

Offensive Tackle is ... **Ram Of The Week**

Tackle Gary Raidford has been named Winston Salem Chronicle "Ram of the Week" for his outstanding play in the Ram's game against Norfolk State Saturday October 2. Gary, an offensive tackle had an outstanding game blocking as the Rams nearly upset the defending CIAA champion Spartans.

The 6-4 220 Junior was a starter at the same position on last year's team.

The Goldsboro, N.C. native

came to WSSU as a defensive guard. He began his football career as a ninth grader at Goldsboro High School. "I was always big and everyone urged me to play football. I had always played sandlot ball," he explains.

Gary didn't play much for Goldsboro his freshman and sophomore years but became a starter at defensive guard his junior year. He quickly became the team's defensive leader and led them to a

combined record of 16-4-1 during those to season.

Still he was not highly recruited after graduation. "I had offers from Catawba, North Carolina A&T and here. I came to state because this was the only school that really showed an interest in me."

The Health and Physical Education major was a defensive guard his freshman year and saw very little action. When former Ram coach Cleo

Wallace asked Gary to try offensive tackle he jumped at the chance. "I knew we had a lot of good defensive players and I wanted a chance to play."

Gary liked the move to offense and developed quickly. He started every game at that position last season.

This year Gary had to start the learning process all over when Bill Hayes installed the



Gary Raidford

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Trojans Trample Bears 20-9

RICHMOND, Va. -- Virginia State stormed from behind in the last half to pin a 20-9 loss on Livingstone's Bears during a rainstorm in the CIAA last Saturday.

The start of the game was delayed by an hour by rain. It was Livingstone's second loss against a pair of wins.

Livingstone jumped ahead by 6-0 with a touchdown on its second possession of the football. Running back John Lucas of Trinity, N.C. raced over from the nine. The try for two extra points failed.

The Bears stretched their lead to 9-0 in the third period on a 28-yard field goal by Andrew Cooney.

But then the tide turned in favor of the Trojans, and John Marshall, a former Salisbury High player, helped his dad's team get rolling toward the victory. John D. Marshall, former Livingstone coach, is coach at Virginia State.

Marshall, a flanker, snared a 14-yard pass from quarterback Marshall Banks for the first Virginia State touchdown.

Mike O'Connor kicked the point.

Early in the final period, Virginia State got an unusual touchdown to go ahead by 13-10. Tackle Charles Moore picked off a fumble and rambled 52 yards to reach the end zone.

The fumble occurred when quarterback Randy Nichols of the Bears attempted to pass the wet football and lost control of it. George Leonard iced the triumph with a touchdown for the Trojans in the final minutes of the game.

Lucas carried the football 38 times for 120 yards to the Livingstone attack.

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