herspoon ready to dish out pain

Witherspoon was one of the best line-backers in the NFL last season. He played both the run and pass better than a number of linebackers. He led Carolina with 110 tackles and established career highs with four interceptions and three sacks

And his four interceptions were the second most among NFL linebackers behind the five collected by Buffalo's Takeo Spikes.

He's looking pretty good on the Pan-thers all-time total tackle list as well. The 312 tackles he compiled from 2001-03 rank second on the Panthers list behind

Mike Minter's 329 stops.

I wanted to find out what he's done to get better for the Panthers this summer. I also wanted to see what the team's mindset was heading into this season

I didn't have much time to finish this



interview. I kind of caught Will in between lunch and his midday nap. You know, pro players must get that sleep in during training camp, but he and I had a pretty good time. We even talked about my old high school beating his school back in the day. According to him, his team used to get the best of my

That's all right. It was still fun to simply bring up the old memories

Anthony: Will, what's good, man? Will: It's all good. I'm just getting

ready for this next practice.

Anthony: How has practice been going for you all? The heat has been intense, and everyone is a little anxious to

play. How has everything been moving? Will: You know, what's kind of funny is that we've had kind of an overcast the last couple of days, so it's been kind of cool. But it looks like it's going to get pretty hot this afternoon. But everyone has worked hard, and we're prepared for

Anthony: Will, how do you feel heading into this season?
Will: I'm feeling good. A year bigger.

A year better.

Anthony: I hear you. (Smiles.) You've got to be a little excited because you've got another Georgia (Thomas Davis of the Georgia Bulldogs) boy on the team. You've got to be excited about



Carolina Panther linebacker Will Witherspoon is entering his fourth season in the National Footbil League.

Will: Oh yeah. I've got another DSGB (Down South Georgia Boy) with me. (Both giggle.) We've got it all going, and it's good to have a guy on the team that I actually played ball with and did a lot of things with. He's accomplished a lot in college, and I think that he's going

to take it a step further with us.

Anthony: How much pressure is on this Panther defense, and overall team in general. I mean, last year you all were plagued by injuries. Now, everyone seems healthy. Does that bring back pres-

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Deacs compete in Pan Am games

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Wake Forest rising sopho more Michael Bingham, repre-

senting the United States, captured the bronze medal in the decathlon at the Pan Am Junior Championship this past Sat-urday in Windor, urday in Windor, Ontario. Bingham, a Burlington prod-uct, scored 7,049.

Bingham ran a 10.83 in the 100 meters, had a long

jump mark of 6.95 meters, threw 12.16 meters in the shot put, recorded a 1.81meter jump in the high jump, and ran a 47.01 mark in the 400 meters on the first day of competition. He then opened two with 14.6 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles, 36.82 meters in the discus, 4.0 meters in the pole vault, 39.63

meters in the javelin and 4:50.64 in the 1,500-meter run. Bingham finished third Andres Silva of Uruguay and Cuba's Yunior Diaz Zayas.

In other compe tition, incoming freshman Mandy McBean competed in the women's 3,000 meters and also earned a bronze medal. Representing her home nation of Canada, McBean time

9:42.75 to place behind fellow Canadian Alyson Kohlmeier and Peru's Ines Melchor.

Fellow incoming freshman Jeremy Fisico, a middle dis-tance runner from Windsor, Ontario, placed fifth in the 5,000 meters. Fisico ran a time of 15:12.31 in the event.





