

Lady Twins Silver wins another state championship

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The '89 Lady Twins Silver Challenge Soccer team won the 2007-08 Challenge State Cup at Bryan Park on Nov. 11. They defeated the CASL Explosion 5-0 in the finals on Bryan Park No. 2. Silver went through the entire State Cup Tournament with a perfect record outscoring their opponents 16-2.

The Twins started the scoring 00:45 when Morgan Smith broke free for the first goal of the game. Annie Ornelles added a goal later in the half with a beautiful header off of a corner kick to make the score 2-0. Later in the half Smith broke away for a third goal to make the score 3-0 at halftime. CASL added an own goal off of a corner for the Twins about midway through the second half making the score 4-0. The final goal came when Hannah Giles tapped in a crossed ball to seal the victory.

The victory gives the '89 Twins Silver their third State Challenge Cup championship in the last four years. In the '06-'07 Championship they defeated the CASL Heat 1-0. The Twins also won the Cup in '04-'05 when they defeated the CASL Avengers 1-0. In '05-'06 the Silver were runner up to the same Explosion team losing on a late goal 1-0. Sunday's victory avenges the '05-'06 loss in the finals.

The Silver is composed of students from six area high schools including: Calvary Day School, High Point Wesleyan, Mt Tabor, School of the Arts, RJ Reynolds, and West Forsyth. Players for the Silver include: Mahlon Annas, Hannah Barefoot, Caitlin Brown, Hannah Carmen, Kinsley Craft, Minnie Elliot, Hannah Giles, AK Hartgrove, Sara Henderson, Amy Klinepeter, Laura Messenger, Aly Murawski, Annie Ornelles, Hayley Pierce, Kelly Schurtz, Morgan Smith, Ashley Southard, Cori Ward, Kate Wasowski, and Emily Welker. The head coach is Mike Southard and the assistant coach is Jim Annas.



The Lady Twins won the 2007-08 Challenge State Cup at Bryan Park on Nov. 11.

Photo courtesy of Jim Annas

NCCU athletics partners with station

Eagles hoops to hit radio waves for first time in more than 10 years

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The North Carolina Central University Department of Athletics and WRJD 1410 AM recently announced another partnership - this time to provide radio broadcasts during the 2007-08 NCCU men's and women's basketball seasons.

NCCU Athletics and WRJD 1410 AM also partnered to broadcast the entire 2007 Eagles football season, the school's first coverage of that kind since 1997.

WRJD, which distributes a signal that covers the entire Triangle and beyond, will carry 14 NCCU men's and six women's basketball games (see schedule below) as part

of the WRJD/Eagle Sports Network.

"We are again ecstatic that WRJD has such an interest in NCCU athletics to continue the partnership and broadcast NCCU basketball this season," said Kyle Serba, assistant athletics director for media relations at NCCU, who indicated that it has been more than 10 years since NCCU basketball games have been on the air waves. "We were extremely pleased with the football broadcasts and feel the basketball broadcasts will be of the same high quality. We are glad to bring NCCU basketball to our fans and the entire Triangle community through WRJD."

Linda Greenwood, owner

of WRJD, was equally excited to be carrying NCCU basketball games. "We are very excited about our partnership with NCCU athletics and we look forward to broadcasting the basketball games this season," said Greenwood.

All broadcasts will consist of a pre-game, halftime and post game show. Donal Ware will again handle play-by-play duties, while Hanif Omar will provide color commentary.

In addition to WRJD's 1410 AM signal, the audio broadcast of the games will also be available on-line by logging onto www.nccu.edu/athletics or www.1410wrjd.com.

Former Ram signs with Tampa Bay Storm

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The five-time world champion Tampa Bay Storm have signed offensive lineman Emmanuel Akah, head coach and general manger Tim Marcum announced last week.

"Manny is a big guy that adds a great deal of size to our line," said Marcum. "He played soccer as youngster and has quick feet for a guy his size."

Akah, 6-foot-3, 330 pounds, is a street free agent and will make his Arena League debut with Tampa Bay. He spent the beginning of the 2007 National Football League season on the practice squads of the Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs. Prior to that Akah anchored the offensive line for the Frankfurt Galaxy during the 2007 NFL



Akah

Europa season as they advanced to World Bowl XV.

