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Angels come up short in tourney, still have eye on national title



Photos by Bruce Chapman
The Angels fought valiantly but came up short, just as they did on this play at the plate during this game last Saturday.

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The Carolina Supreme Angels came up short in their quest for a championship in the Rupert Bell Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament, played at Rupert Bell Park, but they gained confidence that should help them as they travel to the national championships in Salem, Va., on Aug. 14.

The Angels were disappointed that they didn't win, but the experience should provide inspiration as they prepare for the championship tournament. The team is comprised of players from the eastern part of Winston-Salem. Girls on the team range from 12-15 years old.

From a humble beginning only four years ago, the program has grown in stature in recent seasons. Last year the Angels raised eyebrows with their speed and agility in the tournament. This time around, they believe they have a legitimate chance to walk away with the title.

Monique Hines, a four-year player, has been

around from the program's birth. She has seen the team grow up and mature together.

"We've got the experience and the talent to go all the way this year," Hines said. "A lot of people still doubt us because we were nervous and lost in the third round last year. But that doesn't bother us anymore because as long as we believe in ourselves we think we can win the national title."

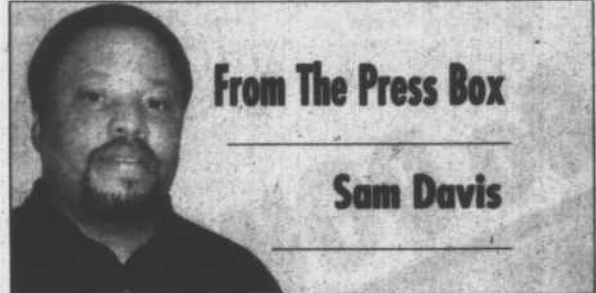
The team is still raising money for the trip, which includes tournament expenses such as travel, hotel, meals and other necessities. Eva Lash, co-sponsor and assistant coach, said the team is making a final push it needs to get to the tournament.

"We're hosting an all-day tournament this Saturday (Aug. 7) in an effort to both make the community aware that they have daughters out here doing something good and to raise the money



Roxanna Hayes of the Angels is tagged out at third base.

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From The Press Box

Sam Davis

Rams fans getting accustomed to mediocre teams?

Mediocrity isn't something that Winston-Salem State fans readily accept. With the start of the 1999 football season on the horizon, WSSU's faithful are once again preparing themselves for the program's best season since Kermit Blount came to town some six years ago.

WSSU was picked in the preseason coaches' poll to finish second in the CIAA standings. They have been picked to do as well or better for most of Blount's tenure at WSSU. However, each time the Rams have faltered somewhere along the way and failed to measure up to those lofty expectations.

Hopefully this time they won't let fans down. If they do, the Rams and their fans will limp through the season and talk about what might have been. That's been the case in recent years when the Rams have played like giant killers one week and then come up woefully short the next. In doing so, the Rams have managed to show enough promise to keep Blount employed as their mentor.

Last season, the Rams tied for first place in the CIAA in the won and lost column. The Rams finished 5-2 in conference tilts and that allowed them to post the same mark as did Livingstone, which took home the spoils after soundly defeating the Rams in head-to-



