

College Football

Rams blow out shaky Pirates

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Hurricane Gloria closed down Hampton University last Friday.

But Gloria did less damage to the school than the Winston-Salem State Rams, who plundered the Pirates 47-13 last Saturday at Armstrong Field.

The gathering storm that was the WSSU football team had a week off to prepare for Hampton, winner of its first three games for its best start since 1976. Ram Coach Bill Hayes believed the schedule contributed to the unexpectedly lopsided Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association victory.

"The week off gave us time to get rested," said Hayes, whose club improved to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the CIAA. "We had eight days to prepare while they played Virginia Union last week."

Just as important was the play of WSSU's defense, which scored two touchdowns. Strong safety Derrick Beasley set the tone for the rout with a 38-yard interception return for a touchdown with 12:11 left in the first quarter. Beasley said he took advantage of a shaky Pirate in quarterback Lei Kendall. The Pirates had completed fewer than 25 percent of their passes entering the game and were five of 21 with four interceptions against the Rams.

"He wasn't throwing with confidence," said Beasley of Kendall. "We wanted to keep him from getting his confidence up and I think the interception sort of got the whole ball of wax rolling."

The second touchdown came on a blocked punt, which linebacker Mark Wallace recovered midway through the second quarter for a 21-0 WSSU lead.

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Magical Martin

Catch me if you can: Few people have caught Parkland senior Kennard Martin, who has run for 628 yards on 52 carries for a 12-yard average per carry (photo by James Parker).

Prep Football

Parkland off to hot start

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You won't find Kennard Martin on a major daily newspaper's list of the 100 best high school football players in the state.

You check and double check. "Patrick Lannon, Whiteville, 6-1, 190. Brian McPhatter, Fayetteville Byrd, 6-2, 205." No "Kennard Martin, W-S Parkland, 5-11, 196."

Just as you start to shake your head in disbelief, you notice that Martin's not even on the cover of Parkland's program. Maybe he missed photo day.

Clearly, Rodney Dangerfield ain't got nothing on Kennard Martin. If anyone was ever entitled to say "I don't get no respect," then it's the Parkland High School senior.

Through last Friday night's 30-14 win over Davie County, Martin had 628 yards on 52 carries with eight touchdowns. That's an incredible 12-yard average.

It projects to 1,570 yards on 130 carries and 20 touchdowns for the regular season. That won't break Ed Byers' single-season school record of 1,826 yards, but it would break his single-season ground TD mark (14). Give Martin a couple of playoff games -- not an unreasonable assumption, since the Mustangs are off to their best start in the school's 21-year history -- and he might even break Byers' imposing yardage record.

But Martin's not concerned about his celebrity. He is aware that the big-name colleges know all about him, and that's all

he needs to know.

So the tailback is concentrating on quietly leading the Mustangs to the state playoffs and further. There they'll earn wider respect.

"We're a lot quieter this year than last," Martin said after the win over Davie County at Bowman Gray Stadium. "I think we're putting it together faster."

Last year, Coach Homer Thompson had one of the best defensive teams in the state. Parkland allowed only 5.6 points per game. The Mustangs started slowly but finished with a rush.

"We're doing it by going out and doing this year, not with a lot of that rah-rah stuff," said Thompson, whose team takes a 4-0 record into Friday night's game with Mount Tabor. "Last year, everybody wanted to get a high five so bad that we sometimes forgot about football. This team is not lackadaisical, just quiet. They do their drills before games almost mechanically and then"

"Well, the Davie County coaches weren't sure what to expect we were so quiet in warmups tonight."

If Parkland earns one of the three playoff berths awarded to the Central Piedmont 4-A Conference, it will be in large part due to an explosive offense that features Martin's running.

Each of the Mustangs' four touchdowns against the War Eagles came on big plays: runs of 53 and 33 yards by Martin, a 27-yard pass from quarterback Tony Cov-

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The irresistible Alan Hooker gets ready to unload a pass; A&T quarterback had a school-record six touchdowns in win over Morgan State (photo by Joe Daniels).

Sports Beat

Aggies look to Hooker to salvage difficult season

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GREENSBORO -- Alan Hooker smiles and signs autograph upon autograph for members of the Peeler Recreation Center football team.

