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WSSU football team brings home the glory at Homecoming

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In front of a packed homecoming crowd, the Winston-Salem State Rams held off St. Augustine College for a close 35-33 victory. The Rams defeated the division-leading Falcons, to leave the CIAA with a win. "We came into this homecoming game, and we wanted to take out our seniors with a win," said senior RB Martin Hicks, who finished the game just 11 yards shy of his third straight 1,000-yard season.

Special teams and turnovers were big in the first half of the game. After going three-and-out on the first series, the Rams got the ball back when Ivan Diggs muffed the punt and the Rams recovered on the Falcon 24. Four plays later, Monte Purvis hooked up with tight end Stan Wright for a 30-yard touchdown score, going up 7-0.

The Falcons would not stay down long,

as they put together a scoring drive on their own, assisted by a few Ram penalties, that resulted in a seven-yard touchdown completion from Darrell Nesbit to DeArde Jenkins. Again, special teams came up big for the Rams, as Maurice Reed blocked the PAT and WSSU hung on to lead.

Every time it seemed as if the Falcons were poised to take the lead, the Rams stepped up and made the big play. The Falcons put together a nice drive early in the second quarter; however, that drive came to an abrupt end when out-of-nowhere freshman Deron Middleton intercepted Nesbit's pass and returned it, taking points away from the Falcons. The Rams capitalized on that turnover as well, turning it into a 10-play, 65-yard drive that culminated in a five-yard touchdown run by Jed Bines, giving the Rams a 14-6 lead with four minutes left in the half.

Once again, the Falcons put together a nice drive before Nesbit threw another pick, this time to Maurice Reed. For the third time in the half the Rams took advantage of the turnover and struck quickly on a Martin Hicks touchdown scamper going up 21-6. The Rams kicked off with 35 seconds left to play, but it only took the Falcons 10 seconds to score on a 68-yard pass to Eddi Montgomery and the Rams went into the half-time leading 21-13.



Photo by Garrett Garms

The Winston-Salem State Rams won their homecoming game against the St. Augustine Falcons, much to the delight of Rams fans.

The defenses took over in the third quarter, as the Rams recorded the only score — a one-yard run by Jed Bines, his second of the day. The fourth quarter would prove to be an exciting one that kept everyone who could stomach it in their seats. After the Rams offense was held largely ineffective on two drives to start the quarter, the Falcons seemed to get the momentum moving their way when Nesbit completed his third touchdown pass of the day, finding Andre McGlone for a 22-yard strike. With seven minutes remaining on the clock it was WSSU 28-20. After getting the ball back, the Falcons took to the air and began driving again when Middleton seemingly jumped off the sidelines, picked off Nesbit's pass, and returned it for a 74-yard touchdown. The score gave the Rams a seemingly insurmountable 35-20 lead with 4:30 left in the game.

The Falcons were still fighting for a spot in a CIAA championship, and finally began playing like it, as they scored on another quick hitting drive to cut the lead to 35-27

with 3:12 left. The Rams failed to move the ball on their next drive, giving the Falcons life. The Falcons responded with Nesbit's fifth touchdown pass with less than a minute remaining to cut the lead to 35-33. The game came down to the all important, two-point conversion, which would have tied the game and most likely produced overtime. Nesbit dropped back, decided to keep the ball himself, rolled around the right corner only to be met by Ram defenders. Final score WSSU 35, Saint Augustine College 33.

Although the Rams defeated the Falcons, the Western Division leaders, the teams finds itself on the outside looking in on the CIAA Championship, since it tied with North Carolina Central but lost the head-to-head match-up. Considering the tough start the Rams have had, starting the season 0-3, it's hard not to view this season as a success. Senior wideout, Brandon Hussey said the biggest thing he'll remember about this team is its never-say-die attitude. "These guys weren't quitters."



Photo by Garrett Garms

The Rams cheerleaders kept the team and the fans motivated as the players took home the victory.

Rams hold their own

Winston-Salem State nearly upsets nationally ranked Wake Forest

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The 2005 Twin City Shootout lived up to its billing, as Wake Forest held off a hot-shooting Winston-Salem State at Lawrence Joel Coliseum team for a 88-84 victory. The game played out like a heavyweight battle as the teams traded the lead throughout the game.

The Deacons jumped out to a 24-13 lead. The Rams responded and were up 40-34 with three minutes to go in the first half. The lead didn't last, and the Deacons went into half time 42-41.

As good as the Rams were from 3-point land in the first-half, (5-12) they were even hotter in the second half as they shot a 56 percent (5-9). The Rams got as close as 84-83 but the Deacs hit their free-throws down the stretch and won.

