

# SPORTS WEEK

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## Glenn kicks around Carver

**Unstoppable Bobcats head into post season with nearly perfect record**

BY ANTHONY NELSON FOR THE CHRONICLE

On Wednesday of last week, the Glenn Bobcats traveled from Kernersville to make quick work of the Carver Yellowjackets en route to a 9-0 victory and a tie for the conference soccer title. Glenn, which finished the regular season 15-1 in conference play, is Piedmont Triad 3-A Conference co-champions with Northeast Guilford, also 15-1 in conference play.

The Yellowjackets finished 4-12 but, on this night, hoped to disturb Glenn's shot at the championship. Second-year coach Jim Wright was looking for effort from his team, but things did not fare well for the Yellowjackets' last game of the season.

Glenn, led by Scott Stanfield and Brandon Gale, scored quickly and never slowed down. Stanfield, who came into the game needing only a couple of goals to break the school career-scoring

record, scored the game's first goal just 2:20 into the game.

Carver goalkeeper Travis Weakly Jr. had a busy night as Glenn took 30 shots on goal. Glenn head coach Todd Plummer said that his team had no problems getting focused for this game because it had seen Carver's improvement.

Glenn, which won its first conference championship in soccer, displayed effective passing and accurate shooting as it scored five first-half goals and led 5-0 at halftime. Mike Vollick scored on consecutive goals at the 10:42 and 16:40 marks. Preston Gilliam then added to the total on an assist from Chris Helms. Gale, who scored three goals, ended the first-half scoring on a goal at 33:42.

The second-half opened much the way the first half did, with Stanfield producing the first goal one minute and 34 seconds into the half. At 43:35, Stanfield, a forward who has started for four years, broke the 12-year scoring record held by Kit Dotson, a 1990 graduate. The record-breaking goal, the 54th of his career and third of the game, came on an assist from Geoff George.

Stanfield left the game to a

lively cheering section after the goal. He spoke modestly of his accomplishment after the game.

He said: "I feel good about breaking the record, and I'm glad that the team has done as well as it has this year. I hope that we can continue to play well in the playoffs."

The Bobcats' Gale scored the final two goals of the game. One of the goals Glenn set at the beginning of the season has been achieved. Glenn's focus is now on extending its regular-season success (18-3-1) into the post-season play.

Stanfield said, "The goals were to win the conference championship and the state championship."

Plummer is well aware of the competition Glenn will face in the post-season and feels tough games will come in the early rounds.

"I've watched teams like Burlington Williams and Chapel Hill; they have good teams, but I feel that we can beat them."

The Bobcats won a play-in game against Northeast Guilford last Thursday for seeding purposes. The victory gave them the number one seed for the playoffs, which begin this week.



The goalie for Carver tries to stop Glenn from scoring.

## Williams punctuates return with 101-yard UNC game

BY SAM DAVIS FOR THE CHRONICLE

He's back, finally!

After a long, uphill battle, Tarence Williams of Wake Forest is finally back in the groove in the Deacons' running game. Williams' 101-yard performance against North Carolina Saturday officially marked his return as Wake Forest's feature back.

Williams' rushing helped spark the Deacons to a 31-0 victory over the Tarheels at Groves Stadium and put Wake Forest in the hunt for a bowl berth.

It was the kind of outing that was commonplace last season. But this season no Deacon runner, including Williams, had surpassed the

100-yard mark even though Wake Forest leads the ACC in rushing. And while Williams feels he has been 100 percent for some time now, he still had to share the tailback duties with three other Deacons.

"I've been back," Williams said. "This was my first 100-yard game. Last year, it was like this every game. I had to get used to my offensive line again."

Williams, who led the Deacons in rushing last season when he surpassed the 1,000-yard mark, turned in the type of performance that was expected of him going into the season. Williams' 1,018 yards last season helped him earn second-team All-ACC honors, and several publications selected him as a pre-season first-team pick going into the 2002 season.

