



Carver Sr. High School football star Bryce Sherman speaks at basketball banquet

Staff at Carl Russell Sr. Recreation Center give championship teams awards at the center. Submitted photos

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On Monday, March 28, Bryce Sherman spoke at the basketball banquet held at the Carl H. Russell, Sr. Community Center to honor participants in the basketball league. Sherman is a former Carver High School football star and graduate of the University of South Carolina. He is currently working on a master's degree program at WSSU. Sherman is also the new center supervisor at the William C. Sims, Sr. Recreation Center located in the Happy Hill community.

Sherman's speech centered on the importance of academics in playing sports at any school. Sherman said that while at Carver he won many awards in sports, but he held a GPA over 3.0 every quarter of his high school career. He also made honor roll four years in a row and he only missed one day of school during his four years of high school.

Supervisor Ben Piggott, Brian Leak and LaKesha Byrd presented Bryce Sherman with an award for being an outstanding supporter for the Carl H. Russell Basketball League. The staff gave trophies to the youth in the basketball league.



This is Bryce Sherman at Carver Senior High School in 2008.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Playground Safety Week set for April 18 - 22

The Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was successful for the second consecutive year in pursuing and obtaining a proclamation from Governor Pat McCrory declaring April 18 - 22, 2016 as Playground Safety Week for the State of North Carolina. To encourage citizens to observe Playground Safety Week, Phi Omega chapter will send playground safety tips compiled by the NPPS to school systems and daycare centers, as well as to health departments/medical professionals for distribution to students, parents, teachers, patients, and staff members. All of these individuals can help make and keep playgrounds safe by adhering to S.A.F.E. guidelines: Supervise children while they are on playgrounds and equipment; age appropriate equipment should be used by children; fall protection/cushioning should be installed under equipment; and equipment maintenance should be carried out regularly.

Golf tournament scheduled to raise money for scholarships

On Saturday, April 23, the Forsyth County Sunday School Union will be hosting its first golf tournament to raise funds to assist with college expenses for deserving high school students. The golf tournament will be held at Winston Lake Golf Course, with registration from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. (holes No. 1 and No. 10). The entry fee for teams is \$200 (four players per team). There will be cash prizes for the first and second place teams and various door prizes for all participants. For more information or to register your team, contact Tommie Speaks at 336-793-6512.

Hospice of Davidson County to hold Golf Tournament

Hospice of Davidson County will hold its 9th annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 28, at the Sapona Ridge Country Club, 439 Beaver Creek Road, Lexington.

Registration is open to individual golfers as well as corporate and group teams.

The Captain's Choice tournament will offer two tee times - an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start with a 7:00 a.m. registration and a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start with an 11:30 a.m. registration. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. for all players.

The \$85 per player entry fee includes green fees, cart, snacks and beverages. A special corporate registration is available for \$450 and includes a team registration (4 players) with business advertisement on team carts plus hole sponsorship recognition.

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded for winners in both morning and afternoon play. Players will have the chance to win a number of prizes, including a 2016 Chevy Tahoe and \$5,000 cash.

For more information or to register, visit HospiceOfDavidson.org or contact Jan Knox at (336) 475-5444 or jknox@hospiceof davidson.org.

Kevin Ritsche Earns 200th career win at WSSU

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The WSSU Rams baseball team brought out the big sticks on Sunday, smashing five home runs in the afternoon, as the Rams swept a double header from the Bluefield State Blues, 9-3 and 6-2, and giving WSSU head coach, Kevin Ritsche, his 200th win as WSSU coach.

With the wins, Winston-Salem State moves to 18-17 overall, while Bluefield State falls to 9-24 on the season.

In game one, WSSU struck early, as Jason Baytop led off the bottom of the first inning with a home run to deep left field to give the Rams the early advantage.

The Rams would add to their lead in the second, when WSSU exploded for three runs on three hits, helped out by two Bluefield State errors. Orlando Cannon, Jason Baytop and Emilio Abreu picked up RBIs to give Winston-Salem State at 4-0 lead.

Bluefield State answered with a big inning of their own, plating three runs on three hits and also got the help of one WSSU error, to trim the Rams lead to 4-3.

An inning later, the

Rams looked to slam the door on the Blues, as they would use the long ball to put the game out of reach. Jason Baytop led off with a double down the left field line, and would be brought home on an Emilio Abreu single to left center. Nathan Steger would blast a two run home run to right center field and Ivan Acuna would hit a solo bomb to left field to give WSSU a 8-3 lead.

WSSU would add another run in the sixth, when Michael McNamara homered to center field, giving WSSU a 9-3 lead that they would hold on to, to take game one.

Justin Norton picked up the win for WSSU, going 5.0 innings, allowing three runs on three hits while striking out seven. Garrison Roy pitched 2.0 innings out of the bullpen, allowing two hits and striking out two.

Emilio Abreu finished 3 for 4 with two runs batted in and one run scored, while Jason Baytop went 2 for 4 with a home run, two runs batted in and two runs scored. Nathan Steger went 1 for 3 with two runs batted in and one run scored. Ivan Acuna went 1 for 3 with two runs scored and one run batted in, and Michael McNamara went 1 for 3 with two runs scored and

one run batted in. Randy Norris also went 1 for 3, and Orlando Cannon finished 1 for 4 with a run batted in.

In game two, Bluefield State jumped out early to a 2-0 lead, as they crossed the plate twice on one hit and one WSSU error to take the early advantage.

The Rams would answer in the bottom of the first inning, as Jason Baytop led off with a single and eventually worked his way around the base paths, scoring on a wild pitch to cut the Bluefield State lead to 2-1.

WSSU would take their first lead of the game in the third inning, when Ivan Acuna would hit a two run home run, his second of the day, and also scoring Nathan Steger, to give WSSU a 3-2 lead.

Winston-Salem State would seal the game away in the sixth inning, when Nathan Steger would single to left field, scoring Rashad Webster and Brandon Fowler. Steger would eventually come home on a wild pitch, to give the Rams a 6-2 lead.

Jordan Cummings came out of the bullpen and promptly slammed the door on Bluefield State, giving the Rams the win, and Head Coach Kevin Ritsche his 200th career

win at Winston-Salem State University.

Kanoa Hironaka got the win for the Rams, pitching 5.0 innings, allowing two runs on four hits with one walk and seven strikeouts. Jordan Cummings got the save, pitching the final 2.0 innings, striking out four Bluefield State batters.

Nathan Steger finished 1 for 3 with two runs batted in and two runs scored, while Ivan Acuna went 1 for 3 with a home run, two runs batted in and a run scored. Jason Baytop went 1 for 2 with a run scored, and Randy Norris also went 1 for 2, along with Jonathan Cummings and

Orlando Cannon.

Winston-Salem State will travel to Catawba on Tuesday evening, and to UVA-Wise on Wednesday, before hosting St. Augustine's University in a four-game weekend series at Asheboro's McCrary Park.

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BALLGAME

OPENING WEEK

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 - 7 p.m. - POSTGAME FIREWORKS

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 - 6:30 p.m. -

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 - 2 p.m. - FAMILY SUNDAY, PUPS IN THE PARK

MONDAY, APRIL 18 - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 - 7 p.m.

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