

CIAA announces 2016 football predictions

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Durham - The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and its Football Coaches Association announces the 2016 CIAA Football Predicted Order of Finish and the Preseason All-CIAA Team.

For the second consecutive season, the Rams of Winston-Salem State University has been selected as the predicted championship contender. The defending CIAA Champion Rams finished 6-5 last season with a 5-2 conference record. Bowie State University has been selected to finish second after falling to WSSU in the 2015 CIAA Championship and then to Assumption College in the first round of NCAA DII playoffs.

Virginia Union University
Virginia State University
Chowan University
Elizabeth City State University
Lincoln (Pa.) University
Southern Division
Winston-Salem State University
Fayetteville State University
Livingstone College
Johnson C. Smith University
Shaw University
Saint Augustine's University



The 2016 Preseason All-CIAA Football Team is led by a standout group of senior student-athletes. Stephen Scott, Lincoln (Pa.) running back, led the Conference in yards per game (125.8) and tied for first in rushing touchdowns (10) in 2015. BSU Bulldogs' wide receiver Nyme Manns highlights the preseason team after completing his junior season ranked second in the CIAA with 92 receiving yards per game and tied for the first place rank with 13 receiving touchdowns. Last season's defensive game was marked by a season-high 10 sacks, achieved by defensive linemen Paulin Miano and Miles Pace of Virginia Union.

The 2016 CIAA football season opens on Saturday, Sept. 3, with the CIAA Football Championship scheduled for Nov. 12, in Durham. The nationally televised championship game will be played at Durham County Memorial Stadium and feature the CIAA Northern and Southern Division champions.

2016 Predicted Order of Finish

Winston-Salem State University
Bowie State University
Virginia Union University
Virginia State University
Fayetteville State University
Chowan University
Livingstone College
Elizabeth City State University
Johnson C. Smith University
Shaw University
Lincoln (Pa.) University
Saint Augustine's University

Predicted Divisional Order of Finish

Northern Division
Bowie State University

2016 Preseason All-CIAA Football Team

| Offense | | | | | | Defense | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----|-----------------|------|------|-----|---------|----------------------|----|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| TE | #17 | Victor Tabbs* | ECSU | 6-4 | 230 | Sr. | Suitland, MD | DL | #7 | Miles Pace | VUU | 6-2 | 250 | Sr. | Miami, FL |
| OL | #62 | Jac'que Polite* | WSSU | 6-5 | 300 | Sr. | Ridgeland, SC | DL | #46 | Armond Cox | LC | 6-3 | 240 | So. | Teaneck, NJ |
| OL | #70 | Tim Samuels | WSSU | 6-3 | 240 | Jr. | Charlotte, NC | DL | #53 | Paulin Miano* | VUU | 6-6 | 265 | Sr. | Washington, DC |
| OL | #75 | Justin Nester* | BSU | 6-3 | 276 | Sr. | Dayton, MD | LB | #20 | Demetrius Newberry | CU | 5-11 | 225 | Sr. | Brunswick, GA |
| OL | #78 | Abraham Garcia | VUU | 6-6 | 340 | Sr. | Fort Lauderdale, FL | LB | #34 | Geo Feggins | VSU | 6-1 | 210 | Sr. | South Hill, VA |
| OL | #78 | Victor Tamba | BSU | 6-5 | 335 | Jr. | District Heights, MD | LB | #44 | Kevaugn Townsend* | BSU | 5-8 | 203 | Sr. | Ft. Washington, MD |
| WR | #8 | Nyme Manns* | BSU | 6-4 | 212 | Sr. | Baltimore, MD | DB | #8 | Carlo Thomas* | JCSU | 6-2 | 185 | Jr. | East Orange, NJ |
| WR | #16 | Jordan Garrison | BSU | 6-2 | 229 | Sr. | Baltimore, MD | DB | #21 | Rodeshawn Joseph | VUU | 6-1 | 185 | Sr. | Pompano Beach, FL |
| QB | #12 | Shawheem Dowdy | VUU | 6-4 | 218 | Sr. | Baltimore, MD | DB | #26 | Travis Scales | FSU | 6-0 | 200 | Sr. | North Carolina |
| RB | #5 | Stephen Scott* | LUPA | 5-8 | 205 | Sr. | Baltimore, MD | DB | #37 | Eric Henderson* | FSU | 5-8 | 170 | Sr. | Charlotte, NC |
| RB | #9 | Hakeem Holland* | VUU | 5-10 | 180 | So. | Baltimore, MD | P | #57 | Christopher Palmer | BSU | 6-2 | 274 | Sr. | St. Mary's, MD |
| PK | #47 | William Johnson | WSSU | 5-11 | 175 | Sr. | High Point, NC | PR | #12 | Robert Chesson | BSU | 5-10 | 179 | Sr. | |
| KR | #9 | Hakeem Holland | VUU | 5-10 | 180 | So. | Baltimore, MD | | | | | | | | |

James Worthy returns to N.C. to help Financial Pathways of the Piedmont



Worthy

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Financial Pathways of the Piedmont will welcome "Big Game" James Worthy, one of basketball's most decorated champions, at two fundraisers: a VIP reception Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Divine Llama Vineyards in East Bend and a luncheon Sept. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Benton Convention Center in downtown Winston-Salem.

An NCAA champion, three-time NBA champion and an MVP with the Los Angeles Lakers, he has been a champion at every level of his basketball career.

He serves as an analyst for Time Warner Cable SportsNet and was hired by the Lakers in 2015 to assist the team's coaching staff in a player development role.

As a member of the 1982 North Carolina Tar Heels, he led the team to an NCAA championship and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Taken first in the 1982 NBA draft by the Los Angeles Lakers, Worthy went on to win three NBA championships and was named the MVP of the 1988 NBA Finals. Voted an All Star seven times, Worthy has been named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History.

