



### Roe Means Go

Kennard "Roe" Martin's running career began at Hill and blossomed at Parkland. Next stop, Chapel Hill (photos by James Parker).

### Recruiting

## Martin commits to Carolina

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Kennard Martin went down to Sprague Street Community Center last Thursday to play pickup basketball with his friends Gerald Moore and Grant Vincent.

Martin, the all-state tailback from Parkland High, went to Sprague to get some exercise, maybe even to take his mind off the hectic recruiting process.

But when Gerald Moore, an all-county tailback at Glenn and former running mate at Hill High, started talking about his own recruiting situation, Martin decided it was time to quit procrastinating. The Parkland senior made his choice -- the University of North Carolina -- went home and told his father (Kennard Sr.) and mother (Johnnie Mae) and then called the Tar Heel coaches.

"Before the season started, a reporter asked me what my goals were," said Martin, who ran for 2,101 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior. "I listed them for him. Then I looked at Coach (Homer) Thompson and said, 'I'm going to Carolina.'"

Going to UNC had been in the back of Martin's mind since the days when Amos Lawrence slashed through helpless defenses and Lawrence Taylor overwhelmed enemy offenses.

"I was a linebacker until my 10th-grade year," said Martin, who moved from Hill to Parkland for his junior year. "When Amos Lawrence was there, I started to like them. When Lawrence Taylor came to Carolina, I was sold."

Part of the recruiting process included a telephone conversation with Taylor, now an all-pro linebacker for the New York Giants.

"He said it was a good place to go to school," Martin said. "He said he was very satisfied with the social situation."

Martin chose Carolina over Tennessee and Florida. He can make his commitment official on Wednesday (Feb. 12), the first day of the national signing period.

"I felt like I'd choose Carolina from the start," said Martin. "But I wanted to second-guess myself and see if I could see things differently."

Although he will play most of his college games

within two hours of home, Martin's mother was a bit skeptical at first with Kennard's decision.

"She likes the decision because she thinks North Carolina is an excellent school," Martin said. "But she wasn't too sure about Coach (Dick) Crum. But I told her no college coach is safe, except maybe (Penn State's) Joe Paterno and (Oklahoma's) Barry Switzer. I told her there's nothing to really worry about."

Martin's mother apparently was more impressed with Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors and Florida's Galen Hall. Both are more talkative than the reserved Crum, who prefers the quiet lakes of Canada to the recruiting trail.

Yet, the Tar Heel tailback situation appears favorable to Martin. William Humes, a rising senior, and Derrick Fenner, a rising sophomore, both experienced grade problems fall semester.

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Either or both may be on academic probation come August.

Martin said sophomore Brad Sullivan has quit football to concentrate on track. That leaves rising sophomore Elijah Watson as Martin's only competition at this point. Watson was the fourth-string tailback last season.

The 5-foot-11, 196-pound Martin said he talked at length with former Tar Heel great Kelvin Bryant, a two-time United States Football League Player of the Year.

"Kelvin felt like North Carolina's offense was geared to the tailback," said Martin, who has 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash. "He said they had produced more 1,000-yard running backs than any college program. He felt like they didn't pass enough when he was there, but that's changed in the last couple of years."

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### Jayvee Basketball

## North rallies in fourth quarter to defeat Carver

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North Forsyth rallied in the fourth quarter to pull off a 53-49 win over the Carver jayvees last Friday.

The host Vikings trailed 35-31 going into the final period, but outscored the Yellow Jackets 22-14 to run their record to 9-7.

"We tried to play a control game," North Coach Virgil Simpson said. "We usually like to pressure the entire game, but we didn't pressure until the last three or four minutes. We stressed to our players to pressure, but not to foul."

Simpson also employed a triangle-and-two defense to slow Carver standouts Napoleon McCloud and Tribute Williamson.

"I think we did a good job of shutting them down in the fourth quarter," Simpson said. "Cloud was the only one who got anything (eight points) in the fourth quarter on us."

The Vikings sealed the win at the free throw line, hitting nine of 11 free throws in the final period.

"We beat them in every facet of the game except free throws and the final score," Yellow Jacket Coach Ron Hollingsworth said. "We were 11 of 14 from the line and they were 19 of 27. It's hard to beat that."

"But that's not to take anything away from North. Coach Simpson is a great motivator and he was ready for us."

Patrick Caesar led North with 13 points and Mac Spainhour added 10. Cloud and Darren Daniels had 10 each for Carver, which dropped to 8-6.

The Yellow Jackets had defeated Greensboro Smith 56-53 on Tuesday behind Cloud's 16 points and Williamson's 15.

North beat East 64-44 Tuesday behind Darryl Napper's 18 points.

Carver (49) -- Darren Daniels 10, Napoleon Cloud 10, Jeremiah Johnson 9, Tribute Williamson 8, Lonnie Pierce 6, Devon Huntley 2, Dee Moye 2, Fred Johnson 2.

North (53) -- Patrick Caesar 13, Mac Spainhour 10, Meredith Neely 8, Darryl Napper 8, Lonnie Brown 8, Otho McManus 6.

