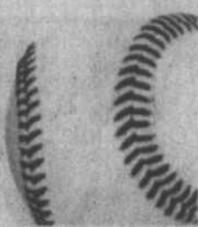




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## The Rams open first week of fall practice

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The Rams of Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) are gearing up for another year on the gridiron. They are seeking to capture their second consecutive CIAA champi-



onship, and their fourth since 2011.

The Rams will hold their "Meet the Rams Day" on Saturday, Aug. 20. Fans and alumni can come out to meet their favorite players or get to know the newcomers.

The Rams go into the year as the preseason favorites to walk away with the crown but will face tough opposition en route

to a championship birth.

The team reported to campus for fall practice Tuesday, Aug. 9, with the first practice taking place last Thursday, Aug. 11.

The Rams will return seven starters on offense and six on defense. They have three players selected to the preseason All-CIAA First Team. The honorees are offensive lineman Tim Samuels, kicker Will Johnson and offensive lineman Jac'que Polite.

WSSU will open up against UNC-Pembroke once again. They lost last year's season opener against the Braves 17-7. This year the game will be at Bowman Gray Stadium and the Rams seek to reverse their fortunes from a year ago.

Xavier Quick and William Belcher look to pace the Rams on offense as the leading rusher and



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

See Rams on B2 *Sophomore quarterback, Rod Tinsley Jr. (14), throws a deep ball to his speedy wide receiver.*

## Jamboree gives coaches a look at their teams, competition



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*Glenn High School's JV team takes a knee after its first scrimmage.*

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The Newbridge Bank Invitational Jamboree at Mt. Tabor High School featured a number of Forsyth County High School Varsity and Junior Varsity teams along with other teams from surrounding counties. Glenn, Reagan and of course Mt. Tabor were among the Junior Varsity teams from Forsyth County. They were joined by

Northwest Guilford, Central Davidson, West Stokes and East Davidson High Schools.

The Jamboree was a way for the players to scrimmage playing against athletes from a different school in a controlled environment. Each team was given 10 plays to run against the other teams defense and then they were to switch. Each team during the scrimmage were given two sets of 10 plays on offense and defense.

Each team was set to play two scrimmages to give

their coaches things they could look for to improve upon as well as positives they can reinforce during practice. Every coach was into the game as if it were the playoffs and showed a lot of intensity.

Tiesuan Brown, JV head coach for Mt. Tabor, said, "At Mt. Tabor, we always expect to be good on both teams. The last two years we have won 17 games with three losses and I want to keep that good tradition going. We have

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## Josh Howard opens up about PIU job



Josh Howard

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NBA All-Star Josh Howard recently accepted the head coaching position at Piedmont International University. He looks forward to bringing his brand of basketball to the Bruins, which will focus on defense and rebounding.

Howard played his collegiate basketball at Wake Forest University and graduated in 2003. He went on to have a stellar career in the NBA with several teams.

He said when he was offered the position by University President Dr. Charles Petitt, he heard his grandmother's voice telling him to "come

on back." Howard's grandmother passed away in May. He said she was a very big influence in his life so when the coaching opportunity presented itself it seemed like perfect choice.

Howard said he further knew this was the right choice for him as he was offered the head coaching position on July 26 and that was the same day his former head coach at Wake Forest, Skip Prosser, died nine years earlier.

"Coaching was something I was building up toward doing, but I didn't think it would happen this fast," said Howard. "The blessing presented itself, so I had to take it. With me hearing my grandmother's voice and me being offered the job on the day

coach Prosser passed, those were two signs for me to take this position."

With his extensive knowledge of basketball he has absorbed from coaches over the years, Howard envisions himself being a teacher of the game. He wants his players to understand that there is more to life than just basketball and to be leaders in the community.

He said he has learned a lot from coaches like Skip Prosser, Don Nelson and Avery Johnson. He will implement bits and pieces he has learned from them all and incorporate that into his teaching of the game to his players.

"I want to give my players this

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