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Boulware satisfied with Rams' football progress this spring



Michael Bloomfield (40) anchors the Rams defensive line.

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Springtime is in full swing, and the start of the next football season is still five months away. Even so, expectations are high at Winston-Salem State University. Rams followers got a glimpse of the not-so-distant future at the annual Spring Game played last Saturday, April 11 at Glenn High School in Kernersville.

The Red team emerged with a 20-16 win over the White team. Quarterback Rod Tinsley delivered the game-clincher with a six-yard touchdown run with less than three minutes left to play in the fourth quarter.

"I'm satisfied with the progress

we've made," said WSSU Coach Kienus Boulware, whose team finished up at 9-2 last season. "Everybody was able to get acclimated to our new system."

The burning question as to who will start at quarterback wasn't resolved during spring practice. Freshmen Rod Tinsley and Demetrius Lewis showed promise, but neither was able to establish a clear advantage over the other.

For now, it's a neck-and-neck race between the two. "They're new and they're learning as they go," Boulware said.

With 140 days to go before the season kicks off at UNC Pembroke on Sept. 3, it's too early to tell what



Kienus Boulware addresses his team after the conclusion of Saturday's Spring Game.

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Red vs. White

Team Red defeats Team White, 20-16, in scrimmage game

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The WSSU Red Team's quarterback, Rod Tinsley, scored on a six yard run with 2:52 left to play, to give the Red Team a 20-16 win over the White Team Saturday in the Winston-Salem State University Spring Game.

Kicker William Johnson opened the scoring for the White Team in the first quarter with a 33 yard field goal. The Red Team answered in the second quarter, as William Johnson tied the game with a 47-yard field goal.

The White Team scored the day's first touchdown, on a Demetrius Lewis to William Belcher pass and catch for a touchdown. William Johnson would bring the Red Team closer, and bring the fans to their feet when, with one second left before the half, he would connect on a 54-yard field goal to bring the score to White Team 10, Red Team 6 at the half.

The Red Team would take their first lead of the day when Kenneth Sharpe would go off the right side for a 21-yard touchdown run to put the Red Team on top, 13-10.

The White Team answered back with a run of their own, when Entrone Jones went 45 yards through the middle for a score, to put the White Team back out in front 16-13.

But it was the Red Team with the final answer, as Rod Tinsley would take it himself around the left end for a six-yard touchdown run with 2:52 remaining to give the Red Team with 20-16 win.

Kenneth Sharpe led the Red Team in rushing with seven carries for 48 yards and one touchdown, while Malik Moseley rushed five times for 27 yards. Rod Tinsley added one rushing touchdown.

Tinsley finished 10 of 21 for 96 yards with two interceptions. Rashan Williams had two catches for 50 yards, while Anthony Bowen (25 yds), Julian Primus (10 yards), Markus Kershaw (2 yards) and Malik Moseley (2 yards) each had one catch. Canard Brown had three catches for 4 yards.

Defensively for the Red Team, Anthony

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Track winners gearing up for championships



West Forsyth's Vernon Espinoza leads the pack in the 800-meter run.

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West Forsyth pulled off a satisfying double in winning the boys' and girls' team titles at the Scott Brent Track and Field Invitational held last weekend at Mount Tabor.

"The Brent" is also known as the Forsyth County Championships. It's the one meet during the season in which all the public high schools in the county compete against one another.

Even though the Brent is considered one of the season's highlights, it also serves as a building block for the remainder of the season. Now, these track athletes turn their attention to their respective conference championships scheduled over the next two weeks. The Piedmont area has several athletes who appear in the state rankings on the NC Runners website (nc.milesplit.com).

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In retrospect, the boys' 200-meter dash turned out to be a race of county champions.

Carver's Brian Sessoms was expected to repeat his double as 100/200 champ from a year ago. Sessoms won the 100 in a tightly-contested race over West Forsyth's Breon Jenkins with wind-aided 10.88 seconds.

Jenkins bounced back to even the score in the 200. He closed with a rush over the final 20 meters to win by a step over Sessoms. Jenkins was clocked in at 21.98 (wind-aided).

Sessoms and Jenkins will not have a rematch. Carver (2-A) and West Forsyth (4-A) compete in different conferences and they're in different classifications. Because of that, the schools won't face each other in the same regional and state championships.

The boys' 200 featured another Brent winner, Chace Washington-Saunders of Reagan who claimed the gold by winning the 400 earlier in the day. Washington-Saunders won the 400 easily in 49.0 and finished third in the 200 (22.34 wind-aided).

With the track season entering its final

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Tiara Patterson-Mills of Mount Tabor in action.



Photo by Craig T. Greenlee

At the start of this week, Deacons senior Matt Pirro led the ACC in pitching wins.

Deacons looking to make late-season surge

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With a little under a month left in the regular season, Wake Forest remains hopeful that it has enough left in its tank to make a serious run in the ACC Baseball Tournament. When it comes to league play, the Deacons (9-9) have gotten mixed results.

The most recent example was a road trip vs. Pitt. In losing twice in the three-game series, Wake Forest was victimized by spotty pitching in the opener (8-3 defeat) and lack of bat production in the third game. The Deacons' bats were silent in an 8-4 loss in which

they went 1-for-12 at the plate with runners in scoring position.

In the middle game, however, the Deacons drilled eight extra-base hits in a 12-4 victory. Stuart Fairchild went 4-for-5 and drove in five runs. Gavin Sheets hit a three-run home run and Will Craig drove in three runs.

There's still enough time left for Wake to put together a late-season surge. Even so, it could be an uphill battle. Right now, the Deacons are in the midst of a two-week stretch that included road trips for nine

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