First quarter: North, 8-6. Halftime: North, 22-18. Third quarter: Carver, 35-31.

### Mount Tabor

Hassan Stevens scored 21 points to lead Mount Tabor past North Davidson 78-73.

The Spartans, who had survived the Black Knights in four overtimes earlier in the season, improved their record to 13-2, the best in the county.

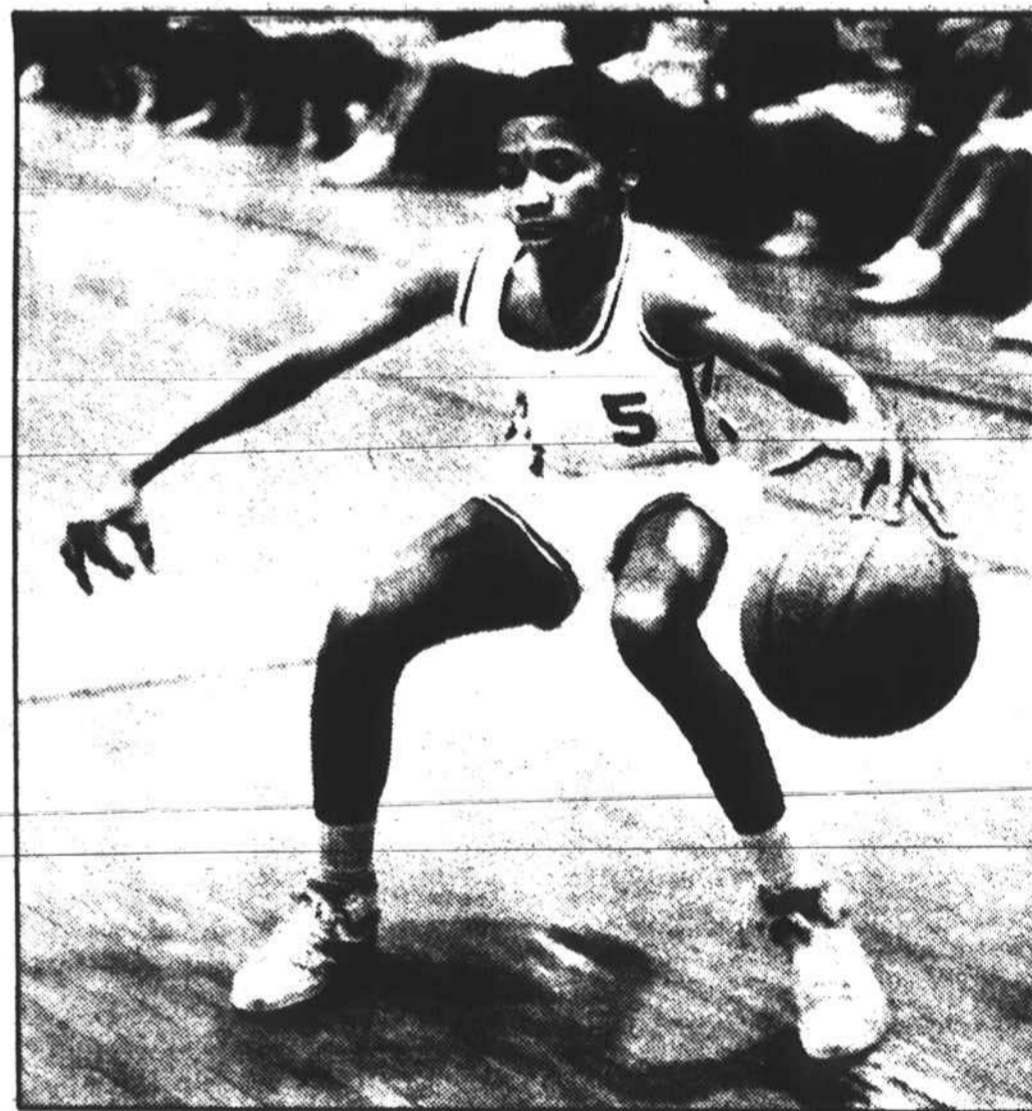
Mount Tabor started quickly and built a 27-22 first-quarter lead. The Spartans used a full-court press to help them to what Coach Rick Anderson termed their best first quarter of the season.

"That was a great quarter," Anderson said. "We wanted to score 20 points. We achieved that. Unfortunately, they scored 20 points too and that made it tough."

