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NCCU Standout

Melvin Wallace Is Looking To Perform Better This Fall

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Looking back on his 1983-84 school year at North Carolina Central University, Melvin Jernal Wallace considers it very successful.

"I had a good year," he said, "I wouldn't trade it for anything. I believe that next year will be even better."

Wallace, a former stand-out in athletics and academics at Olympic High School was recruited for the North Carolina Central program based on his talents on the football field. Consider the awards.

Second Year Award for Sophomore Outstanding Sophomore Player.

First Team Southern Division Sportswriters Defensive Back.

Second Team Central Intercollegiate CIAA

Coach's Team.

"This year, I wasn't expected to start," he said, "but I worked hard and I beat out one of our senior players."

Two big games for Wallace were Johnson C. Smith University and Fayetteville State University.

"I caught three interceptions in the game with the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University," he said. "That was especially rewarding because it was played at Memorial Stadium. For that game I was named CIAA Player of the Week."

In the Fayetteville State University game, Melvin caught two fourth quarter interceptions which stopped Fayetteville State short twice.

The Eagles were 8-1-1 last year and Wallace believes that they can do

better again.

He led the NAAIA and the CIAA in interceptions.

"I like playing the defensive back position," said Wallace, "because it shows my versatility. I can catch. I can tackle. I can read receivers."

Reading receivers can be risky business and Wallace believes the receivers that were the hardest to defend last year were at rival North Carolina A & T whom the Eagles tied 13-13. "I am looking for big things in my junior year,"

Wallace said. "I am expecting a lot. We'll continue to work out hard this summer to get in shape. I practice with my roommate Robert Green, a second team All CIAA wide receiver. He won Player of the Week twice."

Look for big things from Melvin Jernal Wallace who is looking forward to a Homecoming game with Johnson C. Smith University because a lot of "the hometown folks will be there."

Queen City Rangers Clout Two Foes

Scoring 57 runs, the Queen City Rangers demolished two Triple County League opponents here last weekend.

"We didn't encounter much opposition," manager Herman Thomas stated, referring to his team's 13 and 14 triumphs in 16 contests this season.

With Bob White, Bobby Thompson and Rudy Falls standing out on offense, the Rangers cut down Statesville, 25-2, last Saturday afternoon. They followed

with a 32-7 victory over Bowling Green Sunday afternoon.

Thompson, who hit his 10th homerun of the year in Saturday's encounter, con-

tributed number 11 to the assault on Bowling Green.

Darryl Jackson, pitcher turned outfielder for the game, had four singles and

a double on Sunday. He also scored five runs and plated six teammates. Tim Funderburke and Bob White also hit homeruns.

BATCH All-Stars Down Stokers

The BATCH Traveling All-Stars defeated the Sugar Creek Stokers at Sugar Creek Park by a 14-4 score.

The BATCH record is now 3-1 overall and 2-1 into the conference.

Winning in singles for BATCH were Dana Berry, Chuck Whitley, Frento Burton, Stan Law, Ernie Felder, Al Blackwell, and Crawford Walker.

Also Laura Foxx and Shirley Whitley.

In doubles winners were the teams of Law-Whitley, Berry-Fleder, and Burton-Walker, Whitley-Collette, Bryce and Brenda Styles-Stephanie Cherry.

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The Independence Patriots have brought a state championship to the City of Charlotte and the Southwestern 4A Conference.

CONGRATULATIONS! PATRIOTS. Greg Solomon was the hero in this championship game as he fired a three hitter at New Hanover of the eastern 4A Conference to give the Patriots the deciding game 5-0 of a best of three series.

The Pats won the first game 3-2 in 12 innings and lost the second 6-0.

The heroes. Greg Solomon threw a three hitter at the Wildcats.

Jeff Biddy hit a two run homer for the Patriots with two out in the first with one on for a 2-0 lead.

In the third inning with two out, the New Hanover pitcher walked Mark Biddy singles and David Short's single to right field made it 3-0.

In the fifth, Withers doubled and scored on a Robbie Kistler single.

The last run came on a one-out homer by Wes Black in the sixth.

The championship was the second for Independence team, having won the soccer championship in 1970.

Other baseball championships were gained by Charlotte High School, Class A in 1930 and 1932; North Mecklenburg 2A in 1958; North Mecklenburg 4A in 1966; Garinger 4A in 1965; and Myers Park 4A in 1970.

The Patriots finished 23 and 6 on the season and what a season it was.

Although the Patriots lost to North Mecklenburg in the finals of the Southwestern 4A tournament, they put it together and beat North Forsyth, Roxboro Person, and Winston-Salem Reynolds in their march to the finals.

Recently selected to the All Conference softball team were first baseman Angie Henderson of West Charlotte, second baseman Lois Jarvis of Independence, shortstop Christy Camp of Myers Park, third baseman Patty Rumble of West, short fielder Lorraine Orr of Independence, outfielders Constance Watt (Harding), Cindy Zimmerman (West) and Bertha Mackins (Independence), catcher Lynette Norkett, North, and pitcher Pam Dowdle of West Mecklenburg.

Recently selected to the All-Conference baseball team are Alan Lewis, West Charlotte, first base; Wayne Barker, North, second base; Stewart Cole, South shortstop; Gene Raley, Myers Park, third base; Tim Langmeyer (Olympic), Jay McGraw (North), and Mark Withers (Independence), outfielders; Tony Darnell, South designated hitter; Mike Montagnino (Harding) catcher, Jimmy Christian, North, right handed pitcher; and Doug Hanline, Garinger, left handed pitcher.

Recently selected to the all conference track team were Reggie Stinson, North shot put; Tony Mercer, North, discus; Alvin Blakeney, Myers Park, long jump; Donnell Walton, South, triple jump; Tyrone Scott, East, high jump; Shawn Collins, Myers Park, pole vault; John Givens, Garinger, 110 high hurdles; Teddy Pauling, Independence, 300 intermediate hurdles; Eric McDaniels, Garinger, 100; Greg McCollum, East, 200 and 400; Thayne Harmon, Garinger, 800; Eric Landis, East, 1600 and 3200; Independence 400 relay team (Bill Beamer, Bobby Sloan, Rod Armstrong, James Jett); and East 1600 relay team (Eric Landis, Tyrone Scott, Harold Platt, Greg McCollum).

In girls track the all conference team included Faye Miller, Independence, shot put; Barbara Myers, West, discus; Monica Gray, North, long jump; Patrina Massey, Independence, triple jump; Teri LeBlanc, South, high jump, 100 low hurdles, 100 and 200; Kathy Badal, South, 200 low hurdles; Tanya Filmore, Garinger, 400, Carmen Nordman, South, 800; Sandy Kuhr, South, 1600 and 3200.

Also the North 400 relay team (Janet McAfee, Tiffany Johnson, Monica Gray and Emily Blakeney); the Independence 800 relay team (Patrina Massey, Shelia Green, Audrea Robinson, and Valeria Hogan); the Independence 1600 relay team (Shelia Green, Melanie Roland, Anita Harris, Audrea Robinson).

In tennis, all conference players were Eric Little of Myers Park, Eric Abrams of East, David Rigsbee of West Charlotte, Steve Molnar of South; Brian Blue of South, Tom Schuster of South, and Darel Reed of North.

All Conference golfers were Ron Hooper of Harding, P.J. McCord of South, Brad Kennedy of South, Buddy Wells of South, Tommy Funderburk of East, Jeff Lowe of West Charlotte, George Payne of Myers Park and Mike Danyluk of Independence.

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