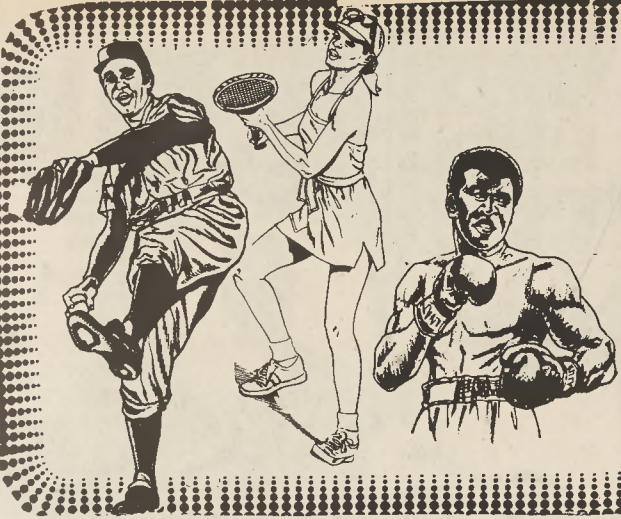


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Rams Host Howard, Morehouse, E. Waters

By Robert Eller Sports Editor

WSSU and Howard are expected to face off Saturday night at 6 p.m. in the finals of the holiday Festival basketball tournament at the C.E. Gaines athletic complex.

The game should pit the tall, talented Bison against the smaller sharpshooting Rams.

In Friday nights opening round the Rams will face the purple and orange Tigers of Edward Waters while the Bison will take Morehouse at 7:50.

Saturday's Championship round will be played at 6 p.m. and the runner-up game follows at 7:50 p.m.

Edward Waters based in Jacksonville, Fla., is a member of the Southeastern Athletic Conference (SEAC). They posted an impressive 27-7 record last season but were hurt by graduation and are off to a 2-6 start this season. After beating Voorhees 71-62 in the season opener, they lost to Florida Memorial 80-71, routed Savannah St. 83-62, and have since dropped five straight, 79-69 to Albany

St., 85-66 to Hope Valley St., 62-61 to Albany St., 63-61 to Northern Georgia College and 80-74 to Albany St.

The Tigers are lead in scoring by Isaac Simmons and Antonio Brown, both are averaging 18.0. Simmons is a 6-7 junior forward with fine quickness and a good shooting touch. Crown carries 220 pounds on his 6-3 frame and plays the post. He is a rugged player who leads the team in rebounding with a 15 per game average.

Morehouse College, a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) is 2-4 this season. They opened the season by beating Southern (La.) University 91-90 then losing to Dillard 98-65, Paine College 75-70, and Savannah St. 75-72 before winning their second game 100-83 over Fisk University. They lost to Georgia St. 103-76 in their last outing.

The Tigers have a super scorer in 6-4 sophomore Karl Bell. The guard is averaging 22.4 points per game.

WSSU comes into the event with a 6-1 record.

Forward Reggie Gaines is the CIAA's second leading scorer with a 26.1 average and point guard David Harold is beginning to play up to potential. Ray Jones has provided the needed rebounding help for steady Mike Robinson, and guards Mark Clark, Luke Lowry, and freshmen Tyrone grandberry and Ricky Wright can all score. Senior Torin McKenzie had an impressive outing against St. Augustine's and may have moved in as the top frontcourt sub.

Winston Salem State leads the CIAA in team offense with an average of better than 80 points per outing, is first in field goal percentage, shooting almost 54 percent, rank second in free through shooting hitting 71 per cent, boasts the conference top defense surrendering less than 70 points per game on the board than their opponents.

Anything other than a Howard-WSSU final would be anti-climactic and the Bison should provide the Rams with their toughest test since the A&T Aggies.



Nathaniel Speight

FISHING by George Nobile advertisement with illustration of a fishing boat and gear.

Hope your stocking was stuffed with some fine fishing gear. If you did receive that wanted and long waited for rod and reel, don't let it gather any dust. Get out there on the next warm day and give the outfit a whirl. If this off and on mild weather holds out we will be into some good fishing earlier than we would ordinarily expect.

In about 60 days, if you can pin yourself down to it, you just may hang into that big one that you have always hoped for. To fish consistently around the last of February, weather permitting, through the month of March will produce some surprising lunkers. At least, that has been my experience.

