

Blount Named "Ram of Week"



Kermit Blount

For the second season in a row WSSU quarterback Kermit Blount has been named as the Winston-Salem Chronicle's "Ram of the Week" for the first game of the football season.

The 5-8 junior was picked for his outstanding performance in leading the Rams to a 25-7 win over North Carolina A&T on Saturday night. The Rams have now beaten the Aggies twice in their history on the gridiron and both times Blount has been at the controls. Last year he led the Rams to a 33-14 win and on to an undefeated

regular season, a CIAA championship and a Gold Bowl bid while being named to the ALL-CIAA team and leading the conference in total offense.

This season Blount has added responsibility. He now calls the Rams plays rather than having them sent in from the sidelines a show of the confidence Bill Hayes has in the ninth quarterback.

Blount did an excellent job of play calling in the game Saturday as the Rams rolled up more than 400 yards offense on the highly touted Aggie defense with

Blount accounting for 215 yards personally in his quest for a second conference total offense crown.

When asked if the duty of calling the plays takes away from his ability to execute he says, "No, I don't think it takes away. If anything it adds because it makes you concentrate more." Blount was given the right to call his own plays in spring practice by Hayes who said of the decision, "Kermit wanted to call the plays last year but I felt he wasn't quite ready but we talked about it in the spring and I felt he was ready for the task and he proved he

was ready Saturday. He really opened things up for us. When A&T went to the seven man front Kermit saw it and started running the inside traps."

The quarterback said he was not nervous about calling his own plays. "I had been told in the spring that I would call the plays. I didn't know for sure if each would stick with it but I felt I was ready. I like calling the plays I think it gives the team momentum because you can get out of the huddle faster and it gives me more of a feeling of control." Blount said he had discussed the A&T de-

fense at length with Coach Hayes and was not fooled until the Aggies switched defenses in the second half. "When they switched defense that fooled me and I couldn't pick it up so I looked to the sidelines for help and coach sent in some hand signals."

Blount says that despite his size he would like to give pro football a shot, but right now the main things on his mind are repeating as CIAA champions, and doing well in the classroom. "Our slogan is 'Let's Be Great in '78' and I want to have the same kind of season we had last year

even though I won't make any predictions. We want to win the championship again and personally I want to be the All-CIAA quarterback again and lead the conference in total offense again. The main thing is to get back to the Gold Bowl. South Carolina State gave me a rough time last year and I want another shot at them.

With the way he has started out the new season he likely will get another chance in the Gold Bowl whether S.C. State is the opponent or not.

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Howard, 5-10, 172, is a physical education major from John Marshall High School in Anadale, Virginia. His 19 receptions tied him for the Ram's lead in that category, and he scored 1 touchdown last year.

Raiford is a 5-year man from Goldsboro High in Goldsboro, North Carolina. A 6-4, 225 tackle, Raiford anchors the offensive line in size, experience and leadership. The players recently elected him offensive co-captain with Blount.

Last year Brewington was the conference's third leading scorer and the only freshman on the All-Star team. From J.H. Rose High School in Greenville, N.C. "Big Foot" Brewington (6-5, 265) also plays offensive tackle. Coach Hayes regards Brewington as one of the most gifted athletes on the team.

Noble and Jordan have started at defensive left end and tackle every game for the last three years. Last year Noble recorded 125 tackles, recovered 1 fumble, grabbed 2 passes, sacked quarterbacks 8 times and blocked 1 punt. At 6-2, 230, Noble is a senior from North Forsyth High School in Winston-Salem. Last year Jordan tallied 107 tackles, recovered 3 fumbles, intercepted 1 pass and sacked quarterbacks 16 times. Jordan is a senior from Tampa, Florida.

GAMES FOR WEEK OF 9 SEPTEMBER 1978

Elizabeth City at Ejon College
Fayetteville St. at Albany State
Hampton Institute at Winston-Salem St.
Johnson C. Smith vs Lenoir Rhyne
Livingstone College at Norfolk St.
St. Paul's at Bowie State
Shaw Univ. at Alabama State
Virginia State College vs Morgan State
Virginia Union vs NC Central

Schlitz Award Game

St. Paul's College vs Norfolk State
Offensive Player - LaRue Harrington, #42, Norfolk

Winning Pond Giants Conclude 64th Season

By Robert Eller
Sports Editor

The Winston-Salem Pond Giants, the nation's oldest semi-pro baseball team concluded their 64th season Sunday at Ernie Shore Field by taking a double-header from the Gastonia Hornets 4-0 and 8-1.

The two victories pushed the teams record for 1978 to 33-11. Roy Cleason fired a one hitter in the first game allowing only a sixth inning single to Sam Lipscomb.

In the second game the

Pond Giants got another outstanding pitching performance this time from Mike Hauser and trounced the Hornets 8-1. Hauser scattered five hits and gave up the only run on a fifth inning homer to Terry Thomas.

The Pond Giants will hold their awards banquet Sunday night September 10 at 6:00 at La Terre XXI. Dinner will be served and admission is \$3.00. Anyone interested in attending should contact Chuck Foster at 748-9646.



If you are not a year round fisherman now is the time to get out there and make up for your shortcomings this past summer. The late summer and early fall fishing will provide you with some good action on the fishing waters.