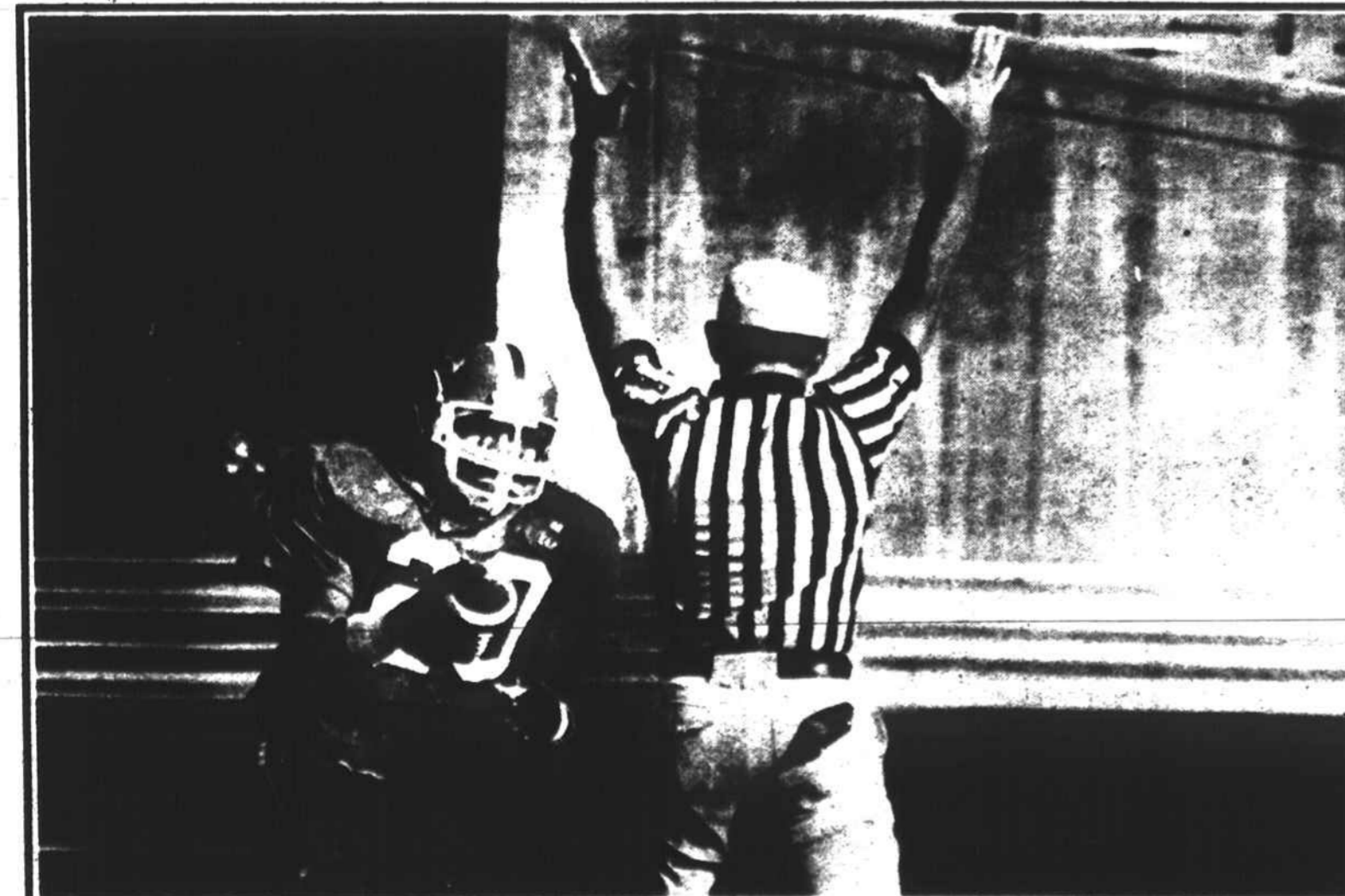
The Spartans' previous first-quarter best was 21 points on two different occasions.

"We like to see the defense play well," Anderson continued. "But the name of the game is to score points. I had to be pleased with the way we played on offense in this game."

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Point guard Phil Glenn of the Mount Tabor jayvees puts a jump stop move on North Davidson (photo by James Parker).



Lonnie Pulley had 481 yards to help the Rams lead the CIAA in rushing (photo by James Parker).

### Sports Beat

## WSSU gridders exceed expectations

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The best-laid plans of mice and men often go astray.

Last week, the Chronicle announced its Athletes of the Year for 1985. It had also been in the back of our minds to announce a Team of the Year. But time and space prevented us from presenting that team. Which was fortunate for me, because I had trouble breaking a tie between three outstanding Winston-Salem teams. The extra week has allowed me to sift through the various points a little better.

The conclusion reached is that Winston-Salem State's football team edges Parkland's gridders and North's cagers for the Chronicle's '85 Team of the Year.

All three teams lost only two games en route to winning their conference or division championships. WSSU was 9-2, Parkland 11-2 and North 23-2.

It's difficult to compare football to basketball

and college to high school. However, one basis for measuring the most deserving program is how it performed based on preseason expectations. Following is a synopsis of each team's expectations and how close it came to fulfilling them:

• North's basketball team, coached by Olon Shuler, was predicted to be the best team in the county last season. The Vikings didn't disappoint, winning 23 straight. However, North lost in the league tournament to High Point Central and in the first round of the state playoffs to Roxboro Person. This was clearly the best team in Winston-Salem in a decade or more. Despite its outstanding season, the community expected more from North.

• Parkland was probably the most talented prep football team in the Western part of the state. Few teams could match the Mustangs' skill-position players -- Kennard Martin, Jacques Bitting, Tony Covington, Mark "Fuzzy" Dunlap, Haywood Hanna and Kevin Dendy. Coach  
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