

Tiny Indians sweep four games from Vikings in Twin City Classic

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Jomo Leggins scored on a 4-yard run with 50 seconds left in the game for the Tiny Indians Mighty Mightys as the Tiny Indians scored a 14-6 win to conclude a four game sweep over the Tiny Vikings in the first annual Twin City Classic Pop Warner Football Bowl at Mineral Springs last Saturday.

The bowl games, co-hosted as a fund raiser for the two local teams, drew a nice crowd for the competition between two of the area's finest Pop Warner programs.

"I think this is a fine idea," said Ed Reece, P.A. announcer for the Tiny Indians and a strong supporter of the program. "These are two of the best Pop Warner programs in this area. When they play each other it's like the Cowboys and the Redskins in

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pro football. Both are aggressive teams that go all out against each other."

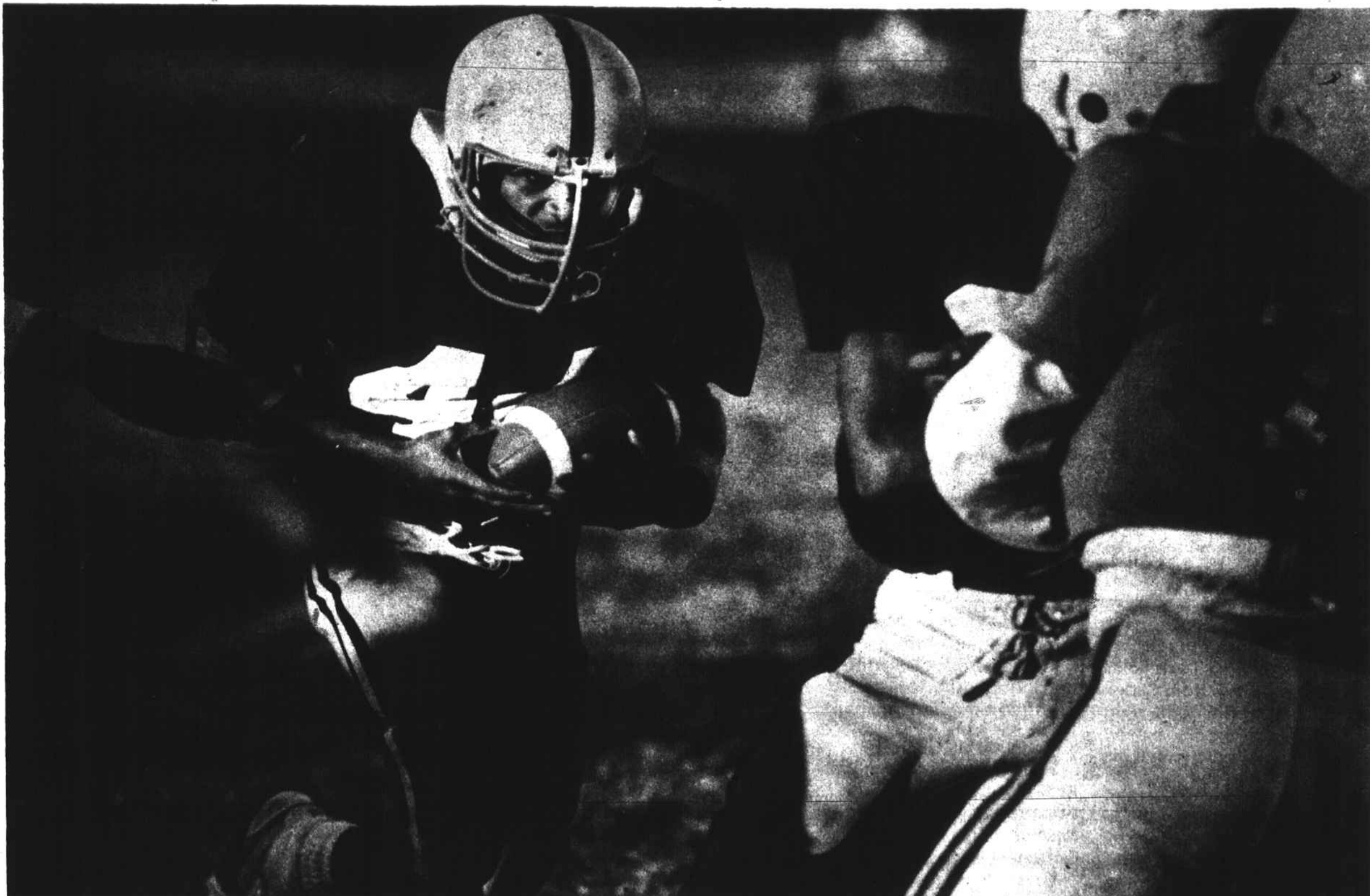
In the day's opening game, the Tiny Indians Junior Pee Wees defeated the Vikings 22-6. Leading the way for the Indians were Darren and David Hart. David got the Indians on the scoreboard first, tallying a 30-yard run for a touchdown. Later, Darren went the distance from 10 yards out. The other Indian points were scored by Paul Leggins, who gave the Indians a safety when he tackled a Viking runner in the end zone and Quintin Horn, who scored on a 7-yard run up the middle. Shea Hill scored the only Viking touchdown on a 4-yard run.

The post-season game marked a perfect climax for the Tiny Indians Junior Pee Wees, who last week won the Sertoma Bowl and finished the season with a 10-0 mark. They were also undefeated last season, finishing with a 10-0 record as well.

Of all the Tiny Indians' teams, the junior pee wees have been the most successful. Coach Thomas Eaton said his team's success is based on the team concept.

