

SPORTS

Two WSSU students make history — first to play in Division 1 All-Star

On April 7, two Winston-Salem State University football players, Michael Champaign and Jonathan Wedlock, made history by being the first players from WSSU to compete in a Division 1 All-Star Game.

Champaign and Wedlock competed for the Blue Team in the 2007 National All-Stars Bowl College Football Classic in Louisville, Kentucky. Both athletes are graduating seniors. Champaign plays right offensive tackle and Wedlock plays fullback.

The National All-Stars Bowl is held throughout the nation, and it provides athletes tremendous exposure to professional football. The games are regionalized so that prospects are showcased in each area of the nation. This allows professional football teams to take a closer look at players in each area or region of the country.

Players in the National All-Stars Bowl are always incredible athletes, and Champaign and Wedlock are no exception. Both players had remarkable games, with each player starting in his respective position.

Champaign played both left and right tackle, and did not give up any sacks to his opponents who were all potential draft picks.

Wedlock did not lag behind in effort, with four receptions for 50 yards, 2 carries for 10 yards, and a kick return for 9 yards. In one magical moment the WSSU star athletes



Photo by Sharrod Patterson

Jonathan Wedlock and Michael Champaign played in the National All-Stars Bowl College Football Classic in Louisville, Ky.

combined to produce the longest run of the day, which came off of a toss to the left side where Wedlock and Champaign opened up the flood gates for a run of over 80 yards by Anthony Ash of Tennessee State.

Both Wedlock and Champaign said that the game was a wonderful experience and that they hope as Winston Salem State's football team grows, the participation in other all star games grows, as well.

DA drops charges in Duke lacrosse case

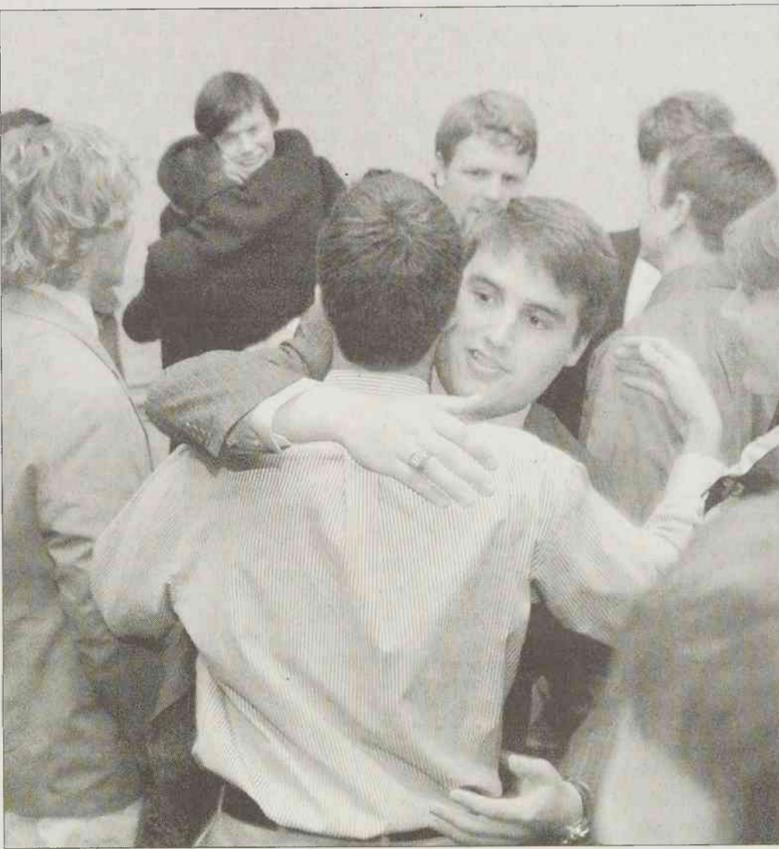


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The three exonerated former Duke lacrosse players are congratulated by current members of the team after a press conference addressing the dismissal of charges stemming from last year's team party in Durham on Wednesday, April 11.

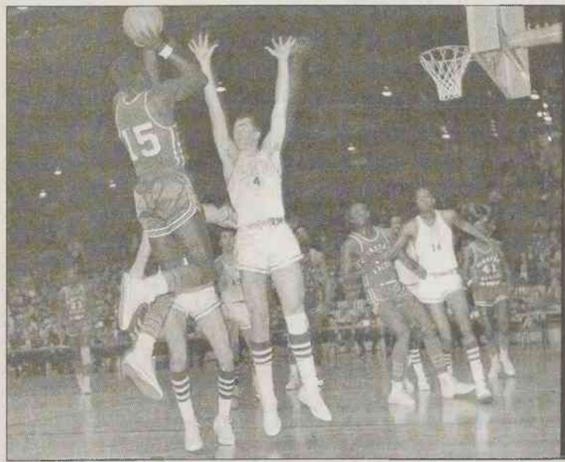
Shooting Stars

The News Argus honors WSSU legends: Clarence "Big House" Gaines, Earl Monroe and the 1967 Division II Champions



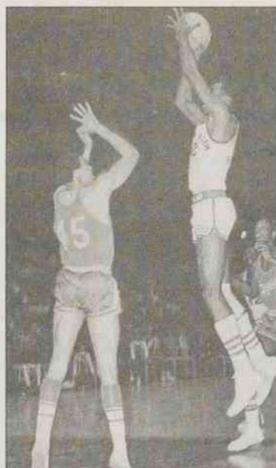
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The '67 Rams, coached by "Big House" Gaines (far right) and led by Earl Monroe (second from left bottom) won the College Division (Division II) National Championship. Rams went 31-1 that year.



ABOVE: Monroe launches a jumper over Long Island.

BELOW: Ted Blunt weaves past two Prairie View defenders in Whitaker Gym. Blunt, a three-time All-CIAA performer, is currently running for lieutenant governor in Delaware.



Bill English (above) and Monroe go for two against the Rams' then-CIAA rivals, North Carolina A&T.



The '64 Rams, led by Ted Blunt (center) and Earl Monroe (bottom right) pose after winning CIAA Tournament Championship.



ABOVE: English scored a WSSU record 77 points against FSU.

RIGHT: Earl "The Pearl" averaged 41.5 points per game in his senior season.