Hooker -- looking for all the world like an '80s version of Sidney Poitier -- is a big fish in a relatively small pond.

A 6-foot-2, 175-pound quarterback pursued by every NCAA Division I-A school in the region, he has become something of a celebrity who gratefully and gracefully offers something for everybody on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.

The sophomore at the I-AA school offers fans the opportunity to see one of the most dynamic quarterbacks in contemporary college football. In last Saturday's 48-20 win over Morgan State, Hooker threw for a school-record six touchdowns.

One of those scoring strikes, a 25-yarder to Jessie Britt, was as perfect a play as you'll see in football. On a timing pattern, Hooker tossed the ball to the left

"I want to do something I can be remembered for. I have much different goals at a historically-black school than another school."

-- Alan Hooker



corner of the end zone, where the 6-foot-4 Britt ran under it. Britt caught the ball in stride, with one foot in and one out of the end zone.

That was one of five first-half touchdown passes, which were enough to surpass Ellsworth Turner's old school record of four TD tosses in a game. Indeed, it was a masterful 30 minutes of quarterbacking. After Morgan scored first following a Hooker fumble, the Aggie signal-caller

went on to complete 15-of-18 passes for 187 yards and a 34-14 halftime cushion.

Hooker added his sixth scoring toss in the third period before sitting out the fourth quarter.

"This was a very satisfying game," Hooker said. "It's been a long time since we won (the Aggies broke an eight-game losing streak going back to last season)."

"It wasn't quite the same feeling as winning the state championship in high school. But the

feeling was just as good."

Hooker, who led Eastern Randolph to the state 3-A title in 1983, offers his teammates the hope of a respectable season after an 0-4 start against a brutal schedule.

"We accomplished a lot of things today," said the Liberty native. "We executed well and didn't make the mental mistakes we made in the first four games. I think we can keep it going for a while."

Four of their last six games come against teams the Aggies can match talent with. If they sweep those four and break even in their other two (defending conference champ Bethune-Cookman and highly-ranked Mississippi Valley State), A&T will have earned a winning season. It may not seem likely with the team 1-4, but a winning season's not impossible.

Moreover, if Hooker can lead A&T to five wins down the stretch, he may well help save fourth-year Coach Mo Forte's job.

"This win was a step in the

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Local Sports

Winston Lake gets Morris as golf pro

Earnest Lee Morris has been named the golf pro at Winston Lake Golf Course.

Morris, who has worked at Tanglewood Park's pro shop for the last five years, is a former assistant pro at Winston Lake. Morris will begin his new job Oct. 7.

"I'm really looking forward to working at Winston Lake," Morris said. "It is one of the most beautiful and most challenging courses around, and I'm eager to do everything I can to boost the program for all people."

In addition to his work at Tanglewood Park and Winston Lake (in 1976), Morris' golf experience includes a stint as the pro for the Tanglewood Junior Golf Association from 1978-80. He also served as a salesman and assistant pro for Golf Trading Co. in New York City in 1974 and assistant pro at Shackamaxon Country Club in New Jersey from 1973-74.

Morris, 41, replaces E. Jerry Jones, who retired.

Tiny Indians Sweep Demons

The unbeaten Tiny Indians Junior Pee Wees

crushed the Demons 32-0 last Saturday at Atkins Middle School.

The Junior Pee Wees were one of three Tiny Indian teams to improve to 4-0. The Junior Midgets, who have allowed only six points this season, blanked the Demons 14-0. The Mighty Mites won by forfeit.

The Midgets improved to 2-2 with a 38-8 rout and the Pee Wees ran their record to 3-1 with a 24-0 thumping of the Demons.

The Demons travel to the Tiny Demons at Northwest Middle School Saturday.

Oakley In Greensboro

Former Virginia Union star Charles Oakley will join National Basketball Association Rookie of the Year Michael Jordan for a night of first-rate professional basketball at the Greensboro Coliseum Oct. 20.

Jordan and Oakley, Chicago Bull teammates, Please see page B4



Surrender: Antonio "Juice" McCloud gets six for the Tiny Indian Pee Wees, who vanquished the Demons 24-0 (photo by James Parker).