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Black College Football Standings

CIAA

Table with columns: School, CONFERENCE (W, L, T), OVERALL (W, L, T). Lists teams like Hampton, W-S State, Va. State, etc.

RESULTS FROM 10/23/93

Bowie State - 24, Winston-Salem State - 13
Fayetteville State - 40, Johnson C. Smith - 6
Hampton - 46, Tuskegee - 12
Savannah State - 37, Livingstone - 18
S.C. State - 42, N.C. Central - 13
Va. State - 42, Elizabeth City State - 17
Norfolk State - 21, Va. Union - 9

SCHEDULE FOR 10/30/93

Johnson C. Smith at Winston-Salem State 7 p.m.
Fayetteville State at Bowie State 1 p.m.
Livingstone at N.C. Central 1 p.m.
Elizabeth City State at Hampton 1:30 p.m.
Va. Union at Va. State 1:30 p.m.
Norfolk State at Kentucky State 1:30 p.m.

MEAC

Table with columns: School, CONFERENCE (W, L, T), OVERALL (W, L, T). Lists teams like Howard, Delaware State, N.C. A&T, etc.

RESULTS FROM 10/23/93

Delaware - 65, Morgan State - 42
Howard Univ. - 41, NC A&T State - 35
S.C. State - 42, Central - 13
Central Florida - 34, S. Cookman - 14

SCHEDULE FOR 10/30/93

Morehouse at Howard 1 p.m.
Delaware State at S.C. State 1:30 p.m.
Florida A&M at Morgan State 2:00 p.m.
N.C. A&T at Bethune-Cookman 2p.m.

SWAC

Table with columns: School, CONFERENCE (W, L, T), OVERALL (W, L, T). Lists teams like Southern, Alcorn State, Grambling, etc.

RESULTS FROM 10/16/93

Alabama State - 37, Prairie View A&M - 6
Grambling State Univ. - 20, Jackson State Univ. - 14
Southern Univ. - 47, Alcorn State Univ. 31

SIAC

Table with columns: School, CONFERENCE (W, L, T), OVERALL (W, L, T). Lists teams like Albany State, Fort Valley, Savannah State, etc.

RESULTS FROM 10/23/93:

Albany State - 34, Alabama A&M - 9
Clark Atlanta - 30, Kentucky State - 7
Fort Valley State - 40, Miles - 0
Morehouse - 28, Tuskegee - 23
Morris Brown - 15, Savannah State - 14

Howard Wins Shootout Over A&T, 41-35

By MICHAEL JOHNSON
Chronicle Sports Writer

GREENSBORO - With 26,126 fans piled in the stands and overflowing the sidelines, North Carolina A&T fans came to Saturday's homecoming game against Howard looking for fireworks.

The fans on both sides of Aggie Stadium weren't disappointed, as both teams piled up 976 yards of total offense and 76 points between them. But with all the incendiaries, the Bison had the hottest rocket on the field in quarterback Jay Walker.

In sudden-death overtime, the senior from Los Angeles capped a record-breaking performance with a 25-yard run to give No. 18 Howard a thrilling 41-35 win over previously unbeaten and fifth-ranked NC A&T in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference action.

While the win should catapult the 7-0 Bison further into the Division I-AA Top Twenty polls, A&T saw its dreams of a national title severely dimmed. Howard has now moved into a tie with Delaware State for first place in the MEAC while A&T falls to third at 2-1 along with South Carolina State.

The contest resembled something out of a old western film more than a

football game. 48 first-downs were generated by both teams. A&T backs James White and Barry Turner ran amok for 128 and 114 yards, respectively. A&T ran for 313 yards and had 454 yards total offense while

Howard had 522 yards total offense, 420 through the air. Howard's James Cunningham had 178 yards receiving.

But when the smoke had cleared from the shootout, Walker was the biggest gunslinger left standing.

"It was a wild game to say the least," said Walker who passed for a school-record 420 yards on 32 of 57 passes, shattering Sandy Nichols' 10-year old record of 304. Walker also ran for 50 yards and passed for four touchdowns as well as running in the game-winner.

Howard needed every last bit of Walker's effort to overcome a furious Aggies charge. The Bison were in serious trouble after surrendering 28 consecutive points in a span of little more than 14 minutes of play.

After spotting Howard a 21-7 lead on Rupert Grant's five-yard run with 10:47 left in the half, A&T's offensive performance was as silent as the usually

raucous crowd was stunned. At that point, the Aggie offense decided that it wanted to join in on the football game that was being held without them.