September is usually a good month for salt water fishing, so get your party together and reserve your chartered boat.

On the other hand if you do not care to travel afar, you may get in some good fishing at Badin Lake, High

Rock or Salem Lake. Salem Lake is still clear in spite of the torrential rains we have experienced. Being in good shape means that a five minute trip can assure you of some good crappie, bass or bream fishing.

Fishing is naturally better from a boat at Salem Lake but you can still get in a few strikes from the pier where the fishermen are catching large catfish.

More and more fishermen are becoming interested in striped bass down on Badin Lake, where

they are being caught frequently. Stripers can be caught while plugging, or drifting.

If you ever get one on your line you will know what the words silver-streak really means. Hooking on shiners, shad minnows or bream, if not restricted, can prove fatal for the striper. Of course locating them is of the most importance. Fishermen on Badin Lake dip the shad and use them for bait.

CIAA Roundup

HAMPTON, VA--A smaller version of the Championship Gold Bowl Classic was witnessed by a crowd of 22,500 spectators at the 1977 CIAA Football Champions, Winston-Salem State University, Rams, met one of the top MEAC schools, North Carolina A&T, Saturday night in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Rams emerged the victors by defeating A&T 25 to 7. With quarterback Kermit Blount and Running Back, Timmy Newsome, sparking their offense, the Rams exhibited a great deal of the enthusiasm and determination they had last year. Blount dominated the total offense with 76 yards rushing and 130 yards passing. Newsome rushed for 73 yards in 17 carries with 1 touchdown.

Having lost 10 starters from last years squad, it appears, Coach Hayes' remarkable recruiting efforts are paying off, and in a winning way.

In other CIAA games played Saturday, Norfolk State's Spartans started their season on a winning note also, by defeating St. Paul's College Tigers 36 to 7.

Robert Thomas, offensive tackle, with an early blocked punt, scored the Tigers only touchdown and got the team off on an optimistic note. However, after the Spartans recovered from this initial shock, they came back with the help of All-CIAA and All-American running back LaRue Harrington, who gained 177 yards in 24 rushes with 1 touchdown. He also claimed the Offensive Player of the Game Award presented by the Schlitz Brewing Company, along with St. Paul's Robert Dison, who won the Defensive Player Award.

Fayetteville State University lost to Kentucky State 27 to 13 before a hometown crowd. The Broncos dominated the passing game with 112 yards to Kentucky's 27. Bertie Wadford, a freshman punter, punted 6 times for 265 yards and quarterback Ed Davis threw 18 passes for 9 completions and 112 yards. Their weak point was in the rushing game, but with a little more experience from his young team, Coach McDougal need not worry about being a CIAA contender.

Virginia State College lost a heartbreaker to South Carolina State, 47 to 0.

Freshman Defensive Lineman, Ricky Driskoll led the Trojans with 10 tackles, 6 unassisted and 4 assisted.

CIAA Recognition of Achievement

Coach of the Week - Coach Billy Hayes, WSSU
Offensive Lineman of the Week - David Nickleson, ECSU
Offensive Back of the Week - Kermit blount, WSSU
Defensive Lineman of the Week - Dennis Anderson, NSC
Defensive Back of the Week - Robert Dixon, St.P
Rookie of the Week - Bertie Wadford, FSU

Vikings Beat Bears with Comeback

ELIZABETH CITY* N.C.--The Elizabeth City State University Vikings struck twice late in the fourth quarter to break open, and win, their season opener against the Shaw Bears, 20-6.

After being deep in their own territory midway through the fourth quarter, the Vikings drove 55 yards to score with 5:00 remaining. The big play in the drive, and possibly the turning point in the game, came on a 3rd and 18. ECSU QB Johnnie Williams hit RB Gary Sneed for 11 yards, but a 15-yard penalty for roughness gave the Vikes a first down. Six plays later, freshman Danny Jones scored from three yards out.

Shelton McKnight gave the Bears good field position, returning the ensuing kickoff to the Viking 24. However the Bears failed on four consecutive pass plays, and ECSU regained possession.

Viking fullback John Norris ran up the middle for 22 yards & QB Johnnie Williams hit WR Ray Robinson for 30 yards to highlight a 76-yard drive, as Jones scored his 2nd TD, this one from two yards out, with 16 seconds remaining.

Both teams exhibited excellent defenses during the first three quarters, with both first half scores resulting from poor punts.

ECSU got their first TD after a 12-yard Shaw punt gave them the ball on the Bear 42. Gary Sneed capped a six-play drive with a 1-yard plunge, with 12 seconds left in the first quarter.

Shaw's score came late in the 2nd quarter after a poor Viking punt gave them possession on the ECSU 30. After a 15 yard penalty moved the ball to the Vike 15, three plays later, QB Herbert Tollerson hit WR Jorseph Brown from 5 yards for the score. The kick failed, and Shaw trailed at halftime, 7-6.

State College
Defensive Player - Robert Dixon, #60, St. Paul's College

SCORES OF THE WEEK

Winston-Salem St. 25

North Carolina A&T 7

Eliz. City St. 20

Shaw Univ. 7

Virginia St. 0

South Carolina St. 47

Norfolk St. 36

St. Paul's College 7

Fayetteville St. 13

Kentucky St. 27

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