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De-Marco Odom Signs With Elizabeth City State University

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De-Marco Odom, Carver's strong safety and cornerback signed a football scholarship with Elizabeth City State University last week.

Odom is the son of Minister Deborah Odom of Winston-Salem.

According to Odom, he played during the ninth and 10th grade at Parkland High School then trans-

ferred to Carver his junior year. He began playing football when he was very young on the Pop Warner League with the Greyhounds.

"I went to visit Elizabeth City State University and liked the way they treated me, and I also saw that they had the top graduating rate among athletes of other schools. I plan to major in computer science," Odom said.

According to Odom's mother, "I'm very proud of the fact that he

was able to secure a scholarship playing football. The most important thing is that he focus on academics, and we thank our All Mighty God for making it all possible."

"Yes, I certainly want to thank God for making it possible for me to go to college. In the beginning of my junior year I wasn't going to play football because I thought they had already chosen their team. But, I worked hard, made the team and started that year," Odom said.

According to Coach Keith Wilkes, "Odom came to up from Parkland and he was a real good student. He played hard football for us last year. This year he played defensive-end and we have moved him around quite a bit this year. He's a hard worker and has kept his grades. He was one of our better students on the team. I've always tried to express to the team how important it was to keep their grades up."



"I thank God for making it possible for me to go to college, because in my junior year I had decided to not even go out for football," Odom said.



Hanes Hosiery All-Stars compete in Special Event Basketball Tournament

Corbett Steps Down As Head Coach Of A&T State University Basketball Team

GREENSBORO, N.C. - Don Corbett, head basketball coach at North Carolina A&T State University for the past 14 years, has relinquished his coaching position at the University.

Corbett informed Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T chancellor, of his decision Thursday afternoon, March 11. He will retain his teaching responsibilities at the University.

"I have served for fourteen years as the basketball coach at North Carolina A&T State University," said Corbett. "These years have been very rewarding years, ones that I will always remember and shall always cherish. However,

at this point in my career, I feel that this is an appropriate time for the University's basketball program to move in another direction, for me personally, I too need the opportunity to have some free time; time free of pressure to enjoy my family, pursue other goals or even just simply to smell the roses. Therefore, I have decided to step down as head coach at the University. My plans are to remain at the University and in the city of Greensboro."

"I want to commend Coach Corbett for 14 years of splendid commitment to this University and the development of the young people whom he coached," said Fort. "I

enjoyed working with him in his capacity as our basketball coach. We are pleased that Mr. Corbett will remain with us and continue to contribute to the University and its programs."

"Don Corbett has secured his place in history here at North Carolina A&T State University," said Dr. Willie Burden, athletic director. "He has earned great respect throughout the country for his coaching accomplishments. We wish him well as he pursues other goals."

Burden said an immediate search will be launched for a successor to Corbett.



