Sports Update

A Final Look at WSSU Tennis 1985

Lynell Winston

Winston-Salem State University's Tennis Team finished third in the CIAA southern division with a 8-4 record in the conference, and 9-6 as an overall performance.

James Roach, the captain, and Most-Valuable players finished with an impressive 11-4 record and he finished tied for second at his number two position. Roach was the only player to win in the CIAA tournament.

Roy Jhnson and John Bigelow also had an outstanding year, both finishing with 9-6 records. Dave Alston also had a good season coming through with clutch victories.

Johnson C. Smith repeated as the CIAA southern division champions. St. Augustines College finished second and the Rams were the third place team.

The Rams are looking forward to next year because all the players will be returning.

Football 1984 In Review

by Robert Toran
Sports Editor

For the second consecutive year, the Mighty Rams of Winston-Salem State University, captured the Southern division title of the CIAA.

The 1984 season was a very impressive and successful one, as the Rams played inspired ball throughout the course of the season. A 9-1 record during regular season, proved how good the Rams were.

The Rams offense lead the CIAA in scoring with a 33.1 average. In total yards the team was averaging 541 yards a game.

On the other hand, the defense was a hard core unit, and had the task of stopping opponent's offenses.

The Ram's tough defense was second in the CIAA. Players like Mike Winbush (Sr), Leonardo Horn (Soph) and Danny Moore (Jr) guided the productive offense. While Mark Wallace (Soph), Dan Bryson (Sr) and Derrick Beasley where in charge of a stingy defense.

The Rams only defeat during the regular season was against a strong Va. Union team, 19-7.

In the final seconds of the CIAA title game, the Rams lost on a missed field goal to Norfolk State (20-19) to end a most productive season. The loss was a heart-breaker. The team feels that they will be strong again in the 1985 campaign and hopefully they will win the whole thing.

Coach Bill Hayes, his coaching staff and the returning team members look forward to working with the outstanding signees which include: Terry White, Greenwood. S.C.; Charles Ikard, Hickory, N.C.; James "Boss Hog" Daniels, Florence, S.C.; Orlando Edwards, Trotwood, Ohio; Jeffrey Wofford, Spartanburg, N.C.; Michael Bryant, Charlotte, N.C.; Donald Franks, Tarboro, N.C.; and Rohalier Phillips, Riviera Beach, Fla.

The Educators are the champions of the 1984-85 Basketball Intramural Season. They defeated the Dunk-A- Zoids, 94-88.

The Dunk-A-Zoids were expected to win because of their superb athletes and their devastating fast-break offense.

The Educators (the underdogs in the contest) were lead by the sharp shooting of Windell Similton, Darryl Allen and the inside play of Thomas Lofton, Reggie Randolph, Mike Reid and Jeff Mizell.



Mighty Rams CIAA Southern Division champs.

Photo by Perry

Lady Rams Do It Again

by Melanie Beatty

Faye Cobb's home run in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Lady Rams softball team a 2-1 win over Norfolk State University ending another winning season.

The Lady Rams not only ended their season with a record of 25-2, but are the Southern Division Champs, and CIAA Champions for the second year in a row.

The Lady Rams had four All-Conference standouts, three All-Tournament Players, and a conference player of the year. The four All-Conference players are: Donna Johnson, Faye Cobb, Kennan Menefee, and Monica Roberts. The All-Tournament players are: Donna Johnson, Faye Cobb, and Kennan Menefee.

The conference Player Of The Year is Faye Cobb. This is the third year in a row the Lady Rams have received the Conference Player of the Year Award.

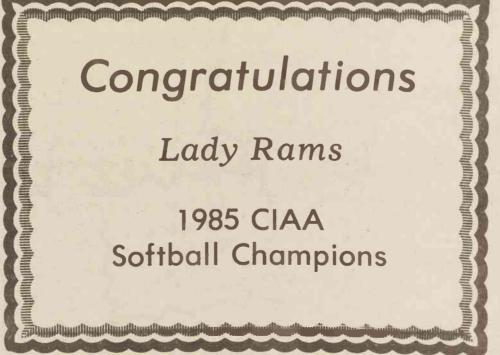
In 1983 Faye Cobb received the award: 1984 Kennan Menefee; and 1985 Faye Cobb The Lady Rams were not the only ones to receive recognition for their outstanding play, Coach Timothy Grant was selected as CIAA softball coach of the year, for his outstanding coaching.

The Lady Rams reached the final by beating V.A. Union 16-0, NCCU 7-4, and Norfolk State 9-6.

Coach Grant has some very candid remarks concerning his expectations for next year's team.

"A third championship. With only four seniors leaving, and an entire infield returning, I'm expecting good things in the year to come," he said modestly.





Southern Division Champs Men's Basketball "84"

by Robert Toran
Sports Editor

In a rebuilding year, the men's basketball team found out that they could still play among the best of the teams.

Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines took an inexperienced team and molded them into "giant killers." Losing Troy Russell and Rodger Mason, Coach Gaines had to find someone to fill their shoes. Eugene Pennick and transfer Alex Hooper stepped right into those once empty shoes. Freshman Haywood Workman and transfer Oscar Williams also provided great leadership qualities.

By the end of the year, the club found themselves six games above 500 with a 18-12 record. Upset victories over N.C. A&T and No. 1 ranked Va. Union in a playoff game also added feathers to their caps.

Winning the Southern Division CIAA Title proved to the Rams that they have the talent to compete with anyone and they will be favored to capture the CIAA title.

Good recruiting, hard work and quality ball playing, the Rams will be very hard to beat next season.

Sports Trivia

Here are ten more or less belles-lettrish questions that are concerned with games or contests, athletic and non-athletic.

1. What novel opens with this sentence: "Robert Cohn was once middleweight boxing champion of Princeton?"

2. What seventeenth-century observer of men and manners, watching a cockfight, "soon had enough of it, and yet I would not but have seen it once?"

3. What English short-story writer was a professional sprinter in his youth?

4. What literary pundit is quoted thus (and in what book): "I am sorry that prize-fighting is gone out; every art should be preserved, and the art of defense is surely important....Prize fighting made people accustomed not to be alarmed at seeing their own blood?"

5. What President of the United States, an author in his own right, once coached football at what Eastern university?

6. What American philosopher-statesmen wrote The Morals of Chess, designed "to correct (among a few young friends) some little improprieties in the practice of it?"

7. Where did "idle progeny....urge the flying ball?"

8. What British storyteller, describing in his reminiscences an American League baseball game which he watched at New York in 1914, declared "the pitcher is the man who commands the highest salary?"

9. In what Shakespearean play is "Charles, wrestler to Frederick," among the characters?

10. To what poetical character is a bumbling shortstop often compared because "he stopped one of three?"

Answers

1. The Sun Also Rises, by Ernest Hemingway. 2. Samuel Pepys. 3. A.E. Coppard. 4. Samuel Johnson, in James Boswell's Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides. 5. Woodrow Wilson at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. 6. Benjamin Franklin. 7. Eton College. The quotation is from Thomas Gray's Ode on a Distant Prospect of the same. 8. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in Memories and Adventures. 9. As You Like It. 10. The titular hero of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.