallo

Tyson

NATIONAL HONOR FOR DCCC MIDDLE HITTER

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Davidson County Community College Storm volleyball player Chloe Barnes is the 2013 Player of the Year for National Junior College Athletic Association's Division III Region X.

The Storm middle hitter was selected to the 1st Team by a vote of volleyball coaches at the Region X tournament late last month in Wytheville, Va. As the leading vote getter, Barnes will serve as the All-American nominee.

"Chloe is a very consistent volleyball player. She has a lot of power and therefore is hard to stop when she's hitting," said Storm Head Coach Gretchan Kepley. "During every game, Chloe's committed to her team and ensuring success."

Kepley adds that Barnes' teammates were instrumental in helping her become one of the top eight hitters in the nation in NJCAA Division III.

Three of those teammates - libero McKenzie Burkhart, middle hitter Maggie Hughes and setter Jordan Whitley - were selected for the All-Region X 2nd Team.

The Storm's season ended Oct. 26 in the first round of the tournament with a five-set (23-25, 25-15, 26-24, 22-25, 15-11) loss to third-seed Walter's State Community College of Morristown, Tenn. The Storm entered the tournament as the second seed and regular season runner-up in the Tarheel Conference. The Storm finished the season with a 7-2 conference and 9-15 overall record.



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Chloe Barnes

NEW UNIFORMS FOR NEW W-S PREP

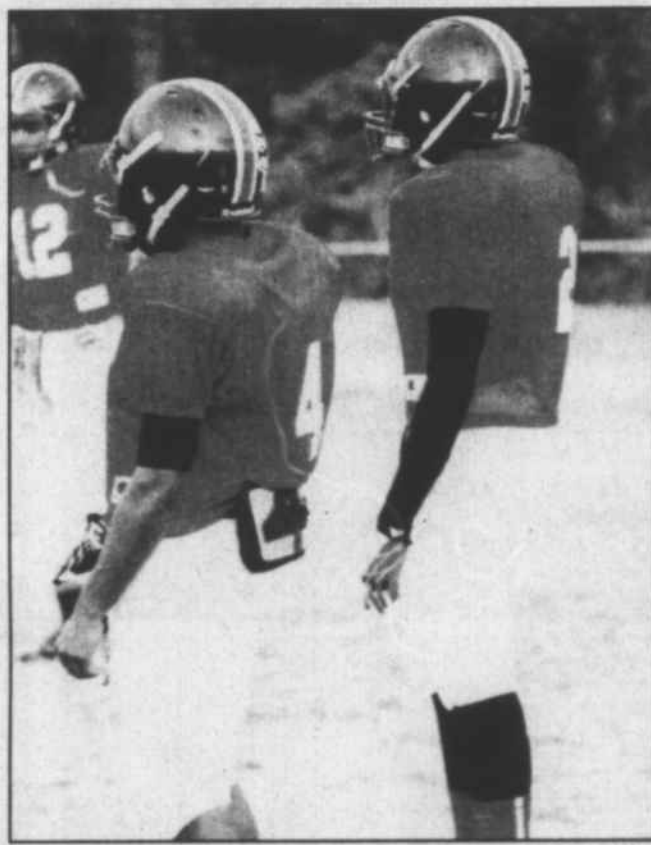
CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy JV football team closed out its 2013 season this week in top style.

Players sported new "sublimated" team uniforms made by Champion Team Athletics. The uniforms use the new sublimated technology that features custom patterns in the fabric similar to college and pro teams. This was the first year for the W-S Prep football program. The school opened in 2004 and quickly developed a nationally-acclaimed basketball program, which won the 2012-2013 North Carolina 1A Championship.

The school's first football season attracted a group of 35 fresh-faced players. They were led by Coach Lamont Scales, a former Wake Forest defensive back.

The start of the football program came with plenty of start-up needs. Winston-Salem based Champion (a



Players practice in their new uniforms.

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division of Hanesbrands Inc.) was happy to help fulfill one of those needs. Champion supplied the red and black Phoenix with uniforms so that the team

could focus more on the game and less on what they were lacking.

"Champion is more than proud to be a part of this inaugural season for Winston-Salem Prep, and we look forward to continuing to team up with them in the future," said Matt Waterman, marketing director for Hanesbrands Inc. "Supporting our community and particularly the young people in it is very important to us."

