



Hayes Places High Hopes On Quarterback Bobby Junior

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"Coach Bill Hayes said he expects for me to come out and be able to be a leader for the team," said 1984 Olympic graduate Bobby Junior. "He told me not to look for favors because he believes that I can do the job. He plays a lot of quarterbacks and likes to have them roll out, drop back, and pass and run the option."



Bobby Junior
.....Charlotte native

That's Olympic's Bobby Junior. The job description fits him perfectly and the folks at the South Winston-Salem campus expect him to step in and keep Winston-Salem State in its winning ways. They were 8-2 last year. Junior was recruited by Clemson, Livingstone, South Carolina State, Fayetteville State, North Carolina Central and North Carolina A&T.

But on February 8, 1984, he cast his lot with the

Rams of Winston-Salem State and coach Bill Hayes. "I will miss a lot of my teammates and friends who are going to Livingstone, especially my favorite target and best friend Reggie Grier," Junior said. This week, Junior is in

Mini-Camp and Orientation at Winston-Salem State. The thrill of college life excites him as he anxiously anticipates playing before 30,000 fans when the Rams and Aggies do battle this fall in Groves Stadium. Still growing, Bobby is 6'2" and 180 pounds. Idolizing Paul Warfield, Terry Bradshaw and the Washington Redskins, he played in his early years with PAL and Grace Presbyterian Church. "I was fascinated with football," he revealed. "I watched it a lot and everyone in the neighborhood used to play."

Kennedy was champion his eighth grade year. He quarterbacked the Trojan junior varsity and got hurt early in the 11th grade and sat out the season. This year, he helped lead the Trojans to a 7-3 record and received the Offensive Player Trophy. Bobby also is a good

basketball player having played all his junior high years plus in the 10th grade when the junior varsity, under coach Britt Alley, gave the Trojans their first league championship with a 17-3 record. He also started his 12th grade year averaging six points and six rebounds per game.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Springs Sr., proud parents of outstanding athletes Herman and Sherman, received an award at the Olympic Athletic Awards Banquet for being supportive.

The Springs attended all their sons' games and functions. "Our Dad coached us until we got to junior high school," Herman said. Livingstone College will have some very active boosters beginning this fall. Future goals for the future Blue Bears are a career in the USFL or NFL for Sherman and an engineering major for Herman. Sherman is also interested in a career in computer science.

Some of the accomplishments of the outstanding athletes were "Most Valuable Player" in football for Sherman, an All-Conference punter who also saw duty at tight end and linebacker. "I didn't come off the field," Sherman said.

"The coach made me run extra laps at practice to keep in shape."

Herman was "Most Valuable Player" of the basketball team and made All-Conference and All-Christmas tournament at Rock Hill, averaging 17 plus per game for fourth place in the conference.

Sherman also pitched for the baseball team and played first base. He batted .321, hit one homerun, six doubles, and had 26 RBI's, leading his team to the semifinals of the conference tournament where they lost their third one run game of the season to eventual state champion Independence.

The coaches of the Southwestern 4A conference are worried about how the new alignment will affect non-conference opposition.

Some coaches want to play tough non-conference opposition and some want turkeys on which to build an outstanding record.

On the other hand the athletic directors want games that will sell and draw a lot of fans.

Here's some of the rivalries that may or may not be abandoned when the 1985-86 football schedule is put together: North and East, North and South, North and Independence, and North and Myers Park.

Also Olympic and South, Olympic and Independence, Olympic and Myers Park, West Charlotte and East, West Charlotte and South, West Charlotte and Independence, West Charlotte and Myers Park, Harding and Myers Park, and West Mecklenburg and Myers Park.

The task is to satisfy the coaches and to put money into the treasury at the same time.

It is my belief that the innovative leaders in our conference will probably opt for a plan that pairs teams against non-conference opposition from the other division on a rotating basis.

For instance, West Charlotte might play East for two years and drop them and pick up the next team on the rotation. This is the only way everyone could play everyone else and to drop these big local games when the teams are going to have more travel on their schedule would not be monetarily beneficial.

Look for new rivalries to develop between East Gaston and West, East Gaston and Harding, Ashbrook and Myers Park, Huss and Myers Park, Huss and Garinger, Ashbrook and South, and East and Huss.

Stewart Cole of South Mecklenburg, Jay McGraw of North Mecklenburg, and Mark Withers of Independence were named to the All-State baseball team as selected by the Greensboro News and Record.

Cole was an outfielder, McGraw a pitcher and Withers an infielder-outfielder.

Jackie Wilkes reports that the Johnson C. Smith University Golden Bulls will play some of their games in West Charlotte Stadium.

The Bulls have new uniforms for next year and hope to have a new outlook under new coach Horace Small.

Big games are with Livingstone, Winston-Salem State and North Carolina Central.

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