The Rams hot shooting even surprised head coach Phillip Stitt. "I hadn't seen anything like that in my two weeks of practicing with them. We stepped it up, and we executed our plays."

Stephen A. Smith speaks out about controversy

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"Taking it to the house." "Taking it deep." "Back-Back-back-back, gone!" ESPN viewers should recognize these expressions. ESPN's Chris Berman, for example, coined the phrase, "He could go all-the-way!"

But has ESPN jargon crept on to the pages of the mainstream press? Scott Reinardy and Earnest Perry apparently think so. Reinardy is a doctoral candidate at the University of Missouri, and Perry is an associate professor there. In a survey of 249 sports journalists, Reinardy has found that "ESPN sports-speak" has crossed over to news pages, and his thesis has caused a stir in the sports-media world. *The New York Times* and the *Baltimore Sun* have carried stories recently that explore Reinardy's thesis. And, in the *Times* piece, WSSU graduate Stephen A. Smith is cited, because he is a columnist for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and host of ESPN's *Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith*.

Smith was here for WSSU's homecoming festivities, and he discussed the issue.

"I don't think it's because of people like [ESPN's] Stuart Scott or myself," Smith said. "You have to realize what a Stuart Scott does; he is an anchor who is given highlights. He's not out there being a reporter like I am."

Smith added that he, as well as most journalists doesn't use jargon. "Not that there is anything wrong with

it," he said, "it's just that when you are reporting that is not the place for it."

Smith has written for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* since 1994, but it's his appearances on ESPN, particularly his analysis on *N.B.A. Nation*, that has made him a household name. Smith's *Quite Frankly*, debuted recently on ESPN 2.

While he has had no formal training in broadcast journalism, Smith also admitted that hosting the show comes more natural to him. "It involves interaction and communicating with people and being more personal, without having to sit down and formulate your thoughts."

In *The New York Times* article, which was published Oct. 17, the author quotes a contributing editor who wrote that newspaper sports columns have become "nothing more than a springboard, a gig that start you on your way to becoming a multimedia star."

Smith described that assumption as inaccurate. "I'm a journalist, a reporter," he said. "They are entitled to their opinion, but I don't see how you can say that when I'm breaking stories, doing things that those journalist are supposed to be doing."

Smith added that it was his story-breaking reporting style that opened the doors to broadcast for him. "They would ask me to come on TV," he said, "I would keep copies of my tapes and they liked me. I just feel real fortunate and blessed because I enjoy doing it."

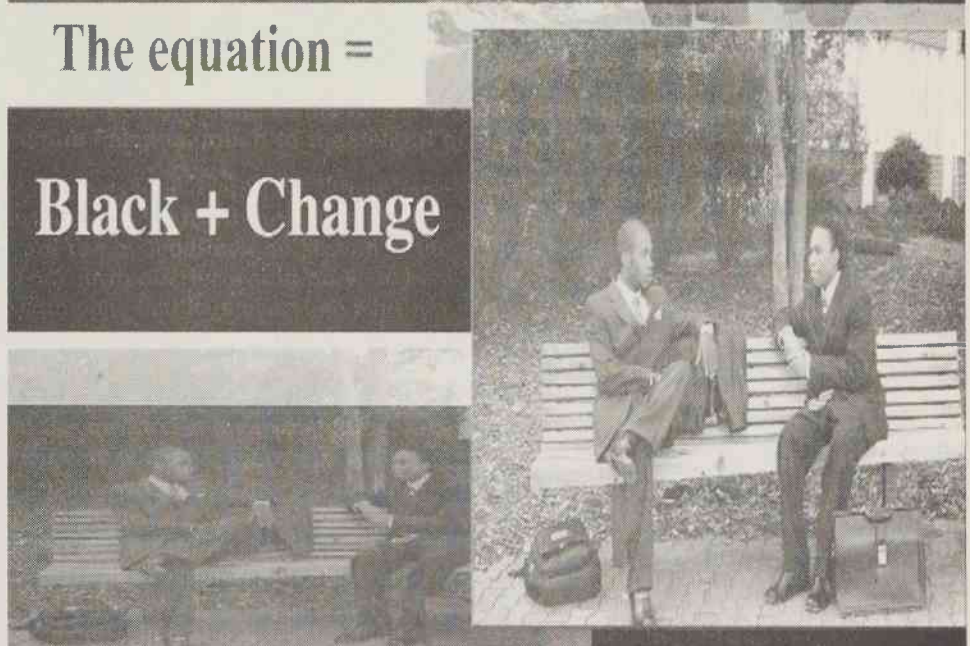


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