With a 8-2 record, the new team has had a great season. The game at Atkins was a rout, with the Phoenix claiming victory.

"Our uniform situation has been such a win-win," said W-S Prep Athletic Director Ricky Holt. "Champion wanted to be involved and their generous donation was the only way these kids could have afforded such sharp looking uniforms. The kids love them. We get compliments on them all the time, everywhere we go."

WSSU Athletics honoring vets Saturday

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As part of its Veterans Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 9, Winston-Salem State University Athletics is providing free tickets to vets to its 1:30 p.m. game against Fayetteville State. Vets will also be served at the Meal of Honor cookout at the Chancellor's Hospitality Tent in the field house parking lot.

Veterans will be allowed to purchase up to three discounted tickets for family members at \$10 each. Veterans are asked to bring their DD214 or veterans' ID Card with them for verification.

Tickets will be given to the first 500 veterans on hand for WSSU's Veterans Fair. It will be held from 9 a.m. until noon at the Reserve Center, 1245 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

(across from Bowman Gray Stadium). At the fair, the Veterans Administration will be providing a variety of information about veterans benefits and the VA Hospital will conduct health screenings and provide healthcare education and assist vets with VA enrollment. There will also be free flu shots for the first 200 veterans.

Veterans can park for free at the Anderson Center, and Lot Q (Reynolds Park Road) on campus. There will be shuttle service to the Veterans Fair and from the Fair to the Hospitality Tent. A shuttle will also return veterans to the parking lot.

During the game, veterans will be honored with video tributes, a special national anthem presentation and a tributary halftime performance by the WSSU Red Sea of Sound Marching Band.



Unbeaten Tiny Rams pushing toward state championship

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When opportunity knocked, the Tiny Rams Junior Midgents opened the door and took full advantage.

The team had a 28-22 comeback win over the Tiny Indians in a Division I Piedmont Youth Football and Cheer League championship game played at Glenn High School last Sunday.

The still unbeaten Rams (10-0) have won back-to-back PYFCL titles in this division. As league champs, they will compete in the American Youth Football State Championship game set for East Forsyth High School on Saturday.

"Strength, that was what this game was all about for us," said Coach Chris Key, whose team hasn't lost a league game in two years. "We're constantly drilling our players on how to play through adversity. They've totally bought into what we've been teaching."

The Rams and Indians have a fierce rivalry, and it showed for most of the title game. Up until the final six minutes of the fourth quarter, the Indians always had the lead.

The game's momentum changed drastically with 5:44 left to play in the game. The Rams had just scored on Stephon Brown's 23-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Maxie, who made a leaping catch in the end zone. Brown then completed a PAT pass to Tyrek McNeil to cut the deficit to 22-20.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Rams, who had attempted several onside kicks earlier in the game, switched strategies and it paid off handsomely. The Indians expected the onside kick, so most of its kick return team lined up only 10 yards away

from the spot of the kickoff.

The Rams countered by pooch kicking the ball about 25 yards, which caught the Indians off guard. In the mad scramble to gain possession of the ball, the Rams recovered and took over at the Indians' 23-yard line. Three plays later, Brown scored the game-winning touchdown on a three-yard quarterback sneak. Drel Timmons kicked the two-point PAT to give the Rams their first lead of the game at 28-22.

"The onside kick is a facet of the game that we work on all the time, but we have different ways that we execute it," said Key. "Tonight, we went to Plan B."

The Indians (8-2) had one more chance to regain the lead and win the game, but they fumbled on their first offensive possession and McNeil recovered for the Rams.

The Rams' late-game heroics spoiled an otherwise stellar performance by the Indians, who were led by running back Rashon Razzak, who had touchdown runs of five and 20 yards. His second touchdown gave the Indians a 16-6 lead in the third quarter, but the Rams bounced back quickly. Brown fired a six-yard scoring pass to Keondre Buyna and Maxie caught a pass from Timmons for the conversion to close the gap to 16-13.

The Indians responded by delivering a pick six the next time the Rams got their hands on the ball. Brown looked for Timmons on a deep pass down the left sideline, but Indians defensive back Aquindae King intercepted and raced 65 yards for a touchdown to give his team a 22-13 lead with 7:57 remaining in the final quarter.



Key



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Clockwise from center: Drel Timmons (4), Jalen Maxie, Stephon Brown, Kedrick Patterson and Tyrek McNeil.