

Sports

Rams to play in RCA Dome, home of Indianapolis Colts

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Winston-Salem State's football team is about to go places no Rams have ever gone before.

The Rams are set to open their second season in fall 2007 on Oct. 6 in the Championship Subdivision of Division I when they take on Florida A&M in the "Circle City Classic" in the massive RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind.

"This is a great opportunity for more exposure for our programs at Winston-Salem State University," said Dr. Percy Caldwell, Director of Athletics.

Last season, the Rams held a 21-3 against the Rattlers in Tallahassee, but the FAMU was able to score 22 unanswered points and defeat the Rams. This season, the Rams will be looking for payback on neutral ground. The RCA Dome, where the NFL's Indianapolis Colts play, seats 60,272.

The Rams will kick off their season at home in Bowman Gray Stadium, where they will play archrival North Carolina A&T. Last season, the Rams walloped the Aggies,

defeating them 41-14 in Greensboro.

The Rams will play at home four times in the upcoming season. Other home games are against three-time defending MEAC Champion, Hampton University, on Oct. 27. WSSU Homecoming will take place against Delaware State Nov. 3, and the home finale will be Nov. 10 against former CIAA rival, North Carolina Central University.

The home games should be particularly interesting. The Rams played the Pirates tough last season, losing 13-3 in Hampton. Homecoming opponent, Delaware State, went 8-3 last season and was in the race for the MEAC Championship up until their loss against Howard gave Hampton the championship.

The Rams will renew old acquaintances with former CIAA foe North Carolina Central on the final home game of the season. NCCU, last season's Black College National Champions at 11-1, will follow WSSU's path from the CIAA to Division I in 2007. The Rams and the Eagles last met in 2005, with the Rams suffering a heartbreaking last-second 20-17 defeat.

2007 Winston-Salem State University Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
September 1	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	Winston-Salem	6 p.m.
September 8	Coastal Carolina University	Conway, S.C.	TBA
September 15	Morgan State University	Baltimore, Md.	TBA
September 22	S. C. State University	Orangeburg, S.C.	6 p.m.
September 29	Howard University	Washington, D.C.	6 p.m.
October 6	Florida A&M University (Circle City Classic)	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
October 20	Bethune-Cookman	Dayton Beach, Fla.	TBA
October 27	HAMPTON	Winston-Salem	6 p.m.
November 3	DELAWARE STATE (Homecoming)	Winston-Salem	2 p.m.
November 10	N. CAROLINA CENTRAL	Winston-Salem	1:30 p.m.
November 17	Norfolk State University	Norfolk, Va.	TBA

* Home Games at Bowman Gray Stadium noted in ALL CAPS

Ready for Primetime

Track and Field teams to run in two televised meets

Trevin Goodwin
WSSU MEDIA RELATIONS

The spotlight will be on WSSU's track and field teams this season as the teams compete in two nationally televised meets. Both events will be televised as a part of the Visa Championship Series this spring.

The first meet will be the 100th Millrose Games in New York, N.Y., on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 3. The event is scheduled to be televised on ESPN2 from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, and on NBC on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 2 to 3 p.m.

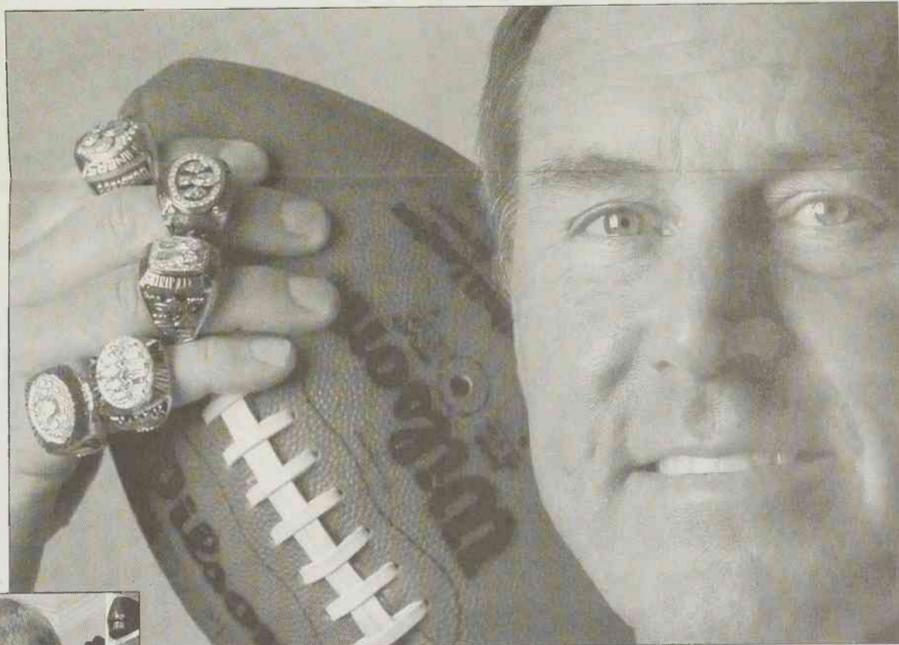
The Millrose Games is the oldest invitational indoor track and field meet in America and has featured some of the most storied names in track and field history, with athletes such as Jesse Owens, Wilma Rudolph, and Carl Lewis all having competed in the historic event.

