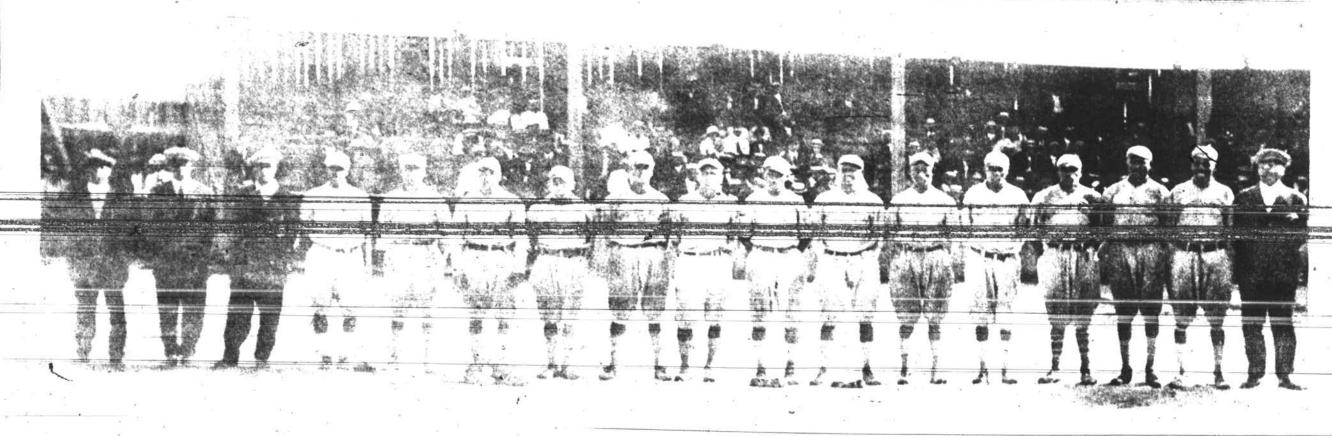
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The first photo ever taken of the Winston-Salem Pond Giants. Founded in 1914. It is the oldest semi-pro baseball team in the nation.

Old Timers Game Bring Back Memories

By Robert Eller Sports Editor

gust 14 between the Old Time Pond Giants and the treasurer. Old Time All Stars may be just a time for fans to relax 1916 as a 16 year-old third from the serious competi- baseman. Now 77 and a

the first Pond Giants team more than the average would be signs and of 1914. According to factory worker made at banners all around the Allen the team was that time. We traveled in town and in businesses organized and named that a car caravan and stayed and we never had a calling year by 'Morris Nelly in boarding houses." Lawson, who was owner of "The ball park," he field and played serious what was then called went on, "was where baseball. All the teams Woodland Drug Store. Shiloh Baptist Church is were good. I played Mr. Lawson pitched and now. It was called Prince against Josh Gibson when played outfield for the Albert Park." Attendance he was just getting team in its early years. was much better then than started. "We had some

The first owners were: Will Davis, president; The Old Timers Game Will Harding; vice presiset to be played at Ernie dent; Morris Lawson; Shore Field Sunday Au- manager; and Wince

tion of baseball for some successful insurance brobut for many of the ker, he recalls that he was bring back memories of all the top black teams in cents. the days when the team the country such as the Hill said baseball in the Atlantic City Bacarack the Forsyth Savings and weren't." was the pride of Winston- Atlanta Black Crackers, those days was somewhat Salem. The Pond Giants, the Washington Poto- different from the way it the oldest semi-pro base- macs, Baltimore Black was portrayed in the ball team in the nation, Sox, Knoxville, Nashville, movie "Bingo Long and founded in 1914 have a Norfolk All Stars, and the Traveling All Stars proud tradition few base others. Playing baseball and Motor Kings". We ball fans or players can was a full time job and we never paraded through recall. Allen and Hill played for a percentage of town to draw our crowds however have vivid mem- the gate we didn't have a to the ball park. When we ories of these legendary set salary. We did pretty arrived the people already well however averaging knew we were scheduled Allen was a bat boy on about \$40 a week which is to play a game. There

it is now according to Hill. great players on that 1916 Giants was the best player Trust Company. Hill has

out pitch we just took the

"On weekends the park team," he recalls. "Tom I ever played against. He many fond memories of would be completely Tolliver, and Lefty Gray wasn't a long ball hitter baseball. "Things weren't filled, (around 3,500 fans) were two of the best, and but he was consistent. He like they are now. Nobody and when we had a three Johnny Hopp who was a almost always got a hit played football or basket-Rucker secretary and game series with one of school boy like me was an and he was a great base ball it was all baseball. the top teams like oustanding pitcher. He stealer and defensive There weren't any rules Hill joined the team in Baltimore or Knoxville played for North Carolina player as well as being against spitballs or doctor-Reynolds would let the A&T." Hill remembers smart. I played against all ing the ball it was the factories out at twelve Chappie Johnson of the the great pitchers of that hitters job to hit it no oclock on Thursday and Norfolk All Stars as one of time but the best was matter what the pitcher Friday to see the games." the great players of that Steel Arm Dickey of did to it. We never players and especially for playing college baseball Those were the days era. "He was a great Knoxville. We hardly ever thought of the major Edward Hill and Dude for Shaw University and during World War II when receiver and handler of beat him." Hill retired in leagues when I was Allen it will be much was scouted by the team the Pond Giants were the pitchers. He may not have 1929. "I hadn't even playing. We knew a player more. To the many former and asked to play. "I was only team in Winston been as good a batter as reached my prime I was had to be good and Pond Giants and their old only 16 playing with a Salem. Allen said admis- Gibson but he was better only 20 but my father died we knew we were but we time-fans it is a game to team of men. We played sion then was about .25 defensively. Dick Lundy and I went to work in the also knew a player had to who played shortstop for bank." His father founded be white and we knew we

