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The question remains if Mike Winbush, WSSU's only experienced quarterback, will make the starting lineup this year. Winbush, who reported late for camp, spent the summer playing semi-pro baseball (photo by James Parker).

Offensive line the key

Rams face Va. State in opener

By SAM DAVIS
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After compiling an 8-1-1 regular season record and winning the CIAA Southern Division title a year ago, the Winston-Salem State University Rams enter the 1984 season with an air of optimism.

The Rams, who will face an improving Virginia State team at Bowman Gray Stadium on Saturday, will feature a veteran roster, with a couple of newcomers who could see action during the season sprinkled in.

Rams coach Bill Hayes is keeping mum on who he will start in the game and what he expects from his team on Saturday. A co-favorite to win the Southern Division title, the Rams are unpredictable at this point of the pre-season, according to Hayes.

"Our players have worked very hard in the pre-season thus far and are in decent shape," says Hayes. "But until we play a good football team we don't know what to expect."

"So far, the pre-season has been filled with ups and downs," Hayes says. "We've had our good days and our bad days. Some days we come out and

look like we're a good football team and others we don't."

Hayes says at this point there are several positions where the competition is so strong that he won't announce until game time who will start. One of them is the starting quarterback job.

Senior Mike Winbush, the only Ram signal caller

"Our biggest question mark going into the game is on our offensive line."

-- Bill Hayes

with experience in the CIAA, has only been in camp since last Saturday (Aug. 25). Winbush spent his summer playing professional baseball in the Texas Rangers farm system and Hayes isn't sure whether Winbush will be adjusted by game time.

If Hayes doesn't go with Winbush he can turn to two promising newcomers, Dana Walker and Haywood Workman. Walker is a transfer from Eastern Arizona College, a junior college in That-

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Al Harvey, former assistant football coach at Winston-Salem State University was recently named to the coaching staff at Hampton Institute.

Harvey, a 1975 graduate of WSSU, was a four-year starter for the Rams at linebacker. At Hampton, he will be in charge of coaching the quarterbacks.

Livingstone College has three Winston-Salem natives on its football roster this year: **Rice, Kenny Caldwell and James Shaw.** Caldwell and Shaw, both Dean's List students, will start along the offensive line for the Bears this season.

Rice, who as a quarterback helped carry North Forsyth to the State 4-A semifinals a year ago, has shown well at wide receiver. Livingstone Coach Mel Rose said recently that Rice, a freshman, has been impressive in fall drills. Former WSSU player Jack

Cameron looks as if he's made the Chicago Bears football team this year.

An All-CIAA player for the Rams last year at cornerback, Cameron has been impressive as a wide receiver and a kick returner for the Bears. His 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in a recent game against the Green Bay Packers launched him into the Bears top

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Carver's second team quarterback Darryl Moyer prepares to throw a pass to a teammate in pre-season drills. Moyer is one of several newcomers to the Yellow Jackets' roster. For previews of Carver and Mt. Tabor. See page B3 (photo by James Parker).

CIAA This Week

Central vs. Livingstone headlines first week

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While some conferences allow constituent institutions to schedule soft opponents to open their seasons, CIAA teams never face "easy" games.

As in every other year in recent history, the CIAA season starts out with a bang. Two games that will figure prominently in the conference standings are being played this weekend. Though only one is a conference match-up, the other will tell a lot about the upcoming season.

Fourth-year coach Mel Rose and his "Fighting" Bears are hosts to favored North Carolina Central in what could be Rose's most important game since taking the coaching reigns at Livingstone. The Bears have improved in each of the three previous seasons under Rose and look to be knocking on the door of the CIAA Southern Division.

Virginia State is at Winston-Salem State in an important non-

conference game for both ball clubs. In other non-conference games, Johnson C. Smith will be at Virginia Union, while Bowie visits St. Paul's. Hampton Institute ventures out of the CIAA to take on Division I-AA heavyweight Tennessee State.

The matchup between Livingstone and Central figures to be a classic showdown between two of the CIAA's premier players, JoJo White and Gerald Fraylon. Both players are the keys to their respective ball clubs offensively.

Another factor in the game will be the Eagles offensive line. If they allow Livingstone to put pressure on Fraylon, they could be in for a long day against the Bears.

On the other hand, Livingstone must find a way to produce offense if Central assigns two or three men to White on every play.

While on paper the Eagles are considered the favorite, victories in the tough CIAA are attained on the field. In a see-saw offen-

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Sports People

Broncos winning without a sponsor

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For the past several years, Donald Scales has been content. After all, his softball team, the Broncos are recognized as the top female softball team in Winston-Salem.

Scales, who formed the team six years ago, has guided the Broncos to nearly every tournament championship the team has competed in over the previous two years. Recently, the team won a qualifying game that placed the team in the World Class B Tournament in Cartersville, Ga.

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-- Broncos Manager Donald Scales

Yet, the team has been unable to find a sponsor and now Scales feels it is time for him to speak out. He has become disenchanted with the black business community, which he feels has turned their backs to him.

"For the past two or three years, we have been the best female softball team in the city and one of the best in the state," says Scales. "We've played throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee and done well in every tournament we have participated in."

"Most of the time, I've taken care of the team's expenses out of my pocket," says Scales, an environmental control officer for the City of

Winston-Salem. "I don't mind because I love baseball. But I've seen teams play that aren't nearly as good as we are who have excellent sponsorship."

"I've been approaching people for the last four years and haven't been able to find anyone willing to sponsor us," Scales continues. "It's kind of frustrating because as much as I wish it wasn't true, successful black businesses aren't interested in sponsorship."

"That seems hard to believe because most of the players on the Broncos are from East Winston and the black community," he says. "In a way it has caused us to turn away from the black businesses."

Still, the Broncos have faced the area's top teams on a regular basis and in most instances come out on top. Scales has perpetuated his program by relying on the top local college players and mixing in some of the less experienced high schoolers.

Although the team is made up of all females, Scales trains them hard and expects the most out of them.

"The girls know that I push them to be their best," says Scales. "We have a lot of competition on the team, but it works for the good of all of them in the long run. We don't want to just be the best softball team in Winston-Salem, we want to be the best anywhere."

At least 10 Broncos team members were named to the All-Northwest North Carolina Softball Team during their high school years. Among the team's top players are 1984 high school graduates Cassandra Graham, Lyneatha Tillman and Tiffany Crosby.

Graham, who played at North Forsyth was the



Members of the Broncos, who will be leaving for USSSA World Tournament this weekend, are left to right, front row, Tasha Brooks, Lyneatha Tillman, Juli Ingram, Cassandra Graham, Kera Smith and Barbara Coleman,

standing, Donald Scales, manager; Lila Smith, Angela Means, Delphine Williams, Lora Smith, Sheriese Moore and Al George, assistant coach (photo by James Parker).

Most Valuable Player in the USSSA (United States Slow-pitch Softball Association) regional championships which qualified the Broncos for the world championships.

Graham is but one of several outstanding players on the team's roster.

"Right now, I would have to say that Barbara Coleman (a graduate of Parkland and also a former All-Northwest North Carolina pick) and Tillman most exemplify what type of team we have," Scales says. "They are very talented in every aspect of the

game, they have good leadership qualities and they have excellent showmanship on the field."

The team's list of outstanding players doesn't stop there however. Crosby, a three-sport standout at North Forsyth will be attending Lehigh Rhyne College this fall on an athletic grant. Sheriese Moore, a graduate of East Forsyth, is on an athletic grant-in-aid at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Other Broncos that received athletic scholarships Please see page B2