"You can't have a good team without a good coaching staff," said Eaton, who has been the head coach for two years. "We're close on and off the field and the kids see that closeness in all of us."

"It's really surprising that we won as many games as we did," Eaton continued. "Out of the 35



Reginald "Bojack" Wright of the Tiny Indians Junior Midgets takes a handoff and looks for running room against the Tiny Vikings in last Saturday's Twin City Classic. Wright's 94-yard touchdown jaunt ignited the Indians and help carry the team to a 14-0 win. Wright also scored his team's other touchdown on a 6-yard run, as he carried for well over 100 yards in the game (photo by James Parker).

players on the team, only six were with us a year ago. But those that were on the team helped us mold the younger players sooner than we thought."

"I think the entire coaching staff put a lot of time and effort into this season," said Eaton. "They're the ones that made it click."

Eaton said having coaches that are genuinely concerned about the players makes a tremendous impact upon the team.

"The kids really look up to them," he said. "Thurmond Edwards, my offensive coordinator is really the voice of the team," said Eaton a soft-

spoken coach. "He oversees getting the offense rolling. Our defensive coordinator Michael Fulton also helped out a lot as did Ernest Nichols, who calls the defensive signals and Sam McIlwaine the defensive backfield coach. Bobby Nichols was an addition to the coaching staff and helped us with our receivers."

As far as comparisons to past teams that helped the program's Junior Pee Wees compile a 31-1 record and three straight Sertoma Bowl titles, Eaton said this year's team progressed faster than any he's been associated with.

"This is the youngest team we've had," he said. "They came in green, but now they're ripe and ready to be a good football team. Next year they'll know what to expect."

Of the four games played between the Vikings and Indians, the Pee Wee game was the most dramatic. The Tiny Indians had to go into overtime to take a 18-12 win. The Indians got an outstanding performance from Chris Coleman, who scored two touchdowns.

Coleman got his first score on a one yard plunge
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Rams hold off stubborn High Point in overtime 60-58

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Winston-Salem State survived a shaky second half with timely free-throw shooting and tough defense in overtime to take a 60-58 win over surprisingly tough High Point College and third place in the Bighouse Gaines Classic, last Saturday night in the C. E. Gaines Complex.

However, it wasn't until freshman Steve Hood blocked a last-second shot by High Point's Mike Miller that the win was secured.

The Rams, coming off a season-opening loss to Knoxville College the previous night, struggled to get their offense going for most of the night and had to

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regroup after a frantic bid by upset-minded High Point.

WSSU maintained the lead for most of the second half and had a chance to win the game in regulation. However, the Rams missed four consecutive free throws down the stretch.

High Point guard Danny Murphy sent the game into overtime when he hit a 35 foot jumper at the buzzer.

In the overtime period, the Rams rallied behind the play of freshman point guard Thomas Faison and the defensive pressure of senior Kevin Vaughn to get

their first win of the 1984-85 season.

"It was very important for us to win tonight," said Rams Coach "Bighouse" Gaines. "It would have been demoralizing for us to lose and be 0-2 going into our next game."

The Rams inability to hit free throws in the final seconds of regulation, said Gaines, was a major concern, as it is in most games.

"We're always concerned about our free throw shooting," he said. "But it's hard to figure how you can put in a guy that shoots 80 percent and he misses in a situation like that."

"High Point's strategy was to foul us and make us go to the line," Gaines added. "We just couldn't make the free throws."

The Rams also had a difficult time rebounding against the taller High Point squad.

"We're going to be out-rebounded a lot of nights," said Gaines, who's tallest starter Vaughn, only stands 6-6. "But, if you're playing good defense, you're going to win games. There's no need for us to pretend we have a big, strong guy in the middle. We haven't had one in years and we have to use our quickness to compensate for that."

Even though defense is what Gaines said the Rams will have to rely on most to win this season, he said the Rams did not play a strong game defensively.

"We have to improve on our defense," said Gaines. "We have some players that play good defense but we have to bring the
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Eugene Penick of Winston-Salem State goes up for a short jumper against High Point College in the Rams' 60-58 win last Saturday. Penick scored 12 points in the win (photo by James Parker).

THE WEEK

The CIAA

Virginia State 101, Livingstone 98, double overtime
Johnson C. Smith 113, Barber-Scotia 63
Knoxville 86, Winston-Salem State 81
Lenoir-Rhyne 83, North Carolina Central 77
Pembroke State 72, St. Augustine's 71, overtime
All-Stars 120, Fayetteville State 89
Elizabeth City 101, Coppin State 99
Hampton Institute 93, Johnson C. Smith 92
Winston-Salem State 60, High Point College 58, overtime
Fayetteville State 74, Pembroke State 72
All-Stars 98, St. Augustine's 89
Shaw 64, St. Paul's 49
Livingstone 81, UNC-Asheville 73

This Week's Games

MBAC
Wednesday, Nov. 28
Morgan at Georgetown
Thursday, Nov. 29
Coppin State at Howard
Friday, Nov. 30
Maryland-Eastern Shore in Radford Tournament
Bethune-Cookman in Radford Tournament
South Carolina State in Northern Iowa Tournament
Saturday, Dec. 1
Winston-Salem State at North Carolina A&T

CIAA
Friday, Nov. 30
Bowie State at Liberty Baptist
Fayetteville State in Bull City Invitational
Shaw at Hampton Institute
Johnson C. Smith in WBT Classic
Livingstone in WBT Classic
North Carolina Central in Bull City Invitational
Virginia Union in Virginia Union Invitational
Saturday, Dec. 1
Elizabeth City at Johnson C. Smith
Coppin State at St. Paul's
Virginia State at Shaw
Winston-Salem State at N.C. A&T