

Another bumper recruiting crop

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selected the best player in Forsyth County last fall.

"The thing we like about Scrivens is he's not afraid to hit," the 10th-year coach said. "We think he can be a good weak-side linebacker, which in our scheme means he'll help out in the secondary."

Another nice catch at linebacker is James Singletary, a 6-3, 215-pounder from Fayetteville. He was a prep all-America.

"We had to work real hard to get him," said Hayes, who is 64-31-3 in nine seasons at WSSU. "East Carolina University tried to sign him, but our hard work paid off."

The largest losses Hayes had from last season's 9-2 team were in the defensive front. Gone are defensive ends Daniel Bryson and Mike Warren and tackle Tim Platt.

"They were the core of our defense," Hayes said. "We were able to do a whole lot of abnormal things because of their talent."

"For instance, we didn't have to put linebackers behind Daniel and Mike all the time. That allowed us to jam the middle, which we like to do in our eight-man front, and we could use one of the linebackers as a safety."

Leon Cole is the lone starter back from the line. Several veterans, including Jeff Kelly, Ed Singleton, Joe Bartley and Tony Herring, will vie for a spot in the front.

James Daniels, a 6-3, 270-pound all-stater from Florence, S.C., heads the list of lineman recruits. Hayes believes Daniels could fill one of the end positions.

There are no wide-open areas, although six players are vying for the quarterback slot vacated by Mike Winbush. They include letterman Hayward Workman and **Dave Walker**, red-shirt freshman **Bobby Junior**, Steve Lee and **Keith James** and newcomer **Kenny Jones**.

Jones guided the Fayetteville 71st squad that tied Greensboro Page and state Player of the Year Todd Ellis in the 4-A championship game.

"We'll be very adequate at quarterback," Hayes said. "Workman played basketball, but that shouldn't affect him any. No matter who starts, we have a desirable situation at quarterback."

The Rams only had two other losses on offense, tackles Wayne Artis and Jeffrey James. Hayes' eight line recruits will get shots at those positions.

For the most part, the offensive front will be filled by veterans. Veteran Danny Moore is tabbed to return from guard to center, where he was an all-America two seasons ago. Tommy Crews, coming off an injury, Keith Holland, Leslie Tanner and Darryl Page are Moore's comrades on the line.

But the Ram coaches did recruit some quality linemen, including five that weigh at least 270.

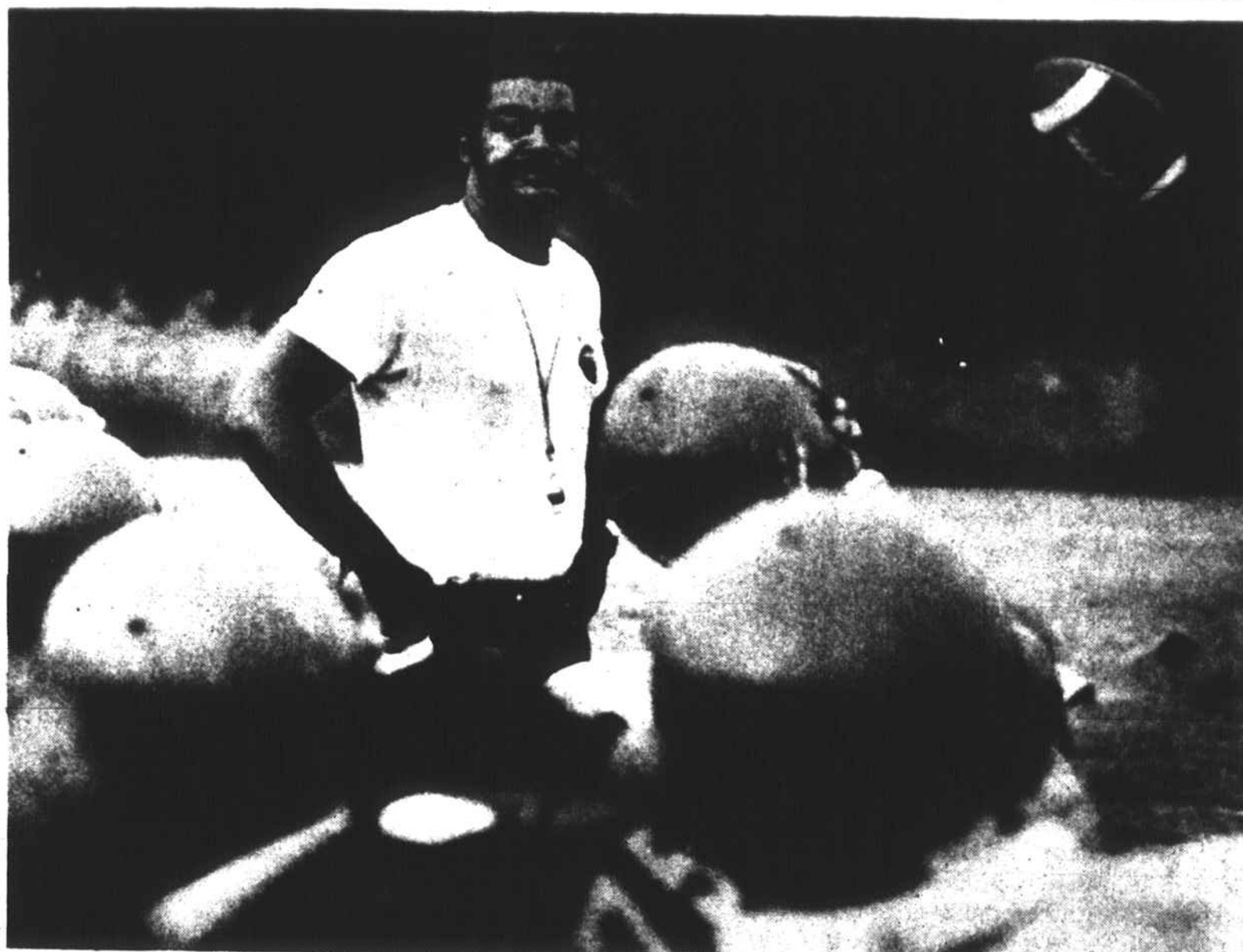
Of course, running back is so solid that Hayes didn't recruit a single back. Returning are Lonnie Pulley, Leonardo Horn, Ed Byers and Robert Simmons.

