

# Sports

## Jack Cameron: A Ram Turned Bear

by Melanie Beatty

Jack Cameron a twenty-three year old native of Roxboro, N.C. and a former football standout for the Winston-Salem State University Rams, now a wide receiver for the Chicago Bears, is back in Ramland for a visit. Upon meeting Jack I was somewhat nervous, but he made me feel comfortable immediately. I found him to be a very gregarious and likeable person.

Q. Were there any adjustments that had to be made when you made the switch from college to professional football?

A. There was no physical changes, but there was mental changes. Playing pro ball is somewhat faster and the crowds are alot bigger than some college games.

Q. How much playing time have you had this season for the Bears?

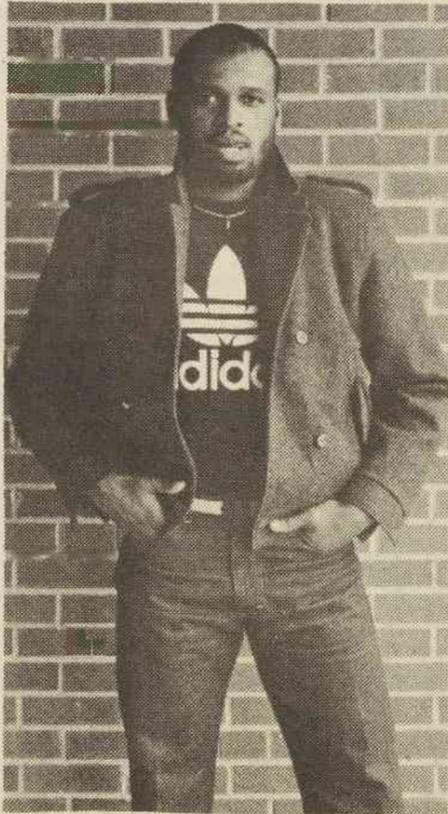
A. At the beginning of the season I did have some playing time, but playing behind a world class sprinter, my time was limited, so that's why I always play to my potential.

Q. Do you have any regrets on going pro before you graduated from WSSU.

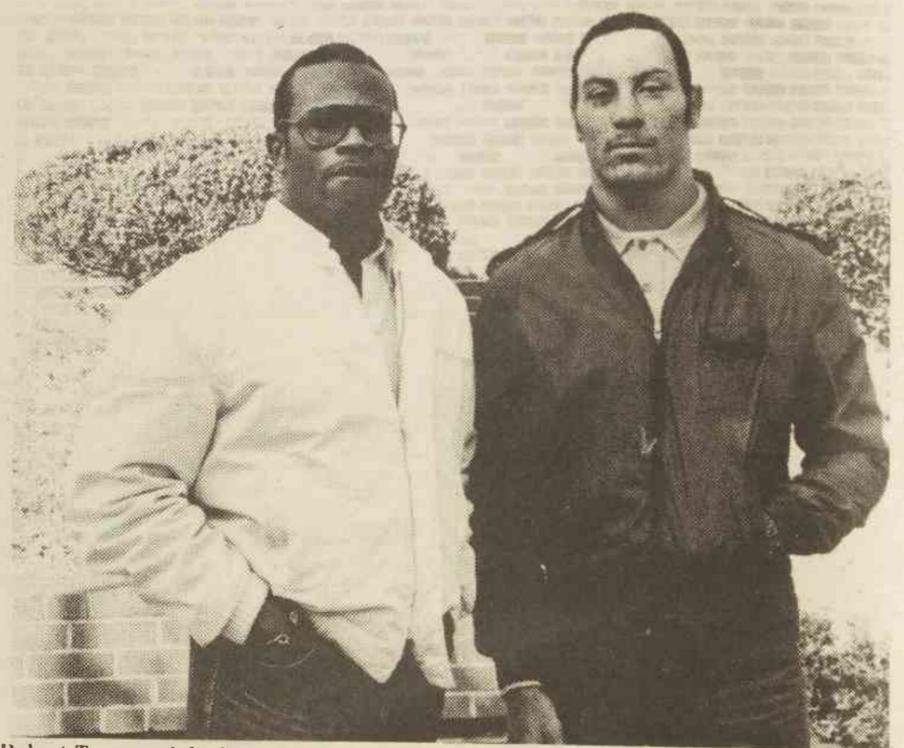
A. I have no regrets on going pro early. I saw an opportunity and took advantage of it. He also foresees a good and long lasting pro career.

Q. What advice do you have for those people who aspire to play professional football?

A. Always be prepared for the unexpected. Give it 100% at all times, and work to do your best. When I was at WSSU, I didn't feel I was popular as some of my teammates like Mike Winbush and Johnathan Nimmons, but it just goes to show you, as long as you give it your all, you can make it.



Jack Cameron  
photo by: Bonita Perry



Robert Toran on left; Dean Smith, on right. photo: Bonita Perry

## Wrestlers Ready For CIAA

by Robert Toran

On February 16, 1985 on the campus of Norfolk State University, Norfolk Virginia will be the site of the 1985 CIAA wrestling championship.

Winston-Salem State, defending champions the past five years prepare to do battle against other CIAA colleges who are bidding for this year's honor.

Colleges participating in this year's tournament are Norfolk State, Livingstone, Hampton Institute, Virginia State and the pride of the CIAA W.S.S.U.

Winston-Salem will be a little weak this year in the tournament. As they find themselves in a rebuilding year.

The team has gone through a lot of trials and tribulation this year, with the loss of

head coach Mike Edwards and a loss of key people in the line-up due to injury and academic problems.

There are some bright spots in this year's line-up. Dean Smith and Robert Toran are returning CIAA champions. Smith a 1982 champion at 158, and Robert Toran a 1984 champion at 150, will lead a young but eager club. Joel Schackleford, a sophomore from Farmville, N.C. was a third place finisher last year, and will be one to watch for this year's tournament. Other wrestlers that will be participating in the tournament are Jimmy Hester (134) Thomas Moore (134) Victor Tate (190), Greg Attwood (HWT) and Sam Hagan (HWT) Ronald McErae (177) The winner of his respective weight class will be qualified and participate in Division II National held on March 1 & 2.



## Men's Basketball

by Kenneth Raymond

It's been a tough season for WSSU basketball team, but in spite of the obstacles and pitfalls it finally looks as if Coach Gaines' young Rams are showing signs of maturity.

Their performance in Durham suggests that things may be looking up for the Rams as they flattened North Carolina Central 86-62.

Central matched WSSU for about 12 minutes until Gaines ordered his team into a man-to-man defense and run off an 11-0 tear. It was at that point when they began to build their lead.

Linwood Gorham led all scorers with 22 points followed by Kevin Vaughn with 18 points and 13 rebounds and Eugene Penick with 17 points.

Even though the Rams handed NCCU a defeat they will not soon forget, they were gracious enough to allow WSSU to borrow vans to carry the Ram cheerleaders and players after two of their vans broke down.

The vans did not give anyone any trouble, however, the night the Rams up-ended Shaw University at home 77-64.

With 5:55 remaining in the game the Rams were sitting comfortable on a 12 point lead until Shaw's David Lacey went on a shooting spree and brought his team within 5 points.

Instead of folding, however, the Rams rebuilt their lead to 13 points. Leading the drive was guard Haywood Workman and forward Eugene Penick. The Rams finally put away the conference heavy weight 77-64.

Leading the Rams was Alexander Hooper with 19 points and 5 rebounds along with Linwood Gorham with 16 points.



Lenny Gorham dunks at "10". WSSU vs Fayette State.