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Rams turn in best of season

Freshman Irene Jeptolo makes WSSU history with time

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

All seven Lady Ram cross country runners turned in season bests last Saturday morning at the Hagen Stone Cross Country Classic in Greensboro, as WSSU was led by Irene Jeptolo, who placed fifth overall with a time of 19:12, leading the Lady Rams to a seventh-place finish in the event.

Jeptolo, a freshman from Kapsabet, Kenya, raced her way to a WSSU-record fifth-place finish as she completed the course behind only four other runners, all of whom are members of the Duke University women's cross country team. With a time of 19:12, Jeptolo recorded the fastest women's cross country time in the history of the Lady Ram program.

She was not the only Lady Ram to turn in an impressive showing as Tomita Ferguson completed the course in 21:40 en route to her season-best time and a 41st-place finish. Sandy Harrison (24:02 - 83rd), Vernae McDonald (23:53 - 79th) and Gerri White (27:36 - 135th) rounded out the scoring for the Lady Rams as WSSU earned a seventh-place finish in the NCAA Division II portion of the meet.

With 153 team points, the Lady Rams finished in the seventh slot, six positions behind event-champion Queens College, yet ahead of five other teams.

The Lady Rams will return to action on Oct. 14 when they compete in the N.C. Collegiate Invitational at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons.



LaQuisha Stone, 12, is the first girl to ever play for the Tiny Indians.

Photo by Anthony Hill

FORGET THE POMPOMS

Stone doing well on the football field

BY ANTHONY HILL
THE CHRONICLE

Some girls develop a love for sports at a young age. That love is usually directed toward basketball, softball, track and a select group of other sports. Football is rarely brought into the equation unless cheerleading is involved.

Well, football has taken the forefront in the interest of LaQuisha Stone. Stone, 12, is

a wide out and linebacker for the Tiny Indians Junior Midget squad, which has only lost one game. She said that she loves playing football and the contact the sport offers. Stone also said that she wanted to prove that girls are tough too.

"A lot of boys thought that I was scared," Stone said. "Boys think they're tougher. I just wanted to prove them wrong and show them that girls can play football too."



Minor

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A Titan running back looks for running room during a 20-0 win over the Forsyth County Broncos over the weekend.

Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Weekend is full of close finishes on gridiron

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Several teams win games in overtime

The game between the Grayhounds and Panthers featured two very talented Midget squads. All season long, the Grayhounds Midgets have been led by a stiff defense. Last weekend was no different as the Grayhounds

defense led to a 12-6 overtime victory over the South Fork Panthers.

"The defense shut the Panthers out," said Grayhounds coach Derrick Sharpe. "It was our offense that committed the

turnover to allow the Panthers to tie the ballgame in regulation. Overall, all of our guys played well. We just have to execute offensively and put more points on the board."

The Grayhounds committed

four turnovers, which consisted of three lost fumbles and one interception return for a Panther touchdown.

The defense was led by Sean Adams, Josh Triplett, and Ralph Saunders. The offense was led by

Rashaad Dean, who had several big runs, including a 35-yard touchdown reception from Mykwan Truesdale. Chris Minton provided the winning touchdown in overtime on a 10-yard run. The defense stopped the Panthers by causing a fumble and recovering

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Reagan High hopes to build program

BY ANTHONY HILL
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The following story is the ninth and final story of a series on the high school football teams in Forsyth County. The fans will get a look at what's going on with their favorite teams.

Starting a new football program is never easy.

Greg King, Reagan High's head varsity football coach, already knew things were going to be challenging when he was hired, but he had no idea how much of a challenge his first year as the head of the Raiders would present.

"It's been a very difficult process to get the whole thing rolling," King said. "There was no way to prepare for all the obstacles, and I actually got this job kind of late. So, it has really been challenging this year. At the same time,



Reagan High junior running back Rajeem Moore has emerged as one of the leaders for the Raiders this season.

Photo by Charlie Pfaff

it's getting very exciting. There's certainly never a dull moment."

There may not be many

dull moments in Raider camp, but they're certainly a variety of challenging moments for the team. After all, it seems

difficult for any group of competitors to be able to deal with

See Reagan on B4

Things people say about coaches

FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill



I had every intention of letting what I wrote about Chip Petree die off this week. I planned on simply writing my column about him and then move on to other issues, like how good Mt. Tabor is, or ask readers what they thought about Wake's Cory Randolph.

I definitely planned on writing about Mt. Tabor's Joe "Jokey" Brown. Well, I'm still going to talk about him a little later in this column. But I had to touch Chip a little more this week

since I've gotten so many responses about my column I wrote last week.

Mason Linker (of the Winston-Salem Journal) asked me if I had gotten a lot of hate mail when I saw him at the Mt. Tabor game on Friday night. I told him that I've gotten a lot of the opposite. I've received numerous e-mails and calls of support of my column. I mean, I had no idea so many people didn't like Chip. I mean, it seems like no one in the community likes this guy. (I'm smiling as I type this.)

Of course, I did receive some e-mails from coaches who have coached with him before, or simply like him for one reason or another. ONE

other guy called in support of Chip. That's fine; you're supposed to go to bat for your boy.

But most of them tried to



Brown

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