

SPORTS

EAGLES DROP OPENER TO VA. UNION PANTHERS

The Virginia Union Panthers drove 79 yards for a late fourth quarter touchdown as they upended the NCCU Eagles 14-10 in the seasonal opener for both teams. VUU junior reserve quarterback Garfield Mizelle passed for two second half touchdowns, including the deciding one with 30 seconds left, as NCCU Coach Willie S. Smith went down to his first opening game defeat in his five year stint at NCCU.

Mizelle connected with All-American halfback Judge Thomas on a 3 yard flare play for a touchdown to culminate the 79-yard 11-play drive. The Panthers had recovered a fumble by NCCU quarterback Charles Armwood on their 21 yard line with 5:07 left in the game.

During this drive, Mizelle completed 5 of 6 passes for 72 yards including a crucial 39 yard pass to Royce Hart that gave the Panthers the ball on the NCCU 27 with 1:16 left in the game. Mizelle ran for 8, missed on a pass, and then threw a swing pass to Malcolm Barnwell, who went out of bounds on the NCCU 8. A personal foul against the Eagles placed the ball on the 4. Fullback Nathan Fairley, the leading rusher in the game with 56 yards, bulled one yard before Mizelle hit Thomas with the winning touchdown pass.

The exciting finish marred what started out as a listless day. Defense dominated the action for both sides early in the game as Central maintained better field position.

The Eagles punter Eric Hines and Panthers Michael Crawley were locked in a punting duel with Crawley averaging 40.6 to Hines' 39.0. Late in the second period, Thomas Gilmer and Randal Evans sacked VUU quarterback Ruffin Joyner forcing the Panthers to punt from their 1 yard line. A hurried punt by Crawley fell on the VUU 30.

The Eagles mount their only touchdown scoring drive of the game by going 32 yards on two passing plays from Armwood to Maurice Bassett for 15 yards and to tight end Joe Mack for the 17 yard touchdown.

The Eagles took their 7-0 lead and impressive defensive statistics to the dressing room. They had held the Pan-

thers to only 7 yards rushing and a minus 4 yards passing over the first half.

VUU Coach Willard Bailey made the change. "We felt that we needed a change at the helm in the second half," lamented Bailey. "After having picked only 3 yards in total offense, we felt that Garfield, with his running ability, would help our offensive output."

And help the output, he did.

For in the Panthers first offensive series of the second half, he engineered the Panthers on a 10-play, 68-yard drive that consumed 4 minutes and 45 seconds. Fullback Nathan Fairley picked up 19 yards in the drive as the Eagles consistently bottled up Judge Thomas. Mizelle's 14 yard

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Winston-Salem Rams Spoil A&T's Coach's Debut

By LARRY BARBER

Jim McKinley, new head coach at A&T, had his debut spoiled by Winston-Salem, in a

football contest played last Saturday night in Greensboro. The fired-up Winston-Salem team dominated the game, as the final score indicated, 33-14. Quarterback Blount, who spear-headed the attack was virtually unstoppable. When Blount was not hitting on crisp pass plays, his scrambles left the A&T defense a bit frustrated. In a taped interview, McKinley said the Aggies would probably not face a quicker quarterback. The game marked the first victory over a Winston-Salem team over A&T. The schools had played 18 games previously with the last meeting in 1969.

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SON OF DURHAMITE Duane "Scooter" McCoy Gains Over 1000 Yards For Md. Team

If anyone should be proud of the exploits of a son on the gridiron, it should be Robert William (Billy) McCoy and Gladis M. McCoy formally of Durham but now residing in Landover, Maryland. We must not forget the proud grandparents: Mrs. Willie McCoy and the late Billy McCoy; Mr. and Mrs. William "Jack" Mitchell of this city.

The story concerns one 165 lb., 5 foot 8 senior at DuVal School in Maryland, who in 1976 rushed for more than 1,000 yards for the Tigers, coached by Carl Butkus who loudly praised the fleet-footed Durhamite whose teammates nicknamed "Scooter" because of his quick feet.

