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Winston-Salem State Falls to A&T Aggies 49-21

Blount Clarifies Who Played the Game

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The stadium was busting at the seams with a crowd enduring elbow-to-elbow room last Saturday night, when Winston-Salem State University hosted North Carolina A&T State University and, to the disappointment of many Rams fans, faced a 49-21 loss.

Was it a game between two college teams or a rival between Coach Kermit Blount of the Winston-Salem State Rams and Coach Bill Hayes of the A&T University Aggies?

Before the game the big question was: How does it feel to be playing against your former coach?

According to Blount, "It was a game between two teams, the Rams and Aggies. I've been playing against Coach Hayes every since I've been coaching. It was the media that tried to make it a game between the two of us, just to sell a game off."

"I didn't want that to happen and I don't think Coach Hayes did either. Myself and my staff and Coach Hayes and his staff are good friends. Hayes is a very well known coach, and he's a winner. So if you're going to play against his team, you better know ahead of time that his team will be prepared."

"I think we played well, we gave up too many big plays in the second quarter. We had people in the right places, but they didn't make the play and missed a lot of tackles. But we are still a young team."

"I was displeased with the personal fouls we received. But the

Aggies' depth just caught up to us," he said.

Blount did feel that this loss will help them as a team after that big win against Elizabeth City just the week before.

"I did want our players to understand that we are not as good as they think we are and are not unbeatable, so this game had its positive aspects to it. The loss will be good for us as a team to work harder."

Coach Blount, a Richmond, Va. native, returned to WSSU after several successful coaching years in the Division I-AA level and is starting fresh at WSSU with a very young team.

It wasn't time for payback for the Aggies, as fans flocked to see former Ram quarterback Blount lay it on Coach Hayes of A&T. It was

a game against two colleges, and as Blount so clearly put it, "It was the athletes who had to get out there and play ball — not myself and Coach Hayes."

The Rams had 17 first downs, 132 yards rushing, 16 tackles and 73 yards lost rushing. There were 19 pass attempts with eight completions and two interceptions.

The Aggies had 26 first downs, 406 yards rushing, three tackles and six yards lost rushing. There were 25 passing attempts with 10 completions and no interceptions.

Was this the end for the WSSU Rams? Not by any means.

Now that the rival game of the season is over, Blount and his team can get back down to the business at hand (football), as they travel to face Howard University this Saturday.



WSSU's Richard Huntley and A&T's Leevary Covington.

