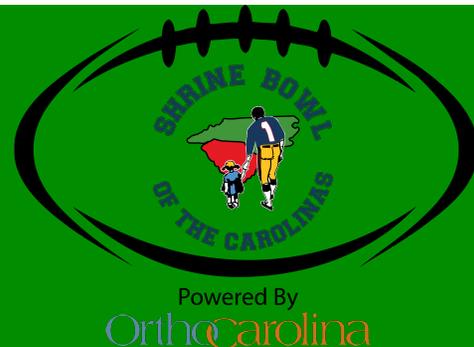


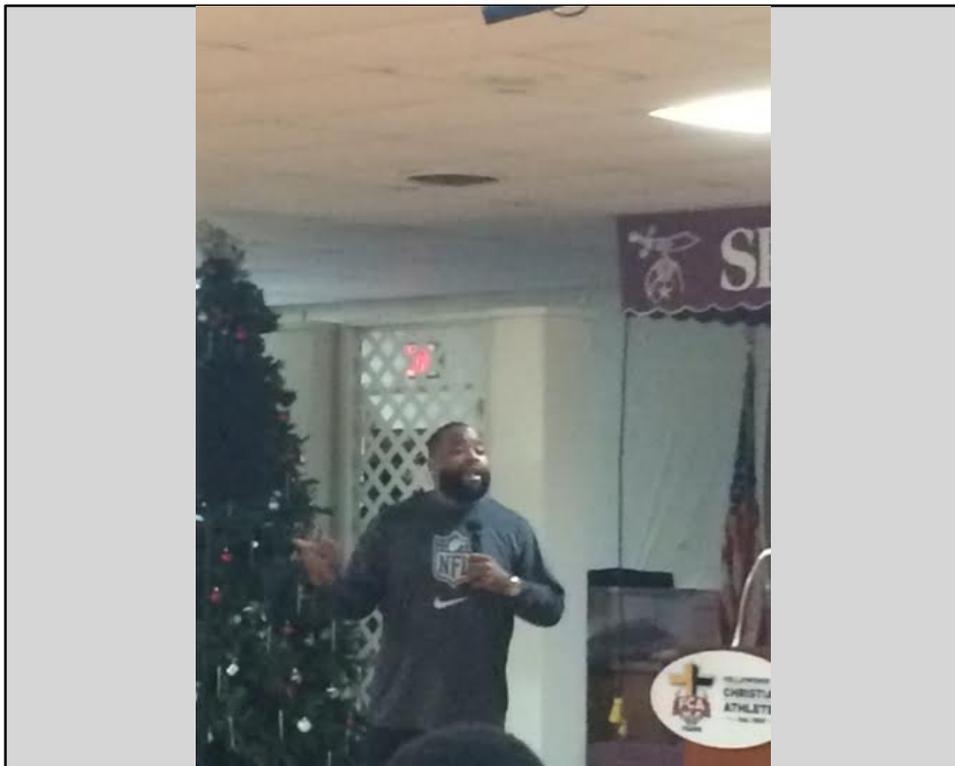
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"Strong Legs Run So Weak Legs May Walk"

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FCA Speaker C.L. Shepherd Speaks to Shrine Bowl Teams



-Noah Thomas (@iNoahT)
NC Correspondent

For the second straight day, the teams and staff of the 78th Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas made their way to the Spartanburg Shrine Club to eat breakfast and mingle before morning practice began.

However, Tuesday morning had a special surprise in store. C.L. “Shep” Shepherd of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) visited Spartanburg this week just to talk to the two squads full of future football stars.

Before Shepherd came up to speak, North Carolina’s Houshun Gaines and South Carolina’s Daniel Thompson were called to the stage. Both athletes were asked various questions about their religion and how it has directed their lives:

“I grew up with my grandmother, and I still live with her,” said Gaines, “she always took me to church growing up. I’m in the choir and all that; do a little of everything.”

Gaines was then asked how his faith helped him during the recruiting process, one that was especially stressful for him: “I’ve had an experience with recruiting... ” (see page four)

South Carolina's Matt Colburn named Mr. Football 2014

- Jake Kea (@JakeKea) SC Correspondent

Dutch Fork High School running back Matt Colburn was awarded the most prestigious high school football award in the state of South Carolina, Mr. Football. Just to put the situation in perspective, here is a list of the recipients since 2006:
2006 - Malcolm Long QB Gaffney HS (South Carolina State)
2007 - Richard Mounce QB Blythewood HS (Clemson)
2008 - Stephon Gilmore CB South Pointe HS (South Carolina) (Buffalo Bills) (Continued on page 2)

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2009 Marcus Lattimore RB Byrnes HS (South Carolina) (San Francisco 49ers)

