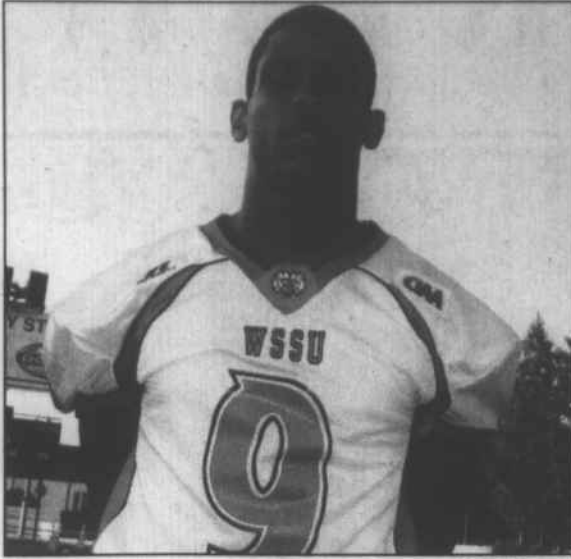


WSSU's Hussey hauls in questions

Winston-Salem State wide out Brandon Hussey is definitely one of my favorite athletes to talk to and watch play in this area. He provides so much excitement on the field with his kick returns and runs after a catch. Then, off the field, he's just as exciting to be around because he's the life of whatever may be going on.

Hussey hasn't been up to his

thinks about the way they've stepped it up. I also wanted to find out why he hasn't been doing some of the things on the field people familiar with his play are accustomed to seeing. B-Hussey said that everything is all good. He's just taking it one game at a time. We also talked about a few other things after he got out of practice on Tuesday.



Winston-Salem State senior Brandon Hussey is one of the most exciting players on the Ram football team this season.

Photo by Anthony Hill

One-on-One

with Anthony Hill

normal play-making self on the field, though. And that has caused him to not be as happy off the field. Don't get it twisted, though, Hussey is still full of life and just as confident in his teammates. But he's not the same Hussey when he feels as if he's not shining as he would like.

With the Rams starting to heat up on the field, I thought it would be a good time to see what Hussey

Anthony: (Smiles.) You know how this goes, dawg.

Brandon: Yeah.

Anthony: OK. What's good, Brandon?

Brandon: We're just trying to keep things rolling. We started off the season kind of tough, with three tough losses, but we've done a good job of bouncing back and keeping everything positive. We

just had to keep everyone positive. That was really our major concern. We're on a roll right now. (Smiles.) That's all I can say.

Anthony: Now, I talked to Martin (Hicks) a little earlier, and

he talked about the three-game losing streak of last year, and how you guys were unable to bounce back from that. Did you think about that any this year when you guys fell into another losing skid?

Brandon: Yeah, it did enter my mind a little this year, but we kept the guys focused. Me, Martin and Monte (Purvis) kept the guys focused. Yeah, last year a few people got down when we suffered that three-game losing streak. It started to be like a cancer and get into other people. A lot of people really got down last year, and we weren't trying to let that happen this year.

Anthony: Was there any finger pointing?

Martin: Nah. No fingers were pointed. We lost as a team, and we've won as a team.

Anthony: How big was it for you all to finally get that win over Fayetteville State? That wasn't your first win over them, was it?

Brandon: I beat them my sophomore year. That was Josh's (McGee) freshman year. But this year was really big. That was a big win, man. It was real emotional. That was a great win for the team.

Anthony: Let's talk about you for a minute.

Brandon: A'ight.

Anthony: Two years ago you

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Former Demon baller signs with Ohio State

Othello Hunter inks basketball scholarship with Buckeyes

BY ANTHONY HILL
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Former Reynolds High power forward and center Othello Hunter has always played on talented basketball squads. He always seemed to be one year away from starting when he played for the Demons.

After his senior year at Reynolds, Hunter still hadn't impressed enough college coaches with his off-the-bench performances to sign a big scholarship. But he didn't let that depress him or slow his progress.

Hunter continued to work hard on the court until he was able to sign with Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Fla. There he played for coach Derrick Worrels and flourished into the player most thought he would be during the two years in Florida. Hunter's work ethic and talent recently nabbed him a scholarship with Ohio State University.

"I felt extremely lucky to have coached Othello," Worrels said. "He's a very good kid, like many kids in that area. He was really a pleasure to coach. When he came out of high school, I simply assured his mom that he would leave here with a decent scholarship. The rest was up to him."

"Now, he's possibly signing the biggest scholarship any of my players have

signed. I had a guy sign with Colorado last year, but Ohio State is a better program at this time."

Hunter averaged 16 points per game, while pulling down 10 rebounds and 3.7 blocks per game. He was also first-team All-Conference and a member of the All-Freshmen team.

"That was the first time since I've been here that we've had a player accomplish what Othello accomplished," said Worrels, who's coached Hillsborough for seven years.

"Now he's committed to Ohio State University, joining what most consider to be the best recruitment class in the nation."

