

## Sports

# Jets take Woodbury as free agent

## WSSU senior goes to New York as third-string QB

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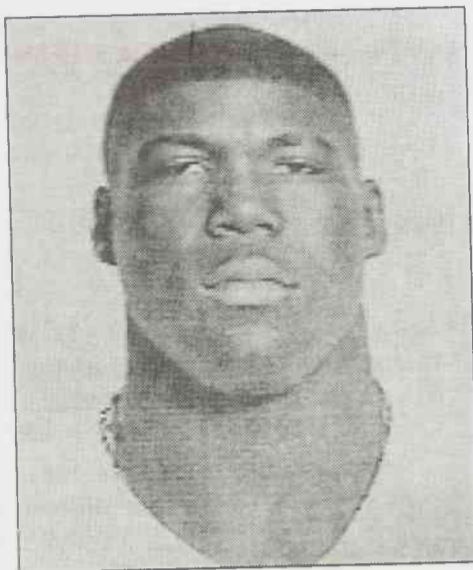
The New York Jets signed Tory Woodbury, the Ram's all time leading passer, as a free agent on Sunday April 22.

Woodbury had a stellar passing career with the Rams — finishing with 4,536 yards. He also threw for 40 touchdowns and rushed for more than 20.

Woodbury spoke on why he chose the Jets.

"I was watching the draft all day and I talked to the (Baltimore) Ravens head coach around 10 o'clock that morning," Woodbury said. "But it came down to the factors of what would be best for me, and the New York Jets had the best setup for me."

There were several teams interested in Woodbury. Some included the Carolina Panthers, Green Bay Packers, and the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens. Woodbury ultimately selected the Jets because they were the only team who wanted to play him exclusively at quarterback.



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Woodbury's confidence on the football field helped lead the

Ram's to the 2000 Pioneer Bowl championship and to the 2001 Central Inter-collegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Championship.

Many of Woodbury's family members were present during the news of his signing. But the biggest reaction came from his grandmother.

"My grandmother just started yelling for no reason. I thought

she was having a heart attack," Woodbury said.

Woodbury also said he knew he would be signed, but he wanted his family to sweat it out a little.

After he received the call from the Jets, the first thing Woodbury did was drive to the mall and buy a Jets hat.

Once Woodbury arrives at the Jets camp, he must first pass a physical.

He then will go through an interview process, and begin to study the playbook. Some of the notable rookies he will be throwing to while at mini camp will be Santana Moss and Lamont Jordan.

Woodbury says his past knee injury should not affect his ability to play well.

"In my freshman year, I dislocated my knee, but that is not a problem now," Woodbury said. "The National Football League (NFL) is so picky on little things, they may think my knee will bother me. But right now, it's completely healthy."

## ALL-STAR SHOOTOUT

### Williams, Covington lead North teams to wins

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Rob Williams and Lakisha Covington helped lead the men and women North All-Stars to a victory over the South All-Stars in the 6th annual Black College All-Star Basketball Classic on April 21.

Held on the campus of Morgan State University, Williams contributed 6

points in the men's 98-77 victory, and Covington had 3 points in the women's 84-61 win.

This is the only basketball event featuring athletic talent from all four black college conferences and Independent schools. Graduating seniors from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), Central Intercollegiate

Athletic Association (CIAA), Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), and the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) participate in a game that have professional basketball scouts on hand to see the talent from historically black colleges and universities.

Williams talked about

how he felt once he was informed he would be on the team.

"I felt pretty good considering that there are a lot of division I schools that had a lot of good point guards that I have seen on TV," Williams said. "To be honored as one of the best to play in the game, felt good coming from a smaller

school."

The CIAA was well represented in the all-star game. Other players included: Jimmy Boston (North Carolina Central University), Wyle Petty (Johnson C. Smith University), Denay Fields (Bowie State University), and Marian Moore (Fayetteville State University).

## Hoops for Hearts in third year of raising money for AHA

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The Physical Education Majors Club sponsored the Hoops for Hearts event at the Gaines Center Gymnasium on April 20.

Ijeoma N. Chuku, a member of the club, said, "This is a way for the Major's Club to give back to the community. We donated money, and generated money to help the

American Heart Association."

This was the third year that physical education majors have sponsored the Hoops for Hearts games.

There was a variety of events, including the Hot Shot Blitz, faculty free throw-athon, three-point shootout and 3-on-3 tournament. Some people didn't preregister early, so it was hard for the club to

manage their time estimates for the different events. Together there were six teams for the men and three teams for the women.

"Being able to work with the other majors outside the classroom on this event put our reputations on a higher level," Chuku said. "We were exposed to more planning, communication, and organization skills throughout this

event."

The therapeutic recreation majors took home the first place trophy for the men, and the sport management majors took first place for the women. Coach Anthony Portley, the assistant coach for the lady rams, won the free throw-athon.

"The event was very successful," said Chuku. "I liked it because it was for a good cause, and it



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