

Rams get 10 football commitments for 1997 Football season

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requirements. The group includes three players who played their high school football in Forsyth County.

Brian Jones, a 6-3 1/2, 210-pound linebacker, and Lamar Moore, a 6-3, 285-pound defensive tackle, played at Carver High School. Travis Lemmons, a

6-1, 215-pound linebacker played on Mount Tabor's Central Piedmont 4-A Conference champion team that advanced to the second round of the NCHSAA playoffs.

The players who have committed are expected to form the nucleus for a solid 1997 recruiting class at WSSU. Included in

the group are several huge offensive linemen.

Ronald Pegues, a 6-4, 305-pound tackle from Dunn, N.C. is one of the Rams' prized recruits. Brian Andrews, a 6-3, 290-pound guard from Waccamaw, N.C., is also expected to contribute early in his career for the Rams.

Maurice Smith, a 6-4, 295-pounder, played both offense and defense at Tarboro High. He will be looked at on both sides of the football at WSSU.

Jonathan Wilson, 6-3, 270, isn't as big as the other linemen recruited by the Rams, but is noted for his quickness. Wilson played at Fred T. Foard High in

Hickory.

WSSU picked up several talented skill players, including Thomas Littlejohn, a 6-0, 185-pound tailback from Asheville High. Littlejohn has the break-away speed that the Rams covet.

Jai-Fanon Jackson, a 6-2, 235-pound linebacker from Durham Riverside High and

tight end Kyle King, a 6-4, 225-pound tight end from Fayetteville's E.E. Smith High, round out the Rams commitments.

Coach Kermit Blount of WSSU said he was waiting to here from several other players who were close to making their decisions at the Chronicle's press deadline.

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was a little down on herself after her first couple of shots didn't fall. But she has played well for us in big games this season and I expect her to bounce back with a big game."

Glenn squared off against Andrews on Tuesday at home in a game which has far-reach-

ing implications. The Bobcats' win over Carver was their sixth in a row. Their only loss in the conference came at Andrews in the conference opener.

"We felt like we really played our worst game against them the first time," Stanley said. "We good defense, but we just couldn't get anything going on offense. We made only

about 25 percent of our shots."

Stanley said he likes his team's chances down the stretch run.

"At this point in the season I can't say that we're young because we played 18 games," he said. "Everybody knows their roles on the team. They know Tasha and Lashanta do most of our scoring. They

know that we have have to get four, six or eight points out of everybody else. In that regard everything is going well."

Harris and Johnson were the Bobcats' only double-figure scorers against Carver. However, Glenn had 11 players to score in the game.



Tasha Harris (#23) tries to stop Carver's Nicole Perkins from penetrating the Bobcats' defense. Harris led the Bobcats with 22 points.

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tough times."

Perhaps the most difficult thing for him to accept was not being able to play football last fall. He fell 1/2 of a credit short of meeting the eligibility requirements and was not allowed to enroll in summer school last summer.

Wagner, who started on the varsity at tailback as a sophomore and split time at tailback, receiver and defensive back as a junior, was hoping to put his troubles behind him and do well enough to earn a football scholarship.

Not being able to play football left a void in Wagner's life. He had played football every fall since he was 10 years old and not being able to play his senior season was another tough blow.

But it made him look at life differently.

"I learned a lot from it," he says. "I had a lot of time think and get my life together."

Despite the disappointment of not being able to participate in football last semester or wrestle the first half of the season, Wagner was able to concentrate on his studies. That resulted in his best grades in quite a while.

"I think I did okay," he says. "I passed all my classes and got B's and C's."

He achieved the necessary grades to get back on the wrestling team. He was a little shaky in his first match, but managed to come away with a win against James Evans of Glenn. He showed even more improvement in his second match against High Point Andrews. And last week he turned in his best performance in

a 10-9 victory against Trinity that helped the Mustangs earn the North Piedmont 3-A title.

This week the Mustangs began pursuit of the state duals title. Wagner, says he's hoping to showcase his talent and earn a scholarship.

He has the credentials that warrant consideration. As a freshman, at North Davidson High, he won the 9th grade state championship in the 125-pound class. As a sophomore at Parkland, Wagner posted a 32-5 overall record in the 135-pound division and helped the team to its first-ever state championship. Wagner went 32-8 as a junior in the 145-pound classification last year and the Mustangs defended their state title.

But Wagner says he doesn't feel that his career will be com-

plete unless he brings home the

home with the gold." Wagner knows it won't be easy. He has tired easily in his first few matches. That can be attributed to the lack of practice time that he's had. He wasn't allowed to practice with the team until the end of the first semester. He hopes to make up for it with a lot of hard work and determination.

"I'm focused on wrestling this season," Wagner says. "Everything that I've been through has made me stronger. I feel like I have a new life. Now I don't even go anywhere or do anything. I just come home and do my homework and get my rest."

Home is his sanctuary. "My mom is really helping me out a lot," he says. "Every



Steve Wagner had to come from behind to take a victory and keep his unbeaten streak alive.

match I wrestle is for her. I feel if I lose, she loses. And after everything that I've put her through I couldn't ever break her heart again."

"It's my year," he says. "The only thing that's going to beat me is myself. I'm going to come back

Rams get key win

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play against people more his size. He's not very big, but he has a big heart and tonight he had a big game."

Darryl Hardy had another double-double for the Rams, with 18 points - on seven of 11 shooting from the field- and a game-high 13 rebounds.

Otis Attucks, who has been coming on strong in recent games, also played well. Attucks, the Rams point guard, scored 15 points and dished out a game-high nine assists.

"Otis played a great game," Hanger said. "He runs this team. When he plays well the team plays well."

Dameon Foster came in to relieve Attucks at the point and that allowed Attucks to rest up

for the game's final minutes.

Foster's play midway through the second half helped get the Rams rolling after St. Augustine's tried to put together a run of its own. WSSU led 59-57 when Foster came in and sparked a 12-2 run by the Rams for a 61-59 lead.

The Rams had their lead cut to six, 84-78, at the 3:39 mark. But Broadnax, who scored 14 points in the game, came through with three key plays. He delivered a dunk at the 2:55 mark to make the score 87-79. After a block by Hardy, he came back with a layup to increase the lead to 89-79. After a 3-point shot by Chris Elliott of St. Augustine's, Broadnax scored on another layup to extend the Rams' lead to 91-82 with 1:38 to play and

that sealed the Rams' win.

The victory improved the Rams record to 9-10 overall and 3-5 in the CIAA's Southern Division with two key home battles approaching. WSSU takes on North Carolina Central tonight (Feb. 6) at Joel Coliseum and Livingstone on Saturday at the Gaines Center.

Hanger's team hasn't beaten NCCU since he took over as the Rams' coach, but he thinks WSSU has a chance to knock off the Eagles. NCCU currently sits atop the Southern Division standings.

"They're a good basketball team and we've got to play well to beat them," Hanger said. "We've got to get out on their shooters. We've got to know where they are."

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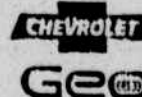
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