However, a freak accident in his dorm room during the summer set him back considerably. Williams fractured a bone in his foot as he stepped awkwardly getting out of bed one morning last June. He had to undergo surgery and missed most of the Deacons' pre-season drills. He was also sidelined for the Deacons' first game of the season, a 42-41 overtime loss to Northern Illinois.

Rather than being the focal point of the Deacons' rushing attack after returning to the lineup, Williams - a 5-10, 178-pound senior - had to make the adjustment of becoming part of Wake's "running back by committee" unit.

With Williams on the mend,

See Williams on B3

## Unexpected passing of Lester Kimber leaves void



**Ralph Gaillard**

**Golf-N-Around**

The passing away recently of local amateur golf standout Lester Kimber brought another shock wave to our community. Kimber was only 54 years old.

Lester grew up in East Bend, where he made a name for himself playing baseball and basketball. As a young man, he played semipro baseball for a team in Elkin.

Growing up Lester had no interest in golf. However, after moving to Winston-Salem in the 1960s he received a set of golf clubs and headed for Winston

Lake Golf Course. At "The Lake,"

Lester honed his golf skills, and moved up from group to group to the best players.

From 1976 to 2002 Kimber won 65 amateur golf tournaments, including four wins at the prestigious Forsyth Invitational Golf Tournament. He was one of only two African-Americans to win the tournament in its history.

Many golfers in the know say that in another time, Kimber could have been a professional golfer and successfully competed on the PGA Tour.

In an interview for an article that featured him earlier this year, Kimber spoke to this writer about "golf being more than a game." Lester said, "Golf teaches you about yourself personally, as well as the individuals you play with."

Lester also commented about a "self-taught tenacity that did not allow him to give up." He obviously was a dedicated competitor without any quit in him.

Lester, like most of the rest of the world, was in awe of Tiger Woods. Lester said, "I never thought I'd see anyone play the game of golf like Tiger."

Lester had a quiet demeanor and ever-present smile. He appeared to me to be a man of few words. However, when he spoke everyone listened. People who knew him better than this writer speak of his gifts to be a friend to everyone and to make one feel comfortable in his presence. He definitely demonstrated those gifts whenever this writer had the great fortune of being in his presence.

Everyone greatly respected and liked Kimber. He was well-known in local golf circles and beyond. Those who knew him and loved him were honored to call him husband, dad, brother, uncle and friend.

