

CIAA WEEK IN REVIEW

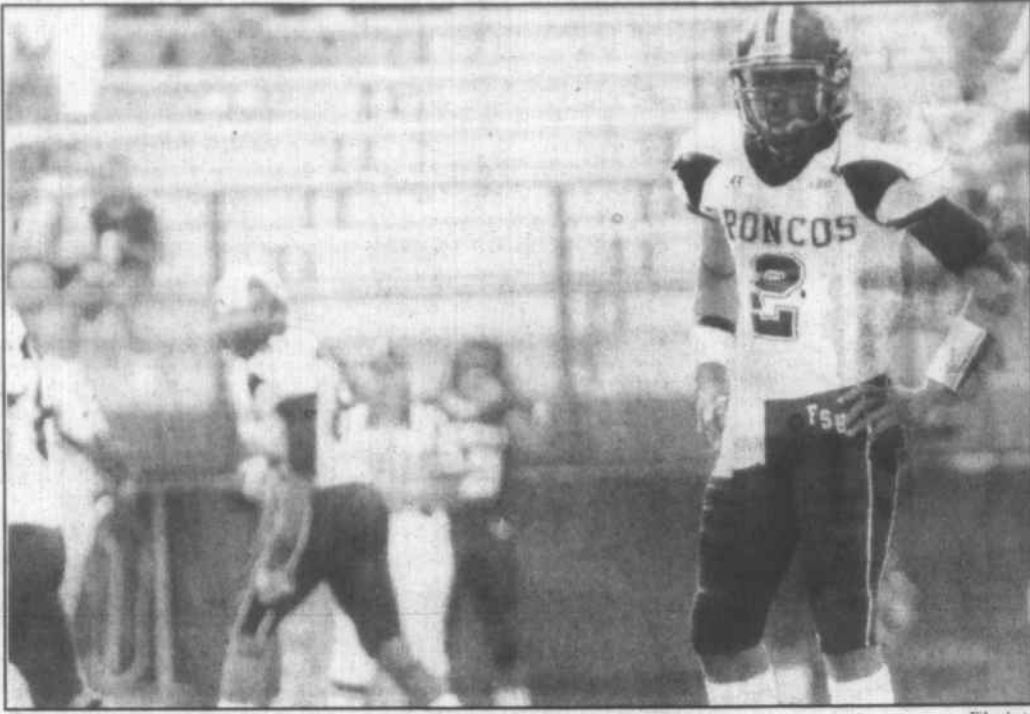
Several conference teams fall in weekend upsets

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A cursory look at the statistics of last weekend's cross-town show down between the Shaw University Bears and the Saint Augustine's Falcons reveals that the Bears had 403 yards of total offense to 186 yards for the Falcons; that Shaw picked up 22 first downs while limiting Saint Augustine's to 12 and that Shaw dominated time of possession 35:37 to 24:23. As a matter of fact, the Bears dominated almost every statistical category of the game but the one that mattered the most, the final score, as Saint Augustine's used some timely special teams play and a "bend but don't break" defense to stymie Shaw in a 27-16 upset in Raleigh.

The Falcons, who had lost four straight coming into the game, fell behind early when an errant snap sailed over their punter's head and out of the end zone for a safety and a 2-0 Shaw lead with 8:13 left in the first quarter. But the Falcons would take control of the game in the second quarter when Walter Sanders capped a 4-play, 63-yard drive with a 3-yard run for a 7-2 Falcon lead.

On Shaw's next possession, the Bears drove down to the Falcons' 20-yard line and lined up to attempt a field goal. But in the biggest play of the day, the field goal attempt was blocked and picked up by linebacker Lester Graham and returned 70 yards for a touchdown and a 13-2 Saint Augustine's lead. Shaw would answer back with a score on their next possession as quarterback Marcus Brooks connected with Jayson Royal on a



File photo
Fayetteville State quarterback Bryan Hardy finished with 213 yards and three touchdowns.

Scoreboard

Bowie State 28,
Lincoln 2

ECSU 35,
Virginia State 7

Fay. St. 60,
Chowan 21

Livingstone 32,
JCSU 26

St. Paul's 17,
VUU 10

St. Aug.'s 27,
Shaw 16

32-yard touchdown pass as the Bears trailed the Falcons 13-8 at the half.

In the third quarter, Saint

Augustine's put the finishing touch on the upset, getting touchdowns from Jermaine Smith and another from Sanders as they pushed their lead to 27-8. Shaw would cut the lead to 27-16 late in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run by Raymon Williams but could get no closer.

With the win, the Falcons improved to 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the CIAA, while the Bears dropped to 3-3 and 2-1 heading into a pivotal matchup with division leading Fayetteville State this week.

Fayetteville State 60, Chowan 21: The Broncos of Fayetteville State University made it look easy last Saturday evening with a 60-21 win over Chowan University to improve to 5-1 overall and 3-0

in the CIAA.

