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its own. After scoring two touchdowns against Hampton, the WSSU defense added another against Central. The Ram defenders set up two other scores and sacked Eagle quarterback Earl Harvey for a safety.

That was one of eight sacks of the Eagle freshman, who passed for a season-low 147 yards. He came into the game ranked No. 4 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics with a 274-yard average per game.

"Coach (Hayes) emphasized to us all week that they would pass a whole lot," said linebacker Mark Wallace, who had two sacks and two interceptions. One of those interceptions he returned 56 yards to the NCCU 1-yard line. There he fumbled and Danny Brailsford recovered for a touchdown.

The way the Rams pulled off that shuttle-relay score demonstrated the ease of the rout at Bowman Gray Stadium. Still, Wallace saw Central's potential.

"It could have been closer," Wallace said. "They're a good ball team, but we were so well prepared for them."

"When the game started, they (the NCCU offensive linemen) took wide splits. So we went

through the gaps. When they picked that up, we stunted."

Wallace was quick on the count on one blitz and found himself in the Eagles' backfield in full stride for an offside penalty.

"That was a little mistake, but I got him the next time," Wallace said with a smile.

And it was probably the only mistake the Rams made — other than penalties (19 for 118 yards) — since they had no turnovers.

"It was a scary type game," said NCCU Coach Hank Latimore. "Not from the standpoint of being afraid of Winston, but from the fact that we seemed to play timid."

"We'd told the players that we had to win to remain in the Southern Division race. That's a lot of pressure to play under. But Winston was under the same pressure. They also had to win to stay alive."

Although the Rams are one-half game behind first-place Livingstone in the Southern Division standings, their play Saturday night was something of a statement to the Bears.

"Bill's awesome," said Livingstone Coach David Corley, who watched the Central massacre. "Obviously, this is not

the same team that played Virginia State. He is so prepared and doesn't throw anything out."

Corley, a former Hayes assistant, was indirectly referring to the redshirting of all-America center Danny Moore, whose preseason ankle sprain was slow to heal. Moore had not played in any of the team's first three games and Hayes decided to redshirt him last week. He will be eligible to play his fourth season next year.

So what is the change in the Rams? Horn, the junior who leads the team in rushing, believes it's a new attitude.

"I think the difference you see in us is that we've pulled together and are playing as a team," Horn said. "We didn't really have that at first."

Notes: WSSU plays Livingstone at Bowman Gray Nov. 16 Ram place-kicker **Tyrone Smith** connected on a 47-yard field in the fourth quarter. The sophomore said it was his personal best, although he remained 10 yards behind the school record that is owned by **Derrick Brewington** Defensive tackle **Elrod Morris**, who had three sacks, strained his right toe and is pro-

table for the home game against Howard University Saturday night at 7 o'clock

Linebacker **Angelo Spruill** led the Rams with 10 tackles, including two sacks. Spruill has a team-high 46 for the season Central wide receiver **Robert Clark**, second on the CIAA career receiving yardage list, broke ribs in the third quarter and was lost indefinitely. The 5-foot-9, 172-pound Clark, who lost the tips of two fingers on his left hand in a high school accident, has 116 career receptions for 2,289 yards. St. Paul's **James Woodson** (1974-77) is the CIAA leader with 192 catches for 2,673 yards

Wonsley's brother Otis plays reserve fullback and on the specialty teams for the Washington Redskins; George Wonsley is a running back for the Indianapolis Colts who recently gained 170 yards against Detroit; Nathan plays at Mississippi and Jose at Lenoir-Rhyne The West stands at Bowman Gray Stadium served as the WSSU side during the Central game. The change was made to facilitate traffic control and free up the East press box for handicapped spectators



Dana Walker runs for daylight; teammate Vernard Dillard gazes at the night sky (photo by James Parker).

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favorable field position.

Eric Stanback and Covington made it 12-7 when they pinned Lewis, who doubles as a running back, for a safety on a third-and-11 at the 2. That came with 11:45 left in the game.

Four minutes later, McDonald chose to go for a fourth-and-inches at his own 11-yard line. But Covington, Jacques Bitting and Tony Warren stopped Lewis for no gain, and Covington went in from four yards out moments

later for an 18-6 cushion.

The Spartans advanced no farther than their own 32 the rest of the way.

"It was a gamble," McDonald said of the fourth-down call. "At the time, I felt we needed to keep possession. The defense was tired, since they had pounded us and pounded us."

"I think that we were overmatched. Parkland has superior athletes. Lewis and Kedrick did a good job. But the thing we have

to be proud of is our kids didn't give up."

