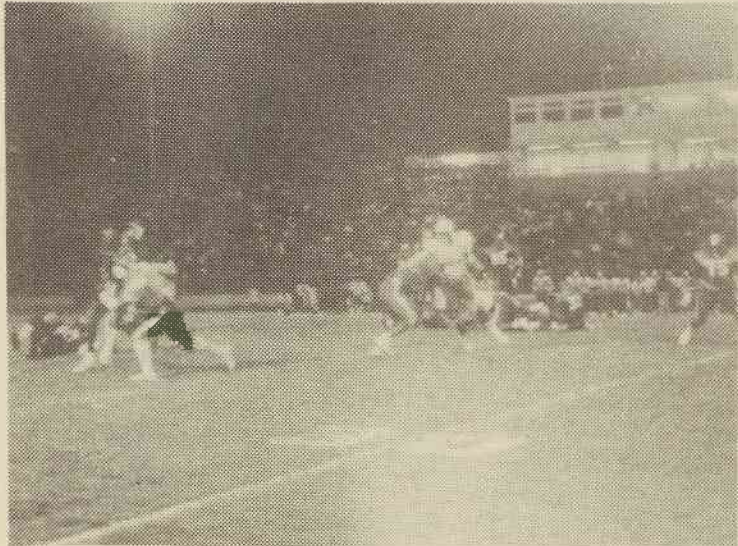
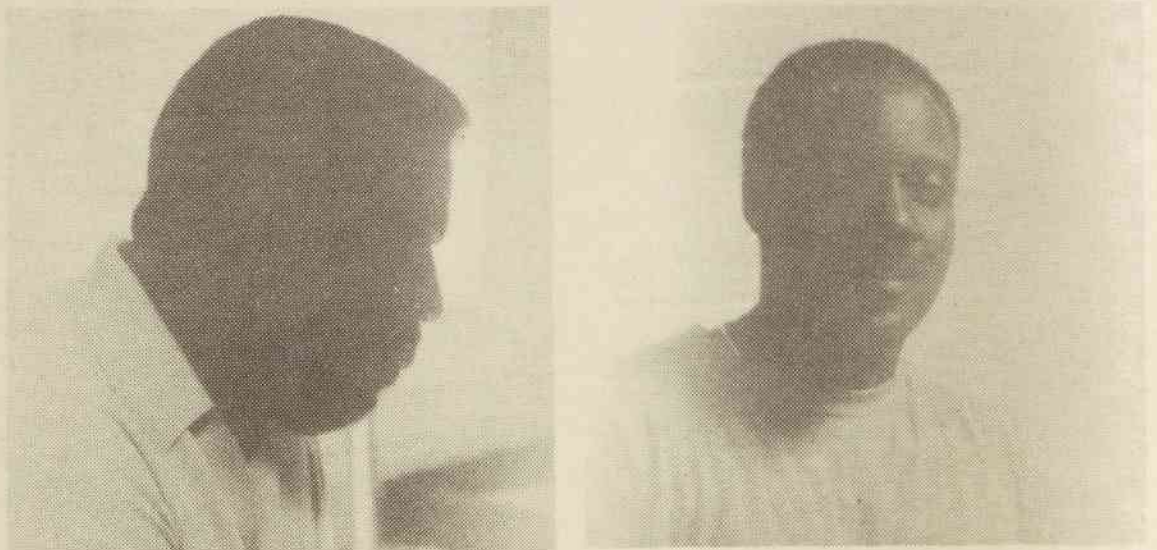


Sports

New Coaches Contribute To Rams Success



Rams in Action against Virginia Union.



Ram Staff new coaches: Wylie Harris (left) and Joseph L. Godette.

WSSU loses first game: 19-7 to VA. Union

By Robert Toran

There were high spirits on the campus of Winston Salem State University, all week, as the WSSU football team was preparing to defeat Virginia Union University.

The Rams of Winston Salem University (3-0-0) were eager and very determined to issue the unpredictable Panthers (1-1-1) of Virginia U. University their second loss of the season. This game was also very important to the Rams as far as averging the two losses to Virginia Union last season.

A win for the CIAA Southern Division Championships would have them sitting high and enroute to their second consecutive Southern Division title.

The two main reasons for the Rams' only defeat were costly turnovers inside the opponents 20 yard line and failing to convert fourth down opportunities.

There were some bright spots for the Rams. Offensively, freshmen Dana Walker tried to spark the Rams' offense and mark Wallace, a sophomore linebacker, presented a shut out by returning an interception 28 yards for a touchdown.

by Cheryl Lide
Sports Editor

Winston Salem State University has added two members to the football coaching staff for the 1984-85 season. They are Wylie E. Harris Jr. and Joseph L. Godette Jr.

Harris, 43, a native of Charlotte, N.C. is a Ram defensive coach. He brings over 20 years of coaching experience to the Ram football program, including a five year stint as head football coach at Johnson C. Smith University.

He has also served as an assistant coach at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, N.C., where he obtained his graduate degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Harris, admittedly has great expectations for the Rams. "Im striving for perfection in our Harris said, 'more than anything I'd like to avoid the after the syndrone, that is, I wish I had so I do all I can to avoid it during the games,'" he added.

Godette, 26, a native of Greenville, S.C. is the Linebacker coach for the Rams.

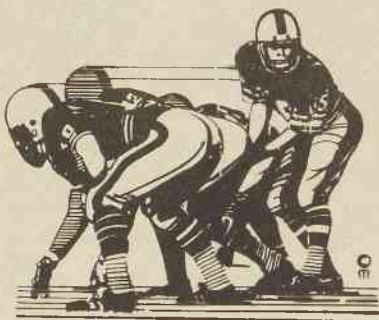
He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from East Carolina University where he also played and coach.

Success is not new to Godette. His last year at East Carolina as an assistant coach produced an 8-3 record.

"My adjustment here at WSSU has been a smooth one, there is unity within the coaching staff."

Godette places strong emphasis upon education, both on and off the field. "Getting the understanding of what is to be done, whether it be in the classroom or on the athletic field and finding the best method of delivery in invaluable." he contends.

Both Godette and Harris expect this year at WSSU to be a productive and positive experience. Together, they offer a blend of youth and experience to the Ram staff, with this mixture, the results should mean big wins for WSSU.



Mike Winbush, Big Man For The Rams

Starting quarterback for the WSSU Ram's, Michael Winbush, is a versatile athlete, playing football in the fall, and semi-professional baseball during the summer.

Winbush is a native of Goldsboro, N.C. majoring in Physical Education.

"Foresight in athletics is important," Winbush remarks. "Before a game, I picture things that may happen during the game it serves as a safeguard and motivates me too."

Although he enjoys sports, Winbush admittedly looked forward to his last collegiate game, so he can rest.

Afterwards, he plans to set up an active program to improve his baseball skills, essentially in pitching where he intends to pursue a career as a professional pitcher.



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