

SPORTS WEEK

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Much anticipated QEA/Carlisle match-up called off

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Quality Education Academy will not face the Carlisle School of Martinsville, Va. tonight, after all.

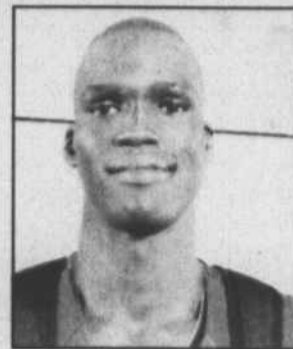
The highly-anticipated match-up was scrapped Monday night because of the strong possibility of inclement weather.

The game would have been a rematch between the two top-ranked high school programs.

QEA won the first matchup 65-62 on Jan. 25 in Martinsville. The game went down to the wire, but with some stiff defense and a phenomenal 30-point performance by QEA small forward Jerrelle Deberry, the Fighting Pharaohs pulled off the win.



Diallo



Maker

Carlisle is led by Thon Maker, the nation's top-ranked high school basketball player.

Another battle between Maker, who stands at more than 7-feet, and QEA's big man, 6'11 Ibrahim Diallo, had made the game, which was to be played in QEA's new gym, the talk of the

town. The game may be reschedule, but no time table was available at press time.

Diallo, one of tallest players in the Southeast and nation, committed to play Rutgers on Monday. Diallo averages 12 points, four blocks and 15 rebounds per game.

QEA's home game against Raleigh's Word of God, a team led by former North Carolina State University standout Quinton Jackson Sr., will be played on Monday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. instead of on Saturday.

After knocking off perennial top dog Oak Hill Academy to start off the season, Quality Education Academy has been pushing through the season and is currently 17-3. The Fighting Pharaohs are on an eight-game winning streak and have a perfect 11-0 record at home.

The QEA gymnasium is near the corner of Lansing Drive and Carver School Road. Admission to Monday's game is \$5.



Standouts Chrishawn Watson and Justin Carter.

PREP EXCELS UNDER TIBBS' LEADERSHIP

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

From a purely coaching standpoint, this has been Bill Tibbs' most satisfying season as the architect of Winston-Salem Prep's junior varsity basketball program. The Phoenix put together another stellar season-long run, which included winning the Lash-Chronicle Classic championship and the Northwest 1-A Conference regular-season title.

"This season has clearly been my most enjoyable," said Tibbs, whose team was 18-1 overall and 9-1 in conference play with two games remaining in the regular season.

"Coming in, everybody was new except for one player (sophomore Kendrick Edwards). This was the youngest team I've ever had, but they listened from the very beginning. I've had teams with more talent, but this group as a whole, was the most coachable."

Winston-Salem Prep won 17 games in a row prior to suffering its first defeat of the season. The only blemish on the record was a 55-52 loss at East Surry on Feb. 5.

"With each victory, you could see that everybody's confidence continued to grow," said Assistant Coach Willie Patrick. "But the bottom line for these guys is that they really bought in to Coach Tibbs' system. They accepted it and never questioned it."

The Phoenix typically wore opponents down with fast-paced offense and revved-up defensive pressure. Prep was able to maintain a frantic tempo because of its ability to go 10-deep on its roster.

"Even though most of our players didn't have any prior high school experience, most have played a lot of AAU basketball," said Tibbs. "So, it wasn't a matter of them having to learn how to play the game. It was more a matter of them learning how to play with one another."

Edwards, who was voted Lash-Chronicle Classic MVP, was the key

figure for the Phoenix. The 6-foot-3 power forward dominated the paint as a reliable inside scorer and relentless rebounder and defender.

W-S Prep, however, was far from being a one-player squad. Freshmen Josh Gould, Chrishawn Watson and Justin Carter more than held their own in their first year of high school hoops.

In the backcourt, Gould and Watson ran the offense and provided offensive spark whenever needed. Gould served primarily as a floor leader and stabilizer while Watson proved himself as a lethal shooter who can score off the dribble or

from three-point distance. Carter, a small forward, creates match-up problems with his lateral quickness and his ability to score from inside and outside. Juwaan Ingram and Brandon Palmer came off the bench to lead a strong group of reserves.

"When I came to Prep I had no idea that it would be as difficult as it turned out to be," said Watson, who scored a game-high 30 points in the Lash-Chronicle title game. "It takes a lot of hard work, but it's worth it. All I wanted to do was become a better team player and help my team finish games."