The speedy tailback, after scampering to the mark of 1,002 yards was greeted by the entire bench with a hearty cheer. Though admitting a little fatigue after the contest with Suitland, McCoy still found enough energy to flash a broad grin.

DuVal's star, Duane McCoy doesn't like to waste words with opponents. When a would-be tackler is about to greet him, he acts more like a hit-and-run driver, than someone who wishes to engage in a little tete-a-tete.

McCoy's aversion for conversation led him to two touchdowns in this battle against Largo.

"I just try to find the hole," said the

fleet runner, but if I know they're going to hit me, I'll hit them first." "I wish I knew how to describe him," DuVal coach Butkus gushed after "The Scooter" had led his team to a 17-0 victory over the Wildcats of Northwestern. "He's slippery and runs and cuts like - like - like a damn scooter. I guess that's the only way to describe him." His total yardage in this contest was 145.

In a close contest between High Point (Md.) the speedster showed his masterful skill again when he broke through a gap in the line and butted the Eagles' Don Brown at the 16. After losing his helmet and leaving Brown groggy, the jet ran untouched the rest of the way. The contest ended with DuVal nipping the Eagles 10-9.

"Give the whole team credit for the thousand" McCoy said. "They deserve it."

"The Scooter" entered Bowie State College, Maryland this year as a freshman and it goes without saying that he naturally will be called upon to assist the school to elevate its place in the world of sports, especially the gridiron. Although football has been a priority for this young star, track has not been left out, for he showed his talent again for DuVal in the relays.

The Carolina Times proudly salutes this gladiator of the gridiron, may he continue to carry the pigskin to greater glory.

Hornets Leave E. E. Smith Stunned Over Quick Loss

Shifty Hornets quarterback, Jamison King noting all of his receivers surrounded by Golden Bulls quickly shifted into gear, rampled 5 yards to the end zone to turn defeat into victory as Durham County Stadium fans went wild Saturday night. Only one second remained on the clock when the drama unfolded leaving the E. E. Smith players in awe and on the short end of a 14-12 result.

The Hillsideers were guilty of miscues several times allowing the visitors to take advantage of the break, turning 2 of them into touchdowns by Allen Pierce and Rick Bronsford from the 32 and 25 respectively. Gene Tatum put the Hor-

nets on the board in the third quarter with a three-yard run, and Smith gave up an intentional safety with 2:58 left in the game, hoping to be able to hold the Hornets after the free kick.

But King hit passes to Larry Spruill, Lenny Currington, Steve Gilmore and Johnny Coffin to put the ball on the seven-yard line with 31 seconds left. Tatum closed it to the five, but with time running out King put the ball in play, looking for a man to pass to.

"I looked down there and saw Larry (Spruill) covered," explained King. "I knew then I would have to run and hope for the best."

The best was good enough, giving Hillside a

1-0 record.

"Our defense did a helluva job," said Hillside coach Willie Bradshaw. "We held them to minus one yard in the third quarter and only five in the fourth. Our defensive team and coaches should be commended."

"The head coach is the offensive coordinator, and he takes the responsibility for the fumbles. It's a combination of being hit, and we were mishandling the ball between the center and quarterback, and running backs. Part of the reason is we emphasized defense more in practice."

Bradshaw singled out a number of players, Currington (end), defensive tackle Anthony Timberlake, Ari

Crenshaw (guard) and Thomas Boone (tackle), for outstanding play. He also noted Johnny Coffin (safety) and Emmett Tilley (linebacker).

Tilley gained 77 yards from the wishbone offense as fullback, while Tatum picked up 70 and Coffin got 66.

"We didn't break any long plays. Our longest run was 14 yards," said Bradshaw. "We just plodded along."

