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Glenn football coach gets chance of a lifetime

Father and son learn to cope with each other on the field

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For nearly 25 years, Donald Carter Sr. has coached football at the high school level, but over the past four seasons, he's had the opportunity of a lifetime, to coach his only child, Donald Jr., who is finishing up his senior year at Glenn High School.

When offered the position, Carter Sr. said it was a no-brainer. He sees it as an opportunity to help his son grow as an athlete and as a man.

"You don't get many opportunities to coach your own son at any level of the sport, but especially at the high school level," Carter said.

During his playing days, Donald Sr. was a force to be reckoned with. As a linebacker at West Forsyth, he was known as a hard-hitting runstopper who always seemed to be one step ahead of his blockers at all times. He went on to earn a scholarship to play at Lees-McRae College, where he played two years before transferring to Winston-Salem State University. Donald Jr., who has heard a countless

number of stories about his father's playing days, said he didn't try to model his game after his father but instead took his words of advice and put his own twist on them.

"I don't think I took anything from his physical game," Donald Jr. said. "I just took from his experiences and knowledge of the game."

During his senior season, Donald Jr. racked up 130 tackles, five sacks and a number of forced fumbles.

At first, Donald Jr. admits it was hard playing for his dad, who is known for his intensity on game days and even practices. Eventually he learned to distinguish the difference between coach and father.

"At first it was very hard," Donald Jr. said. "But by my senior year, I learned to just deal with it."

Early in the process, if Donald Jr. missed a few tackles in a row or had a misstep in practice, Donald Sr. would be the first to be in his ear to tell him about it. But as time passed and with the help of the Bobcat coaching staff, Donald Sr. learned

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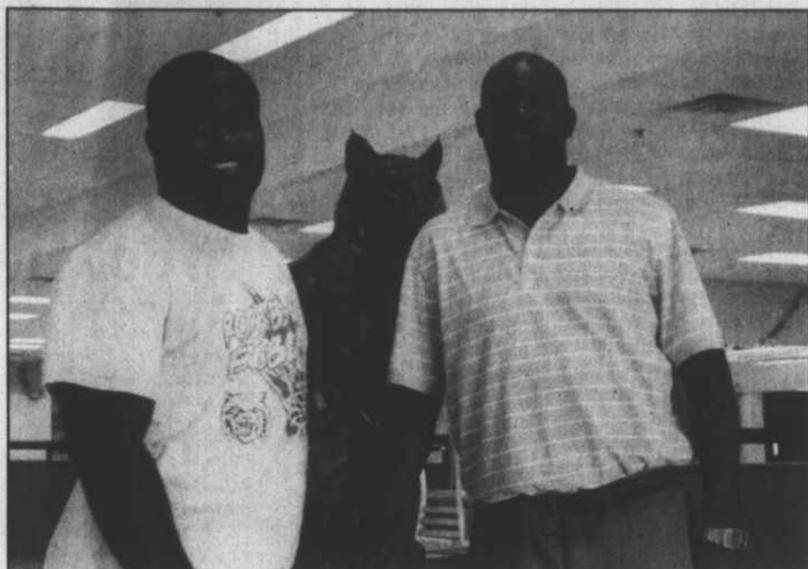


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Donald Carter Sr. felt like he had opportunity of a lifetime when four years ago he was offered a position at Glenn High School, where his son Donald Carter Jr. was a linebacker. Although it was hard at times the father and son learned to deal with it.

BASEBALL

Dash slugger's sole goal: 'play and compete at the highest level'



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Chris Jacobs has hit 89 home runs during his minor-league career.

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Chris Jacobs is built for power. Standing 6-foot-5 inches and weighing 260 pounds, the Winston-Salem native has the look of a basketball power forward or a football tight end/linebacker. Baseball, though, has always been his first love. Jacobs continues to pursue his dream of playing in the Major Leagues one day.

For his career, Jacobs has belted 89 home runs with 328 RBIs, and he has a better than decent batting average for a long-ball hitter at .266. Over the past three seasons,

he's hit 56 home runs.

The Los Angeles Dodgers took Jacobs, the starting first baseman for the Winston-Salem Dash, in the 2007 draft after his graduation from Glenn High School. He was an All-State pick as a senior. Two years ago, he was promoted to the Double-A level (Chattanooga Lookouts) but returned to the Single-A California League (Rancho Cucamonga Quakes) after a short stint.

Last year may have been Jacobs's best as a pro. In his third season with the Quakes, he slammed 25 home runs and drove in 94 runs, in spite of playing the final month of the season with a torn ligament in his wrist.

The Chicago White Sox signed Jacobs in January, and then assigned him to play for his hometown team in mid-April. The assignment didn't signal a promotion. The Dash plays in the Carolina League, which is the same Single-A level as the California League. So, it's hardly surprising that he received the news with mixed emotions.

"It's a little bittersweet coming back home to play in high-A (league) after playing for a few years," said Jacobs. "But to come home and be able to play in front of my family, that was a real up-side to it. It's great to have my mom in the stands so I can go home to good cooking."

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Parkland High grad pumped about college track future

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Like all elite-level sprinters, Katlin Sherman has superior foot speed. In her case, however, there's more to it than having the ability to run fast. There's an inner sizzle that feeds her drive to be the best of the best — especially when championships of any kind are on the line.

It's an intangible that served Sherman well during her time at Parkland High. That same trait figures to take her even further when she begins her college track career at UNC-Chapel Hill this fall.

"Katlin has that 'want to' mentality," said Nicole Hudson, Tar Heels sprints/hurdles coach. "In watching her run, you notice right away that her will to win is very strong. Katlin is always ready to compete, and it doesn't matter who the opponent is."

A year ago, Sherman, a junior at that time, won the 100 and 200-meter dashes at the Class 4-A state outdoor track and field championships. She also anchored Parkland's state title-winning 4x100 and 4x200 relays and was voted state meet Most Valuable Player.

As a result, she emerged as a hot

prospect in the eyes of a host of major-college programs. Aside from the Tar Heels, Sherman attracted heavy interest from Tennessee, East Carolina, Virginia Tech, South Carolina and Texas A&M.

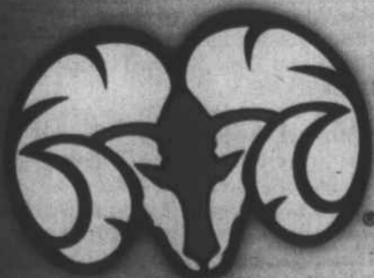
"We need athletes like Katlin who can help Carolina track return to the level of dominance we had in the late 1990s/early 2000s," Hudson said. "We're excited to have her join us. She has those qualities that will enable her to do well in the classroom and on the track. The fact that she was a key figure on a deep Parkland team



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Sherman ran on the Mustangs 4x200 relay that won two national titles.

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