

Reese leads Relays to 17 medals in AAU/Junior Olympics

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The Twin City Relays returned from a trip to the AAU/USA Junior Olympics with their pockets jingling with the sound of medals -- 17 of them in all, as the Winston-Salem team emerged with a strong showing in the national track and field competition for the second year in a row.

Julius Reese, the defending national champion in the intermediate boys 400-meter dash, came home with three medals in all. The rising junior at Mount Tabor High School was edged out by Chris Nellons of Dayton, Ohio in the finals of the 400, running a 48.31 to capture the silver medal.

In the 200-meter dash, Reese clocked a 22.34 and finished third behind Barry Smith of San Francisco who won the event with a 21.4. Smith had earlier clocked a 21.0 in the semi-finals and is only 15 years old.

Reese's loss in the 400 was the first time he had lost in the event since running summer track. He had beaten Nellons on two prior occasions.

Other medal winners in the intermediate boys group included Bryant Cowen, Stephon Torrence and Sonny Weaks who teamed with Reese to take second in the 4x100 relay with a 48:31.

Torrence picked up his second silver medal when he leaped 21-2 for the runner-up spot in the long jump.

In the senior girls division, the 4x400 "A" relay team of Tina Lane,



Reese



Morrison

Tammy Brown, Madonia Caesar and Vanita Morrison made up considerable ground on the last two legs and managed a fifth-place finish with a time of 3:58.01.

The 4x100 "A" team of Caesar, Nicole Bell, Danita Roseboro and Sandra Harrison finished second with a time of 48.26. The Relays led most of the way in the event, but were nudged out in the final 100 meters.

Lynette Addison made the finals of the triple jump and managed a seventh-place finish with a jump of 36-9.

In the senior boys events, Scott Fletcher took home a silver medal when he finished with a 14.18 in the 110-meter high hurdles. It was a comparatively slow time for Fletcher, who has been running in the 13.8's.

Kevin Williams narrowly missed a bronze medal when he

leaped 46-7 in the triple jump for fourth place.

The 4x400 relay team of Williams, Fletcher, Kevin Cokely and Eric Turner finished seventh with a time of 3:30.6. The same group finished eighth in the 400-meter relay with a time of 43.29.

Others making the trip included Shevonne Martin, Lynn Ray, "Renee" Squires, Kenny Kirby and Harvey Hughes.

The Relays sent 22 athletes in all to the national meet, the most in their history.

College Bound

A number of seniors off the Twin City Relays will be headed to college in the coming weeks on academic and athletic scholarships.

Kevin Williams, a graduate of Reynolds High School, has declined

an offer from Appalachian State University and will attend High Point College this fall on an athletic grant. Williams plans to long and triple jump at HPC.

Kevin Cokely has been accepted at Wake Forest University on an aca-

ademic and partial athletic scholarship. He plans to run track for the Deacons.

Saundra Harrison will attend Saint Augustine on a full track and field scholarship, while Ricky Hicks will attend Appalachian State.

Alan McDevitt will run cross country for Georgia Tech. and is likely to run track as well. Both Lynette Addison and Darryl Wright turned down offers. Wright is headed to the Navy, while Addison says she will work.

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Yellowjackets hope to sting early and often during '87 campaign

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After playing Greensboro Page, Carver Coach Jim Bovender says he was woke up to the fact that the Yellowjackets would have to throw more this season.

"Page just absolutely picks everyone apart with their short passing game," said Bovender of the Pirates.

