

SPORTS WEEK

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Ernst signs Reds contract

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Wake Forest redshirt senior relief pitcher Joel Ernst has signed a free agent contract with the Cincinnati Reds, it was recently announced.

Ernst, a native of Cincinnati suburb Loveland, Ohio, becomes the second Demon Deacon senior to sign a free agent deal with a MLB team. Earlier this summer, catcher Mike Murray signed with the San Francisco Giants.



Ernst



Stadler

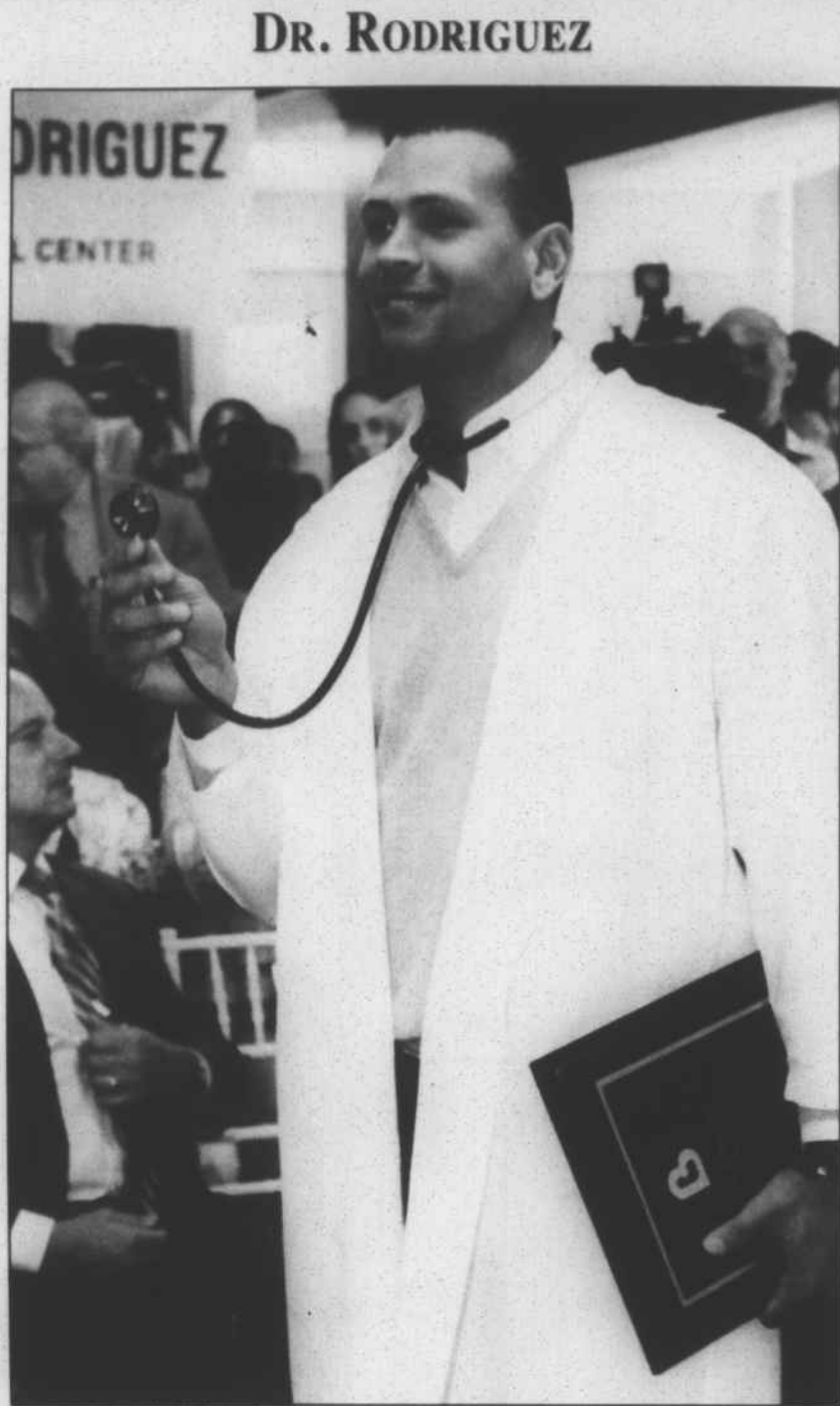
Ernst was the most reliable pitcher out of the Demon Deacon bullpen in 2010, appearing in 27 games and finishing the season with a 2-1 record, two saves and a team-best 3.73 ERA.