Don Corbett

Simpson, Team USA

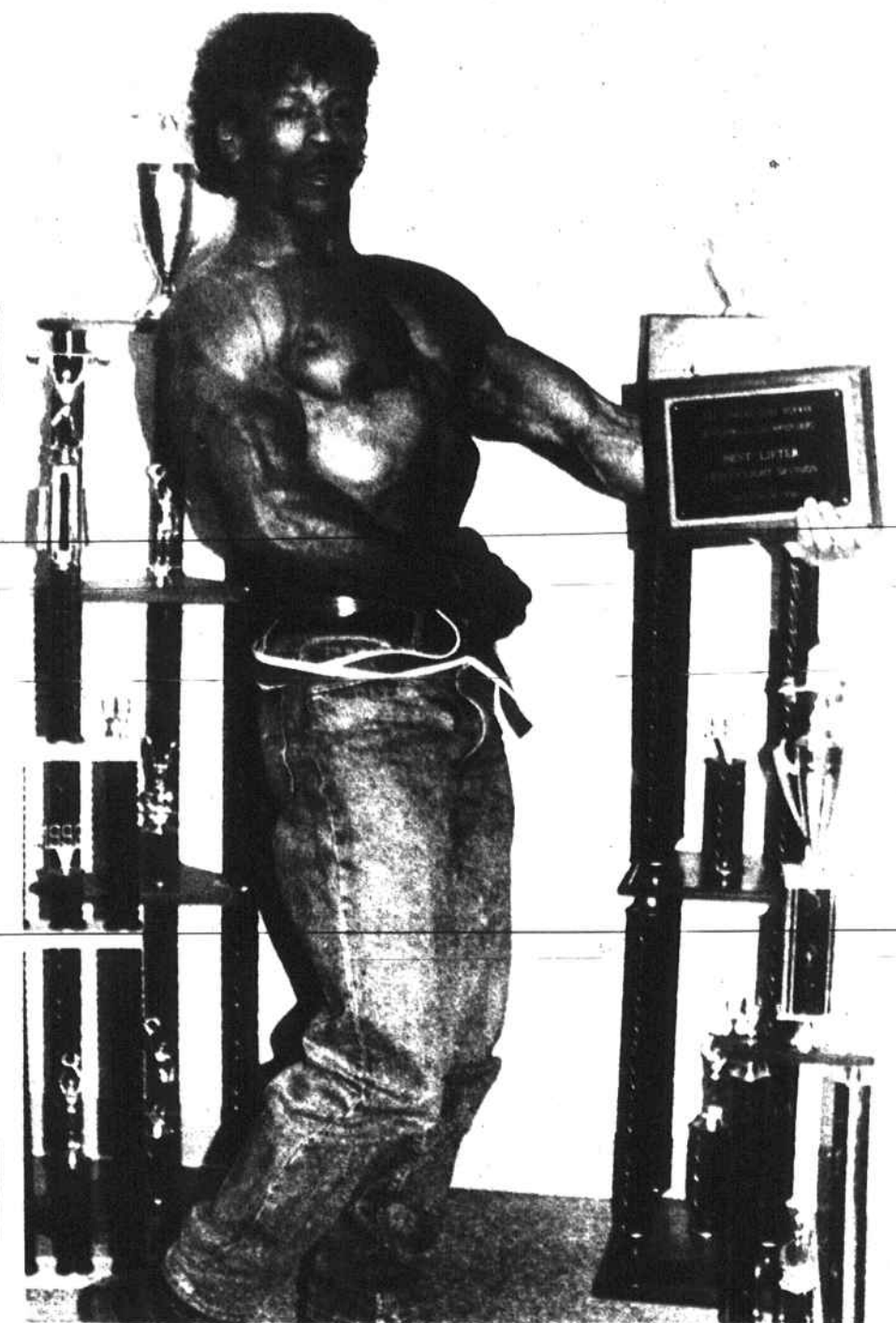
Donald Simpson, an outstanding powerlifter from Winston-Salem, has been selected to represent the United States and the State of North Carolina as a member of Team USA which is being formed for two 1993 international Powerlifting meets.

Simpson and his teammates will first compete against Team Sweden in Stockholm on April 12 and then against Team Finland in Helsinki on April 15.

The organizers are anticipating that several world records could be broken during the competition, and according to Simpson, "I will be one of the ones who break a world record. I am in the 148-50 pound class and set the state record last

accept Christ first they can do anything. They shouldn't use drugs, drink, and should always say their prayers at night.

Health and strength is the greatest gift from God. Some people with hardships makes me realize I am blessed. People look at their misfortunes instead of looking at their fortunes and reaching out. I have competed in a lot of events. Here is some of the events I have taken: S.C. State Champion, King of Bench in S.C., High point Indurance Champion, High Point Best and Overall, TarHeel State Champion Strength Classic, Lake Norman Champion, Lake Norman Overall, and Nikita Koloff Fortress of Fitness 1992 Iron Masters Bench Press (1st place)."



Donald Simpson

year at 370 pounds. I am capable of lifting 400 pound, but I have never used this ability in a show."

Simpson is a graduate of Reynolds High School. "I was a born again christian and my hobby and past time became lifting weights at church," Simpson said.

"I met Pastor Natheal Basket from Victory Faith Church who suggested that Brodus Evans (a christian friend) and I should take our talents and become an outreach to the kids. So we got together and went to different shows.

"I started supporting myself and I'm still standing by Christ. I'm lifting weights and lifting in Jesus name. When I started lifting it was in Jesus name, Simpson said."

"At shows I know without God I could not have gone as far as I have. I want kids to know if they

Simpson continued.

"On March 27, 1993 I will compete in Clemson South Carolina for the Strongest Man in the State and the South Carolina King of the Bench.

"Right now I need someone to represent me. I can't go to this country as a free agent from my city or state to represent Team USA. My lift qualifies me and they are looking forward for me to compete. I just have to have a sponsor.

"If I don't get one, I'll still be competing locally because it's a hobby. I do want to be there because I am a world record holder, but where ever I go it is to spread the word of Christ. I'm taking God with me, not fame or fortune," Simpson concluded. To sponsor Simpson in Team USA, call 720-9323 or 650-1982.