That's only the first line of runners in the WSSU T-Bone. Also back are Calvin Handsome, Greg Murrell, Donald Evans and transfer Charles Watson, who started his college career at Prairie View A.M. Watson is the brother of former Winston-Salem State quarterback Karlton Watson.

CIAA Recruiting

Winston-Salem State head the best recruiting year among the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association schools. North Carolina Central, which signed one of the top running backs in the state in Tim Oakley of Oxford, also turned in an outstanding recruiting year.

Following is a brief look at the years each school had in the league. (Note that recruiting is



Hayes: Enough talent on hand to keep Ram fortunes aloft for a while (photo by James Parker).

not complete for most Division II schools. Late recruits and walk-ons play integral roles in the success of Division II programs.)

Southern Division

WINSTON-SALEM STATE --

The Rams' quality of athletes give them the best year in either division. Plus, Coach Bill Hayes is likely to bring in a few more quality players before the '85 season starts.

N.C. CENTRAL -- Coach Henry Lattimore says Oakley will give the Eagles a needed lift on the ground. Oakley ran for more than 1,900 yards as a senior at Webb High. "But he also can catch the ball," said the seventh-year NCCU coach. "We're a four-receiver team and we need our running back to be a receiver too."

J.C. SMITH -- "We are trying to stick to 2.0," said Coach Horace Small. "We want guys who are going to stay more than two or three semesters." Despite that handicap, Small got 22 recruits, concentrating on linemen.

LIVINGSTONE -- Assistant Coach Anthony Curry handled recruiting for the Bears and, despite a change at head coach, he was satisfied.

"We did real well considering the coaching change (David Corley replaced Melvin Rose, who went to Hampton University)," Curry said. "I think we signed two good quarterbacks in Jimmy Fleming and Stepp Banner." Fleming, a 6-4, 210-pounder from Concord, is a dropback passer while Banner, a 6-1½, 175-pounder from Lenoir, is a scrambler.

BOWIE STATE -- Coach John Organ had only 38 players at the end of a winless season in which his club allowed 44 points per game while averaging only four.

Even though Organ is able to give partial scholarships, he's still only been able to recruit four players.

Northern Division

VIRGINIA UNION -- Second-year Coach Joseph Taylor landed 35 prospects, including all-staters Charles Cannon of Ashland, Va., and David Moore of Richmond. "Our biggest need was linemen and we combed the area," Taylor said. "Moore made all-state both ways, so we think he'll play at running back as a freshman."

VIRGINIA STATE -- "Defense was our No. 1 priority," said Coach George Moody, who recruited 31 players. "We had the best defense in the nation last year and lost seven starters." Linebacker James Taylor and defensive back Carroll Ward are his top recruits. He also got three good offensive linemen in Clifton Williams, Rawn Bolden and Darryl Brown.

ELIZABETH CITY STATE -- Coach Thurlis Little recruited two talented backs in Rodney McNeil of Alexandria, Va., and Tracy Peele of North Carolina 1-A champion Jamesville. His top recruit is all-state linebacker Robbie Harris of Jamesville.