Ernst, who finished tied for fifth in the Atlantic Coast Conference in appearances, had a string of nine consecutive appearances without allowing a run during his senior campaign.

Over his four seasons at Wake Forest, Ernst pitched in 70 games, including eight starts, and had a 5-4 record with two saves and an 8.18 ERA.

Ernst and sophomore Austin Stadler were recently named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Baseball Team. It is the first time that Ernst and Stadler have been named to the All-ACC Academic Team during their collegiate careers.

To be eligible for consideration, a student-athlete must have earned a 3.00 grade point average for the previous semester and maintained a 3.00 cumulative average during his academic career.



DR. RODRIGUEZ

N.Y. Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez joined Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center President and CEO Miguel A. Fuentes Jr., as well as board members, staff and pediatric patients at a ceremony on June 30 to dedicate a new children's outpatient center named in his honor. Rodriguez contributed \$250,000 to help fund construction and completion of The Alex Rodriguez Pediatric Outpatient Center, which offers a child-friendly environment ideal for young patients and their families.

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Jayden King-Penn and Malachi Poe in action.

Young runners qualify for the AAU Olympics

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Next Level Track Club of Winston-Salem recently took part in the 2010 AAU Track & Field National Qualifier at the Irwin Belk Track Complex at UNC-Charlotte.

The top four finishers in each age group, advanced to compete in the AAU Junior Olympic Games, which are slated to take place July 30-Aug. 7 in Hampton Roads, Va. at Dick Price Stadium on the campus of Norfolk State University.

In the Primary Boys Division, Jayden King-Penn finished fourth in the 100m; Jakara King-Penn had fourth-place finishes in the 100m and 200m in the Youth Boys; and Jarrid McKissick finished second in the long jump in the Intermediate Boys.

In the girls competition, Sub Midget Girls Jiyah McKissick finished second in the 80m hurdles;

Deja Reid finished second in the long jump; and Nyla Rogers had a second-place finish in the high jump. In the Midget Girls competition, Jahnae Bowman finished



Jazzman Richardson

second in the long jump; the team of Sy'Kanza Evans, Bowman, McKissick and Reid won the 4x100m relay; and Jade Boyd finished second in the triple jump. In the Sub Youth Division, Deonica Reid finished third in the long jump. Youth Girls competition saw Miikala Sitton with a third-place finish in the high jump and the team of Taniya Rhyne, Reid, Sitton and Boyd with a third-place 4x100m relay finish. Intermediate competitor Jazzman Richardson finished third in the triple jump, fourth in the 100m and fourth in the 200m.

Runners Jayden King-Penn, Juwann Archie Malachi Poe and Markie McRae also did well in the Bantam Boys 4 x 100m Dash. They finished in fifth place.

Dash fans promised bling if team wins championship

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By clinching the winning title for the first half of the 2010 Carolina League season, the Winston-Salem Dash has ensured its spot in the postseason playoffs.

As a result, Winston-Salem's BB&T Ballpark will be the host site for the opening games of the Division Series on Sept. 8 and 9. If the team also wins the second half of the Carolina League season title, there would be an additional Division Series game at BB&T Ballpark on Sept. 12.

Playoff and Championship Series tickets initially will be available only to current season ticket holders and must be reserved no later than July 23. After that date, the Dash may offer a limited number of postseason tickets to the general public. The Dash will mail information about buying tickets to the postseason games to current season ticket holders on Friday, July 2. Tickets prices to the playoff games

for season ticket holders will be the same as regular season prices. If the Dash do not succeed in the Playoff Series, the balance on the account will be applied to 2011 season tickets.

