



The first photo ever taken of the Winston-Salem Pond Giants. Founded in 1914. It is the oldest semi-pro baseball team in the nation.

If ever there was an intense rivalry between two schools there is one between the Winston Salem State Rams and the North Carolina A&T Aggies. When the two teams meet on the basketball court whether it be in Greensboro or Winston Salem there is sure to be a large crowd on hand. For many Ram fans it is a case of the haves, (A&T) against the have nots (WSSU). For Aggie fans it is a chance to show WSSU that they are not in the same league with the powerful Aggies. This has not been the case on the basketball court in the past few years and if Bill Hayes and his football Rams have anything to do with it they don't plan for it to go that way in football when the two teams meet on September 3, at Greensboro.

rivals have not met on the field since 1969 and the Aggies have never lost to the Rams. As the information office of A&T puts it, "to say the Aggies have dominated the series would be a gross understatement. A&T holds a spotless 18-0 mark over the Rams and most of the Aggie wins have been very convincing with scores like 60-18 (1963), 50-12 (1964), and 60-0 (1968). The closest Winston Salem has come to a victory was in 1958 when the Aggies slipped by with a 14-12 win.

Overall A&T has scored 645 points to Winston-Salem's 150." If the past is an indication of the future when the Aggies should win by the lopsided score of 36-8.

After reading the press release from the A&T information office Hayes smiles and says, "I'm kind of glad the release came out. It should give our kids a little added incentive if they need it."

What many people don't seem to realize is that the Winston Salem football program under Hayes is far different than it has been in the past. Last season the Rams were picked for tenth place in the conference in pre season polls and finished fourth. This season, Hayes points out with a smile, "We are picked to finish sixth if we can beat the pre season rating by six places again this year we will be in pretty tall cotton."

The Rams don't appear to be the same patsies that the Aggies have used for target practice in years past and this coupled with the fact that A&T has a new coach and a new system indicates to this writer that anyone who comes to the game with their head set on an A&T slaughter will be more than mildly surprised. The Aggie program may have more money and more tradition than the Rams but there's no way the players can be more determined or better coached and conditioned than the Rams squad. The Rams finished 4-6 last season in Hayes' first year

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Old Timers Game Bring Back Memories

By Robert Eller Sports Editor

The Old Timers Game set to be played at Ernie Shore Field Sunday August 14 between the Old Time Pond Giants and the Old Time All Stars may be just a time for fans to relax from the serious competition of baseball for some but for many of the players and especially for Edward Hill and Dude Allen it will be much more. To the many former Pond Giants and their old time-fans it is a game to bring back memories of the days when the team was the pride of Winston-Salem. The Pond Giants, the oldest semi-pro baseball team in the nation, founded in 1914 have a proud tradition few baseball fans or players can recall. Allen and Hill however have vivid memories of these legendary years.

The first owners were: Will Davis, president; Will Harding, vice president; Morris Lawson, manager; and Wince Rucker secretary and treasurer.

Hill joined the team in 1916 as a 16 year-old third baseman. Now 77 and a successful insurance broker, he recalls that he was playing college baseball for Shaw University and was scouted by the team and asked to play. "I was only 16 playing with a team of men. We played all the top black teams in the country such as the Atlanta Black Crackers, the Washington Potomacs, Baltimore Black Sox, Knoxville, Nashville, Norfolk All Stars, and others. Playing baseball was a full time job and we played for a percentage of the gate we didn't have a set salary. We did pretty well however averaging about \$40 a week which is more than the average factory worker made at that time. We traveled in a car caravan and stayed in boarding houses."

"The ball park," he went on, "was where Shiloh Baptist Church is now. It was called Prince Albert Park." Attendance was much better then than

it is now according to Hill. "On weekends the park would be completely filled, (around 3,500 fans) and when we had a three game series with one of the top teams like Baltimore or Knoxville Reynolds would let the factories out at twelve o'clock on Thursday and Friday to see the games." Those were the days during World War II when the Pond Giants were the only team in Winston Salem. Allen said admission then was about .25 cents.

