

W.S.S.U. Sports

2003 WSSU Basketball Schedule

Nov. 15	Longwood	Winston-Salem, NC	L (71-70)
Nov. 18	Lander	Greenwood, SC	W (62-56)
Nov. 21	Spalding University	Louisville, KY	W (68-41)
Nov. 22	TBA	Louisville, KY	W (76-71)
Nov. 25	Central State	Winston-Salem, NC	W (83-66)
Nov. 29	Bowie State *	Bowie, MD	4:00 pm
Dec. 2	Mars Hill	Winston-Salem, NC	7:30 pm
Dec. 5	Wilberforce University	Winston-Salem, NC	7:00 pm
Dec. 6	Glennville State College	Winston-Salem, NC	5:00 pm
Dec. 13	Virginia Union *	Richmond, VA	7:30 pm
Dec. 15	Augusta State	Winston-Salem, NC	7:30 pm

Good Endings

WSSU Ram's finish season strong against St. Augustine Falcons

By Samuel Harley
SPECIAL TO THE ARGUS

The Rams continued their trend of blowing opponents out with a 54-19 victory over the Falcons of St. Augustine College as they completed a 7-3 (5-2 CIAA) record this season.

The Ram's offense got out of the gate quickly, scoring on their first possession of the game. The Rams moved the ball down the field in a 7 play 65-yard drive with Jerrick Bynes scoring on a 19-yard touchdown run with 12:01 left in the first quarter. But, the Falcons answered two possessions later with a 70-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Darrell Nesbitt to receiver Ed Montgomery.

The game stayed tight in the penalty filled second quarter. In one series the Rams were penalized eight times and had to punt the ball away. On the kick, punter Chad Oakley was hit by one of the Falcon's defensive backs. A roughing the kicker penalty was charged to the Falcons, giving the ball back to the Rams. Both teams kicking games struggled in the second quarter as well.

Place kicker Ashton Oakley had one extra point blocked and missed another. Fortunately, Falcons kicker Auther Lemon also missed his extra point opportunity, and the Falcons punter Sintell Crew only averaged 36 yards per punt all day. In the second quarter the Rams scored on a 14-yard pass from quarterback Rodney Milbourne to receiver Brandon Hussey. Falcon's quarterback Nesbitt countered by scoring a touchdown of his own off of a 1-yard run with 6:39 left in the quarter. Ram's tailback Martin Hicks finished off the scoring in the second quarter with a 1-yard plunge for a touchdown with 3:39 left.

Hick's score put the Rams ahead by a touchdown, 19-12, at halftime.

With 8:33 left quarterback Milbourne, on a broken play, threw a 32-yard pass to receiver Jared Brevard for a touchdown putting the Rams ahead by two scores.

The back breaker for the Falcons would come in the next series of plays. On the next Falcons' possession quarterback Nesbitt had a 30-yard scramble and was heading for the end zone. Before he could get there a Ram defender punched the ball out of his hand, and the ball went in and through the end zone.

The fumble out of the end zone gave the Rams the ball at their 20-yard line and negated a sure touchdown for the Falcons. On the next offensive possession, after a couple of penalties, the Rams found themselves in a third down and 26 situation.

On third down Milbourne was able to complete a 30-yard pass to Brevard enabling the Rams to keep possession of the ball.

A few plays later, with 41 seconds left in the third quarter, Bynes had a 6-yard touchdown run to put the Rams ahead by 21 points. In the fourth quarter the Falcons put up no further resistance. The Rams scored three touchdowns in the quarter. Martin Hicks had touchdown runs of 55 and 49 yards, and tailback Brandon Norman added a 24-yard touchdown run with 1:12 left in the quarter.

Late in the fourth quarter, Hicks reached the 1,000-yard plateau (he rushed for 1,000 yards this season). Freshman Jerrick Bynes also had a strong showing rushing the ball late in the season. The defense posted two shutouts in their last three games and started showing some continuity at the end of the season. Plus, quarterback Josh McGee returns for his final season as Ram next year.

