

# SPORTS WEEK

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## Kappa Magic brings home national title



Members of Kappa Magic pose with coach André Gould and assistants Al Gainer and Lacardo Means.

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If there ever was a doubt about where the nation's best high school basketball is being played, there's mounting evidence that it is right here in the Piedmont Triad. Two local teams proved that when Team North Carolina — made up of local players, including Camille Little of Carver and Chanté Black of East Forsyth — won the National Junior Girls title and Kappa Magic, based in Winston-Salem, took last week's National Junior Boys title.

All of the players on Kappa Magic's team are from the Piedmont, with the majority of

them having played in Forsyth County. That squad, led by West Forsyth's Chris Paul and Reynolds' Reyshawn Terry, had little trouble in capturing its title. The team was coached by André Gould of Winston-Salem and Lacardo Means of Thomasville.

"We felt like before we left here we had a chance to win it," Gould said. "We had been in a lot of the premier tournaments with the top-flight teams and had beaten a lot of them this year. We went down to Florida with that idea. In Florida our depth and bench took over."

Kappa Magic's closest game came in the Final Four when it held on for a five-point

victory over BABC from Boston, Mass., which carried Kappa Magic into overtime before it fell by five points.

"Some of them had one or two great players, but not the supporting cast that we have," Gould said. "Our style of play dictated that we were going to run on offense and trap on defense. No one was able to stop that."

In addition to the play of Paul, the 6-1 guard from West Forsyth who has committed to Wake Forest, and Terry, the 6-8 guard/forward who has committed to the University of North Carolina, Kappa Magic had many other players who

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## Former WSSU greats will be added to hall



FROM THE PRESS BOX

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A significant increase in the number of Winston-Salem State's Sports Hall of Fame will take place on Sept. 7 when the 2002 class will be added to its rolls. WSSU's Hall of Fame currently has only 31 members, but that number will be more than doubled with the addition of this year's class.

Thanks to the efforts of a group of determined alumni, the WSSU Sports Hall of Fame has gotten renewed interest in the past year. Members of the committee hope to finally give the proper justice to more than 50 people who have made major contributions to the university through its sports program.

WSSU has enjoyed a storied sports history. Formerly known as Winston-Salem Teachers College, or TC, the university burst onto the scene in the prestigious CIAA thanks to top athletes who were being recruited by alumni and friends in America's Northern urban centers and its Southern towns and cities.

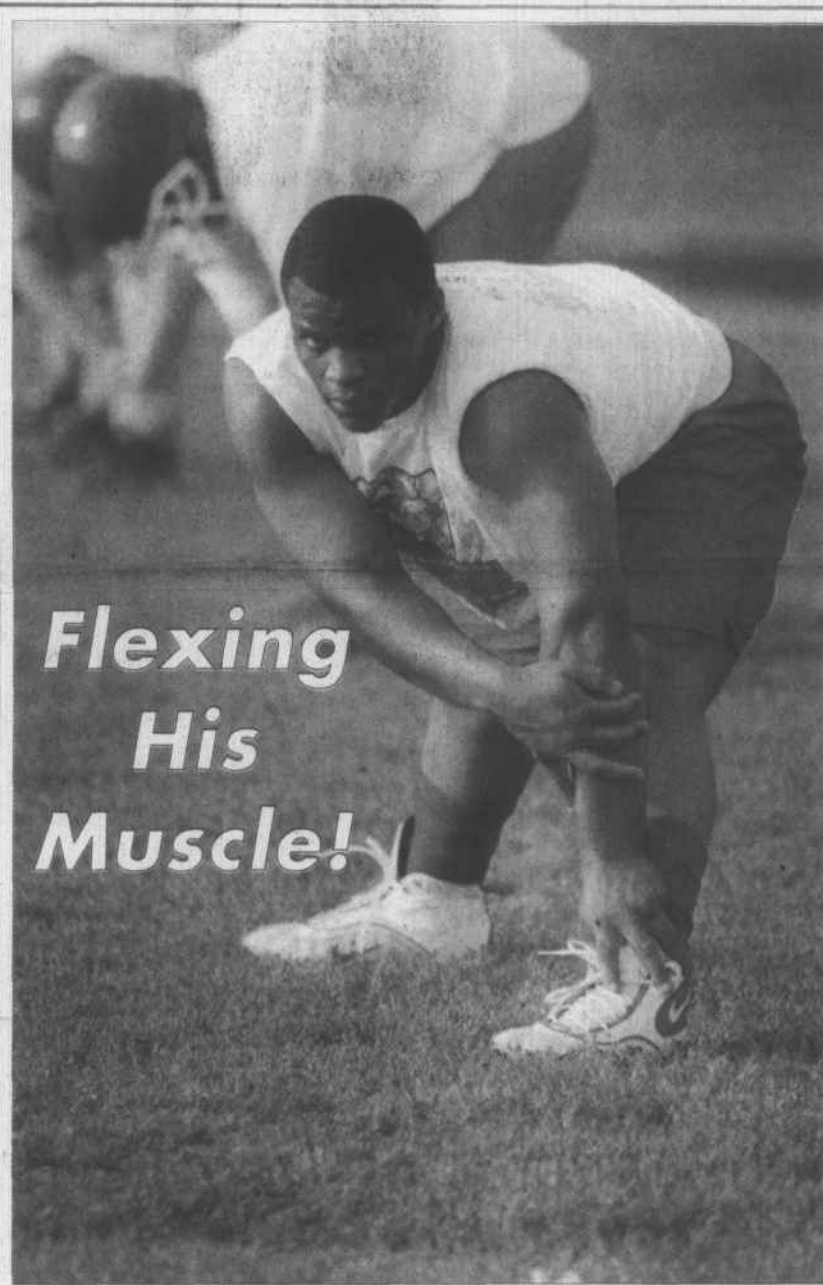
TC surprised the entire field and captured its first CIAA basketball championship in 1953, and since then it has had many high points in basketball, football, baseball, golf, and track and field.

