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## It's a Wrap!

### W-S Prep girls end in success

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

In every way imaginable, Winston-Salem Prep's girls owned this year's Class 1-A state basketball playoffs. The Phoenix pulled it off by imposing its collective will in every facet of play.

Winning by comfortable margins was the normal order of business. Prep's dominance was put on full display in a 58-31 stomping of Riverside in the state final. Now that the Phoenix has its first state championship tucked away, what's next?

The good news for Prep followers is that all hands from this year's title-winning squad are underclassmen. Next season's team will be comprised mostly of seniors who would like nothing better than to put the finishing touches on their careers by winning back-to-back titles.

For sure, expectations will be off the charts and for good reason. The Phoenix got maximum See WSP girls on B2



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### Loss keeps W-S Prep boys ready for the fall

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The returning cast for Winston-Salem Prep's boys' basketball team isn't likely to need any prodding when pre-season practice begins next fall.

The memories of a 3-point loss in the Class 1-A state championship game is sure to remain fresh in the minds of the Phoenix.

There's one banner hanging inside Prep's gym that will provide an ample visual reminder.

This particular banner recognizes WSP as the state runner-up for 2015, and it will stand out. That's because there are four other banners which symbolize state championships won by the Phoenix in previous seasons.

Prior to its 67-64 loss to East Carteret two weeks ago, Prep had won three state championships in a row.

"Yes, we were disappointed with the loss," said Coach Andre Gould. "We

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### Atkins girls foresee a bright season

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When it comes to girls' basketball at Atkins High School, times have really changed.

In a three-year span, the Camels have grown from being bottom-feeders to being a legitimate factor in the ultra-competitive Northwest 1-A Conference. Atkins had its best season ever (17-5) and the outlook for next season is very bright. Most of that crew - which includes five rising seniors - will return.

Atkins served notice at the start of the season with an impressive showing at the Mary Garber Holiday Tip-Off Classic, the premier event for girls' hoops in Forsyth County. Along the way, the Camels posted impres-

sive wins over West Forsyth and Mount Tabor, two of the area's better Class 4-A programs.

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Even though they lost 54-50 in the Garber final, there's no denying that Atkins is a rising force. The narrow loss came at the hands of Class 4-A Reynolds, a team that won 27 straight games before losing to Myers Park in

Charlotte, who repeated as state champs.

Looking back over the season, the holiday tournament wins signaled the beginning of what would prove to be a marvelous season. In conference play, the Camels beat perennial power Bishop McGuinness twice and they split two games with rival Winston-Salem Prep, which won this year's Class 1-A state championship. Atkins finished the regular season as the Northwest runner-up behind the Phoenix.

"This group came in as freshmen, but they had played in a lot of AAU games and were already seasoned," said Coach Louis Lowery. "Still, they had to go through the process of



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Tyler Davenport (12) played solid at both ends of the floor for Atkins.

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### WSSU Athletics announces Ariel V. Germain as director of marketing

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Ariel V. Germain joins the Winston-Salem State University staff as Director of Marketing, after spending the last two years as Assistant Athletic Director for Communications at Catholic University of America.

"Ariel is a great addition to our staff and brings a plethora of experience from a number of university settings," said WSSU Director of Athletics Tonia Walker. "She is in tune with the trends and current marketing strategies that are certain to elevate the presence of WSSU Athletics."

Germain joined Catholic University of America after a one-year stint as the Assistant Director for Athletic Communications at Howard University. During her tenure, she was the primary contact for 17-of-the 19 sports, while launching a new athletics website and assisting on various marketing initiatives for the department of athletics.

Prior to relocating to the District of Columbia, she

spent three years at North Carolina Central University. At NCCU, Germain served as the Assistant Sports Information Director for two years and a graduate assistant within the department for one season. She was the primary contact for volleyball, women's basketball, softball and men's and women's tennis.

Germain joined the NCCU Sports Information Department following an 11-month stint as the Academic Support Assistant and Compliance Intern at NCCU.

As a "double Eagle," she completed graduate level course work in athletic administration.

In December 2006, Germain earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications with an emphasis in journalism and a minor in English literature from North Carolina Central University.

While at NCCU, Germain was a member of the women's volleyball team. From 2002-05, Germain was named to the 2002 All-Rookie Team, 2nd team All-Conference (2002-03), 1st team All-Conference (2004-05). As a setter, she led her team to two back-to-back Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships. Germain still holds the career setting record at NCCU with 4,036 assists.

Aside from her athletic accomplishments, Germain served as president, secretary and student advisor to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). Attended the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) SAAC Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla., and received the NCAA Division II Degree Completion Scholarship for the fall 2006 semester. Germain was the sports editor for the university newspaper The Campus Echo in the final semester of her matriculation.

In the spring of 2006, she was a marketing intern with the formally known WLFL UPN 28/WRDC WB 22. Her

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