The Hornets visit Southern Alamance Friday night. Bradshaw calls them "an excellent team with probably the premier back in the state in Greg Bynum." Southern stopped Vance last week, 27-13.

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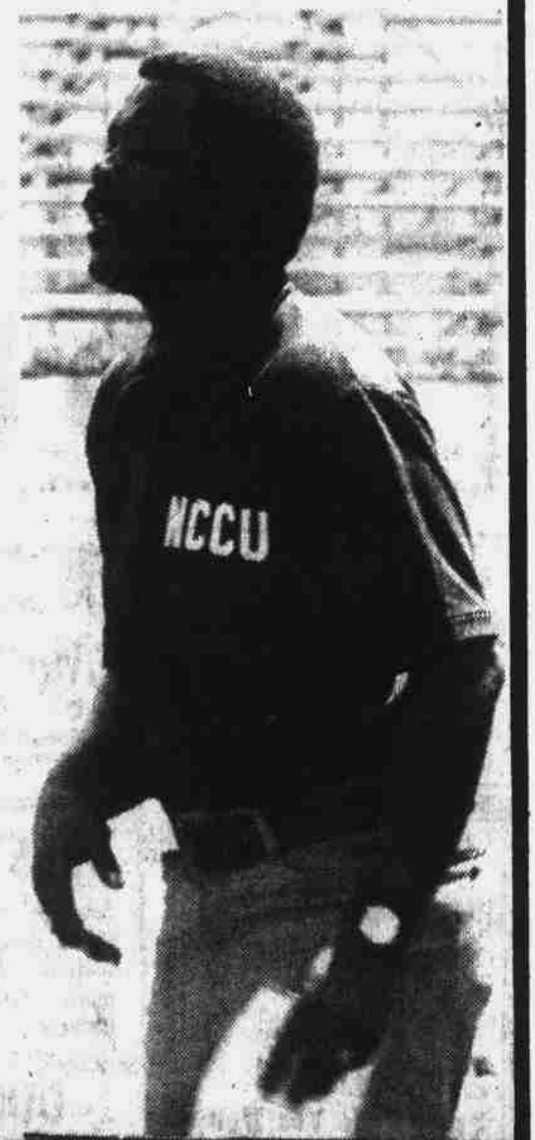
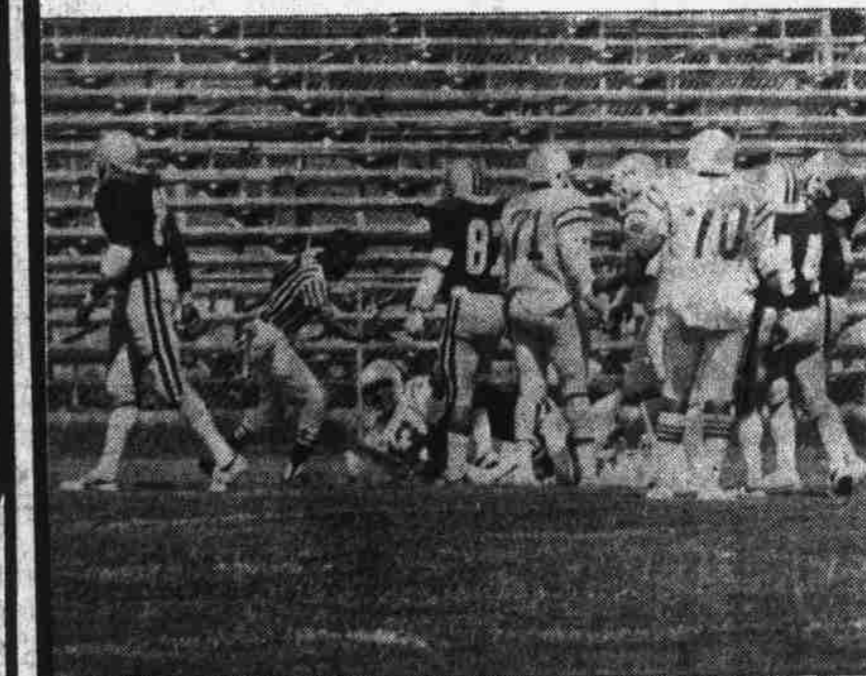
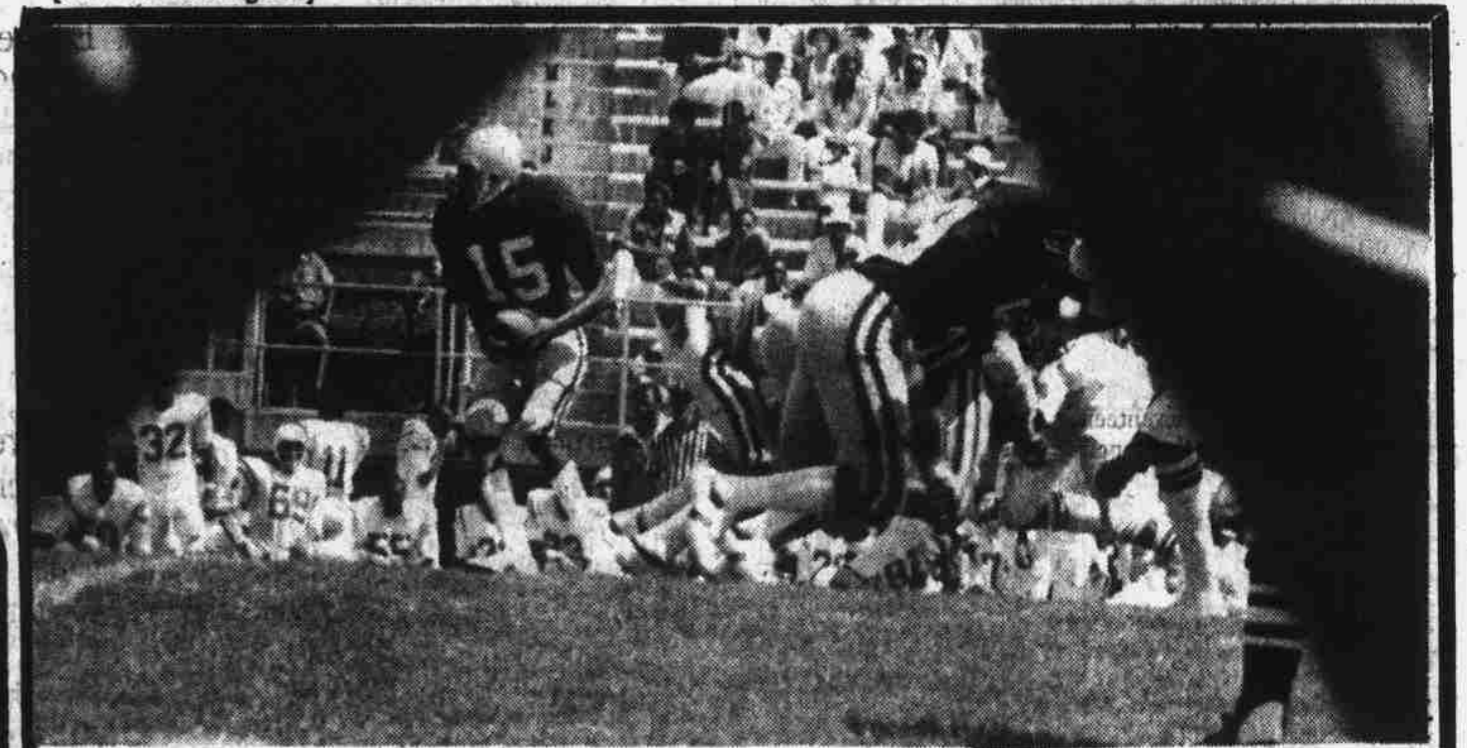
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