2010 Jadeveon Clowney DE South Pointe (South Carolina) (Houston Texans)

2011 Shaq Roland WR Lexington HS (South Carolina)

2012 Tramel Terry WR Goose Creek HS (Georgia)

2013 Jacob Park QB Stratford HS (Georgia)

A list containing two top-four round draft picks, bowl game MVP awards, and a number 1 overall draft choice. The Silver Fox running back accumulated over 4,500 yards and 85 touchdowns in his career at Dutch Fork. Colburn committed to Louisville in June which would make him the third Mr. Football in a row to leave the Palmetto State. After a tough loss to Hillcrest in the 4A state title game, it's apparent that Colburn isn't letting the tough loss affect his performance in practice this week. (continued on page 3)

Josh Ladowski Gets a Surprise Call, Finds Himself in Spartanburg

- Noah Thomas (@iNoahT) NC Correspondent

In a surprising turn of events, North Carolina had an open roster spot and Travis Sabdo was left as the lone field general for the team.

Enter, Stage Right is Lake Norman High School's Josh Ladowski. Ladowski threw for over 3,600 yards in the 2014 season and added forty-two touchdown passes and only ten interceptions.

This outstanding campaign earned Ladowski the right to be named North Carolina's Gatorade Player of the Year for 2014. "[Winning Player of the Year] it's just an honor, but I'm not one to brag about awards and stuff."

With the abrupt departure from the team, the coaching staff was quick to find a replacement before Tuesday's deadline. "I was just so surprised, I didn't know what to think when my coach told me that I was going to get to play for my team and community. It's an honor and I'm proud to be here."

Coming in so late, Ladowski was obviously behind in learning the offense. It appears he's a quick learner, "It's going good," he said, "I'm learning it. At the beginning of practice I didn't really get it, but when we started getting into it I began to understand it pretty well."

The quarterback, who is signed with the University of North Carolina to play baseball, not football, had so little time to get to Spartanburg from Lake Norman that he didn't know the names of any of his teammates coming in.

"It's really cool [winning Mr. Football], when you put it in retrospect, and think about all the work you have out into it. All the hours you sacrifice leading up to this point, it's just icing on the cake," Colburn said. As for the South Carolina offense, Matt plays a crucial role, a role that he will be asked to fill on Saturday vs. the Tar Heels. "We're coming along, we have a lot of depth at every position, a wide variety of versatile players. We are catching along pretty well, all of these guys are great athletes, they know what they are doing and we are making great progress this week."



Matt Colburn "Mr. Football"

"Oh yeah, some of my teammates were really cool." Ladowski noted the humor of offensive tackle Mason Veal, another UNC commit.

When asked on what he looked forward to the most in the coming week, Ladowski kept it simple:

"Winning."



Ladowski in his first Shrine Bowl practice of the week.

Former Shrine Bowl Student Correspondent Returns to Spartanburg

Derek Phillips, the 2006 Shrine Bowl Student correspondent made a visit to Spartanburg High School this morning, but this time as a member of the WACH Fox News Sports coverage. Phillips was gathering interviews and footage to take back to the Midlands just as he did in 2006. "It opened a lot of opportunities for me, and helped me get intern positions" Phillips said. "Those intern positions later worked themselves into full time jobs." Derek can be found traveling around the country covering athletes from the state of South Carolina. He is a proud member of The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas family. -Jake Kea (@JakeKea) SC Correspondent

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I just stuck with Christ and prayed about it," he continued, "I just tried to do the best I could and stay close to him."

When the two sat down, then came Shepherd. Shepherd is a Florida native who played in the National Football League. It's hard to find career statistics on Shepherd if you search for him, but there was one stat he was more than happy to share with us, "I never played on a field I did not play on."

Shepherd recited Colossians 1:22-24, and that's where he created his main message of the session: having a close and meaningful relationship with God.

"We live in a culture where we talk about being good people. Paul [in Colossians 1:22-24] takes a sledgehammer to that and says outside of Jesus Christ you are not a good person. I don't care what you've done."

Shepherd went on to tell about his childhood. He told tales of how sometimes he would have to go six, even seven days without eating because there was no food in the house. Sometimes he would eat paper and imagine that it was food.

"Without God, you are alienated. You are estranged from God our father. It doesn't matter where you've been. It doesn't matter where you are now. It only matters where you're going."



Wednesday, December 17th, 2014 (Mostly Sunny; Hi:60 Lo: 35)

Breakfast 7:30 AM

Team Practice
9:30-11:30 AM

Lunch 12:00-1:00

Team Practice
2:00-4:00 PM

Dinner @ First
Baptist Church
Hangar

6:00-8:30