

Matthews named 2003 Black College All-American

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American Urban Radio Networks recently announced that N.C. A&T placekicker Yonnick Matthews was selected to the 2003 Sheridan Broadcast Network Black College All-American Team.

Matthews, a 5-10, 210-pound senior from Uniondale, N.Y., broke four school kicking records this past season, including field goals made (15), field goals in a game (5, in a 29-14 victory over Elon University), and longest field goal (52 yards). He was selected to the All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference First Team, after leading the Aggies to the 2003 MEAC Championship and an appearance in the NCAA Division I-

AA Playoffs. The Aggies finished with a 10-3 record and a No. 4 ranking in the SBN final Black College poll.

He has also been selected as the player of the year from the 100 percent Wrong Club of Atlanta, Ga. Matthews became the first Aggie since the 2001 season to be selected as a Black College All-American.

SBN Sports is a division of American Urban Radio Networks, the largest African-American owned radio network in the United States, reaching more than 2.5 million listeners each week. The network broadcasts more than 300 weekly news, entertainment, sports and information programming to more than 470 radio stations nationwide.



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Surprise Visit



Photo by Stuart Ramson for Scholastic

New York Giants Running Back Tiki Barber surprises Queens, N.Y., 5th-grader Rafe Tangorra who won Scholastic Book Clubs/NFL Writing Contest with a letter to Tiki, his favorite NFL player. Rafe won a free trip to Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston. The surprise meeting took place in East Hanover, N.J., Jan. 13, where Tiki was on location for a video production.

Couple of Deacons selected in MLS Super Draft

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The 14-year-old phenom, Freddie Adu, and D.C. United weren't the only big winners at the Major League Soccer Super Draft last Friday.

Two Wake Forest men's soccer players, goalkeeper William Hesmer and forward Jeremiah White, were selected in the MLS Super Draft. Hesmer was taken in the second round, 17th overall, by the Kansas City Wizards. White was picked by New England, 23rd overall, in the third round.

Hesmer, missed the regular season finale, the ACC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament, due to injury. However, he was still the second goalkeeper taken in the draft. White was the fourth collegiate forward selected.

"I'm just looking forward to training with guys like

Tony Meola," said Hesmer. "I'm looking forward to pushing him to become a better goalkeeper, and hopefully him in return pushing me to become a better goalkeeper. Maybe in the next few years, whenever he decides to hang 'em up — or maybe beforehand — I can take over.

Both were NSCAA All-Americans, both three-time All-ACC selections for Wake Forest. Hesmer was a first team NSCAA All-American as a senior and White was the 2003 ACC Player of the Year.

White, a native of Lansdowne, Pa., had eight goals and five assists for the Deacons as a senior. He leaves Wake Forest as the school's second all-time leading scorer with 37 goals, 19 assists for a total of 93 points. Hesmer, a native of Wilson, N.C., holds the Wake Forest career records for shutouts and goals against average.

Footnote:

Wake Forest's Jamie Whitten, Lauren Crandall and Claire Laubach — all key members of the Deacons' 2003 NCAA championship team — have been selected for United States Junior National Teams.

Whitten was named to the Under-19 team and Crandall and Laubach were chosen for the Under-21 team. All were selected by USA Field Hockey after team trials in Virginia Beach, Va. The two USA junior teams will compete in various domestic and international events in 2004 including the USA Field Hockey Summer League and annual JFK International Tournament in Virginia Beach for the U19 team and an international tour and regional training sessions for the U21 team. The teams will also serve to prepare age-eligible athletes

for next year's Pan American Junior Championships and the 2005 Junior World Cup.

Whitten, a freshman back, started all 23 games for Wake Forest in 2003, helping the Deacons to a 22-1 record. Crandall played in all 23 games, started 22 times and had seven goals on the season as a freshman. Laubach, a junior, scored eight goals and dished out 12 assists last fall.

Crandall and Laubach are two of eight ACC players on the Under-21 team. Whitten is one of six ACC selections on the Under-19 team.

The Junior National Team selections are the latest in a long list of postseason honors for the Deacons. Recently, head coach Jennifer Averill was named the National Coach of the Year for the second straight year by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Local little leaguers to get big league exposure

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How many little league players, coaches and supporters would like to see their squad run out onto the field with the Winston-Salem Warthogs during home games?