As with each new season, one will find new lures, rod, reels, and even boats that infer that their use will produce more fish than we have ever dreamed of catching. We can believe it, that we will catch more fish but that will depend upon how well we are capable of using the new

equipment and how much know-how we possess.

If you have begun to lose your line on a cast, that is, failing to see the line on the retrieve, then you need to switch to a fluorescent line; one that glows being easy to see by the fisherman and invisible to the fish.

If you are a bream fisherman you can insure yourself some extra fun by adding the flyrod to your paraphernalia. There is no experience comparable to seeing a big bream rush and strike your plastic bug on top water.

Learning to lay your bug or fly down at the base of a tree, on the shady side of a stump, or rolling it under an overhanging bush along the shoreline are skills that you will develop in short order.

As much fun can be derived from exercising the art of fly casting as well as catching fish. don't let another season go by without giving the flyrod an honest try.

Wrestlers Compete In Florida Tourney

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While the rest of us are shivering in winter's grip and trying to see how long our Christmas toys will last, Winston-Salem State Wrestling Coach Mike Edwards and 12 Ram wrestlers will be in Gainesville, Fla. at the Sunshine Open, one of the top intercollegiate wrestling events of the season.

This is the first time that WSSU has participated in the Sunshine open. Coach Edwards wants his young team to see some of the country's best collegiate matmen and to compete against teams outside the CIAA and NAIA District 26. Edwards thinks some of the Rams might get past the first round and compete for top spots.

"This team has surprised me so far," said Edwards recently. "I think that they've been in good wrestling condition and that they've outwrestled themselves on sheer determination."

'He points with pride to the team's 24-21 win over Livingstone, last year's CIAA Champs and the narrow loss to NAIA District 26 Champ Pembroke 24-20. "The men I'm taking to the Sunshine Tournament can do well, but they really will be facing some experienced wrestlers from schools that have had top programs for years."

The first match for WSSU after the holidays is at Pembroke on January 13. The next home match is Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. against North Carolina Central University.

Edwards will take ten wrestlers to the Sunshine Open led by Horance Williams. The 142 pounder sports a perfect 4-0 record.

167 pounders Thaddeus Wilkins and Frank Manson are both 3-0. Other members of the squad competing are 118 pounds- Melvin Roberts (2-2), 126 pounds- Ivan Galloway (2-0), and Regan Satterwhite (1-2), 134 pounds- Tyrone Holman (2-1), 177 pounds- Curtis Gore (0-2), and 190 pounds- Melvin Woods (1-0).

Hayes, Six Seniors Head for New Orleans

Winston-Salem State's Head Football Coach Bill Hayes will take 6 WSSU seniors to the First Annual Black College All Star Bowl to be played at the New Orleans Superdome 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7., 1979.

Hayes will coach the East Team, which consists of seniors from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

His co-coach will be Willie Jeffries of South Carolina State. The West Team is made up of seniors from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Playing for Hayes from Winston-Salem State are Anderson Noble, Willie Jordan, Baxter Harrington, Billy Diggs, Bill Murrell and Gary Raiford. Noble will play Strong Safety, Jordan defensive tackle, Harrington linebacker, Diggs wide receiver, Murrell tight end and Raiford offensive tackle.

The All Star Bowl is being produced by Pan African Associates, the same organization that put together the second Spinks-Ali fight. Seniors were nominated from the colleges. Dr. Frank Bannister, of national Black network, headed the Selection Committee that included conference commissioners, sports writers, and broadcasters, and pro scouts.



Bill Hayes

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playoffs. WSSU shuts out Cal-Poly after being picked as an underdog and play before less than 7,000 people.

Hayes is disappointed in the crowd and the city as the Rams seeded number one are forced to travel to Delaware for the semifinal game against number three, Delaware.

After the Cal-Poly game some alumni asked for a meeting with the chancellor Douglas Covington, Coaches Gaines and Hayes and sports information director Paul Kuhl. The meeting begins and the alumni, one of which is the mother of a Ram football star, begins and the alumni, one of which is the mother of a Ram football star, ask about more publicity for the team nationally.

Gaines leaves the meeting after about 30 minutes to prepare his team for their first conference basketball game. Kuhl leaves a few minutes later.

