

**Prep Honor Roll**

**McKoy's night propels Carver**

• Rodney McKoy had a big role in Carver High School's successful season opener in football.

McKoy, the senior halfback, rushed for 109 yards on 24 carries to lift Carver past North Surry 10-7 last Friday night.

McKoy scored the Yellow Jackets' only touchdown.

Teammate Stephon-Debnam kicked the game-winning 36-yard field goal ....

• West's Donald Carter had 10 solo hits to help the Titans hold Reynolds to 54 yards in total offense.

Teammate Jeff Ebert caught three passes for 91 yards and had two interceptions in the 17-0 shutout of the Demons. Bobby Paige had a 54-yard reception for West, which grabbed the early Central Piedmont 4-A lead ....

• Reynolds linebacker Denard Atkins was in on 19 tackles. Defensive back Dedrick Glover had nine tackles, and Darrell Wright and tackle Lacy Hallums had eight each, including a sack for Hallums.

Teammate Dante Durant had a 28-yard interception return ....

• Randy Jones, the state 200-meter track champion, rushed for 115 yards on 24 carries to lead Glenn past Reidsville 14-0. Jones scored one touchdown, on a 16-yard run.

Teammate Mario Patterson caught a 57-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Brad Stanbury. The Bobcats held the Rams to 70 total yards in the season opener ....

• Tyrone Lewis gained 126 yards on 13 carries to lead Mount Tabot past East 13-12. Lewis, the senior quarterback, scored on a 56-yard run in the second quarter.

Teammate Pat Cunningham made a goal-line stop of East's Kevin Hauser to preserve the win.

Lamont Scales scored both Eagle touchdowns on pass receptions of three and eight yards ....



Donald Carter



Rodney McKoy



Pokie Crowell



Corey Little

• North quarterback Alan Huskins completed seven of 18 passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns in a 22-18 loss to Greensboro Dudley. Huskins had scoring tosses of 40 yards to Pokie Crowell and 26 yards to Robert Brown ....

**Jayvee Report**

• Sophomore tailback Corey Little scored all three of West's touchdowns in an 18-0 win over Reynolds. The 5-foot-11, 145-pound Little played on the Tiny Indians Midgets last season.

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**Paul**

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**Late Start In Football**

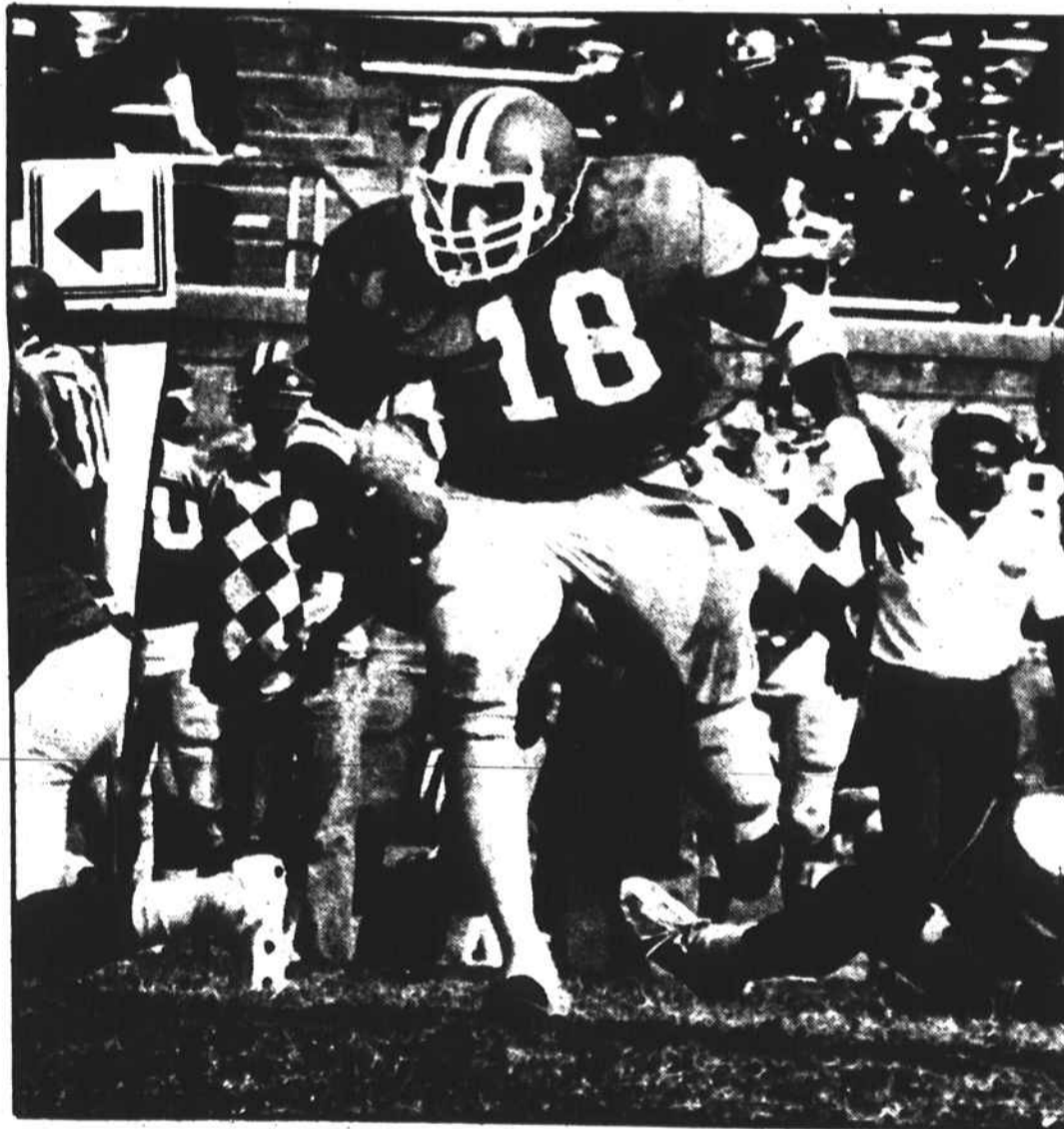
Paul didn't start playing organized football until his sophomore year in high school. He didn't play for Central that season, but in a 16-and-under little league program.

