

Bishops rumble past ECU, 33-21

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(Editor's note: This is another in a series of imaginary reports on the Bishops' football season.)

The North Carolina Wesleyan football team upped its record to 2-0 with a 33-21 win over East Carolina.

The win, according to coach Keith Bauer, was a "great confidence builder" for the Bishops. "It let the guys know that they could handle the pressures of playing on the road."

The Pirates of East Carolina came out seemingly unbeatable in the first quarter, as they ran off 21 unanswered points on their first three possessions. The ECU scores

came on drives of 91, 73, and 86 yards, with none of the drives lasting more than six plays.

"The guys didn't think there was any way we could come back, but I had great confidence that Goggins would produce scores when we needed them," Bauer said. "If Brian Goggins doesn't win the Heisman Trophy, I'll quit coaching on the collegiate level."

Goggins came through for the Bishops, helping to score 10 points in the first quarter as he moved the team into field goal range against an incredibly tough ECU defense, and scored himself on the next series of plays for the Bishops.

The initial scoring drive saw the Bishops move from their own

10-yard line to the Pirates 17-yard line in four plays before Surefoot Thorn kicked a 32-yard field goal to put the Bishops on the board and bring the score to 21-3 in favor of the Pirates.

The Bishop defense, led by defensive standout Rich "Hacksaw" Chaparro, began to tighten the screws on the ECU offense. Chaparro made three solo tackles to force the Pirates to punt and to turn the ball over to the surging Bishop offense.

Goggins then carefully engineered a scoring drive to bring the Bishops to within 21-10 by the end of the first quarter. The Bishop drive began on their own 18-yard line with an end-around by Goose Guthrie that moved the ball to the 27-yard line. On second down, Goggins called the quarterback option, resulting in an 11-yard gain by Arn Anderson.

The next play moved the ball into Pirate territory, with Charlie McGee running up the middle for a 22-yard gain. Barry "Numchuck" Nethercutt ran the ball for a five-yard gain on the next play to move the ball to the Pirate 35-yard line. Goggins then conceived a play on the spur of the moment that was possibly the best designed play in college football today.

"I told Snake this play would never work, but he tried it and to everyone's surprise it did," commented Bauer. Goggins took the snap, pitched out to Arn Anderson, and took off on a fly

pattern down the sideline. Anderson connected with Goggins with a spectacular pass, thrown on the run, for the 35-yard score. Thorn added the extra point, and the Bishops had moved a little closer to the Pirates, but remained 21-10 going into the second quarter.

The Bishop offense put two scores on the board in the second quarter to move ahead by half-time, 24-21. The first of the two scores came when Apple Pie Dolliver scored on a six-yard run that capped a 91-yard, two-play drive for the Bishops. The first play of the drive saw Goggins connect with Frank "Linguini" Warecke for an 85-yard gain that set up Dolliver's score.

"Warecke should have scored, but he got tired of running and slowed down, and the defender caught him," said a displeased Bauer about the play. "I guess he just needs to do more running after practice."

After the Goggins to Warecke play, Dolliver then took the ball in for the touchdown, Thorn converted the PAT, and the score stood at 21-13 with the Bishops closing quickly.

The Bishops went ahead late in the half when Arn Anderson connected with Tom "Thumb" Rivers for a 28-yard score. The Anderson to Rivers score came after Chapparo recovered a fumble for the Bishops on the Pirate 28-yard line. Thorn converted the extra point attempt and the

Bishops moved ahead 24-21 over the homestanding Pirates.

The crowd was brought to its feet late in the third quarter as Nethercutt returned a punt 81 yards for a touchdown. Nethercutt took the punt on his own 19-yard line, headed up the right sideline but ran into a wall of Pirate tacklers. He alertly reversed his field to allude the pack and headed up the left sideline. There were only two Pirates left between Nethercutt and the goal line, which he hurdled both to go in for the score. The extra point was missed, and the Bishops were up 30-21.

An "insurance" score was added for the Bishops in the fourth quarter when Thorn kicked a record-setting 69-yard field goal. Thorn, the only straight away kicker in college football, was ecstatic about his kick. "I knew with Fat Charlie holding it, I could do it," said Thorn after his field goal moved the Bishops ahead 33-21.

The Bishops, at 2-0, have surprised many people in college football with such a fabulous start and promising outlook for the 1986 season. John Madden of CBS said about the Bishops, "These guys are great. The way Goggins leads the team is incredible. Whoever is behind the recruiting of this team is a genius. The Bishops are on my list as contenders for the national title."

Sports Update

Men's Soccer

It was a quiet week for the North Carolina Wesleyan soccer squad. The Battling Bishops' only decision was a 0-0 tie with Roanoke on Saturday. The decision marked the sixth straight shutout by N.C. Wesleyan goalie Charlie Georges. The Junior from Lynn, Mass., now has a .625 goals against average which is on record pace in the Bishops' record book. The Bishops inched their way up the national rankings during the week — going from number 19 to 18 in the nation.

With a 2-0 mark in the Dixie Conference, the Bishops are leading the league as nationally ranked conference members UNC-Greensboro and Christopher Newport went down to defeat this week. The Bishops hopped back into the conference race as they faced Methodist at home on Tuesday. N.C. Wesleyan will then face non-conference foe Mount Olive this Saturday in a Homecoming match. A quick look at the scoring column finds all-time leading scorer Bill Tully easily ahead with 25 points — 10 goals and five assists.

Women's Soccer (5-3)

The Battling Bishops' women's soccer squad racked up the goals over the week with a 4-0 win over Guilford and a 6-0 shelling over Brevard. Senior Patty Duggan had an excellent week for the Bishops — scoring four goals and chipping in one assist. Duggan and freshman Gerry Mundel had three goals each against Brevard. The Bishops one of the most balanced scoring attacks around if the early season is any indication. Nine different players have scored goals for the Bishops. The Dixie Conference race will heat up for the Bishops this week as N.C. Wesleyan took on Methodist Wednesday and faces Virginia Wesleyan Saturday in a noon Homecoming match.

Volleyball (2-11)

After dropping eight straight contests, the Battling Bishops' volleyball squad found the winning track this past weekend with a 15-5, 6-15, 15-13 win over Mary Baldwin in the Bridgewater Tournament. The Battling Bishops had little luck after that win — falling to host Bridgewater, St. Andrews, and Gettysburg to round up the tournament. Stats-wise, the Bishops have three of the top blockers in the Dixie Conference with Wendy Elks (1.13), Sabrina Felsler (1.05), and Debbie Ward (.96). The Bishops faced Division I foe East Carolina on Tuesday and had a tri-match with Christopher Newport and Chowan on Wednesday.

Baseball

Mike Fox's baseball squad hosted Lenior Community College on Wednesday before traveling to compete in the Louisburg Baseball Tournament Friday through Sunday. The Bishops will host two other schools during the fall season — Oct. 11 against Campbell University for a noon doubleheader and a noon doubleheader with Atlantic Christian Oct. 25.



FORWARD PROGRESS — Shamil Salah handles the ball in the Bishops' 3-1 victory in men's soccer over Methodist College at home on Tuesday. (Decree photo by Steve Wiggins.)