The London, England native began his professional career with the London Olympians of the British American Football League in 2005. Akah then spent 2006 with the Rhein Fire and

Galaxy before joining the Miami Dolphins for training camp.

He began his college career at State University of New York-Canton before he transferred to Winston-Salem University where he played from 2002-04. Akah was a First-Team Black College All-American and a First-Team All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association selection his senior year.

The Tampa Bay Storm look forward to the 2008 season as many key players from 2007 will return. AFL Co-Rookie of the Year and All-Rookie quarterback Brett Dietz, All-Ironman Lawrence Samuels, record-setting fullback Torrance Marshall and touchdown-leading wide receiver Terrill Shaw, among others will be back to take the 2008 AFL season by storm.



Ladson lands left hook against Bellamy during a previous bout.

Ladson

from page B1

smoking marijuana. I got locked up."

Ladson has been incarcerated several times for a variety of charges. He's been to county jail six times, and has also taken seven trips to prison. He suffered his lowest moments, that consisted of prison, drug dealing, cocaine and crack usage, between the age of 13 and 27.

"Then I decided it was time for me to change my life," Ladson said. "I went into the TEACH program and got clean. I always wanted to do right. It was just my environment. I made up my mind that I was going to stay clean. I even moved with my mother in Cleveland Projects. Then I started attending New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. The Lord is the main reason I was able to make this transformation. I wouldn't be here without Him on my side. He's done so many marvelous things for me."

"Now I'm focused on my goals," Ladson continued. "I was focused on getting back in the ring. I wanted to get back into boxing. In 1999, I met Whit, and I got back into boxing. Whit has been a big inspiration in my life. He's been a father figure to me. We're a team. He teaches me about life

and boxing."

Lowery wasn't really impressed with Ladson's boxing skills at first, though.

"He was the worst fighter I ever trained when he first got here," Lowery said with a smile. "But he worked hard. Like I told you, he was humble. He proves that anything is possible when you listen and work hard."

One fatal bout

Ladson's dreams were put on hold two years ago when an opponent, who was a boxer from Georgia, was fatally killed during a bout with him. Ladson, who was heart broken after the incident, decided to give the sport up after that bout. He then spent more time with his carpenter business, and in church — where he serves as a deacon. But he continued to miss boxing.

"I had to talk to him and let him know that it wasn't his fault," Lowery said. "That was just an unfortunate situation. He wasn't the first boxer to have that happen. Sugar Ray Robinson also did it. Sometimes people get hurt in sports. Plus, the guy had prior headache problems. So, it wasn't Earl. He began to understand that."

Ladson added: "I talked with his wife and they really pushed me to also get back into the ring. She assured me that he

would've wanted me to keep going, and that it wasn't my fault."

Ladson hit the gym hard, and rededicated himself to boxing. After working 8 to 10 hours during the day, Ladson would then hit the boxing gym. He still runs three-and-a-half to four miles during the day, shadow boxes for six rounds, punches the bags for three rounds, jumps rope for three rounds, and then executes various conditioning exercises. On some days, Ladson simply spars and exercises.

"And I don't cheat myself," Ladson said. "I eat right. I rest right. I don't do drugs. I feel great. I've been to camp with Calvin Brock. We've trained together. Right now I'm in top shape. I'm just hoping that I get a chance to upset someone. You never know. Buster Douglas was a journeyman. He had a record like mine. Somebody pulled out against Tyson, and he was there to take the fight. He went to the ring a broke man, and left the fight filthy rich. His next fight was \$25 million."

"So, you just never know," Ladson concluded. "I'm going to work hard. Hard work definitely pays off. I'm also going to continue to give glory to God. Through Him anything is possible. I'm thankful for every blessing He's given me."



INAUGURAL Minority Vendor Fair Training, Seminar & Workshop

Learn More About:

Doing Business with WSSU

Vendor Requirements

Vendor Interests

Registration Sites and Other Resources



Tuesday, December 4, 2007
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Winston-Salem State University — Anderson Center

Register online at www.wssu.edu
Select Purchasing from the Quick Jump menu.

Or, for more information contact
Andrea Thompson or Travis Pierce at 336-750-2930