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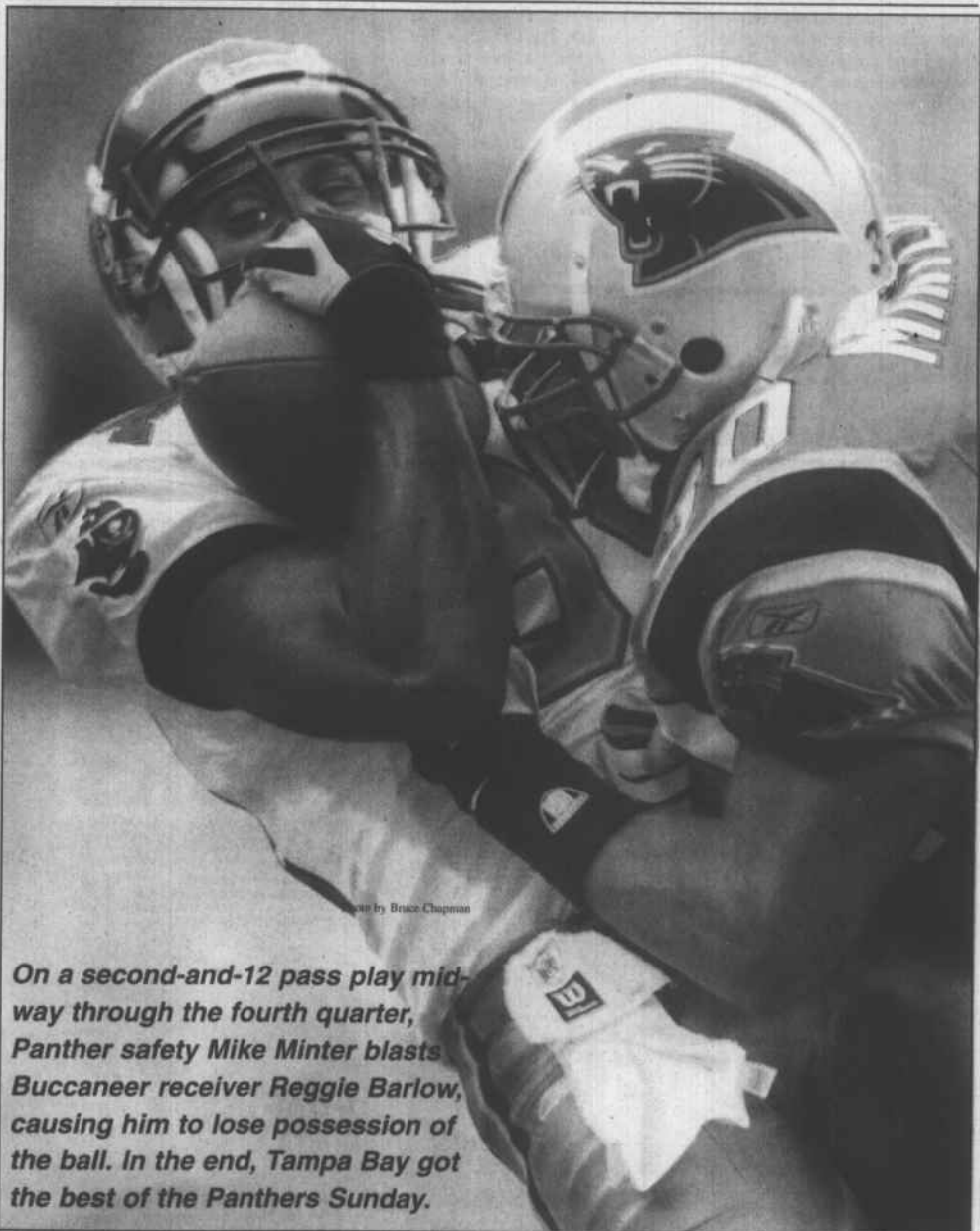
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On a second-and-12 pass play midway through the fourth quarter, Panther safety Mike Minter blasts Buccaneer receiver Reggie Barlow, causing him to lose possession of the ball. In the end, Tampa Bay got the best of the Panthers Sunday.

## Reynolds has its way with Central Piedmont

BY ANTHONY NELSON FOR THE CHRONICLE

The R.J. Reynolds Demons celebrated their homecoming Friday night at Deaton-Thompson Stadium to the tune of a 21-0 shutout over Central Piedmont opponent the South Iredell Vikings. The Demons controlled the ground game and got their best defensive performance of the season in sloppy conditions.

The Demons held the Vikings to 10 rushing and 2 passing yards, for a total of 12 first-half yards. They stopped South Iredell from getting any first downs that half.

The Vikings never got into any rhythm and were unable to keep their offense on the field. Reynolds' stingy defense forced South Iredell into five three-and-outs. The best field position the Vikings could manage was the Demons' 43-yard line.

"Defensively, we had a real good night, especially in the first

half, holding them to 12 yards," said head coach Mike Propst of Reynolds. "Coach Atkins and our defensive staff (have) done a very good job of adjusting our defense this year."

Michael Six, Carson Glenn and the Demons' defense disrupted the Vikings' offense early and often. In the second half when the Vikings managed to move the ball, the Demons' defense stepped up and caused turnovers. Glenn got into the backfield and caused a fumble by Viking quarterback Zach Thompson at the Demons' 43 in the third quarter. He caused another fumble in the fourth quarter, recovered by Tim Brown, which halted another South Iredell drive. Six had a number of vicious hits to help Reynolds contain South Iredell's offense to 192 total yards, which mostly came in the second half.

"Hopefully we'll continue to



See Reynolds on B2 A Reynolds player tries to withstand being taken down.