Even though this was the last game of the season this rout shows that the Rams have a bright future and a lot to look forward to for next season.

No Pressure



Argus photo by Nicole Ferguson

Ram's forward Terris Sifford, makes a free throw as the Rams men's basketball swept over Central State in a 83-66 victory in the C.E. Gaines Center last month. It marked a fourth straight win form the men's basketball team.

Star Attractions

50 things to watch for this college basketball season

By Ed Barkowitz
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PHILADELPHIA

Three of the many questions the following college basketball preview will answer are: Who is Milan Brown and why does he need a bow tie?

Why should Georgia players keep an alarm clock handy? And why is Joe Mantegna's picture on this page? See you in San Antonio.

Fifty reasons to look ahead:

1. Don't tell sophomore Billy Edelin that last season was a fluke for defending national champion Syracuse. "Anything less than going back to the Final Four isn't going to be good," he said.

2. The departure of Carmelo Anthony to the NBA is obviously the biggest void for not only the Orangemen, but all of college hoops. Hakim Warrick (Friends Central), who made that huge block in the championship game, has worked on his perimeter game and will see some time at small forward, Anthony's former spot.

3. The job of filling Jim Phelan's shoes (or should that be bow tie?) at Mount St. Mary's falls to assistant Milan Brown. Phelan, the Philadelphia native, stepped down after 49 years at the little school in Emmitsburg, Md.

Phelan had already been at the Mount for 17 years when Brown was born in 1971.

4. Florida should be fine as long as it avoids being ranked No. 1. The Gators went into a mysterious funk

last season after claiming the top spot in February and were trounced by Michigan State in the NCAA second round.

Matt Walsh (Germantown Academy) had a fine freshman season, but all Gator eyes are on fellow sophomore Christian Drejer, who was bothered by an ankle injury last season.

5. "I thought I had a pretty good feel for what it would be like, but I really couldn't fathom the amount of attention Illinois basketball gets," said new coach Bruce Weber. "It's much more beyond anything I could have ever imagined."

6. That's a curious admission from Weber, who had been head coach at Southern Illinois for 5 years but an assistant at Purdue for 18. Weber's first meeting with former mentor Gene Keady is Jan. 10, when Purdue visits Assembly Hall.

7. For the record, though they are both spelled Weber, the Illinois coach's last name is pronounced Webb-er and the little school in Ogden, Utah, is pronounced Weeb-er (State).

8. Former Illinois coach Bill Self takes over for Roy Williams at Kansas.

Mission No. 1 for Self: instill more toughness in the Jayhawks, particularly on defense. "We just have to get these guys to feel invincible," he told the Kansas City Star "We need to punish the picker, make sure he doesn't want to set a pick again."

9. St. Bonaventure will have

senior guard Marques Green, the Atlantic 10's leading returning scorer (21.3 ppg), to help pick up the pieces of last year's embarrassing finish in which players quit before the season ended.

10. "Life goes on. We have to get back up," said new Bonnies coach Anthony Solomon, a former assistant at Notre Dame. Don't expect St. Bonaventure to play as uptempo as it had under Jan van Breda Kolff. Solomon will actually get the Bonnies to play defense.

11. The A-10's other two newest coaches are Dayton's Brian Gregory, a former Michigan State assistant, and Dereck Wittenburg, the former Wagner coach now at Fordham.

12. The image of college basketball coaches slipped below that of telemarketers after a ridiculous off-season, lowlighted by the mess at Baylor. Things were so emergent that a mandatory ethics meeting of the 327 Division I coaches was convened in October in Chicago.

13. Texas Tech coach Bob Knight was among the many skeptics of the motivation behind the meeting. "I would rather listen to Saddam Hussein speak on civil rights than some of the people that have spoken on ethics to this point," Knight said. He defiantly skipped the meeting and lost his right to purchase Final Four tickets.

14. The toughest challenge belongs to Scott Drew, the former

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