

Lady Rams open season with losses

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem State University Lady Rams (0-1) had a solid start, but faded late in a 13-2 loss to the Concord (W.Va.) Mountain Lions, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 31.

It was the first game in a double-header and it was the first game in the season for the Lady Rams.

The Lady Rams took the loss in spite of a solid overall game, but fell victim to a late rally by the Mountain Lions in the tough loss.

After a scoreless first inning, the Lady Rams allowed at least one run in each of the remaining innings for the Mountain Lions, including a six-run sixth inning. The Lady Rams were able to counter with a pair of runs of their own, but could not rally in the loss.

As a team, the Lady Rams finished the game with eight total hits. Senior infielder Monet Daly led the way with a two-for-three performance at the plate with a run scored. Sophomore pitcher Mercedes Hargett also had a strong hitting effort with a two-for-three effort with a run scored. Senior infielder Katrina Bartlett was one-for-three with a double and an RBI.

The Lady Rams scored in the third inning when



The Winston-Salem State Lady Rams opened their season on Saturday, Jan. 31.

senior Lauren Beaver hit an RBI groundout to the pitcher that scored Daly. The team added another score in the sixth inning when Bartlett hit an RBI double that scored Hargett.

Hargett (0-1) took the pitching loss with a four-inning appearance. She finished the game with five runs allowed, but three strikeouts and just one walk. Sophomore Chyna Riley added a pair of innings with three earned runs allowed and three walks.

In the second game of the double-header, the Lady Rams (0-2) gave a strong effort, but the team could not overcome some early struggles in an 11-2 loss to the Concord Mountain Lions (2-0), Saturday. The Lady Rams

allowed seven first-inning runs, but the team finished the game with some tough defense in the tough loss.

After surviving the opening barrage, the Lady Rams held Concord scoreless for the second and third innings, but allowed four runs in the final three innings of the tough loss. The Lady Rams were able to notch a first inning run, followed by a pair of third inning runs, but could not manage any more in the tough loss.

As a team, the Lady Rams finished the game with 10 total hits, including a three-for-three effort with two RBI from senior designated player Lauren Beaver. Sophomore infielder Chyna Riley added a two-for-four effort at the plate with a run scored

while senior Monet Daly added a two-for-four effort with a double and a run scored.

Beaver wasted little time in making her presence felt when she hit a first-inning RBI single that scored Riley. She added another RBI in the third inning that scored Daly. Sophomore infielder Mercedes Hargett added an RBI single that scored Riley.

Daly (0-1) took the pitching loss when she allowed six runs (five earned) in two-thirds of an inning pitched while Hargett pitched five and two-thirds innings. She finished the game with seven hits allowed and four strikeouts with just one walk.



Javan Wells in action.

Rams tame the Blue Bears

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Winston-Salem State University had five players score in double figures, and the Rams erased a 9-point half-time deficit by outscoring the Livingstone Blue Bears by 18 points in the second half, in route to a 89-80 Southern Division win on Saturday night, Jan. 31 at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

With the win, WSSU moves into a tie for first in the CIAA's Southern Division. Winston-Salem State improves to 13-6 overall, 6-4 in the CIAA and 3-1 in the Southern Division. Livingstone falls to 13-7 overall, 7-4 overall and 3-1 in the Southern Division.

In the first half, the Livingstone College Blue Bears jumped out early on the Rams and eight minutes into the game held an 18-10 advantage over WSSU.

Winston-Salem State would creep back into the game, but the Blue Bears would use a 25-6 run over the final five minutes to take a 46-37 lead into the locker room at the half.

Winston-Salem State would waste no time regrouping and making it a game, as the second half begun.

WyKevin Bazemore, Javan Wells and Donta Harper got the Rams off quickly, and a driving layup and free throw from Terrell Leach tied the game at 48-48 with just over 17 minutes to go.

Over the next several minutes, WSSU got big contributions from a number of players, but Donta Harper came alive and carried the team with big shot after big shot.

WSSU would retake the lead at 59-57, with 11 minutes left to play, and would never look back.

The Rams lead would balloon to 13 points twice, and coming down the stretch of the game, WSSU would secure the win with some crucial free throws.

Winston-Salem State was led in scoring by Donta Harper, who turned in his best night as a Ram with 20 points, to go with four rebounds and two assists. Javan Wells also added 20 points to go with five rebounds, while WyKevin Bazemore added 17 points and 13 assists. Bazemore also had three blocks, two steals and two assists. CJ Ford and Kerry Campbell each chipped in 10 points, while Ford also added five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Campbell also finished with two steals. Terrell Leach finished with eight points, two rebounds, two steals and an assist.

Livingstone College was led in scoring by Daryl Traynham, who came off the bench to score 16 points, while Ty Newman added 15 points and seven rebounds. Eric Dubose finished with 14 points, five rebounds and five assists, and Hakeem Jackson added 12 points. Eric Mayo chipped in nine points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Track team competes in Invitational

Covington places second in 60m dash

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The Winston-Salem State University Lady Rams closed out the

2015 Hilton Garden Invitational in style with some great performances on the second day of the two-day meet.

The Lady Rams had some great efforts both on and off the track to close out the meet.

The Lady Rams' sprinters set the tone for the entire day when junior Raven Covington placed second in the women's 60m dash.

She recorded a 7.56 in the finals of the event, another NCAA Division II provisional qualifying time.

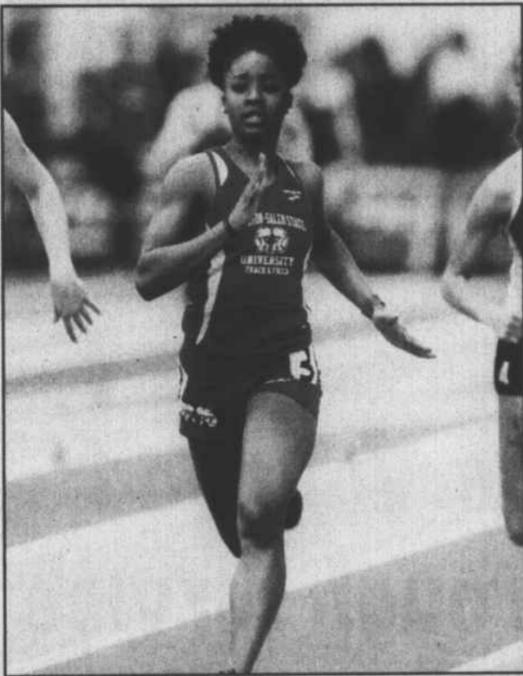
She also had a 7.61 in the semifinals of the event as well.

Joining Covington with a great performance of her own was senior sprinter Nya Michaux, who placed

second in the unseeded section of the women's 200m dash with a 25.41.

Not far behind was sophomore sprinter Ty-Leah Hampton, who placed third with a 25.50. The Lady Rams' 4x400m relay team also had a great day when they placed fifth in the event with a 3:53.18.

In field events, senior Tajanel McNeil continued her great efforts with a fifth-place finish in the women's long jump. She recorded a 37' 10.50" (11.54m) leap, an NCAA Division II provisional qualifying leap.



Raven Covington placed second in the 60m dash.

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