A native of Gastonia, Worthy established the James Worthy Foundation, which provides scholarships to students to further their educations and supports organizations advocating for "at-risk" children.

Tickets to the VIP event are \$100 and luncheon tickets are \$75. Both can be obtained through Brown Paper

Tickets.

For more information, contact Megan Thompson at 336-896-1191 ext. 1123, or megan@financialpaths.org.

About Financial Pathways of the Piedmont

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WSSU Rams set for preseason camp

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Practice for the 2016 season for the Winston-Salem State University football team is scheduled to start this morning, Aug. 11.

The first practice is scheduled for this morning at 9:30 a.m. at Civitan Park. The team's Meet the Rams Day is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. Classes start at WSSU on Aug. 22.

Winston-Salem State returns seven starters on offense and six on defense from the 2015 squad that captured the program's 11th CIAA Championships, and third since 2011. The Rams were picked to finish at the top of the Central intercollegiate Athletic Association again in 2016.

Three WSSU players were named to the preseason All-CIAA. The team's first-team honorees were Jac'que Polite (OL), Tim Samuels (OL) and Will Johnson (K).

Winston-Salem State opens the 2016 season on Saturday, Sept. 3, when the Rams host UNC Pembroke. Kickoff for the contest is set for 6 p.m. at Bowman-Gray Stadium.

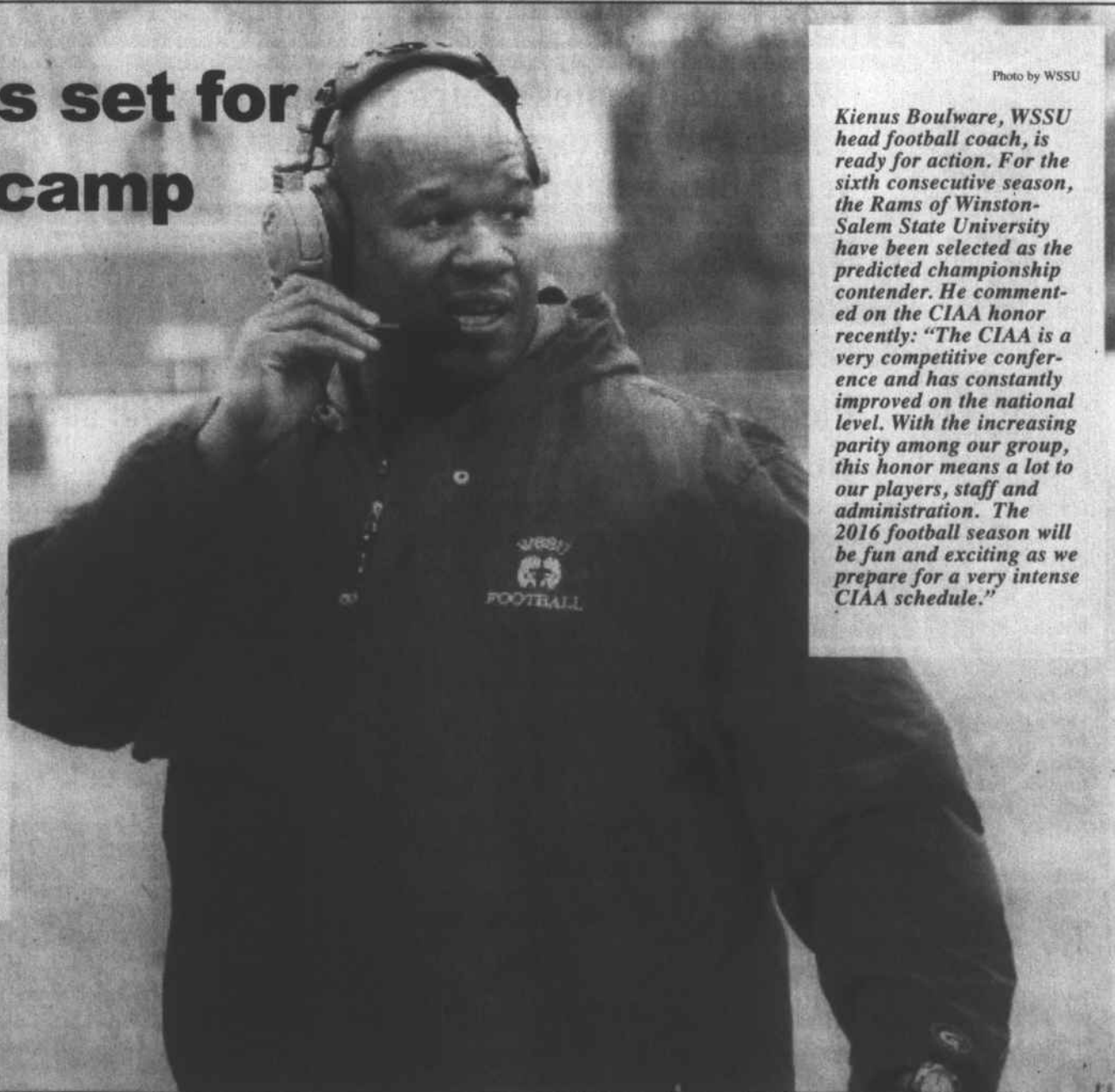


Photo by WSSU

Kienus Boulware, WSSU head football coach, is ready for action. For the sixth consecutive season, the Rams of Winston-Salem State University have been selected as the predicted championship contender. He commented on the CIAA honor recently: "The CIAA is a very competitive conference and has constantly improved on the national level. With the increasing parity among our group, this honor means a lot to our players, staff and administration. The 2016 football season will be fun and exciting as we prepare for a very intense CIAA schedule."