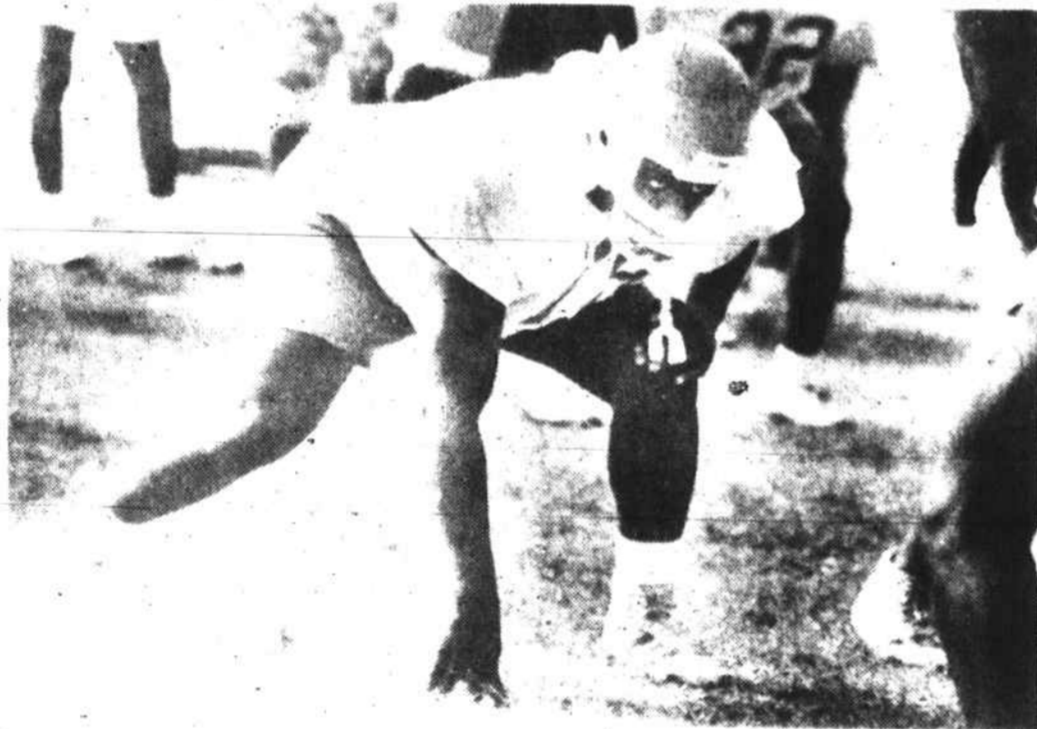
"If a high school football team can complete 50% of their passes, then they are going to win some football games. That's what Page has been doing to everyone. And if you try to key on the passing game, then they run the football on you.

"We only threw about 11 or so passes a game last year, and I think this team will bring a new look to Carver in '87. We'll probably throw twice as much as last year."

Bovender's loaded crop of junior talent includes quarterbacks Darryl Napper and Brian Bowman. Bowman appears to have the early edge, but the starting nod is still up for grabs.

In the backfield, the Yellowjackets have junior Barron Ballentine, Jamie King, Richard Hayes, James Johnson and flankers Robert Howard and Charles Smith.

On the offensive line, Carver offers Stephon Debnam, Jeremiah Johnson, Brian Pinyan, Greg McCollough, Steve McHam and support from rising junior varsity players.



A few big guys like Jeremiah Johnson, (6-4, 270 pounds), could lead Carver to respectability in the Metro (photo by James Parker).

At tight end, is Sam Hairston and Tony Stevenson.

Defensively, the Yellowjackets have Lee Crews at noseguard, and Debnam, Johnson and McHam at tackle spots. Defensive ends include Jeremy George and Stevenson.

Linebackers include Richard and Billy Hayes and Clarence McKee.

Napper and Bobby Clark are in the defensive secondary along with William Lazenby and Herman Moyer.

Bovender says his team has average high school size with several big guys who are untested as of

yet. His worries are depth on both lines.

"Injuries early in the season could really hurt us," he said.

"We don't have a whole lot of depth on either of the lines, so that is probably the area where we are pretty weak."

Bovender guesses that Carver will be shooting at East and Page to get into the playoffs.

"They appear to be the front runners at this point," he said.

"Time will tell. Hopefully last year was our year to take our lumps. Maybe this year things will go our way."

Wallace

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The Waynesboro native seemed to have a key to unlock a door through the Hampton offensive line, racking up 15 solo tackles, two fumble recoveries, an interception and a pair of quarterback sacks.

"They just couldn't deny me in that game," said Wallace of his performance in the 13-7 loss.

"That was just one of those days where you always seem to be in the right place at the right time.

"It was quite an honor being selected the MVP of the game, but obviously I'd much rather have come away with the win."

Wallace said the Rams have gone to the well four times and came up empty, but they are due to strike it

rich soon.

"We have a lot of experienced seniors coming back this season, and I think these guys are willing to do what it takes to go all the way.

"We're not looking ahead to anything at this point, but I think all the ingredients are there for us to have a great season -- and who knows, maybe we'll have another shot at it."

He said the main objective right now is the Rams' season-opener against Bowie State on September 5.

"November is along way off, but I have a feeling we'll get there soon enough. These guys are hungry."

Although a shot at the NFL is possible for Wallace, he says he'd settle for the chance to teach and coach

if he is passed by.

"I think every football player would like to play in the NFL," he said. "I certainly do. But if it doesn't work out, then I'd like to teach and maybe do some coaching."

Wallace and teammate Anthony Blaylock supervised 68 youngsters in the National Youth Sports Program held at WSSU this summer. An experience Wallace admits had him thinking twice about teaching at times.

"Those were some tough little kids," Wallace smiled. "The first few days, we felt like we were out of control. After a couple of weeks, things got much better, and the kids minded us well."

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