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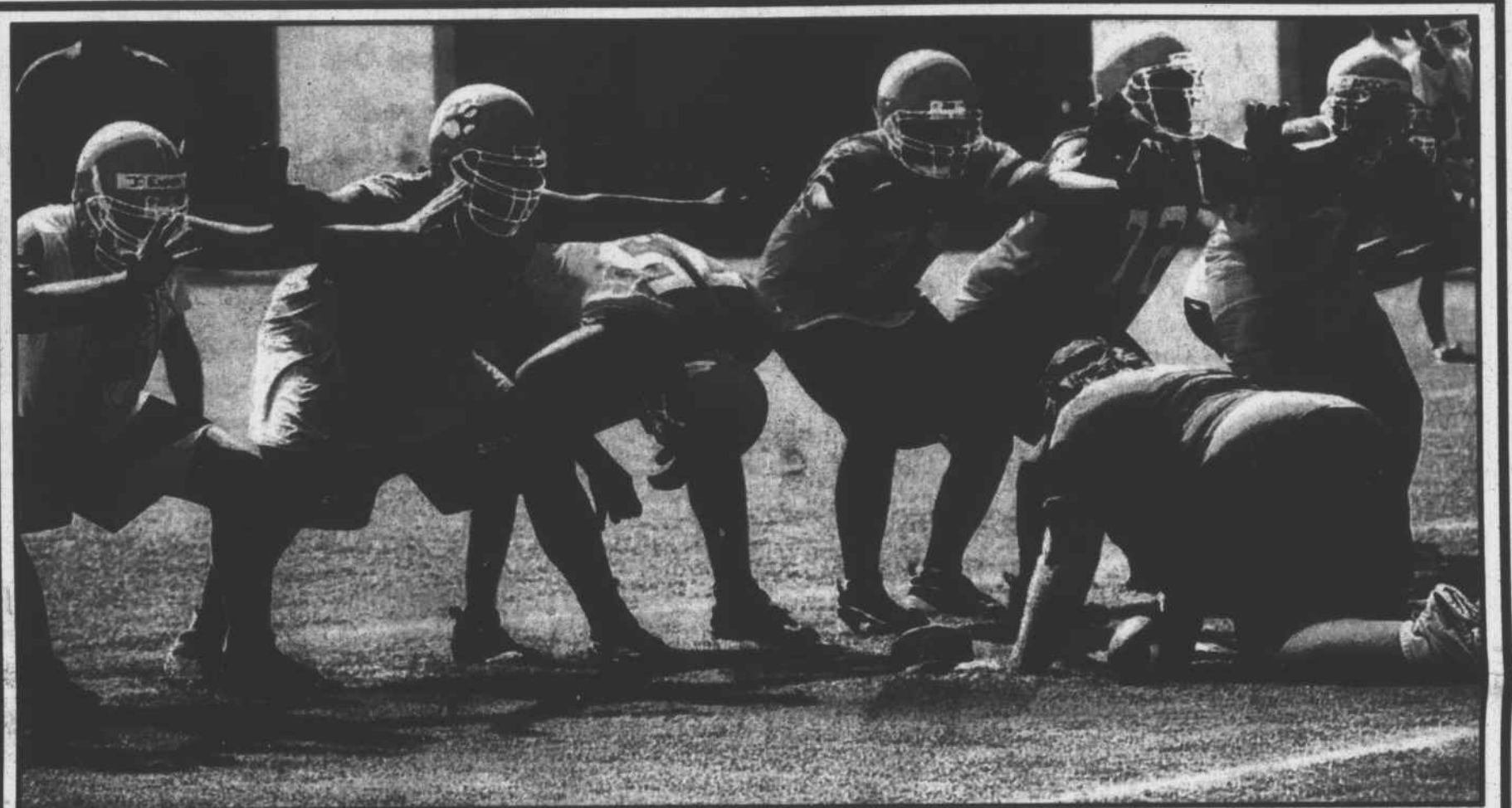


Photo by Bruce Chapman
Coach Dick Kemp, who recently took over the head coaching duties at Glenn High, put his team through a grueling workout in the first day of pre-season high school football last Saturday.

Football programs in Forsyth County begin practice with new head coaches

By SAM DAVIS
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The face of high school football in Forsyth County has taken on a considerable change this season with five new coaches taking over existing programs.

North Forsyth, East Forsyth, Glenn, Parkland and Mount Tabor took to the practice fields July 31 with new mentors at the helm.

Darryl Hall, the new coach at North Forsyth, welcomed some 60 prospective players on the first day of drills. Hall, who served as an assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Carver last season, said things are looking up for the Vikings. Last season North Forsyth, under the direction of Drew Buie, fin-

ished with a 5-6 overall record after losing in the first round of the state 4-A playoffs.

"I think everything went pretty well the first day," Hall said. "We're not trying to do anything that's really complicated. The main thing is letting our kids know what we expect of them and then making sure that they are fundamentally sound."

Hall said although the turnout was low for the team's first practice, there seems to be a renewed sense of pride and interest in the program.

"I was really surprised at the number of parents who came out to watch practice," Hall said. "I think they will be very supportive of the program."