Hunter has come a long way since leaving Reynolds, growing almost two inches. He now stands at 6-9, with a weight of 225 - gaining 20 pounds since high school. Hunter caught the attention of a number of colleges after a great tournament during the postseason.

"He got a lot of exposure after we played in this national tournament," Worrels said. "He simply destroyed during the tournament. Everyone was talking about him. People were like, 'Watch out for this kid.' Ohio State jumped on him. They really wanted him to continue to be a secret, but Virginia, Miami and a number of other schools also tried to get him."



Hunter

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it to seal the victory.

Other outstanding players were Nigel Mitchell, Antwon McClinton, Chucky Allen, and Philippe Brown.

Grayhounds 28, Panthers 0 (Mitey Mite): The slaughter rule was in effect as the Winston-Salem Grayhounds beat the Panthers 28-0. Leading off the scoring for the Grayhounds was Grand McKoy, with a 45-yard scamper around the left end. Moments later Joc Davis-Ferguson broke three tackles and headed for pay dirt down the right sideline for a 40-yard touchdown.

The Grayhounds put the slaughter rule into effect with touchdown runs from Dequan Houston and Michael Black. Mason Lindsay and Darion Dick scored the extra points.

Leading the defensive shutout were Mason Lindsay, Sean Foster II, Joc Davis-Ferguson, C.J. Acker, Micah McCall and Dakota Lamont.

Falcons 6, Indians 2 (Jr. Pee Wee): This game was very much a defensive battle. The touchdown for the Falcons was scored by George Cherry III for 64 yards. In the last four minutes of the game, the Falcon coaches elected to give the Indians a safety and kicked the ball off to pin the Indians deep into their own territory. Once again, the defense did its job by holding on to a 6-2 victory.

Head coach Richard Daniels credited the win to his assistant coaches, who are Vernon Brown, Patrick Milam, Michael Howard, Lashay Surratt, Deshannon Napper, Monte Odum and Kerry Campbell Sr.

The Indian standouts were Eric Murden, Mike Chambers, Coy Astrop and Corey Gaddy.

Grayhounds 31, Panthers 0 (Pee Wee): Great efforts from Douglas "Twinkle Toes" Middleton, Corey Parker, and Najee Hairston led to a 31-0 thrashing of the Panthers in Pee Wee action last weekend. Douglas ran a 45-yard touchdown. Corey Parker scored a touchdown, and Jones added a 15-yard touchdown. Ronald Heartley also played well for the Grayhounds.

"Special thanks to our second string offense for stepping up for our team," said Grayhounds head coach Anthony Jordan. "We have to thank Ronald Heartley for making those two extra points... to seal the game."

Indians 7, Falcons 6 (Midget): The day ended with another great game between the



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A Grayhound applies pressure to a South Fork Panther quarterback during a game last week.

Tiny Indians and the Falcons. The Indians won the game 7-6 in overtime. Marcus Ford scored a 10-yard touchdown on the first play of overtime. Tarrel Black caught the pass from James Booker in the end zone for the extra point.

The Indians held the Falcons on first and second downs, but penalties moved the Falcons closer. The Falcons were able to power the ball in from the 1-yard line. Then the extra-point kick was blocked by several Indians to ensure the victory and give the Indians their second overtime win of the season.

Standout players for the Indians were Demario Hall, Ahman Boyd, Billy Carter, Clayton Rice, Travis Floyd, Johnny Rice, Randy Baskin, Kevin Simmons and James Booker.

Other scores were: Winston-Salem Bulldogs tied the Kernersville Raiders 13-13 (Flag). The Falcons beat the Titans 12-6 (Flag). The Indians beat the Falcons 13-0 (Flag). The Pfafftown Packers took down the High Point Lions 28-12 (Flag). The South Fork Panthers beat the

Grayhounds 24-12 (Flag). The Forsyth Broncos were upended by the Lewisville Titans 35-0 (Flag). The Winston-Salem Vikings took down the Walkertown Wolfpack 12-0 in Flag action.

The Bulldogs beat the Raiders 20-0 in Mitey Mite action. The Falcons dominated the Indians 42-19 in Mitey Mite action. The Packers took down the Lions 31-6 (Mitey Mite). The Broncos took down the Titans 21-0 in Mitey Mite play. The Vikings slipped by the Wolfpack 13-6 (Mitey Mite).

In Junior Midget play, the Falcons slipped by the Indians 14-12. The Wolfpack took down the Vikings 19-0. The Panthers beat the Grayhounds 19-8. The Packers downed the Lions 31-12. The Bulldogs defeated the Raiders 20-14.

In Senior Midget action, the Vikings beat the Wolfpack 13-6. The Titans beat the Broncos 20-18. The Grayhounds defeated the Panthers 12-6. The Lions took down the Packers 19-0. The Indians beat the Falcons 7-6. The Bulldogs slipped by the Raiders 8-2.



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A Bronco running back stretches for extra yardage during a 20-18 loss in Midget action over the weekend.

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