Hill said baseball in those days was somewhat different from the way it was portrayed in the movie "Bingo Long and the Traveling All Stars and Motor Kings." "We never paraded through town to draw our crowds to the ball park. When we arrived the people already knew we were scheduled to play a game. There would be signs and banners all around the town and in businesses and we never had a calling out pitch we just took the field and played serious baseball. All the teams were good. I played against Josh Gibson when he was just getting started. "We had some

great players on that 1916 team," he recalls. "Tom Tolliver, and Lefty Gray were two of the best, and Johnny Hopp who was a school boy like me was an outstanding pitcher. He played for North Carolina A&T." Hill remembers Chappie Johnson of the Norfolk All Stars as one of the great players of that era. "He was a great receiver and handler of pitchers. He may not have been as good a batter as Gibson but he was better defensively. Dick Lundy who played shortstop for the Atlantic City Bacarack

Giants was the best player I ever played against. He wasn't a long ball hitter but he was consistent. He almost always got a hit and he was a great base stealer and defensive player as well as being smart. I played against all the great pitchers of that time but the best was Steel Arm Dickey of Knoxville. We hardly ever beat him." Hill retired in 1929. "I hadn't even reached my prime I was only 20 but my father died and I went to work in the bank." His father founded the Forsyth Savings and

Trust Company. Hill has many fond memories of baseball. "Things weren't like they are now. Nobody played football or basketball it was all baseball. There weren't any rules against spitballs or doctoring the ball it was the hitters job to hit it no matter what the pitcher did to it. We never thought of the major leagues when I was playing. We knew a player had to be good and we knew we were but we also knew a player had to be white and we knew we weren't."

Allen was a bat boy on the first Pond Giants team of 1914. According to Allen the team was organized and named that year by Morris Nelly Lawson, who was owner of what was then called Woodland Drug Store. Mr. Lawson pitched and played outfield for the team in its early years.

Indian's Slug Way To WSBL

By Robert Eller Sports Editor

Winston-Salem's version of the "Big Red Machine" the Winston Salem Indians erupted for a total of 46 runs in four games to breeze through the Second Annual Winston Salem Baseball League Tournament July 31 through August 7 and claim the championship. The teams slugging first baseman Curt Gibson was named the events most valuable player collecting 9 hits in 16 at bats for a .600 tournament batting average.

walk, Mike Thompson doubled scoring Marion. Curt Gibson and Thomas Foggie then hit consecutive singles and Frank Carlton and Dyke Cline drew walks bringing up a shortstop and team captain Ted Petree who had walked to lead of the inning stole a base and scored the first run of the rally. On a two-two pitch the 20 year veteran slammed a fast-ball into right center field scoring Foggie and Carlton with the tying and winning runs. Petree called the winning hit one of the bigs of his career. Gary Groice pitched the final two innings for the victors to gain his second win of the tourney. Still riding the momentum of Friday nights came from behind when the Indians took on the regular season and defending tournament champs the Pond Giants on Saturday. They had lost both regular season meetings to the Giants but jumped on Pond Giant starter Mike Hicks a former pro player and most valuable pitcher in the state semi pro tournament in Roxboro for three runs in the top of the first inning on Ted Petree's two run double. The Pond Giants tied it in out Fuzzy Marion drew a

with three runs of their own. The Indians however put the game out of reach with an eight run outburst in the fourth. Gibson, Carlton, Foggie had singles and Petree had a double. Norris had a triple and a single in the rally. The Indians added two more runs in the sixth on Carlton's second homer of the tourney and added three in the ninth on doubles by Mike Smith, his fourth hit of the game, and Carlton, and a single by Foggie. Gary Flynt came on in the sixth inning to gain credit for the victory. In the Championship game Sunday the Indians struck for five runs in the fourth inning and added one in the eighth and two in the ninth to beat the Greensboro Knights who had won the right to play for the championship by topping the Pond Giants 7-3 earlier in the day.

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A&T - W-S Renews Football Rivalry

Greensboro, N.C. - 645 points to Winston-Salem's 150. That figures out to an average of 35.8 points for the Aggies compared to 8.3 points for the Rams per game.

The A&T offensive supremacy should continue this year with the return of All-American quarterback candidate Ellsworth Turner. Turner was named the MVP in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference last season as he broke all of the league's single season and career passing marks.

Turner finished seventh in the NCAA Division II in forward passing, 13th in total offense and 20th in scoring in 1976.

The return of receivers Allen Thomas and Bruce Black coupled with a defense led by Mutual Black Network All-American, Dwaine "Pee Wee" Board, All-MEAC defensive and Lucein Nibbs, and versatile linebacker George Small, may be another long evening for the Rams.

Although it may not receive the notoriety as some of the big rivalries across North Carolina, the Winston-Salem State North Carolina A&T competition has to rank among the most spirited of all athletic events.

On Saturday, September 3 at Greensboro's Memorial Stadium, the football rivalry between the two schools will renew. The last time the Aggies and the Rams met in football was 1969.

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Overall A&T has scored



Ellsworth Turner, All-American QB Candidate.

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