Dick Kemp took over the program at Glenn, where he replaced Neil Hatcher. Hatcher's Glenn

team had been down in the past two seasons after posting four consecutive playoff appearances in the previous years.

Kemp came to Glenn from Southwest Guilford, where he coached several all-state performers and his teams were perennial 2-A state playoff contenders before making the jump to the 3-A ranks.

Mount Tabor turned to a familiar face to lead its program into the 21st century. The Spar-

Kemp

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Hanes Hosiery baseball teams capture league titles, again

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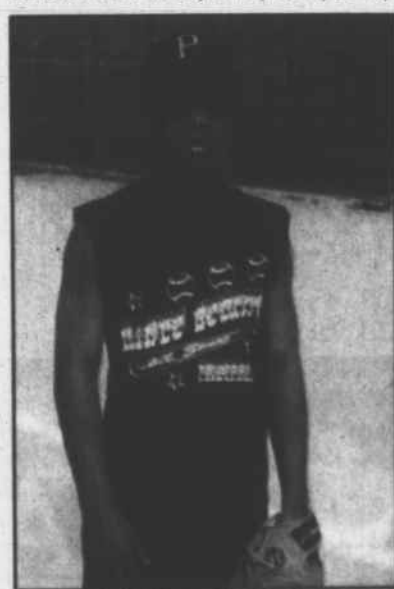
The beat goes on when it comes to Hanes Hosiery's winning ways in the Winston-Salem Recreation Department's summer baseball league. Hanes Hosiery's 13-and-under team captured its eighth consecutive title last week when it defeated the Martin Luther King Recreation Center 16-0, and Hanes Hosiery's 16-and-under team captured its third straight championship and seventh championship in the last eight years with a 13-4 win over William C. Sims Center.

Coach Art Blevins of Hanes Hosiery credits his team's success to the quality of players and individuals who have been in the program.

"We have outstanding young men who love the game of baseball," Blevins said. "They practice as scheduled, in the hot weather, and we make sure each player gets in every game."

This season, like most, has been filled with a number of lopsided

games. But Hanes Hosiery doesn't try to rub in the loss or run up the score. That is not what Blevins teaches his players. The teams posted scores of 18-0, 14-1, 11-4, 15-0,



Jamar Pitts

13-1, 13-4 and 16-0 this season. The only close game of the season came when the 16-and-under squad held off Martin Luther King 4-3.

"I'm very proud of the program and the young men," Blevins said. "I hope to see more centers (in Winston-Salem) get their kids involved in baseball and really work and practice with their teams."

The Hanes Hosiery 13-and-under team, which calls itself the "Hosiery Hitmen," used home runs by Billy Tolliver, Billy Cole and Jamar Pitts to take control of the game. Tolliver finished the game 4-for-4 at the plate, while Darryl Tuttle and Antwan Mitchell both drove in three runs. Asa Beal also had an outstanding outing at the plate, blasting two doubles and driving in two runs.

Hanes Hosiery also had a strong defensive effort en route to its shutout victory. Michael Widener, Ross Davis, Pitts and Cole combined on the mound to keep MLK

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Reggie Shufford

A&T's Shufford long shot in making NFL

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SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Reggie Shufford is taking the hard road to the NFL.

Shufford, a running back from N.C. A&T, is trying to make the Carolina Panthers as a rookie free agent. He's also battling the perception that black college players usually don't have the big-time skills to succeed.

"They're not paying attention to him right now. They're worried about everybody else," Panthers running back Fred Lane said. "I told him he's got to open their eyes every day. Do something to open their eyes, then when preseason comes, get in there and do something and put it on film so all 31 teams see it and go from there."

Seven rookies in Carolina's camp weren't drafted. In addition to Shufford, defensive tackle Andre Slappey of Albany (Ga.) State and Morris Brown (Ga.) linebacker Horace Cook played at HBCUs. Most, if not all, of them will be sent packing before the Panthers open the regular season Sept. 12. But there's also a good chance someone will beat the odds and make the final roster.

"I suspect it might happen with a player or two," Carolina coach George Seifert said. "It always has on other clubs I've been (with), as well as San Francisco.

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