Carter looks back on his first high school season and realizes that while it was fun, it was also a season of preparation for what he hopes is three years playing on the varsity. Prep's varsity has won three Class 1A state basketball championships over the last six years, so expectations are always high. Returning players and prospective players know that there's no margin for error when the Phoenix has tryouts.

"I expected things to be difficult and that's exactly how it was," said Carter. "You have to be ready to keep up with the pace and the intensity every time you walk on the court. It's definitely not easy, but it's also good preparation for what we'll face when we try out for the varsity next year."



Tibbs

THE NEW FACE OF RAMS FOOTBALL



Photo by Kevin Walker

Belk skin care specialist Richelle Claiborne pampers newly-named Winston-Salem State University Head Football Coach Kienus Boulware last Friday at a heart health and wellness event at the Gateway YWCA. It was one of Boulware's first community appearances as WSSU's head football coach. Boulware said he will be a frequent presence at local happenings, in the hope that his presence at community events will translate into more support for his team. Read more about last week's health event on page A3.

NC town to welcome back tennis legends

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Tennis legends are returning to Cashiers - a North Carolina town near the state's border with South Carolina - this summer.

The Second Annual Andy Roddick's Mountain Challenge will be held July 25-26 at the Cedar Creek Racquet Club. Proceeds will help start a new Boys and Girls Club in the area and provide grants to local children's organizations, according to Mountain Youth Charities Special Event Director Donna Nickerson.

Roddick will again join fellow retired tennis pro Jim Courier for the event. Both stars are bringing their

tennis teams for the challenge.

Several area celebrities and some of the country's top rising junior tennis players will also take part. In addition, two lucky tennis amateur winners will compete with Roddick and Courier to help determine whether Andy or Jim will win the 2014 Mountain Challenge Title.

"I'm looking forward to getting back to the mountains and on the court with Jim. You definitely don't

want to miss the rematch!" said Roddick, who won 32 ATP titles (including the 2003 U.S. Open title) and was in the Top Ten for nine consecutive years.

In the early 90s, Courier dominated the men's professional tennis circuit with a game he fashioned out of grit, determination and a punishing inside-out forehand. He was the first in his class of American champions - which includes Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi - to hold the No. 1 world ranking.

Learn more at http://cashiers.com/Mountain_Youth_Charties.



Roddick

Rams Football sign 15 high school seniors

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem State University Football program announced last week that it is in receipt of 15 signings of national letters of intent from quality high school seniors.

The new crop of signees - the first under new Head Football Coach Kienus Boulware - addressed needs on both sides of the ball. The Rams, who were 10-2 last season, lost more than 20 seniors at the end of the season.

"I am very excited about the prospects that we signed," said Boulware. "I am just as excited about this class as any other big program in the country. Our success has been up front in the past few seasons, both on the offensive and defensive front, with a few athletes on the back end. So we tried to address some of those needs



Photo by Michael Simmons

Albert McLean sports a WSSU hat last week at Dudley High School after signing his letter of intent.

to make sure we have enough beef up front on both sides of the ball."

Boulware said there are still one or two more high school kids in the

program's sight.

The signees are: Kyrell Williamson (inside linebacker, Kannapolis), Lucas Brim (defensive lineman, Carver, Winston-Salem), Trey Foggie (tight-end, Charlotte), Aschod Meeks-Ewing (running back, Raleigh), De'Quavis Allen (offensive lineman, Monroe), Jamarus Glenn (defense end, Monroe), Travish Hicks (offense lineman, West Forsyth, Clemmons), Timothy Samuels (offensive lineman, Charlotte), Tarik Blount (offensive lineman, Plymouth), Akeem Barringer (defensive back, Cornelius), Brandon Armstrong (offensive lineman, Charlotte), Albert McLean (defensive tackle, Greensboro), Brandyn Thompson (defensive end, Columbia, S.C.), Rome Murphy (wide receiver, Wilmington) and Bryan Mckenzie (offensive lineman, Carver, Winston-Salem).

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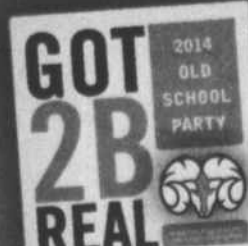


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