This was the first match-up in school history on the gridiron for both institutions. Chowan entered the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association this season to compete in football. The Hawks (now 1-5 overall; 0-3 in the CIAA) came into the contest looking to mount their first win in the conference. Bryan Hardy completed 12-of-20 passes for 213 yards and three touchdowns; he also rushed for 70 yards and one TD on the ground. Darryl Barnett had 84 yards off four catches and two receiving touchdowns. Richard Medlin stole the show with 235 all-purpose yards; including 174 kickoff return yards and two returns for touchdowns.

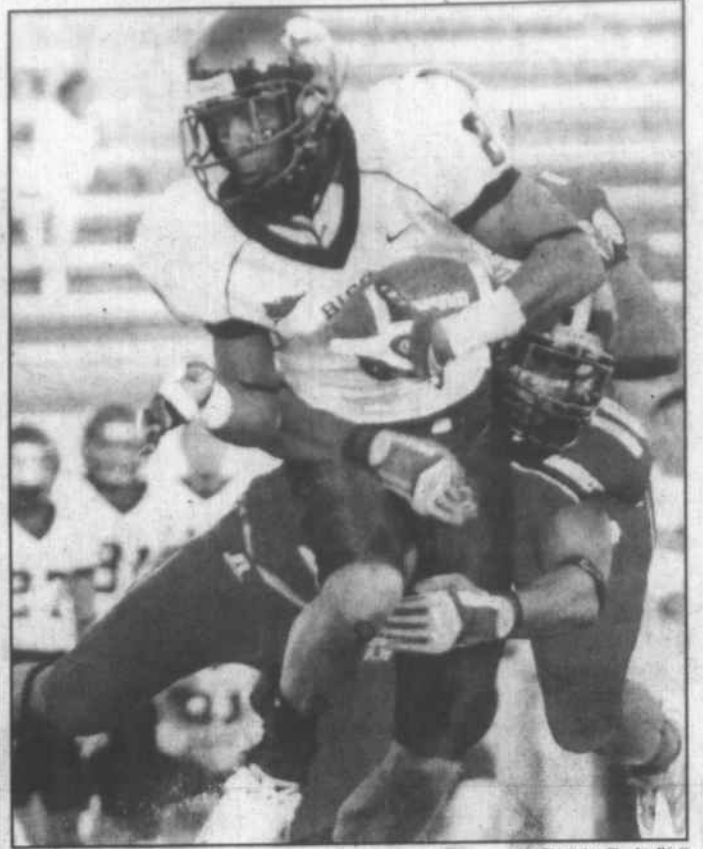


Photo by Charlie Pfaff
Sherman tries to break away from former high school teammate Duron Middleton, who plays for WSSU.

Sherman

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"My dad wasn't really happy about that," said Bryce Sherman. "He's all about doing things first class, and not taunting. I guess Brandon was just excited. He said he was gonna do something."

Brandon added: "That was something that I just did. I don't know why I did it. I really don't have an explanation why I did it. I planned on doing a touchdown celebration. I did plan on that. I didn't know what I was gonna do. I guess that I did the first thing that popped in my head."

So far, this has been Sherman's best season on the football field.

Sherman having good season

"Well, it's my best collegiate year," Sherman said. "I had the best year of my life my senior year at Parkland. I had to prove what I can do in one year. I had to prove that I could play on the Division I level, and I did that."

Sherman is presently third on the team in receptions. In five games, Sherman has hauled in 26 receptions. His longest reception was 47 yards. Sherman has gained 361 total yards and two touchdowns. Willie Carter and Arlandus Hood rank ahead of

Sherman with 39 and 35 receptions, respectively. Sherman admits to playing with a chip on his shoulders. Every time he steps on the field he's trying to prove himself to doubters. But that's a role he's used to. He began his high school career at Carver, where he didn't feel needed. He said he people doubted how much he would help the team. Then, he transferred to Parkland and had a senior season to remember. He's taken that same motivation to trigger his play at Howard.

"Every time I step on the field I feel like I have something to prove," Sherman said. "One person may not know my ability. I'm always trying to show that I'm better than they think. I'm always trying to prove that I am as good as I think I am."

He hopes to continue his career for as long as he can. He's already thinking about the next level — despite the fact that he's got another year left at Howard.

"I'd love to continue to play whether that's in the NFL, Canadian or Arena league," Sherman concluded. "If that doesn't work out then I'd like to be an AD (athletic director) or coach. I'd like to always be around sports. Right now, I'm trying to catch as many balls as I can to help the team win. Hopefully, the rest will take care of itself."

