



### Concentration

Kevin "Cadillac" Vaughn goes up for a layup in a recent practice session. Vaughn will be counted upon to steady a young Ram inside game this season. Look for a preview of the Ram basketball team in next week's issue (photo by James Parker).

### Sports Scope

## Local prep teams will improve

By SAM DAVIS  
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While the city-county school board's decision to create four-year high schools has dealt serious blows to the athletic program at talent-laden Carver High this year, it has meant gains for several other athletic programs.

Perhaps most notably, the four-year system has enabled a number of talented underclassmen to make a contribution to their respective varsity football teams early. They would have played 9-10 ball this year under the old set-up.

Second, the four-year format provides a steady foundation for junior varsity players who'll move up to varsity in the years to come.

One case in point is at Mt. Tabor, where the Spartans' football team is led by sophomore quarterback Tyrone Lewis. Lewis, a versatile athlete, would be toiling in the 9-10 league under the former system and not be developing as he has in a high school program.



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But Lewis isn't the only Spartan getting a jump on the competition as a result of the switch to four-year high schools. Teammate Kedric Lowery is making a contribution this year at tailback as well. Lowery, a pint-sized speedster, is getting needed experience which should help him and the team when the Spartans enter the 4-A ranks next year.

Another beneficiary of the school realignment plan is Derrick Byers, a freshman who stands 6-4 and weighs 218 pounds. Byers is the type of player who comes along once in a long while for high school coaches. Already he has the size and throwing arm to compete on the high school level.

Byers is the first ninth-grader to play varsity football in Winston-Salem, in quite some time. Given the latitude to mature and fine-tune his skills, Byers will be one of the finest to play the game in Forsyth County.

Sophomore Herman McKinnie, who plays in the same backfield with Byers, has already established himself as one of the finest runners in local high school football. The 6-0, 175-pound McKinnie has already enjoyed several 100-yard rushing games.

Lest we forget, Steve Brown, the massive 10-grader who plays for Homer Thompson at Parkland, tips the scales at 290 pounds, stands six feet, four inches tall, and would be pushing around players half his size had Parkland only been a school for juniors and seniors (as it was last year).

Although the above-mentioned players are making contributions to high school teams this year, they're not all that has happened positively for high school athletics.

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### The CIAA This Week

## Trojan win changes the outlook

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Although it took a while, the race is finally heating up in the CIAA Northern Division with surging Virginia State coming on to challenge Norfolk State.

The Trojans proved that Norfolk isn't invincible last week, beating the Spartans 17-14 and making for a dramatic final full week of action in the CIAA. Meanwhile, the rest of the conference plays for pride and respect in their season-ending games this week.

Unlike Virginia State, Norfolk can control its own destiny. A win over Livingstone this week will put the Spartans in the conference's championship game. On the other hand, Virginia State must post a win over Hampton Institute and hope that Norfolk falls to Livingstone.

While the Northern Division chase goes down to the wire, Winston-Salem State has already won the right to represent the Southern Division in the championship. The Rams get a chance to fine-tune their game when they host St. Paul's this weekend.

In other action, hapless Bowie State will try to end the season on a good note as it hosts powerful Elon College. Johnson C. Smith travels to Fayetteville State, North Carolina Central takes on North Carolina A&T in Durham and Virginia Union plays at Elizabeth City.

After having its bubble burst by Virginia State last week, Norfolk will try to bounce back with a win over Mel Rose's disappointing Livingstone squad. For the Bears to have a chance against Norfolk, they'll have to avoid costly turnovers.

Yet, Virginia State exposed the major flaw in Willard Bailey's Spartans last week: Norfolk is weak against the pass. If Rose can get multi-talented runner JoJo White involved in enough pass patterns, Livingstone will have a chance to spring an upset. Still, it would take a near-perfect game for the Bears to come away victorious on the Spartans' home turf. Norfolk by seven.

Virginia State waited a little too long to make its bid for the Northern crown. The Trojans' experienced defense has really gelled, but barring a major miracle, Saturday will be their final game of the season. When they host Hampton, the Trojans most likely will give their fans something to hold on to until next year. Virginia State by seven.

Even though WSSU's Rams have long since wrapped up honors in the South, they've continued to pour on the points. Against St. Paul's, Ram mentor Bill Hayes will again have an opportunity to play many of his talented young recruits. WSSU by 14.

It doesn't look as if Bowie State will win a football game in '84. The Bulldogs scheduled a toughie this week in NAIA power Elon and have their hands full. Bowie has been lambasted the past two weeks and it doesn't get any easier this week. Elon by 21.

Horace Small's first full year at the helm at Johnson C. Smith comes to a close with the Golden Bulls carrying a less-than-respectable 2-7 record. Smith will be 2-8 when it leaves Fayetteville. Bill Head has the Broncos on a roll and they'll pile on the points. Fayetteville by 10.

Gerald Fraylon closes out his magnificent career at North Carolina Central against North Carolina A&T and plenty of fans will be on hand to watch. Fraylon's teammates would love to send him and the other seniors out on a winning note in this grudge match. Yet, A&T won't lie down and the Aggies realize that a win will mean a lot to their program. The Eagles probably haven't seen a quarterback as good as A&T's Alan Hooker all season (other than Fraylon). In a close one, Central by three.

Virginia Union has found the going tough without Willard Bailey and the Panthers will have to fight off a strong Elizabeth City team to finish above .500. The Vikings need a win themselves to finish above that mark and should get it in a defense-dominated game. Vikings by three.

## PEPSI PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**THE** Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Winston-Salem salutes Gerald Moore of Glenn High School...He's the Pepsi Prep Athlete of the Week. Moore, a junior running back for the Bobcats, scored four touchdowns to lead his team to a 33-6 win over Mt. Tabor last Friday night. Moore scored on runs of 4, 35, 39 and 84 yards.

**IN** honor of Gerald Moore, the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company will make a cash contribution to the Glenn High School athletic program. Congratulations, Gerald Moore... the Pepsi Prep Athlete of the Week!

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