NORFOLK STATE -- The Spartans didn't have to have a big recruiting year since they had 77 percent of their players returning. "We feel very good about our talent," said second-year Coach Willard Bailey of his defending CIAA champion program. "We cut back in recruiting, but we will be adequate."

ST. PAUL'S -- Coach Dan Antolik said "we were able to get the quality linemen we badly need and haven't had in the past." Thomas Osborne, Calles Kimbrough, Allen Wiley and Luther

Hinton are the best linemen Antolik signed. He also signed an outstanding running quarterback in Harold Wilkerson.

HAMPTON -- Coach Fred Freeman had 56 of his 74 players back and tried to concentrate on Tidewater talent. Those efforts were rewarded in the person of Rodney Howard, an all-state running back from Bethel High in Hampton.

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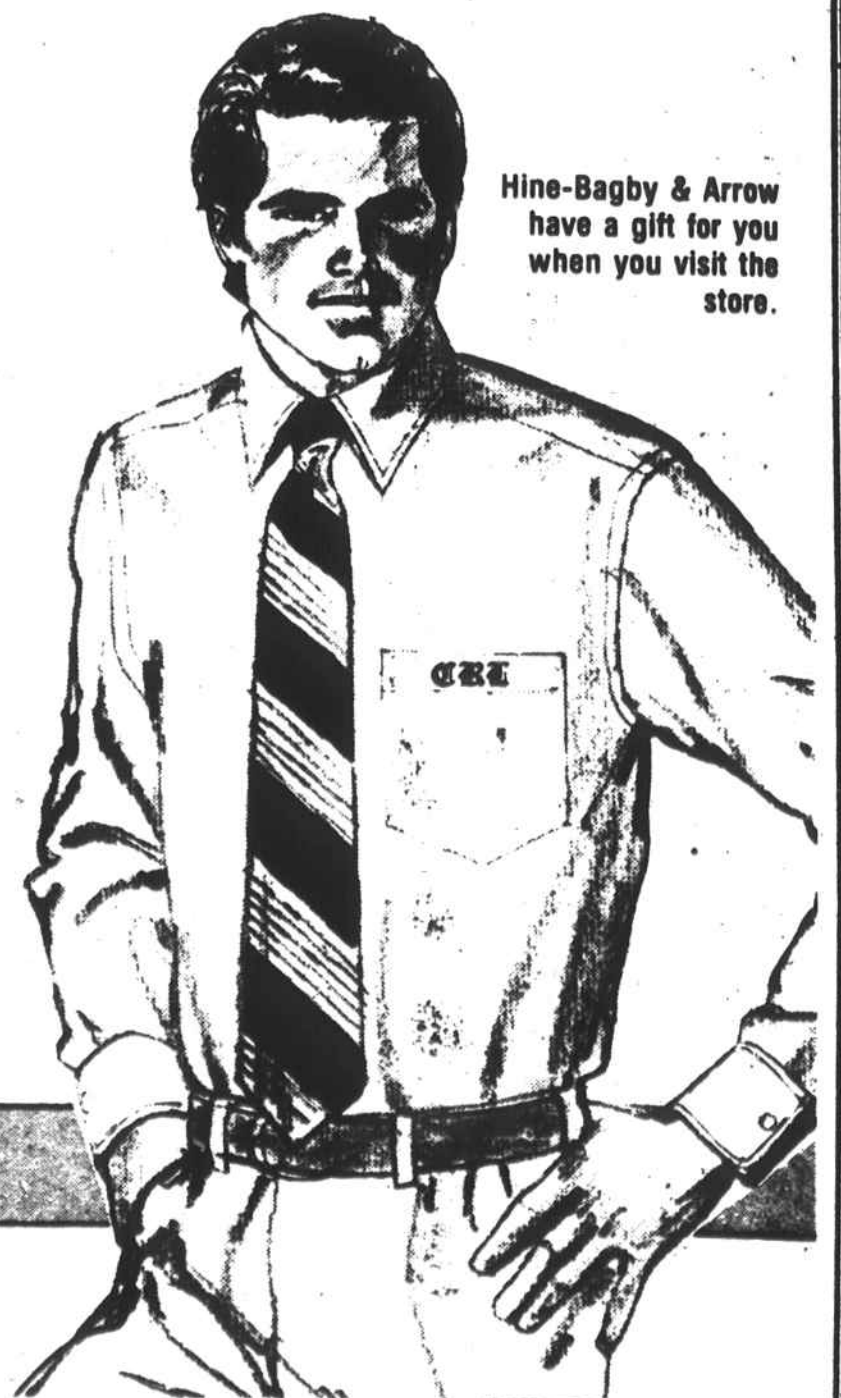
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