

SPORTS WEEK

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Lady Rams win another CIAA crown

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem State University Lady Rams Cross Country team won the 2011 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Women's Cross Country Championship last Thursday morning at the WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, earning their second straight conference championship.

The men's squad placed a close second in the CIAA Men's Cross Country Championship.



Turner

The Lady Rams had to step up their efforts to bring home the title as the team held off a talented Virginia State team that also put on an impressive performance at the meet. The Lady Rams totaled 31 points to narrowly edge out the Lady Trojans, who totaled 33 points at the meet.

"We displayed big heart and the right attitude," WSSU Cross Country Head Coach Inez Turner said following the meet. "The ladies were tough."

Four WSSU runners earned All-CIAA honors by placing in the top ten of the meet. WSSU sophomore Brittney Killebrew led the Lady Rams to the championship, winning the individual title for the second straight year. She finished the 5K course in 19:11.2. Junior Manuela Rigaud placed fourth in the event with a 20:10.1, while fellow junior Tyrah Winfrey finished a close fifth at 20:20.3. Sophomore Kristi Baptiste rounded out the top ten with a ninth-place finish in 20:43.0.



Members of the Lady Rams Cross Country team pose after a recent meet.

WSSU Photo by Garrett Garris

"We focused on running in a pack, staying together, and not letting anyone pass us," Killebrew said. "This feels great. It's never going to get old."

The men gave a great effort in the meet, totaling 47 points and finishing just three points behind the eventual champion Shaw Bears' 44 points. WSSU junior Andrew Chebii won the 2011 individual championship with a time of 24:32.0 in the men's 8K run. The WSSU senior duo of Desmond Wiggan and Aaron Barnes

placed third and fourth to round out the WSSU top ten finishers. Wiggan placed third with a 26:01.7 while Barnes was a close fourth with a 26:04.9.

Last week's meet completes the 2011 regular season, but the Rams and Lady Rams will look ahead to the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regionals at Slippery Rock University on Saturday, Nov. 5. Qualifiers from the regionals will advance to compete in the NCAA Division II National Championships.

Former Bronco finds new NFL home

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The NFL dream is far from over for Richard Medlin.

A few weeks after he was released by the New England Patriots, the former Fayetteville State star latched on with the Miami Dolphins, who signed Medlin to their practice squad in late September.

Medlin rushed for 66 yards on 20 carries while adding 39 yards on six receptions and scored two touchdowns in his NFL pre-season debut before being

waived

by the

Patriots

during

final cuts

on Sept.

3. Medlin

had

signed

with New

England

as an

undrafted free agent following

a sparkling career at

Fayetteville State. Medlin

was signed by the Dolphins

after the team waived two-

time Pro Bowler Larry

Johnson.

As a member of the

Dolphins' eight-man practice

squad, Medlin earns

\$5,700 a week. He is not

eligible to play in games, but

does participate in team

practices and meetings. He

works out as a running back

and in special teams. He can

be signed to Miami's active

53-man playing roster if the

team chooses to do so, and is

wearing jersey No. 38.

Medlin saw extended

playing time in the Patriots'

first preseason game on

Aug. 11, rushing 14 times

for 54 yards and two touch-

downs. His first carry as an

NFL running back went for a

2-yard touchdown early in

the fourth quarter of New

England's 47-12 victory

over the Jacksonville

Jaguars in the Patriots'

Gillette Stadium.

Medlin was a constant

for the Fayetteville State

University Broncos during

his college career. A dynam-

ic kickoff and punt returner,

Medlin was the Broncos'

leading kick returner in

2010, while being the fea-

tured back in the offense. He

was a key cog in a Broncos'

offense that helped

Fayetteville State earn its

third CIAA championship in

2009. Medlin rushed for 667

yards and a team-high 10

touchdowns.



Medlin

WSSU riding high on football polls

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem State University is at #9 in the latest American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II Coaches' Top 25 Poll.

The team remains undefeated for the season after a decisive 59-7 win against Edward Waters on Saturday, when the WSSU gained 562 yards of total offense, while holding Edwards Waters College to just 130 yards.