The Rams and Lady Rams will also take part in the "USA Versus The World" at the Penn Relays on April 28. The event will be televised Saturday, April 28, on ESPN2 from 1 to 3 p.m.

For additional information on WSSU track and field, contact the WSSU Office of Sports Information at (336) 750-2143 or log on to the official Web site of WSSU Athletics: www.WSSURAMS.com.

The catch: 25 years later

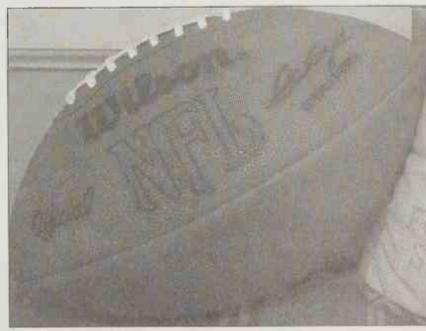
BELOW: In a box simply labeled, "The Ball," Clark stores the ball that destined him for one of the greatest catches in NFL history.



Photos courtesy of MCT Wire Service

ABOVE: Twenty-five years ago, Dwight Clark made one of the greatest catches in NFL history. It changed his career, started the San Francisco 49ers dynasty and, for a period of time, ended the Dallas Cowboys' reign as the NFC's top team. Clark, a native of Charlotte, N.C., won five Super Bowl rings with the 49ers as a player and front office executive.

BELOW: The ball that put former wide-receiver Dwight Clark in the record book.



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whenever I can put it down with them. They're a great band, real great guys, real professional," said Haze, a singer who often takes the lead mic for NBT when vocals are required.

Where many bands might fade into the background behind such talented voices, Nuthin But Trouble manages to stand out to the crowd. No song sounds exactly like the original version; NBT puts its own soulistic flair on each selection that highlights the instrumental perspective.

According to Tuttle, Yourse, and Fields, their sound will become even more unique in the upcoming year as they begin to write music for themselves in preparation for

a busier performance schedule and the recording of their first CD. In February, they hope to begin playing regularly at The 411 in downtown Winston-Salem and the Greene Street Bar in Greensboro.

The musical influences among the three group members span every genre of music because, as one member stated, "you've got to listen to everybody. You can get inspiration from anything."

"No matter how good or bad it is," Fields added. If one were to look through the music in each man's car to discover specifically what those influences are, they would find some of everything.

"Lupe Fiasco! He's a talented individual. That energy he

has, it's like, 'whoa,'" said Fields.

"I've got a whole bunch of mixed CDs," said Yourse. "Well, they're not CDs, I've got 'em on my USB drive, but let's see, I've got Dwele, Raheem DeVaughn, some rap. I mean, my stuff, I go from Dwele to Three 6 Mafia. I'm very diverse because of that."

"Now, Robin Thicke, definitely got to have Mint Condition, and you got to have The Roots over there, got to," said Tuttle.

Aspirations are high as all three agree that they expect "something big" from Nuthin But Trouble in 2007, but they look forward to the journey and to making this particular band a full-time commitment among

the other groups they work with.

"You can't beat having a job that you love to do, and getting paid to do what you love to do," said Tuttle.

"I can't do somebody else all my life," Yourse added.

"We wanna play on BET, MTV, VH1, CMT, TNN, all of 'em!" said Fields.

"Exactly! I'll jam with Garth Brooks!" agreed Tuttle.

And there is little room for doubt that they will reach every goal they set for themselves and more, because among the talent, the skill, the ambition, and the connections, they possess that essential sense of brotherhood that makes them say that although they are not biological brothers, "blood couldn't make us closer!"

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