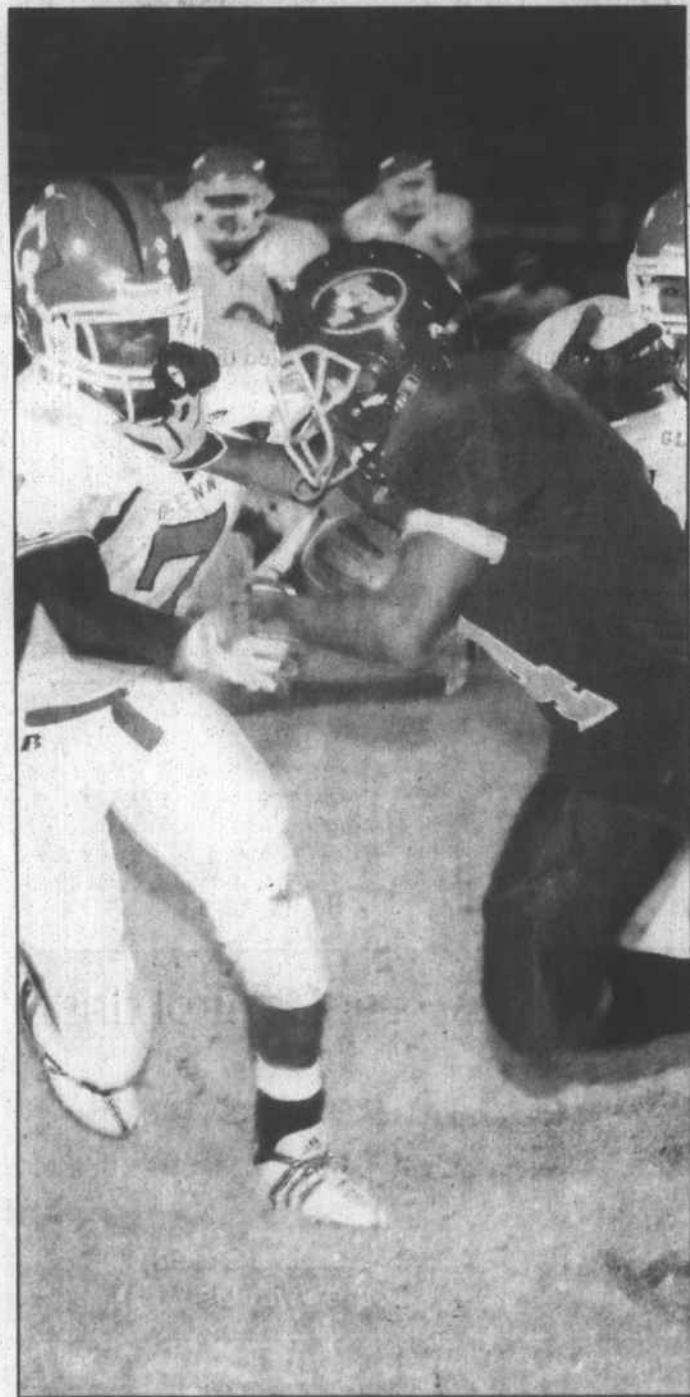


Photo by Charlie Pfaff
Atkins receiver Lewis Williams stiff arms Chris Simmons during Glenn's win over Atkins last week.

JV

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"That killed us," said Atkins head JV coach Chris Thompson. "That holding call from the goal line really hurt us. That backed us up on a fourth down. If we would've gotten those points we would've been in good shape. We would've only been down by a touchdown at halftime."

Glenn went on to score again after Parris Harris got into the end zone with a 1-yard touchdown run with 3:50 to go in the half. The Harris run made it 22-0.

Glenn put two more scores on the board late in the third quarter when Marcuz Harris took a punt and kick return to the house. Harris ran a punt for a score with 2:46 to go in the third quarter.

Then, he scored on a kick return with 4.3 seconds remaining in the third. That touchdown occurred right after Atkins scored its first touchdown of the game. Gregory scored that touchdown for Atkins with 16.5 to go in the third. Shawn Allen scored the 2-point conversion.

"Our offense was able to do better tonight," said Thompson. "We've relied a lot on our defense this year. They've played lights out for us so far. Tonight we had a little trouble stopping Glenn. But our offense stepped up. Like I said earlier, it might've been a different game if we don't get that penalty in the first half. That

score would've been big. A lot was taken out of the kids after that happen. We're still a young program. We still have guys that get excited and make little errors. If we can get the little things together then we'll be fine."

"We're getting ready to play conference teams now," Thompson continued. "We should be fine. We'll see teams that are more on our level. We should be able to exploit and show what we really have. Right now we're just playing some good ball teams. But we're playing hard. I thought we played lights out, despite the loss."

Atkins was led by Gregory, Allen, Aaron Stone, Dashaune Duffy, Lewis Williams and Donald Snow. Some of the other key players for Glenn were Jaie Manes, Hawkins, Campbell, Thomas Burton, Lowery, Williams and Chris Simmons.

"Now, we need to look forward for conference," concluded Stevenson. "That's a new season. We won our conference last year. We're trying to repeat."

The Glenn JV team (3-2) will host High Point Andrews tonight, while Atkins will travel to play Eastern Guilford.

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Every year through the City's Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program a series of seminars are offered to interested City residents thinking about entering into the business world. Topics include Market Analysis, Legal Issues, Customer Service, Insurance Needs, Book Keeping and Taxes, Writing a Business Plan, and How to Apply for Funding. Qualified participants who complete the program are then eligible to apply to the City's Small Business Loan Program for funding to assist in starting a small business.

Please call, Ruben Gonzales, Development Office, at 747-7474 if you'd like to register or have questions.