As been the case with most Aggie contests, A&T mounted its usual comeback, striking with lightning quickness. Fred Ingram's 21-yard gallop around the Bison defense cut the score, with less than a minute left in the half cut the margin to 21-14.

A&T hurled another thunderbolt at Howard with 10:44 left in the third. On fourth and 23 from the Bison 44, freshman Ruben Ruiz had his punt blocked. 44 yards later, strong safety John Dixon was in the end-zone and suddenly it was a 21-21 tie.

"At that point, it seemed like the game had turned in our favor. We needed a spark like that to get our team going," says A&T coach Bill Hayes.

A&T struck again four minutes later when Turner ran 21 yards around the left sideline to make it a 28-21 game. The game - and the Bison - appeared to be over when quarterback Maseo Bolin fired a 39-yard pass to Rudy Artis with 2:50 left in the quarter to make it a 35-21 contest.

"Our team was shaken up by those

Sheridan Black College Football Poll

(Week Ending Oct. 30)

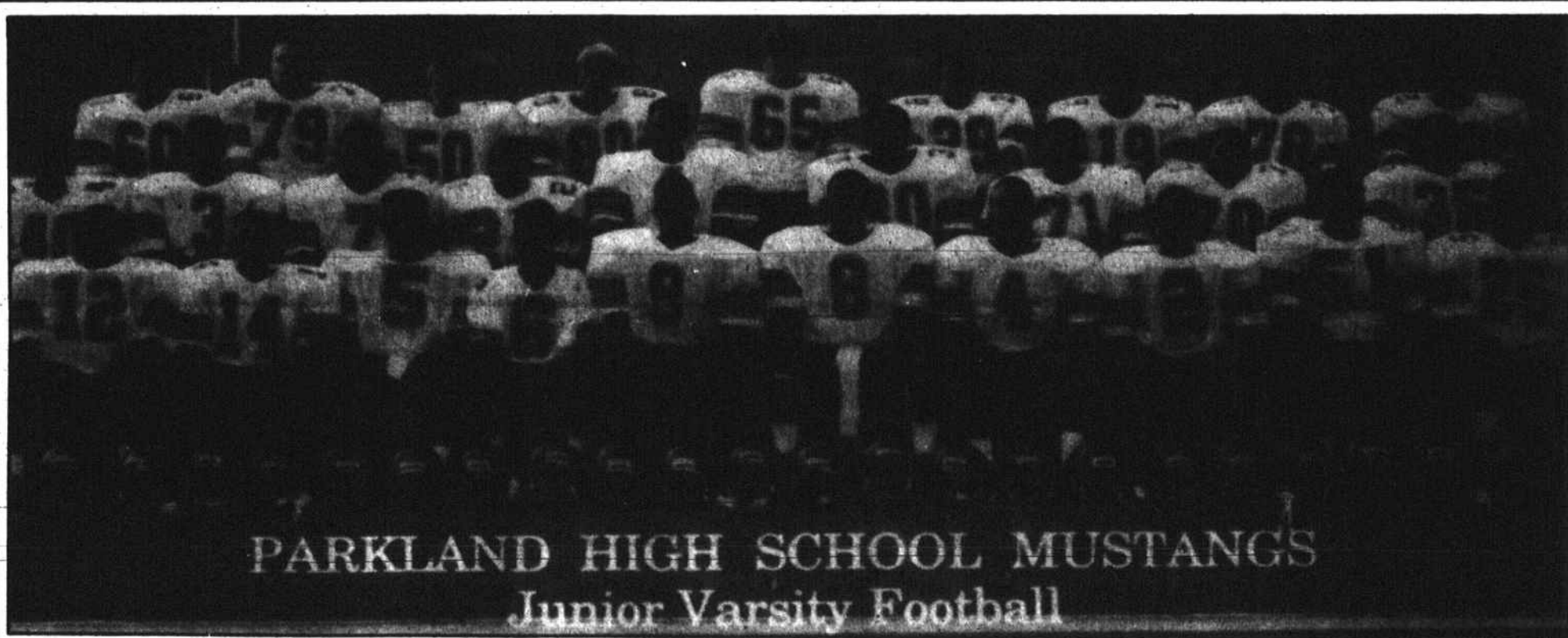
Table with columns: School, Points, Record, 1st Place Votes. Lists teams like Howard, Hampton, Southern, etc.