The Winston-Salem Warthogs are trying to make that happen this season. The Warthogs announced on Jan. 14 that they have agreed to terms with Truliant Federal Credit Union to sponsor the 2004 Little Big Leaguers program. The program allows area Little

League teams to run onto the field with the Warthogs during player introductions and the national anthem. Teams can register for \$45. The investment is donated to the Winston-Salem Foundation, an organization that benefits surrounding youth baseball programs.

For more information on the Truliant Federal Credit Union Little Big Leaguers program call (336) 759-2233. The Warthogs home opener is April 12 against Myrtle Beach.

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Atlantic Coast Conference. Before he joined the ACC in 1969, he served as sports information director at Wake Forest for 15 years. ACC Commissioner John Swoford, along with former players, coaches and officials of the ACC including Skip Brown, Carl Tacy, Dick Grubar, Murray Greason Jr., Joe Brown and Bob Leonard, are also scheduled to attend.

Advance tickets for event are \$25.00 per person or five tickets for \$100. Tickets at the door are \$35 per person.

The event is sponsored by UBS Financial Services. Proceeds benefit Forsyth Tech's Corporate and Continuing Education Community Service Programs. Tickets may be reserved by calling Forsyth Tech's Alumni Relations and Special Events Office at (336) 734-7232.

The History of ACC/Wake Forest Basketball class is being held January 26-March 15, 2004. The cost of the class is \$6. Registration for the class includes admission to An Evening with ACC Basketball Legends from the Triad. To register call (336) 761-1002.

One-on-One

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moment in sports.

Audly: We played a team (71st) in high school. And, they were ranked. We weren't ranked. We beat them because I hit some clutch free throws down the stretch.

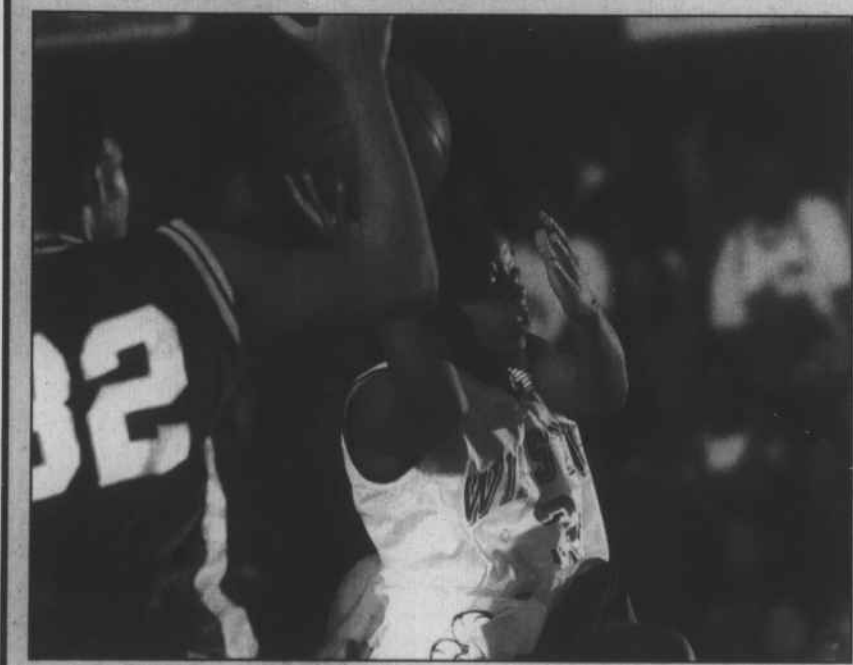
Anthony: Let's go into free association. (Pause.) Are you ready?

Audly: (Smiles.) Yeah.
Anthony: Coach (Philip) Stitt.

Audly: (Very long pause.) Ah man. (Still pausing.) Cool.
Anthony: Darnell Gregory. (No. 15)

Audly: Funny.
Anthony: Fayetteville.

Audly: Home.
Anthony: Women.
Audly: Like 'em.
Anthony: Winston-Salem State.
Audly: Second home.
Anthony: CIAA champs.
Audly: (Long pause.)
Anthony: What are you thinking about?
Audly: (Both laugh.) Hopeful.
Anthony: That's good. We'll stop right here. (Laughs.) You all right man?
Audly: (Smiles.) Yeah. It was getting a little hot in here. (Both laugh.)
Anthony: It wasn't that bad. (Both laugh.) Thanks for the time, man. Good luck with the season.
Audly: Thanks.



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