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Rams win opener against Carson-Newman

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On Saturday, Aug. 25, Winston-Salem State's football team began the 2001 season with a 27-16 victory over Carson-Newman, who is ranked No. 5 in the NCAA Division II coaches poll, at Bowman Gray Stadium. The Rams referred to the game as a "respect game."

The Rams came into this season with mixed feelings since the team has undergone a few changes from last year's 2000

CIAA championship team. The Rams had a golden opportunity to gain respect by putting on a good showing against Carson-Newman.

The Rams would be without starting quarterback Rodney Milbourne and running back Vincent Wilkins. Although the Rams came out emotionally charged, it was the Eagles who came out focused and ready to play. The Eagles jumped to an early 10-0 lead early in the first quarter. The 10-

point lead must have been a wake-up call for the Rams because they immediately made a strong charge at the end of the first quarter.

The Rams seized the momentum, capitalizing on Eagles turnovers, and scored 15 points in the second quarter, which included a fumble recovery by safety Stephon Kelly and a 20-yard field goal. A one-yard goal line run by running back Damone Washington late in the second quarter

charged the fans at Bowman Gray Stadium. Washington had an impressive outing, as it was his first start rushing for a productive 100 yards on 25 carries. However, Carson-Newman was able to quiet the crowd and take back the momentum with a long 34-yard TD bomb from Eagles quarterback Jaaren Nesbit to wide receiver Alvin Sanders after being tipped into the air by two Rams defenders. The Eagles would take a slim 16-15

lead into the half.

The Rams came out in the second half with renewed energy. Their relentless defenses caused seven turnovers and stifled an already frustrated Carson-Newman team.

Neither team was able to put in points on the board in the third quarter. This meant that the fourth quarter play would decide the game.

The fourth quarter would prove deadly for

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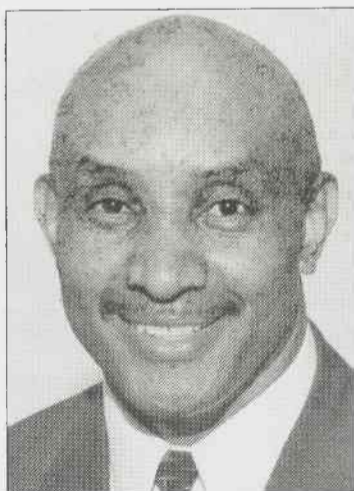
Percy Caldwell replaces Little as athletic director

Courtesy of WSSU's Web site

Percy L. "Chico" Caldwell, the director of planning and development at Iowa Valley Community College District, has been named director of athletics at Winston-Salem State University effective Aug. 27.

In making the appointment, Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr., said, "We are pleased to have Dr. Caldwell join our team here at Winston-Salem State. He has more than 20 years of higher education experience as a senior administrator in the areas of athletics, teaching and fund raising, and I believe he will serve the university well in strengthening our athletic programs, our bonds with supporters of athletics and leadership programs for our student-athletes."

Caldwell replaces Anne Little, who resigned as

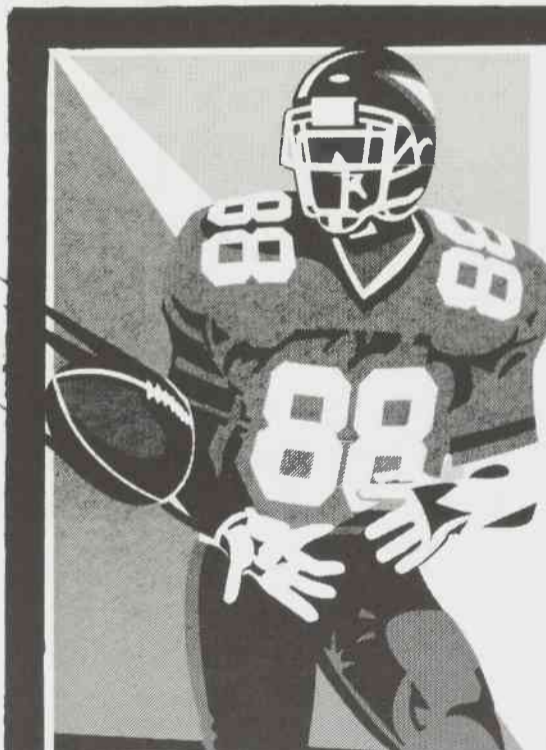


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WSSU's director of athletics in May. Throughout his career, Caldwell has served as coach, athletic director, dean of instruction, interim dean, instructor and fund-raiser.

He has experience in interacting with community and business leaders, fund raising and student-leadership development. Before his current position, Caldwell served as dean of instruction of arts and sciences at Iowa

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Rams Football 2001

Sept. 22	at Virginia Union
Sept. 29	at Fayetteville
Oct. 6	at Livingston
Oct. 13	N.C. Central
Oct. 20	Virginia State
Oct. 27	Johnson C. Smith HOMECOMING GAME
Nov. 3	at Elizabeth City State

All home games played at Bowman Gray Stadium

Ticket Prices

Student/Senior Citizen \$10 General \$12 Reserved & 18

Homecoming prices

Student/Senior Citizen \$12
General \$17
Reserved \$23