Thompson, for whom McDonald once worked as an assistant, couldn't agree more.

"I said all week it would be tough," said the veteran Mustang coach. "They have played everyone tough. We were no exception."

"But I'm pleased for the guys. They're 5-0. We didn't play perfectly, but you can't put it

together every time."

Parkland hosts winless Reynolds Friday night and Mount Tabor travels to Davie County (2-3). The Mustangs should have little difficulty getting win No. 6 against a Reynolds team that has been outscored 108-15 in six games. Meanwhile, the Spartans will have an excellent opportunity to register that elusive first win in 4-A ball.

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Yet the former Ram standout admitted he couldn't reveal all to his fellow assistants. Not for his loyalty to WSSU, but because Hayes ran a different offense when Blount was in school.

"We didn't use the wing-T," he said. "Instead, we ran the split-back veer. I called my own plays, so I'd like to think that was my own strategy within Coach Hayes' philosophy. The veer clicked for us, just like the current team is very effective in the wing-T."

Blount scouted WSSU's game with North Carolina Central last Saturday. He was impressed by the Ram running attack.

"Bill established the middle run with (Leroy) Wonsley from the outset," Blount said. "Giving to the fullback up the middle set up the sweep and reverse."

"Central played a nine-man front, which put a lot of pressure on the secondary. If a runner got past the first line of defense, he would get a long run. That's why you saw so many long runs."

Leonardo Horn's 62-yarder was the longest run. Lonnie Pulley added a 42-yarder, Wonsley a 37-yarder and Robert Simmons a 29-yarder.

"We basically play a 50 and will not have as many men on the line as Central," Blount said. "I don't think we could contain the wing-T that way."

Howard, 0-4, lost its first two games by a combined score of 81-12. But the Bison have looked much more respectable in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference losses to Bethune-Cookman (23-14) and South Carolina State (27-21).

"We're getting better," Blount said. "We've been mistake-prone (15 turnovers), but the offense picked up against South Carolina State. We had 408 yards in that game."

"One change is we are getting more people into the game. Anybody who's trying we're giving a look."

Quarterback Leon Brown missed the SCS game with a shoulder injury. Freshman Lee DeBose stepped in to run for 118 yards and pass for 115 while earning MEAC Rookie-of-the-Week honors.

"Leon is questionable for Saturday," Blount said. "But I plan to start him. It depends on how he does in practice. If push comes to shove, I'll start DuBose."

The 27-year-old assistant said Brown is the better passer (34 of 95 for 561 yards), but DuBose is a better option man for the Bison pro-I offense.

As for Blount's talents on the field, he graduated from WSSU in 1980 and tried out with the Detroit Lions of the National Football League.

"I had a desire to play pro football as a quarterback," he said. "My height was an obstacle that stood in the way. The tryout with the Lions didn't work out. I

decided to move on and get on with my life."

So he returned to his native Richmond to coach for three years at Armstrong-Kennedy High School. Among his pupils there was current Ram quarterback Dana Walker. After a stint at East Carolina, Blount became an assistant at Howard in March of 1984.

"One of the disadvantages of playing Winston-Salem for the first time is we're trying to build a program and haven't been very successful yet," Blount said. "When I was at WSSU, we were also building. We were successful and Coach Hayes has maintained that success for some time."

"But a win Saturday would be good for the team's morale. We do a lot of different things on offense, so they'll have a lot to prepare for."

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precise routes," said Scales, who grew up in the Carver School Road-Butterfield Drive area of the city. "It's a matter of repetition, but you can always do things a little bit better."

Wilkins quote
Scales almost decided to seek a basketball career after he played on Winston-Salem's AAU team that finished fifth in the nationals at Monroe, La., in 1983.

"I played pretty well that summer, which came just before my senior year at East," Scales said. "I was thinking about basketball. But I had a good enough year in football to get named to the Shrine Bowl. So that's when I decided on football."

Scales, who jumped center at East and remembers winning a tip against Danny Manning, still gets into a few pickup games dur-

ing the offseason, playing with Wilkins and such Twin City players as Louis "Choc" Lowery, the former Carver and J.C. Smith guard.

The sophomore said he was happy to have chosen Wake, since he can play close to home.

"My mother can see every home game and the Big Four games," Scales said. "I was recruited by Georgia, but that would have required a lot of traveling back and forth."

As for the future, Scales sees himself becoming a tight end, although his 4.55 speed in the 40 and height may force the Deacs to keep him as a wide receiver despite his weight.

Whatever position he plays, it appears he has tipped the scales in his favor with the Wake coaching staff.

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