Defensively for WSSU, Alton Keaton and Akeem Ward led the team with seven tackles each. Keaton (six solos, one assist) also had one tackle for a loss, while Ward (four solos, three assists) finished with one and a half sacks, two and a half tackles for loss and one pass breakup. Antonio Gates had five tackles (four solos), one sack, one tackle for loss and one forced fumble. Duvontae Covington also finished with five tackles (four solos) and a fumble recovery. Jermaine Kesler also had a sack, and Carlos Fields had a half a sack. Brian Williams had a fumble recovery and Tyrone Goldston had a forced fumble that was the hit of the game on a second half kickoff that dislodged the runner from the ball.

With the win, WSSU moves to 8-0 overall, 6-0 in the CIAA Southern Division. The Rams are 8-0 for the first time since 1978.

The win also helped the Rams solidify its place atop the Heritage



WSSU and Edward Waters players wait during the toss.

WSSU Photo by Garrett Garris

Sports Radio Network (HSRN) Division II Top 10 poll. Each week during the 2011 season, HSRN staff and writers, along with selected media representatives and SIDs, will

rank Historical Black Colleges Division I FCS and NCAA Division II teams.

This week marks the fifth consecutive week that WSSU has been the

unanimous HSRN choice for the top spot.

The team will try to keep its winning streak going this Saturday as they host Shaw.

St. Aug wins first on-campus game

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Playing its first-ever football contest on campus, Saint Augustine's College put together a complete game to knock off Johnson C. Smith University 34-15 on Saturday, Oct. 22 in front of an overflowing Homecoming crowd of nearly 5,200 at the George Williams Athletic Complex.

The Falcons got contributions from all three phases - offense, defense and special teams. CIAA passing leader Teddy Bacote threw for 183 yards and two touchdowns, and Deonte Toliver rushed for 91 yards and two touchdowns for the Falcons, who gained 332 offensive yards and were 4-for-4 in red zone scoring chances.

Defensively, Chaz Robinson had a game-high 16 tackles and led a defense which slowed quarterback Keahn Wallace, the CIAA total offense leader, who passed for 195 yards and two interceptions. Michael Lima booted two field goals for the first time in his short career, including

a 44-yarder which was two yards off the modern school mark.

It all added up to a historic win over an improved Johnson C. Smith squad.

"We came out to make history," St. Aug Head Coach Michael Costa said. "Opening up on our home field, we didn't want to be losers."

The victory satisfied the crowd, who headed to the tailgate areas afterward. Many had waited anxiously to see the Falcons play in their own stadium since football returned in 2002.

Costa received the traditional Gatorade bath after the victory. School president Dr. Dianne Boardley Suber, who is responsible for bringing football back to St. Aug, was given the game ball.

George Williams, the iconic track coach and school's athletic director whom the stadium is named after, was overjoyed by the win. Williams, Dr. Suber and Board of Trustee President Hilton Smith each spoke at halftime.

The Falcons (3-5 overall, 2-3 CIAA) snapped a three-game losing streak. They will play Livingstone on Saturday.



Costa

UMES honors legendary coach

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In her 14th year as coach of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) women's bowling team, head coach Sharon Brummell has accomplished a lot.

Three National Championships, five MEAC Championships, 20 All-America players, five MEAC Coach of the Year awards and two National Coach of the Year honors are just a few of the more notable recognitions. Beyond the hardware however, Brummell has brought joy, pride, exposure and recognition to the small Princess Anne, Md. campus and recently, the school publicly thanked her for her efforts.

In a ceremony open to the campus and attended by current and former campus dignitaries and current and former players, Brummell's parents and family, the bowling lanes were formally named the Sharon D. Brummell Bowling Lanes.

"I can't believe this is happening," said Brummell in a speech at the event. "People ask me how you become a champion and I look around this room and answer, 'This is how you become a champion.' You have people who support you in what you do," she told the large crowd packed inside the bowling center.

The six lane center, housed on campus in the 10-year old Student Services Center (SSC), is used for student recreation as well as by the team as one of their two practice facilities. The lanes are adorned with championship banners, photos of all the All-America bowlers from the school's history, all



Coach Brummell thanks the crowd.

MEAC Photo

coached by Brummell, photos of the national championship wins and a newly placed mural above the lanes of Brummell throughout her coaching career.

Director of Athletics Keith Davidson said the tribute was well-deserved.

"This is a more than deserved honor," he said. "What this woman has accomplished in her sport is amazing. Three national titles in four years and to be the first woman to win an NCAA title and the first African-American to win the NCAA and USBC Collegiate titles, what else do you need to solidify yourself as a legend in this sport? I think I can say with certainty that she is not only one of the best bowling coaches in the country, but one of the best college coaches in the country, period."