(Others receiving votes: Delaware State, Fort Valley State, Langston (Okla.) College)

three big scores," said Howard coach Steve Wilson, who won his first game against A&T after five tries. "We certainly needed someone to step up at that time."

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JV Roundup, B5



Parkland High School Mustangs suffer through a season of growing pains at 0-8 as many of the players are playing organized football for the first season.

Team Spirits High, Although Season Has Hit Bottom

By MICHAEL JOHNSON
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Parkland jayvee coach Toney Barnes knows there is light at the end of the tunnel for his young Mustang team. He just wishes it would come a little sooner.

"This season has crushed my ego tremendously," said Barnes, whose team suffered its eighth consecutive loss last week in a 33-0 loss to Glenn. "It's been particularly frustrating because I haven't been able to give the

kids what they need the most - a victory."

For the third-year coach, the taste of defeat has been a sour experience and a dramatic turnaround following last season's 7-3 campaign. At his time last year, Parkland was fighting for first place in the 3-A Conference before eventually losing the last game of the season.

Then all but five players moved up to the varsity level. With nearly 90 percent of his team being true freshmen

and only 24 players on his roster, Barnes knew this would be a difficult season. But when three starters were lost for the season with injuries, Barnes knew he would be literally starting over.

"We've had three different quarterbacks alone this year, and it's hard to play when you don't know who's going to play day-to-day," Barnes said. "Being so undermanned and so young hurts our rotation. Our offensive line is also our defensive line. By the end of

the game, our players are out there tired and that's where we lose."

Barnes said the lack of any organized football teams in Forsyth County's middle schools has hurt his team's development. Most of Parkland's players have not had any experience playing football prior to playing this year. Of the returning players, only two have played Pop Warner football.

"Most teams have an advantage over us. They've been playing together

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Youths Show Off Basketball Skills at YBL Tryouts

By MICHAEL JOHNSON
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"This is something worth staying for!"

Those were the words of 10-year-old Chris Truesdale as he watched the Youth Basketball League tryouts at the Winston Lake Family YMCA Oct. 24.

More than 300 children were evaluated based on their ability to pass, shoot and play defense by coaches in each age bracket. Tryouts were held for players ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-12 and 13-15 during one-hour intervals.

All players who tried out will automatically make the team. On Nov. 4, the coaches in each age bracket will notify the player's parents of which team he will be assigned to and where the practice sites will be. Practice will begin Nov. 8 with the regular season starting Dec. 17.

Some of the players have already begun to look forward to the season starting.

"My team won the championship last year," said David Gilliam, 6. "But last year, they didn't give me the ball but one time."

"Whoever I play for, I think we'll be all right," said 6-year old Stacy Lloyd, who said he likes Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal and Scottie Pippen as his favorite players.

Each age bracket held an evaluation for a period of one hour. During each session, each youngster got a chance to show off his wares to a coach, who "scouted" each player on his talents. The youngest group did the basics, such as passing and shooting free throws. Each group showed a progression until the final youngsters, who performed a dribbling exhibition with both hands, a mini shoot-around and finally a

five-minute scrimmage.

"The coaches are looking for your basketball skills, as well as your self-esteem and teamwork," said Jorah Wade, 12.

According to Knicks coach Tony Hairston, the object of the evaluation is not to just see how the players just perform in just a short amount of time.

"Each coach is looking for something a little different. It could be unselfishness, it be how they react to situations, anything," Hairston said. "But we want to get the best kid available to fit our play."

While each player performed, their parents sat in the stands to see if their son's hours of practice payed off. If he hits a 15-foot shot, a quiet cheer could be heard. If he blows a layup, nothing but sighs could be heard throughout the gym.

"My son likes basketball, but he

likes soccer as well," said Gihl Shannon, whose son French was one of the participants in the 8-10 division. "I just hopes that he enjoys it, because I'm not a sports fan at all."

The crowd was unusually placid throughout the contest, because each parent was encouraging for all the kids. However, some of the spectators would let the players know if they could play.

"I like to yell if the player has 'game' or not," said Chris, who sat beside his cousin throughout the duration. "If they can't shoot, I let them know."

But the most important thing is that the kids are enjoying themselves.

"I yell 'Oh, my goodness' if I see my boy hurt out there," said Manya Stewart, whose son Scott was one of the tryouts' standout players. "But Scott enjoys himself out there and I really hope he has a good time out there."