Top-Ranked Linebacker Adds to Rams' Defense

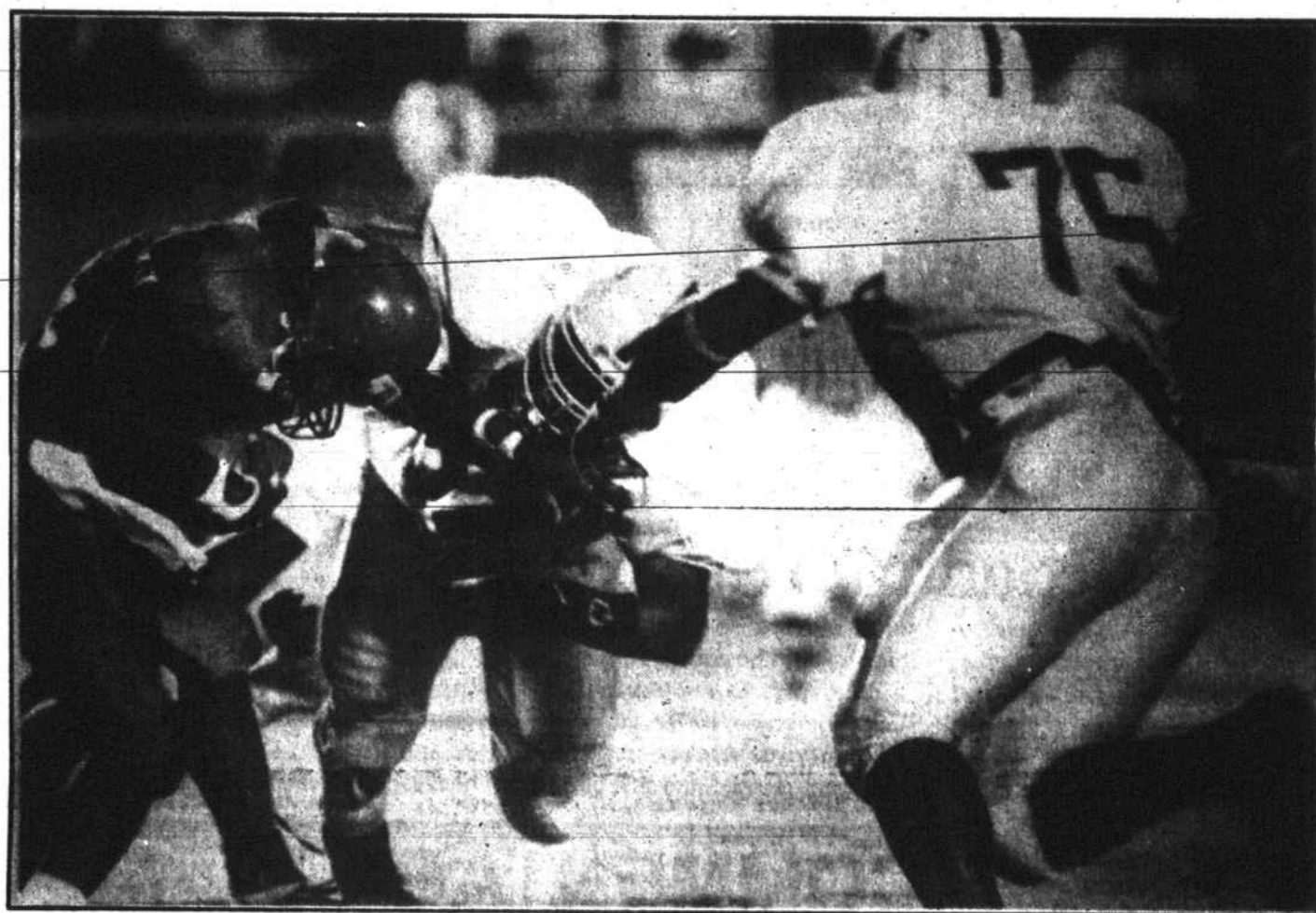
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Black College Sports Review magazine has Winston-Salem State University senior outside linebacker Antonio Stevenson ranked as one of the 10 best black college players in the nation. Coach Kermit Blount calls Stevenson one of the best ever to play at WSSU. Regardless of any label, Stevenson will be expected to repeat his All-Conference performance from a year ago and help the Rams regain their CIAA dominance.

During last season, Stevenson led the CIAA in sacks with 11 and recorded 95 tackles, but times have definitely changed. Coach Blount not only shed the infamous wing-T offense upon arrival at WSSU but also introduced a new wrinkle in the Rams defense.

Stevenson is no longer relegated to simply being a pass rusher. He is now responsible for recognizing different coverages, reading receivers, containment and watching the quarterback.

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N.C. A&T defensive end Torans James sacks Ram quarterback Rovell McMillian.



West Forsyth's junior varsity coaches give last minute pointers before the next quarter of play.

W. Forsyth JVs Tie East, Defeat North

West Forsyth High School's junior varsity football team tied East Forsyth 6-6 last Thursday and now hold a 1-0-2 season record.

Jason Smith scored the only touchdown for West on a 12-yard run, with the extra point blocked by East.

Quinton James had eight carries for 40 yards; Patrick Detson, two carries for five yards; Josh Caldwell, nine carries for 50 yards; Jason Smith, five carries for 35 yards; Ralph Wall, one carry for one yard; and Charlie Wands, two carries for eight yards.

West had 139 yards rushing, 54 yards total passing and seven first downs.

Caldwell had one catch on a 26-yard pass. Sean Zier had one catch on a 15-yard pass.

