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WSSU Gets New Coach



Coach Bill Hayes

Former Wake Forest Assistant Bill Hayes has been named to replace Cleo Wallace as head coach of the Winston-Salem State University football team.

Hayes, a native of Durham, was chosen over an impressive list of applicants which included former Ram assistant coach Baxter Holman now head coach at Livingstone College.

The new coach comes to the Rams with impressive credentials as an assistant coach as well as the image of being one of the states best recruiters.

The 32-year-old mentor has served as head North Carolina recruiter and as offensive line coach at Wake Forest since 1973.

Prior to coming to Wake Forest he had served as an assistant coach at Northside High School in Gretha, Virginia (1965-66), Paisley High School here (1966-67) where the team won the Western 4A District Championship, North Forsyth High School also in Winston-Salem (1967-68) and his old high school, Durham Hillside (1971-72).

He was named head coach at Hillside in 1973 the same year he became an assistant to Chuck Mills at Wake Forest.

Hayes was one of the main reasons the Wake Forest football program improved so drastically in 1975.

As Wake's top recruiter he signed such "Blue Chip" players as Clark Gaines, leading Junior College rusher in the nation and Junior College All-American; Solomon Everett, High School All-American quarter-back who had 43 scholarship offers) Larry Tearry, All-State center and a candidate for All-ACC honors as a sophomore and All State runningback, James McDougal who scored 41 touchdowns this season to

name a few.

The trim coach, who still looks like he could knock heads in the trenches, said he hopes to install the veer offensive in Ram land. "The veer option is the toughest offensive there is to stop," he said. He hopes to use a multiple offensive and to run about 65% of the time.

Hayes says his philosophy is, "to eliminate mistakes and the other team will beat themselves." He warns, however, that his team will not sit on the ball. "I'm a Gemini and I'm an impatient person, he said with a sly smile, "but I believe in making sound decisions. We'll throw at man-to-man defenses but not into a three-deep zone or double coverage.

Hayes, who holds a Masters Degree from North Carolina A&T University, is already actively recruiting players for next season. "I plan to try and bring in big, quick linemen by the dozens. I'll also be looking for linebackers and quarter-backers because both are good athletes and can play more than one position."

Hayes says his offensive line will start with the center, "because I was a center myself." The new coach says his first move as headcoach will be to install his system with the coaches and the players.

Clark Gaines, one of Hayes' best recruits, says Hayes is a great coach and a fine man and should be a great head coach for WSSU.

WSSU Athletic Director Clarence Gaines said Hayes has a wealth of experience and that the young energetic coach should be a great asset to the school's Athletic Department.

Winston-Salem State and Norfolk State warmed up for Friday nights showdown of CIAA unbeaten by stopping North Carolina Central and St. Augustine's in the WSSU Holiday classic Jan. 2 and 3 in Whitaker Gym.

On Friday night the Rams clobbered NC Central 103-83 as they placed five players in double figures. Tom Paulin the CIAA's leading scorer hit his average of 26 points. Don Helton regained his form of last season scoring 20 points and handing our nine assists. Michael Brown, starting his first game of the season, had 15 points making 7 of 8 floor shots. Melvin Garrett, the man Brown replaced, came off the bench to score 17 points on an 8 of 11 shooting performance.

Carlos Terry added 15 points and 14 rebounds. Stenson Conley led all rebounders with 15 in what may have been the Rams best game of the season.

Meanwhile, Norfolk State handed St. Augustine's a 96-72 beating behind a 70 point performance by their front line of 6-6 Gene Cunningham 6-9 Melvin Burns and 6-6 Ray Epps.

On Saturday night the two powers switched opponents with the same results.

The Rams again placed five players in double figures as they topped St. Augustine 96-89. Tom Paulin poured in 38 points for the Rams connecting on 13 of 20 field goal attempts and canning 12 of 13 from the charity strife. Melvin Garrett again came off the bench with a hot hand tallying 20 points most in crucial situations. Michael Brown turned in his second straight outstanding performance in a starting role with 14 points and 12 big rebounds. Don Helton added ten points while directing the Ram attack.

Carlos Terry the Rams leading rebounder and second leading scorer had 12 points and the same number of rebounds but sustained a broken hand late in the first half.

Terry returned to action briefly in the late stages of the game. Rams trainer Buddy Taylor said Terry broke a bone in his third finger. It is not known how long Terry will be out of action. The 6-6 sophomore may play Friday night against Norfolk. Terry said he played over half his

senior year in high school with a broken hand.

In Saturday nights 9 p.m. game Norfolk State topped NC Central 104-94 as reserve forward Melvin Friend came off the bench to score 21 points.

There will be a big first this Friday night. Undefeated North Carolina A&T takes on UNC Charlotte Thursday Jan. 8 at the Charlotte Coliseum. The game will be televised Friday night Jan. 10 at 10 p.m. on the UNC-TV network. That's channel 4 on your dial.

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