"The Winston-Salem community has been incredibly supportive of the Dash this season, and we want to show our appreciation by giving something back to season ticket holders if we win the Carolina League Championship," said Winston-Salem Dash Team President Geoff Lassiter. "Therefore, if we win the Championship—and we certainly intend to—we will give every account holder of 17 games and above a Championship Ring."

The rings will not be replica rings, but just like the Championship Rings that members of the Dash team will receive if the team takes the

Championship, he added.

For more information about tickets, visit www.wsdash.com.



VUU hires alum as new coach

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Barvenia Wooten-Collier has returned to her alma mater as the new Woman's Basketball head coach.

Wooten-Collier is no stranger to Virginia Union University Panthers Athletics. While attending VUU, she led the Lady Panthers in scoring and rebounding during her junior and senior years. She was a part of two CIAA Championship teams (1981 and 1982) and led them to a NCAA Division II National Championship in 1983.

In the national championship game, the three-time All-CIAA performer would score 25 points and have 15 rebounds, earning her ESPN's MVP Award. She also was selected to be a part of the 1983 NCAA Division II Regional and National Championship All-Tournament teams. She would end her collegiate career with a total of 1,534 points and 724 rebounds and All-American status.

In 1997, Wooten-Collier continued her basketball career in the ABL (American Basketball League) with the Philadelphia Rage. She was later picked up by

the Maryland Sparks in the Washington Basketball League (WBL) in Largo, Maryland. Wooten Collier averaged 11 points, 13 rebounds and three assists. She was ranked #1 in rebounding.

Wooten-Collier comes to VUU from Prince George's Community College, where she was an assistant coach. There, her teams won the 2006 MD JUCO conference, NJCAA Division II Region XX Women's Basketball Championship, and finishing 6th in the country at the 2006 NJCAA Women's

Basketball Division II Championship in Phoenix, Arizona. She was named the Maryland JUCO Coach of the year in 2001. In 2006, she regained her title as well as the Region XX Coach of the Year and again in 2010.

Last season (2010), she led her 12-1 team to a 2nd place victory at the NJCAA Region XX Conference Championship. Her team would advance to compete in the NJCAA Division II Women's Basketball Tournament and finished 11th in the nation.



Wooten-Collier

Runners named to Academic All-ACC Team

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Six Wake Forest track and field athletes have been named to the 2010 Outdoor Track & Field Academic All-ACC Team.

All-American Brent LaRue and Stephen Castillejo earn the award for the second-straight season, while Thomas Sensing, Marcus Dillon, Garret Drogosch and Myesha Barr all take home the honor for the first time.

Student-athletes must have earned a 3.00 GPA during the spring semester and own the same cumulative mark throughout their career to be eligible for selection to the All-ACC Academic team.

LaRue is now a four-time Academic All-ACC performer as he earned the award during the indoor and outdoor season in each of the last two years. He enjoyed a tremendous senior season this spring as he set the 400m hurdle school-record three different times and earned All-America honors in the event.

Castillejo competed in the javelin at eight different meets this spring. His best performance came at the Clemson Orange & Purple Classic where he registered a mark of 188-06 and finished fifth overall.

Sensing started his final outdoor season with a solid showing at the Wake Forest Open. He finished this in the discus with a toss of 162-01 and also took fourth in the shot put after a mark of 53-03.75.

Dillon also started his season well at the Wake Forest Open by winning the 3,000m steeplechase in a then personal-best time of 9:18.43. He then shattered that mark when he took fifth at the ACC Championships a month later in a time of 9:04.49.

Drogosch and Barr both handled the stresses of their first year on campus and the rigors of the long outdoor season well. Drogosch took fifth in the 5,000m run at the Wake Forest Open with a time of 14:58.56 and then ran a time of 8:32.87 in the 3,000m run at the Auburn Tiger Classic to finish sixth in that event. Barr ran a season-best 12.23 in the 100m dash at the Spec Towns Open in early April and won the event at the HPU Vertclasse at the end of the month.



WFU All-American Brent LaRue.

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