

N.C. A&T baseball team loses two straight games

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The Aggies were thinking revenge after they took a 15-1 thrashing by Ball State on Saturday. Well, the second game wasn't too revengeful as Ball State slammed the Aggies again, 11-8, at War Memorial Stadium on Sunday.

The Aggies jumped ahead early, scoring three runs in the first inning. Spencer Brooks scored when Kendrick Bell was caught stealing, and then two more runs were scored off back-to-back home runs from Quincy and Eric Jones. A&T increased its lead to four points in the second inning after Jeffrey King blasted a hit over the right field wall; however, no one else would cross the plate until the seventh.

The Cardinals chipped away at the lead to tie the game at five in the fifth inning and went ahead in the sixth when the Ball

State players drew four walks. The Cardinals capitalized by a three-run double up the middle by Kiel Holman, who increased the lead to three and then another two runs eventually made the lead five points. N.C. A&T never recovered after the top of the sixth inning.

Ball State's winning pitcher was Andrew Anderson (1-0), who pitched five full innings of work. He allowed five runs on nine hits and had four strikeouts on the afternoon. Kyle Dygert also had a solid day at the plate, going 2-for-5 with a home run and two RBIs. Seven Ball State players each had at least one hit in the game.

The Aggies' pitcher, Erik Neal, received the loss after he allowed five runs on three hits, with eight walks in four innings of work. Bell went 4-for-5 from the plate, while Brooks and Patrick Battle each went 2-for-5 in the loss.

Winston-Salem State softball sweeps Panthers

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The Winston-Salem State University softball team had a wonderful start to the season. It was definitely a good day for the Lady Rams on Sunday.

WSSU traveled to Petersburg, Va., to play a doubleheader series versus the Lady Panthers of Virginia Union. The Lady Rams finished off the Panthers in less time than it did for the team to make the four-hour drive home to Winston-Salem.

The Lady Rams, coming off of a doubleheader split with Virginia State University on Saturday, came out and cruised to a two-game sweep of the Lady Panthers of Virginia Union, winning the first game 10-2 and closing out the series with a 16-0 win in the second game.

To the Panthers' credit,

they were understaffed as many of Virginia Union's key players are still tied up with commitments to post-season basketball activities. However, the Lady Rams played very well in both contests and showed why they have to be considered one of the favorites for the CIAA championship.

In the first game of the day, the Lady Rams scored in every inning, picking up a run in the first, three in the second, one in the third and fifth, and two each in the fourth and sixth innings. Heather Davis turned in a superior performance on the mound, pitching a complete game two-hitter, and was saddled with only one earned run as she struck out 11 batters.

Amber Nance, Shannon Davis and Lakelsha Carney each picked up a pair of hits in the contest as the Lady Rams cruised to victory.

Terry predicts Tar Heels to win ACC

R.J. Reynolds star basketball forward Reyshawn Terry is an athlete who may be easy to misunderstand. He's just so confident that it may come across as arrogance. But he's just an honest guy. The truth of the matter is there are VERY few prep athletes who are better than Ray on the court.

He's got so many elements to his game. He can shoot, dribble, pass, dunk and set teammates up for points. He's a rare species in high school basketball nowadays.

He's also one of the hardest people to get in contact with. I spent two and a half days trying to find him for this interview. Once we finally met I found out the he's a really good kid, with a strong head on his shoulders. He and I talked about everything from UNC's win over Duke to his own defeat to Chris Paul in Reynolds' loss to West Forsyth, and where Ray's focus is today.

Anthony: Reyshawn Terry, what's the deal?

Reyshawn: Nothing much, man. I'm just chillin'.

Anthony: You must feel kind of strange for your season to be over so soon. I mean, you're used to playing for the state title. How do you feel right now?

Reyshawn: Yeah, but I basically thought our season was over before it even started. We had a lot of difficulties before the season even started. I feel it was because we had a freshman on our team. No one has ever heard of a freshman on Reynolds' team. I believe that was a big deal to everybody. We had a bunch of chaos this year, and we weren't playing as a unit.

Anthony: What's the difference between the present team and the squads of the past two years?

Reyshawn: The team chemistry. If you're not playing as a unit, you ain't gonna make it too far.

Anthony: Did you really believe the team was going to win it all this year?



Reyshawn Terry

Reyshawn: Not really, but once the season progressed I felt a little better. But I lost it again after some of those big games. I mean, when we were going to those big competi-

take care of business. And we didn't make it to the regionals. So I can't really say too much about that.

Anthony: Now you've got to get ready for UNC. What

about that over the summer. Evidently, it wasn't what he and his parents wanted, so he had to follow his heart. And I had to follow mine.

Anthony: Now, you've played with and against Chris Paul. Is he the best player in the state?

Reyshawn: I'm the best player in the state.

Anthony: Whoa. That's saying a lot now.

Reyshawn: I'm the best player. I don't think anybody is better than me in this state. That's just the way I am, but everybody has their own opinion, though.

Anthony: You know it's not too late to take back your commitment to UNC. You could still sign with Wake Forest. I'm sure everyone would love to see you and Chris Paul on the same team.

Reyshawn: (Laughs.) Naw, man. I'm "aight."

Anthony: You've also played against LeBron James. Is he worth all the hype? Is he worth the number one pick in the NBA draft?

Reyshawn: Yeah, he is. He's a good player. If he's not the top pick, he's definitely going to be in the top five.

Anthony: What made you realize that UNC was where you wanted to go to school?

Reyshawn: Man, I've been watching them since I was real little. I love the school's history. It's like a big family. Once you leave, it ain't like you just went there and that was your college life. You're a part of Carolina's staff forever. You know what I'm saying? They also put a lot of players into the league (NBA). I also like the coaching staff.

Anthony: Do you think Doherty is going to survive all the attacks he's getting?

Reyshawn: Oh yeah. It ain't gonna be like that when I get there. I know I'm gonna make a difference.

Anthony: What did you think about your Tar Heels on Sunday? They looked good against Duke.



tions and losing, it wasn't really a big deal, 'cause we ain't used to playing talent upstate. But we just knew we were gonna beat everybody in our conference. It didn't work out like that. I mean, we're everybody's big game. We basically took things for granted and got beat.

Anthony: Let me ask you this: How confident were you after you all lost to West two straight times?

Reyshawn: See, West Forsyth wasn't really a big deal either. We always get into it with them. I just thought it was going to be different in the playoffs, but we didn't

are you going to miss the most about high school?

Reyshawn: Basically, being on the road and cracking up with the boys (team). I'm going to miss practice, and hearing coach West teach us about basketball and life. He really teaches you how to be a unit. He really taught me how to be a better person.

Anthony: You and Chris Paul played AAU ball together for Kappa Magic, didn't you?

Reyshawn: Yeah.

Anthony: See, you two already have a lot of chemistry with one another.

Reyshawn: We talked

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