Black-On
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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

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

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 See Black, Page 10

A&T - W-S Renews Football Rivalry

Although it may not Salem's 150. That figures receive the notoriety as out to an average of 35.8 some of the big rivalries points for the Aggies across North Carolina, the compared to 8.3 points for Winston-Salem State the Rams per game. North Carolina A&T The A&T offensive competition has to rank supremacy should contiamong the most spirited nue this year with the of all athletic events.

in football was 1969.

To say the Aggies have holds a spotless 18-0 mark scoring in 1976. over their neighbors from nearby Winston-Salem. Most of the Aggie's wins Allen Thomas and Bruce have been very convincing Black coupled with with scores like 60-18 defense led by Mutual (1963), 50-12 (1964), and Black Network All-Ameri-CO-0 (1968).

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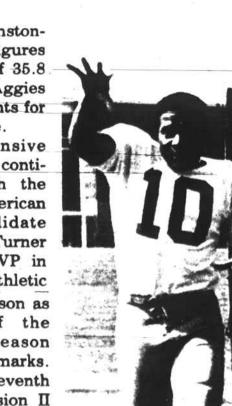
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Greensboro, N.C. - 645 points to Winston-

return of All-American On Saturday, Septem- quarterback candidate ber 3 at Greensboro's Ellsworth Turner. Turner Memorial Stadium, the was named the MVP in football rivalry between the Mid-Eastern Athletic the two schools will Conference last season as renew. The last time the he broke all of the Aggies and the Rams met league's single season and career passing marks.

Turner finished seventh dominated the series in the NCAA Division II would be a gross in forward passing, 13th understatement. A&T in total offense and 20th in

The return of receivers can, Dwaine "Pee Wee" The closest Winston- Board, All-MEAC defenanother long evening for



Ellsworth Turner, All-American QB Candidate.

ndian's Slug Way To WSBL

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average.

run in the seventh.

ninth inning trailing by a Petree's two run double. score of 12-7. With two The Pond Giants tied it in out Fuzzy Marion drew a the bottom of the inning

Winston-Salem's ver- Curt Gibson and Thomas put the game out of reach sion of the "Big Red Foggie then hit consecu- with an eight run outburst Machine" the Winston tive singles and Frank in the fourth Gibson, Salem Indians erupted for Carlton and Dyke Cline Carlton, Foggie had a total of 46 runs in four drew walks bringing up singles and Petree had a games to breeze through shortstop and team cap- double. Norris had a triple the Second Annual Win- tain Ted Petree who had and a single in the rally. ston Salem Baseball walked to lead of the The Indians added two League Tournament July inning stole a base and more runs in the sixth on 31 through August 7 and scored the first run of the Carlton's second homer of claim the championship. rally. On a two-two pitch the tourney and added The teams slugging first the 20 year veteran three in the ninth on baseman Curt Gibson was slammed a fast-ball into doubles by Mike Smith, named the events most right center field scoring his fourth hit of the game, valuable player collecting Foggie and Carlton with and Carlton, and a single 9 hits in 16 at bats for a the tying and winning by Foggie. Gary Flynt .600 tournament batting runs. Petree called the came on in the sixth winning hit one of the bigs inning to gain credit for The Indians scored at of his career. Gary Groice the victory. In the least 8 runs in each of pitched the final two Championship game Suntheir four games. On innings for the victors to day the Indians struck for Monday night they de- gain his second win of the five runs in the fourth feated the Astros 8-3 as tourney. Still riding the inning and added one in

Gary Groce, went the momentum of Friday the eighth and two in the distance for the win. The nights came from behind ninth to beat the Greens-Indians led 4-2 going into when the Indians took on boro Knights who had the sixth inning when the regular season and won the right to play for pinch hitters Frank Carl- defending tournament the championship by ton and Ben Norris champs the Pond Giants topping the Pond Giants slugged back to back on Saturday. They had 7-3 earlier in the day. homeruns to insure the lost both regular season win. Norris the events meetings to the Giants but leading homerun hitter hit jumped on Pond Giant another towering home-starter Mike Hicks a former pro player and The champions faced most valuable pitcher in their stiffest test on Friday the state semi pro night against the Greens- tournament in Roxboro for boro Knights. They went three runs in the top of the into the bottom of the first inning on Ted

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walk, Mike Thompson with three runs of their doubled scoring Marion. own. The Indians however

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