



Kermit Blount during his days as WSSU's star quarterback.

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sponsor a coaching clinic on Friday night and Saturday that will include, among others, Wake Forest Head Coach Al Groh and East Carolina Head Coach Ed Emory as well as both the ECU offensive and defensive coordinators.

Former Ram tight end Johnny Rogers, now an assistant at North Carolina State, will also be featured at the clinic.

The main focus for the fans, current players, and alumni team members, will be on Saturday night, however, and Hayes says the alumni squad will be stronger and larger in number this time.

"This could turn out to be a real tough outing for our kids," Hayes says. "The alumni team has most of the players who played last year back, plus, now that the word has gotten around, they have a number of players who didn't attend last year that have already committed."

One former player who missed last year's contest but who says he is ready this year is Curt Richardson. An all-CIAA pick at linebacker in 1975, Richardson has come in from Atlanta to take part in the game.

"I think we will win this year," Richardson says. "From what I hear, they (the alumni) should have won last year's game, but we have some people coming back this year that can make a difference."

Richardson says he is looking forward to the game and will work all week to get into shape. "This game gives me and the other old men the opportunity to prove that, once you have it, you never really lose it," he says, "and it will give us a chance to show the youngsters that, when we play, we play hard and tough."

Hayes, who will match last year's offensive MVP Mike Winbush at quarterback against all-time great Kermit Blount, says he will start rising sophomores Leonardo Horn, Ed Byers and James Johnson in the backfield as well. And he says he and his staff will grade the players' performances very critically.

"Right now, we have 64 kids out and about 15 of them will have to be cut from the team next year," Hayes says, "so how well they play here will determine if they make the team or not in some instances. We'll give them a lot of playing time and see what they can do."

Hayes says that Darryl Hall will back up Winbush at quarterback. And he adds that the offense will use a few new series in the game.

According to the coach, the defense is far ahead of the offense in spring practice mainly because much of the Rams' fine offensive line has been given the spring off to recover from injuries.

"I'll be surprised if we move the ball well with all those new people on the offensive line," Hayes says, noting that the defense should make the difference.

"We have a very strong, fast and aggressive defense," he says. "Last year, they caused turnovers that made the difference. This year, I don't expect them (the alumni) to move the ball as well against our defense."



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of development at Maryland-Eastern Shore before coming to Delaware State), refuses to take much of the credit.

"What I am going to say sounds like a cliché," but what has happened here has happened because of hard work," Townsend says. "We made up our mind in 1980 that we were going to change the direction of the program. Not a whole lot of money was added, but a new direction was taken. We decided to bring together our staff and let them know this was what we would base their employment on. Some people had to double-up. Coaches had to serve as assistants during the football season and become head coaches of spring sports.

"The thing is that we committed ourselves to the program and we were able to go out and get some eager men and women to help us."

None was more eager than Purzycki, although the Delaware State alumni greeted him with less than open arms. But Townsend felt something dramatic had to be done following the 1979 season and the 105-0 loss to Portland State.

"That was a disaster for us," Townsend says. "I got

calls from our alumni all over the world, and I'm not exaggerating, either. There was one call all the way from Australia."

What the callers wanted was a new football coach, but none expected a white man to get the job.

"We didn't go out seeking a white football coach," says Townsend. "But we didn't turn him down when he came to us, either. We realized we were taking a gamble. We knew that he could coach, but we knew we might also be lambasted for having given away a prestigious position to someone who is not black."

Now that Purzycki has built a winning program, all that furor has died down. Completely. Criticized for his decision initially, Townsend now is being regarded as a genius. He says he does not know how to deal with that.

"I am a bit different," he says. "I don't have the experience to call on that other athletic directors have. My degree is in social science. What we have done here is rely on gut feelings and sound decision-making."

So far, that combination has worked magnificently.

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basketball player in Deacon history behind classmate Danny Young, who has played in two more games.

However, the highlight of Teachey's career came when the team "retired"

DePaul Coach Ray Meyer in the NCAA Tournament,

perhaps the biggest win in Wake basketball history.

"That had to be the biggest thrill of my career so far," Teachey said of the

win. "We knew that we could come back and we never gave up. They were riding high on the Ray Meyer thing and we knew if

we stayed close they would tighten up. They had a lot of pressure on them to win but we didn't have anything to lose."

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(Athletic Director) Bill Archie said the program needed me."

Christian proved Archie right this year as the Spartans ranked number one among Division II schools during most of the regular season when they weren't even supposed to win the CIAA title. And he achieved that end without the benefit of mirrors or magic formulas.

Christian simply made his players, like their coach, "programmatically team persons."

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