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McTeer, an outfielder and right-handed relief pitcher, hasn't decided where he will play or which sport he will play. At 6-0, 255 pounds, McTeer is just as menacing on the mound as he is at middle linebacker on the gridiron. At this juncture, he hasn't decided between Littlejohn Academy (NC), Winston-Salem State and N.C. A&T. There's a possibility that he may wind up being a two-sport athlete in college.

"We're going to miss them both," said coach Bobby Smith, whose team finished up at 24-5. "Greg was a team captain and excellent leader in the dug-out. All the kids look up to him. Even though he signed a football scholarship, he didn't back off from baseball. He worked as hard as he's ever worked during his time here."

"Bryce has good speed and great hands. He is the definition of a closer because he throws pitches that make you swing and miss. As a hitter, he really clicked this season."

Brooks, a right-handed hitter who has power to all fields, had a stellar season with a .330 batting average, 24 RBIs and one home run. What he'll remember about the spring of 2016 is how the Wolfpack overcame a

poor start to post the best record in school history.

"I'm proud of the way we turned things around after losing three straight games early in the season," he said. "That was very impressive for this team. As for my personal accomplishments, I give all the credit to God. He has blessed me with so much."

As a pitcher, McTeer, who routinely throws fast balls in the 90 to 91 mph range, has mellowed with maturity. This season, he posted a 4-0 record with a 1.87 ERA. In 12 appearances (33.2 innings pitched), he recorded 36 strikeouts.

"Once I got my (throwing) mechanics right, I was able to throw harder and with more control," said McTeer, who relies on his curve, slider and split-fingered change-up to keep batters off balance. "The main thing for me was keeping my composure and realizing that I didn't have to try to strike out every batter. I had to learn to trust our defense to give me the backing that every pitcher needs."

At the plate, McTeer finished the season with a .400 batting average with 14 RBIs. "Bryce led the team in two-out RBIs," said Smith. "We had to move him up and down in the lineup this season because opponents started trying to pitch around



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Walkertown relief pitcher and outfielder Bryce McTeer finished up his senior season with a 1.87 ERA. At the plate, he hit .400 and had 14 runs batted in.