Hayes reluctantly reveals the story of how he is caught in the middle of a circle he doesn't like. Covington tries to mediate. The alumni make demands but Covington makes no promises, except to try and mend the crack developing between Hayes and Gaines. Hayes goes on to point out that two of his coaches hold CEGA positions

and will be out of a job in a few days. Covington promises to intercede in that matter after Hayes points out that he has mentioned it to Gaines and nothing has been done. Hayes gets a promise that his class load will be considered for reduction. The meeting ends with nothing settled.

The next week, WSSU is humiliated by Delaware, a school with a fulltime coaching staff 41-0 on national television.

On the long plane ride back, Hayes does some soul searching and takes a long look at his future. He knows he has a super team returning next season but he also knows that he has limits at WSSU. And Hayes feels he has no limit.

So it is really no surprise that Bill Hayes is considering another job and as this writer hinted in his December 9 Black on Sports, it may be too late to cry fire, for the house may already be crumbling.

Howard has the fund to give Hayes the kind of commitment he wants a fulltime coaching job with no classes, a free hand to hire his own assistants, and a much larger salary and more attractive atmosphere to work in.

While some people in the city of Winston-Salem were caught completely by surprise recently when it was learned that WSSU football coach Bill Hayes has decided to apply for the head coaching job at Howard University, to the fans and friends of WSSU athletics it comes as no real surprise.

Those faithful few who have followed the Rams since the days of Londell McClary and Cleo Wallace through the 16 season of Hayes knew at the end of last season that it would take more than another winning season to make Hayes content at the school.

In fact, the circumstances under which Hayes took the WSSU job may have been less than ideal. Baxter Holman, a former WSSU assistant, and at that time head coach at Livingstone was the first choice for the job, but made too many demands and ask for more of a commitment and more control than the school or its athletic director and basketball coach, the legendary, C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines, were ready to relinquish.

Hayes, a young, energetic, and ambitious assistant at Wake Forest was given the job as a second choice. After Hayes' first season produced respectability and his recruiting power became obvious, interest in the program by fans and especially students began to increase. The program did not prosper financially, however, because students don't buy tickets and the fans read about the games in the paper rather than attending them.

Hayes came to WSSU with a keen mind for organization and outstanding recruiting contacts and even though he didn't expect an undefeated season in his second year he knew that greatness for his teams were in the offing. To insure this greatness, Hayes worked long hours, brought in defensive wizard Charlie Griffin and recruited more players than his superiors wished.

Hayes asked for a suite of offices for his coaching staff and for the bottom of the schools infirmary. He asked for a large weight room and an expensive set of weight equipment. He got a portion of that. His players staged a small protest during the season that never hit the papers. Hayes says he had nothing to do with the player's actions and didn't get advance notice of it. His team rolled into the 1977 Gold Bowl undefeated and ranked as the top black college team in the country but lost a 10-7 game to South Carolina State, which has a full-time football coach.

Hayes was disappointed by the loss and pointed to the differences to the commitments the two schools make to their football programs as a problem though not blaming it for the loss.

Hayes asked that his class load be reduced, but the request was denied.

He looked at the coaching positions at Johnson C. Smith and His alma mater North Carolina Central, but could not get the commitment he wanted from either school.

The athletic director at Southern University visited the Rams lockerroom after the Gold Bowl loss in Richmond and it was thought Hayes would take over the vacant coaching job there but the position was never offered.

So Hayes hit the recruiting trail and gathered up some of the states finest athletes outrecruiting the ACC in some cases and doing well all along the east coast. Players even asked Hayes for a chance to don the Ram red and white.

The Rams look like a sure bet to win the CIAA crown again and even take the Gold Bowl this time around. As the team prepared for its season opening game against A&T, the game is switched to Grove's Stadium in expectation of a huge crowd. At the same time, Hayes lost two of his coaches from the 77 season after one volunteer had already decided not to give free services for a second year. Hayes does get three coaches to replace them, and the problem looks solved from the outside.

On the inside, however, the problem is far from solved. A split is occurring in the athletic department and on the campus between those who are loyal to the legendary Gaines and those who follow the young and successful Hayes.

Hayes begins to feel the pressure. He is called a traitor and a backstabber when he questions former football coach and assistant athletic director Cleo Wallace about when he has a larger class load than the assistant AD who has no coaching duties words are exchanged and the two almost come to blows.

The Rams keep on winning and were ranked as the top division ii team in the nation.

Hayes now asks for a football budget that is separate from the entire athletic budget.

The Rams beat Elizabeth City on regional television and a home site for the first round of the division ii