According to a source who wanted to remain anonymous, this year's list of inductees includes many of the athletes who helped put the university on the sports map.

"This is going to be a 'monumentous' occasion," he said. "We're very happy that we are finally going to honor our own in this type way. For many years we have not recognized individuals who have made great contributions to this university and this community. We feel very proud to call all of them Rams and to know that they too are proud of their heritage."

This year's inductees include former NAIA national track champion Russ Rogers, who is currently head coach of men's/women's track and field at Ohio State University. Rogers and more than a dozen of his teammates on the 1959 NAIA

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Robert Duncan, who helped lead Parkland to the state 3-A football championship last season, stretches during a workout this week.

## Duncan ready to make transition

Mustangs' All-State lineman set to compete at fullback at N.C. A&T

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The transition from high school to college football has begun for Robert Duncan. Duncan, a former All-State lineman at Parkland, reported to camp at N.C. A&T early this week to begin preparation for the 2002 season.

At A&T, Duncan will be joined by several of his teammates, including Sherrod and Shernard Shore and Jeff Middleton. All four, who have been working out together in the weight room and on the track all summer, played integral parts on the Mustangs' 2001 state 3-A championship team.

None was more impressive than Duncan. The 6-0, 260-pounder was the lead blocker on most plays for Jed Bines, who rushed for more than 3,000 yards and 38 touchdowns last season. That helped draw the attention of college recruiters. But A&T coach Bill Hayes was the only one who made an impression on Duncan.

Perhaps the most important thing he said was that he would give Duncan an opportunity to play the position he feels best suited to play on the college level, fullback.

"That's the position I first started out playing when I was in Pop Warner," Duncan said. "I thought that was my natural position, and all of my coaches kept me there."

That is until Duncan found himself beyond the league's weight limit when he reached middle school. He had to sit out those years, and that left a hunger for the game when he reached high school.

After putting on weight and tipping the scales above 220 pounds as a freshman, Duncan quickly found himself as the anchor of the Mustangs' junior varsity offensive line as a freshman. When current coach Deangelo Bell arrived before his sophomore season, Duncan was entrenched in the Parkland program. He was also a staple in the weight room, and that

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## Beatty played key role for national champion

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Baseball has already taken 13-year-old Christian "C.J." Beatty places. Beatty was a member of the Greensboro Batting Center's 13-and-under team that captured the National AAU championship. And Beatty played a major role in the title, coming through with key hits in the semifinal and championship games and also mowing down opponents on the mound.

A rising freshman at Parkland, Beatty got a last-minute opportunity to compete for the national championship. Beatty played with the N.C. Baseball Academy team during the reg-

ular AAU season but was picked up by Greensboro Batting Center in time to compete for the nationals.

"It was a very interesting and fun experience," Beatty said. "Being a first-time AAU player, I really enjoyed going to Florida to compete with the top players in the nation. I had competed with some top teams around here, but the level of competition at the nationals was even tougher."

But it didn't seem to matter. Beatty's play in the field and at the plate helped catapult his team to the championship against an outstanding field.

The field included tourna-

## Switch Hitter

File Photo  
C.J. Beatty displays a towel with pendants from tournaments he played in this summer in AAU baseball. Beatty helped lead Greensboro Batting Center to the national 13-and-under championship. Beatty went 15-for-18 during the national tournament.



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## Dennis Thomas named MEAC commissioner

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO — Dr. Dennis Thomas, who led Hampton University to an impressive number of milestones as athletics director, has been named commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, announced William B. DeLauder, chair of the MEAC Council of Chief Executive Officers.

Thomas will lead the 11-member NCAA Division I conference and succeeds Charles Harris, who resigned in June after six years in the position. Thomas has been the Hampton athletics director since 1990.

"We are very pleased that

Dennis has accepted our offer to lead the conference and to enhance its reputation as one of the nation's premier conferences," said DeLauder, Delaware State president. "Dennis has demonstrated outstanding administrative leadership, and we are confident the MEAC will continue to prosper under his outstanding leadership."

Thomas said, "I am thrilled and excited with this opportunity to lead one of the nation's outstanding conferences. I am very appreciative that the conference has placed confidence in my ability. I can only assure you that no other individual in

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