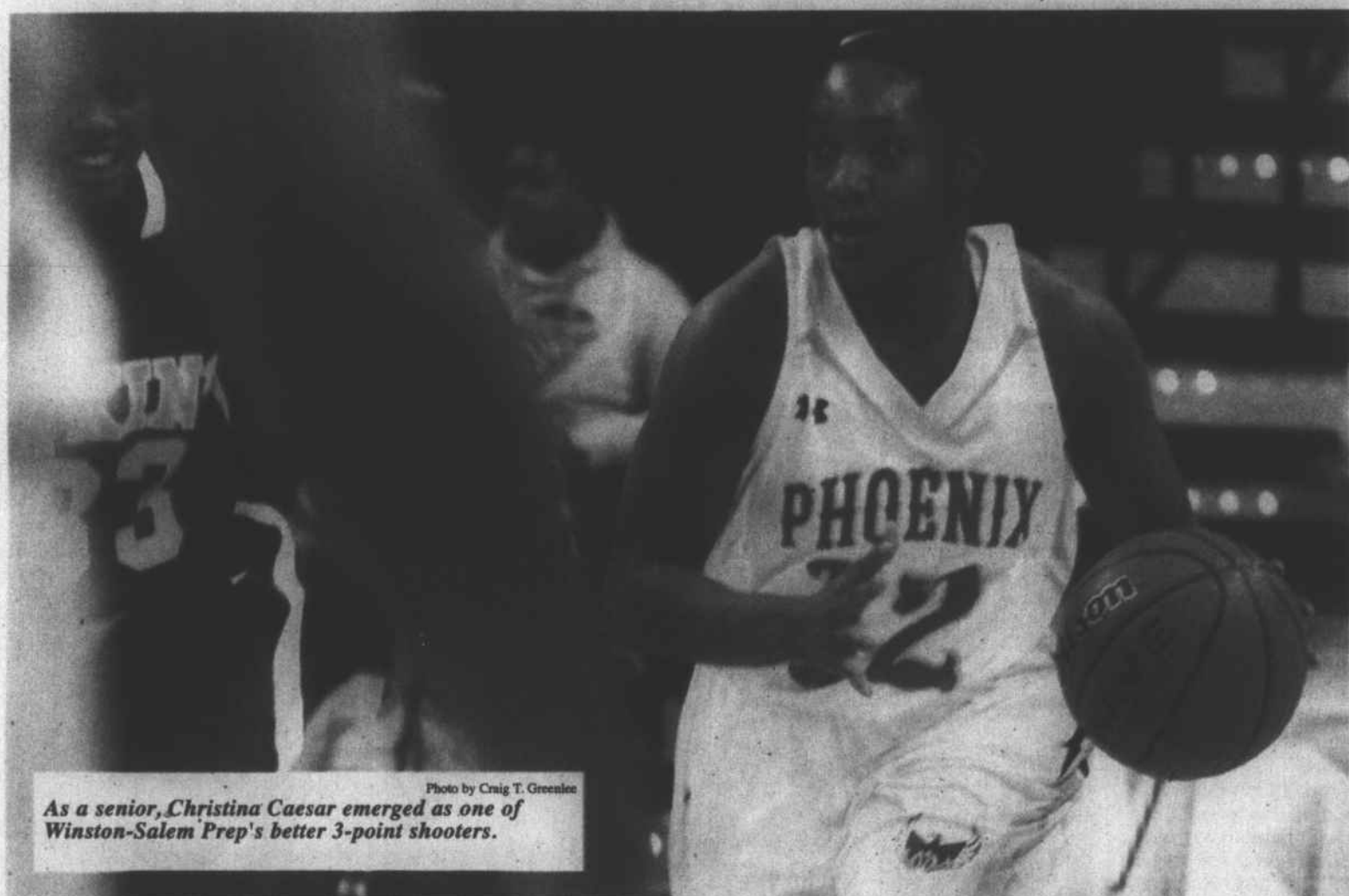


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As a senior, Christina Caesar emerged as one of Winston-Salem Prep's better 3-point shooters.

Caesar

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appearance in the state final.

"When Jada picked up those fouls and had to sit on the bench, we really needed to get some offense going," said Caesar. "Somebody had to step up."

Caesar, who has a 3.5 grade-point average, had a joyous ending to her high school career. But a year earlier, there was concern because of a torn ACL she suffered in the first half of the 2015 state championship game. Caesar was forced to watch the second half of the game from the sidelines.

It was during the off-season when Caesar started gaining confidence that she could play basketball beyond high school. "Once I saw that I could make a comeback, I felt a lot better about being able to play at the college level," she said. "Coming back from that injury was hard. At times, I wanted to give up. That's one of the reasons why it felt so great to win the state championship this year."

Love believes that the best is yet to come for Caesar, who wants to pursue a career as a physical therapist. In his mind, her desire to excel and her ever-improving offensive game bodes well for Caesar emerging as a factor at shooting guard and/or small forward in college. "I see her doing very well as a utility player," said Love. "She's quick enough to play on the perimeter and strong enough to go inside and score and grab rebounds."



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Warcats

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Next week the Lady Warcats will host the Charlotte Invasion at Piedmont International

University located on S. Broad Street. Tip-off is scheduled for 12 noon.

For more information on the Lady Warcats, visit the team's official website: www.ladywarcats.com.

Members of the Winston-Salem Lady Warcats pose with campers following the FUNdamentals Youth Camp held last Saturday, May 28, at Piedmont International University.

Sports

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Going forward, I will be bringing you sports coverage on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Junior Varsity and Middle School sports.

I am originally from the Washington, D.C., area, and I initially attended St. Augustine's University in Raleigh. While attending St. Augustine's, I was a National Champion track and field athlete, competing in the in the 4x400 meter relay under legendary Head Coach George "Pup" Williams.

I later transferred to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and obtained my bachelor's degree in Mass Communication and Journalism. I have made Greensboro my home for the past 15 years.

My goal is to provide the readers of *The Chronicle* with quality sports and religion articles. While I look forward to highlighting the talent of the JV and Middle School athletes in the area, our sports section, called SportsWeek, will offer other sports coverage, also, such as some AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) coverage.

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