"I had always played in the streets," Paul said. "I saw these guys in their uniforms and I wanted to be a part of that. That was new and exciting to me. I was one of the biggest guys on the team and played fullback."

Even though he was the league's most valuable player, Paul had to make the Central varsity team on his own laurels the following year. He did, as a wide receiver and a defensive back, and the Johnny Come Lately made a name for himself by running back four punts for touchdowns as a senior.

Michigan State showed interest in Paul, but his high school coach advised him to think about the predominantly black schools down South.

Paul wasn't enamored with that idea, so he decided to take some time off. He obtained a job as a supervisor for a crew that cleaned buses for the Detroit Transit Authority.



Masha Paul didn't start playing organized football until he was 16, but that hasn't kept him from being one of the CIAA's best ends (photo by James Parker).

did in 1984. Paul caught 16 for 362 yards and four touchdowns.

"Robert Clark (of North Carolina Central) had more than 1,300 yards and people think he's a better receiver," Paul said. "But he's been at the party, while I've been at the dance."

In yards per catch, the Ram receiver was better. He averaged 22.6 yards a reception, compared to a 20.7 average for Central's Clark.

Paul hopes to get a shot with a National Football League team next summer. He knows that the little recognition he's received as a pass catcher will be a hurdle. But he hopes to catch the scouts' eyes another way.

"I realize my path to the NFL will probably be as a specialty teams person," he said. "I want to return a few punts for touchdowns."

Paul only returned two punts last season, but Hayes is going to put him in deep safety more often this season.

**Visualizing Success**

Because Paul is an artist, he often visualizes how he can help make a play work for the team.

"I imagine myself being Lynn Swann or Ahmad Rashad," said Masha, which, in Arabic, means

creator or one who uses his mind. "I'll ask myself, 'what would he do in this situation?' And I can imagine myself outjumping the defender."

The WSSU senior said the most important aspect of being a receiver is concentration. He said he had problems sometimes with his concentration in practice. Since Hayes is of the philosophy that you play games as you practice, Paul had to buckle down and get his act together.

"Sometimes I'm wide open and drop a pass," he said. "Coach Hayes will get mad. He's not a rah-rah type coach. He wants you to concentrate."

"You have to leave all your problems in the dorm, so you can concentrate. That's been my biggest lesson at WSSU."

For the most part, Paul has kept to himself in his stay at WSSU. Beasley is his best friend now and the two Detroit natives sometimes hit the road with Paul's stepfather, Mansoor Ali.

"I'm too sensitive sometimes and they say it's because I was raised by a mother," Paul said. "I'll start putting if Coach gets on me."

While Paul hopes to land in his fourth consecutive CIAA Championship Game, one of the highlights of his season will come

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**Making Connections**

A friend from Detroit, Chris King, was playing football at WSSU and King told Coach Bill Hayes about his high-stepping friend who was stuck in Detroit washing buses. Hayes called Paul and arranged for a visit to North Carolina.

"When I visited here it was early spring and cold back in Detroit, but it was warm here," Paul said. "I knew I wanted to do this."

Playing in the Rams' run-oriented attack suited Paul, who was familiar with grounding out games since Central had used the wishbone.

"My block is a key block in the wing-T attack," he said. "Anyway, I've always done the dirty jobs."

"It gets frustrating sometimes because I don't have the (receiving) numbers, but a lot of the coaches feel I'm the best receiver in the league."

Last season, the Rams made an effort to pass more than in previous seasons in the Hayes era. WSSU threw an average of four more passes a game than it

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