Defensively, the West JVs gave up 40 yards rushing and 38 yards passing, six points and five

ing the line on a four-yard run and Quenton James on a three-yard touchdown run. Jeremy Burchett added two PATs for West Forsyth.

West had 79 total yards and three first downs. The defense gave up 132 yards and seven first downs.

The leading tacklers for West were: Wesley Athan, Carlton Hire, Andre Joyner, and Blake Jones.

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—Coach Randy Pope

first downs.

According to JV Coach Randy Pope, the defense played very well.

West Forsyth JV football team defeated North Forsyth 14-7 on Sept. 2, with Wesley Athan cross-

According to Coach Randy Pope, "As a whole, the defense played well even though they did give up 132 yards. When it came crush time they played good defense."

MEAC Football Players of the Week

Week September 4, 1993.

Co-Offensive Players of the Week were Phil Anderson of Delaware State University and Tim Camron of Florida A&M University. Anderson, a 6', 190-pound junior runningback from Wilmington, DE; rushed for 146 yards on 14 carries and scored three touchdowns on runs of 30, 31, and 23 yards. Anderson also set up the winning score to defeat Fayetteville (NC) 31-28. Camron, a 5'8", 170 pounder junior place kicker from Ft. Myers, FL; booted field goals of 36, 32, and 22 yards, and added both extra points to help down Tennessee State 23-15.

Defensive Player of the Week, Cassius Adams of North Carolina A&T State University had five unassisted tackles, including two sacks for minus 21 yards and another for a loss during the 22-10 win over Appalachian State. He is a 6'1",

297-pound senior defensive tackle from Winston-Salem.

Co-Offensive Linemen of the week were Raynon Barrier of Morgan State University and Robert Bell of Howard University. Barrier, a 6'2", 257 pound junior guard from College Park, Md; graded 95 percent as Morgan compiled 460 total yards in the 54-20 win over Charleston Southern. Bell, a 6'6", 295 pound sophomore tackle from Philadelphia; graded 90 percent as Howard rolled up 470 yards during the 34-7 victory over Virginia Union.

Co-Rookies of the Week were Michael Hamilton of NCA&T and Michael Hicks of South Carolina State University. Hamilton, a 6'3", 206-pound linebacker from Greenville, SC; had four solo and three assisted tackles, recovered a fumble, and returned an interception

44 yards for a score in the win over Appalachian. Hicks, a 6'1", 185-pound runningback from Barnesville, SC; averaged 14.1 yards on nine carries and scored on a 20-yard run during the 38-0 win over Newberry.

Week September 11, 1993

Co-Offensive Players of the Week were Kevin Daniels of Bethune-Cookman College and Frankie Sanders of South Carolina State University. Daniels, a 6', 225 pound senior runningback from Daytona Beach, rushed 18 times for 115 yards and two touchdowns, plus caught four passes for 52 yards during the 41-17 win over Morgan State. Sanders, a 5'11", 205 pound senior runningback from Williston, SC; had 151 yards rushing on 29 carries in the 21-17 loss to Florida A&M.

Defensive Player of the Week

was Leevary Covington of North Carolina A&T State University after recording nine unassisted tackles, a sack, and three stops for losses during the 49-21 win over Winston-Salem State. He is a 6'1", 250 pound senior linebacker from Rockingham, NC.

Offensive Lineman of the Week Ronald Edwards of NCA&T after his fine performance in the win over Winston-Salem. The 6'5", 285 pound senior tackle from Temple Hill, MD keyed the blocking as NCA&T piled up 406 rushing yards and 571 total.

Rookie of the Week Cameron Pitts of Bethune-Cookman returned a kickoff 85 yards to set up a score, caught a pass, and rushed for 28 yards on five attempts during the victory over Morgan. Pitts is a 5'11", 170 pound running back from Panama City.



Pictured is Dionne Pigott a member of Carver High School Tennis team who fell to North Forsyth last Thursday with a score of 8-1.