

CIAA Hall of Famers amaze CIAA ball boys and girls

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Over 30 CIAA ball boys and girls had a chance to witness the 2016 CIAA Hall of Famers in the Time Warner Arena in Charlotte.

The CIAA Hall of Famers for 2016 are as follows: Ronald "Flip" Murray, student/athlete, Shaw University; Tory Woodbury, student/athlete, Winston-Salem State University; Earl "Air" Harvey, student/athlete, North Carolina Central University; Arthur "Boo Boo" Gaskins, student/athlete, Elizabeth City State University; Mark Sherrill, student/athlete, Johnson Smith University; Dr. Ingrid Wicker-McCree, Coach, North Carolina

Central University; Andre Springs, student/athlete, Fayetteville State University; Dianthia Ford-Kae, administrator, Fayetteville State University; Dr. Edward McLean, administrator, Elizabeth City State University and last but not least, Abraham "Mr. CIAA" Mitchell, supporter.

Of all of the CIAA Hall of Famers most remembered to CIAA Ball Captain Ben Piggott, who has volunteered with the CIAA Ball Boys and Girls since it was started in Winston-Salem, said it would be Tory "Hollywood" Woodbury.

"I remember Tory when he was a young man growing up in the Happy Hill community and coming to

the William C. Sims Sr. Recreation Center," said Piggott. "It is a great honor to watch a young man grow up, even though Tory won 2 CIAA football championships at Winston-Salem State University, played NFL football for New York Jets, New Orleans Saints, Buffalo Bills, coached at Delaware State, and is now an offensive coordinator at Johnson C. Smith University, he still helps children with his foundation," said Piggott.

"I am thankful for Robert Chadwick, Dave Morrison, Toya Morrison, Jeff Brantley and Tim Cunningham for doing an outstanding job with the children in the CIAA Ball Boys and Girls Program."



Submitted photos
Ben Piggott, second from left, is shown with WSSU Athletic Director Tonia Walker, third from left, and the 2016 CIAA ball boys and girls at the 71st CIAA Men's Basketball Tournament held Feb. 23 through Feb. 27 at the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte.

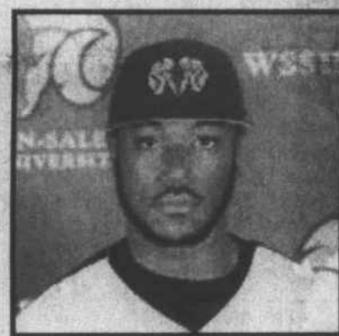


Ben Piggott, far left, is shown with (L-R) Charlotte Hornets' cameraman Carl Russell III, Jeff Brantley and the 2016 CIAA ball boys and girls at the 71st CIAA Men's Basketball Tournament held Feb. 23 through Feb. 27 at the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte. Russell was a standout at Carver High School in Winston-Salem.



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Willie McRae's walk-off single gives WSSU a 6-5 win over Concord



McRae

WSSU photo

No. 26 Austin Cole and fellow Winston-Salem State University baseball players cheer on the team against Concord on Sunday, March 6, at BB&T Ballpark.

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Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) pounded out 13 hits, but it was the four last ones that made the difference. Willie McRae singled past the shortstop with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the WSSU Rams a 6-5 walk-off win in the series finale on Sunday, March 6, at BB&T Ballpark.

The win moves Winston-Salem State to 8-11 overall, while Concord falls to 3-8 on the season.

Concord scored first, on an rbi single to left field in the top of the first inning to give the Mountain Lions the early 1-0 lead.

In the second inning, Connor Bodenhamer doubled to left field and would be brought home on a Randy Norris triple down the right field line to tie the

game. Jason Baytop would hit a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring Bodenhamer, to give the Rams a 2-1 advantage.

In the fourth inning, Jason Baytop reached on a fielder's choice and would eventually be brought home on a Nathan Steger single to right field to push the Rams lead to 3-1.

The Concord Mountain Lions answered with two runs in the top of the fifth inning to tie the game at 3-3.

The Rams added another run in the fifth inning, after Michael McNamara started the inning with a walk, and would be brought home later in the inning on a Phillip Page single to give the Rams a 4-3 lead.

WSSU looked to put the game away in the sixth when Nathan Steger scored on an Ivan Acuna single to center field, giving

the Rams a 5-3 lead, heading into the late innings.

But once again, the Mountain Lions were resilient, and battled back with a big two-run double in the top of the eighth inning to tie the game at 5-5 heading into the ninth inning.

In the bottom of the ninth, Ivan Acuna led off with a walk and advanced to second on a bunt from Phillip Page. Emilio Abreu would pinch run for Acuna, and the bases would become loaded on an error from the Concord pitcher fielding a come-backer, setting the stage for the late game heroics. Willie McRae would single over the shortstops head, allowing Page to score and giving the WSSU Rams the walk-off 6-5 win.

Jordan Cummings picked up the win for WSSU, throwing one pitch in the bottom of the eighth inning to get the Rams

out of the inning with score still tied. Devin McEmore pitched 5.0 innings, allowing eight hits and three runs. Tyler Searce went 2.2 innings, allowing two runs on three hits, and Kanoa Hironaka pitched one inning, allowing one hit.

The Rams were led at the plate by Phillip Page, who finished 3 for 5 with one run scored and one run batted in. Randy Norris went 2 for 5 with one run scored and one run batted in, while Landon Steiner also finished 2 for 5. Jason Baytop, Willie McRae, Brandon Fowler, Nathan Steger, Ivan Acuna and Conner Bodenhamer each had one hit. Baytop and Steger each scored one run and had one run batted in. Michael McNamara and Bodenhamer each scored a run. Randy Norris also had a triple and Bodenhamer a double.

WSSU takes second loss of CIAA Round Up

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The Winston-Salem State Rams (0-4, 0-2 CIAA) gave a strong effort, but the team could not find any answers in a 9-0 loss to the Chowan Lady Hawks (8-1, 2-0 CIAA), Sunday morning on the second day of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Tennis Round Up.

The Rams opened the day with three straight doubles losses, falling 8-2, 8-1, and 8-0 in first, second, and third doubles respectively. The duo of junior Gabrielle Lindsay and sophomore Aja Grant had the best effort with two points in doubles play.

The Rams also took six losses in singles play. Senior Devan Corpening had the



No.3 singles.

With the loss, the Rams fall to 0-4 overall and 0-2 in CIAA play. The team will return to action Tuesday afternoon when the team takes the road to take on Fayetteville State in their CIAA Southern Division opener.

best effort with a 6-1, 6-2 loss at No. 4 singles. Freshman Miranda Legg fell 6-3, 6-0 at No.6 singles, while Grant took a 6-0, 6-3 loss at

WSSU Rams baseball falls one spot in NCBWA Atlantic Region poll

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The Winston-Salem State University Rams baseball team dropped one spot to No.7 this week in the NCBWA Atlantic Region poll.

Winston-Salem State is

coming off of a 2-2 week, where they dropped a mid-week game to Wingate before rallying to win the weekend series versus Concord University of the Mountain East Conference (2-1).

1. Millersville (12)
2. Mercyhurst

3. East Stroudsburg
4. Seton Hill
5. West Chester
6. Shepherd
7. Winston-Salem State
8. Gannon
9. UVA-Wise
10. West Liberty