

# CIAA WEEK IN REVIEW

Elizabeth City State slips by Bowie State

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Reggie Smith's run for a 2-point conversion off of a fake PAT attempt proved to be the game winner as visiting Elizabeth City State rallied from 14 points down in the fourth quarter for a 29-28 victory over Bowie State in an important Eastern Division matchup over the weekend.

The Vikings (4-3, 4-0 CIAA) logged touchdown receptions of 29 and 88-yards from wide-

out Dexter Manley (three receptions, 126 yards, three touchdowns) to take a 14-7 halftime lead.

Bowie State quickly seized momentum on their first possession of the third quarter. Following a 29-yard kick-off return by Clifton Budd, tailback Isaac



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ECSU wide out Dexter Manley goes up for a touchdown catch.

needed only six plays to score as Cedric Blacknall capped the 60-yard drive with an 8-yard touchdown run to trim the lead to 28-27. Trailing by one, the Vikings lined up to kick the game-tying PAT. But instead, holder Reggie Smith took the snap and ran it in for two points and a 29-28 ECSU lead with 3:05 left in the game.

Bowie State would get two more shots at the win when ECSU's ensuing kickoff sailed out of bounds giving the Bulldogs the ball at their own 40-yard line. BSU used eight plays to move the ball down to the Vikings' 23-yard line where Gagne lined up for a game-winning 40-yard field goal with 18 seconds left in the contest. The kicked sailed wide right for an apparent Vikings' win. But ECSU was flagged for an off sides penalty and Gagne got one more attempt from 5 yards closer but misfired on that one as well as the Vikings held on for the one point win that solidified their hold on first place in the Eastern Division.

In other conference action ... Chowan rolled up 416 yards of offense as the Braves posted their first ever win in CIAA conference play with a 41-20 victory over Livingstone last Saturday in Murfreesboro, N.C.

## SCORES

Chowan 41, Livingstone 20

Elizabeth City 29, Bowie, 28

J.C. Smith 19, St. Aug's 13

Virginia State 25, Saint Paul's 7

Virginia Union 68, Lincoln 6

Redman broke loose for a 56-yard touchdown run on the Bulldogs' second play of the quarter. Kicker Michael Gagne misfired on the PAT and BSU trailed 14-13. Bowie State's defense held the Vikings scoreless and intercepted quarterback Curtis Rich twice in the third quarter but was unable to generate any points from the turnovers.

The Bulldogs would take their first lead of the day with 13:31 to play in the fourth quarter when quarterback Jason Scott ran it in from two yards out. Isaac Redman added the two-point conversion to give BSU a 21-14 lead. After forcing the Vikings to punt on their next possession, Bowie State went to their aerial attack to gain big chunks of yardage. First, Scott connected with Dean Boateng for a 44-yard reception that moved the ball down to the ECSU 39-yard line. Three plays later, Scott hooked up with Anthony Howe on a 40-yard touchdown pass. Gagne added the PAT as the Bulldogs pushed their lead to 28-14 with just under nine minutes remaining in the game.

The Vikings' rally would begin when BSU's Tariq Jones fumbled the ball, which was then recovered by ECSU's Chris Osborne at the Bowie State 32-yard line. Six plays later, Rich connected with Manley on his third touchdown of the day, a 9-yarder that cut Bowie's lead to 28-21.

Trailing by a touchdown, the Vikings gambled and successfully completed an onside kick that they recovered at their 40-yard line. They

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Eagles depend on to carry most of the load from the ground. Kellums is the player the Eagles depend on to do just about everything. He runs the ball. He catches the ball when he's split out. And, he blocks pretty good. I'd take both of those backs any day of the week.

I'm going with Carver's Michael Lawrence at number nine. I think Lawrence could be just as good as any quarterback when running the right plays. Sometimes I think he needs to be in another kind of system than they run at Carver. But he still does well. And, I like him. He's a baller.

Number eight has to be West Forsyth's Chrisawn Rhyne. As a matter of fact, I'm going with two Titans right here. I'm also going with Tyler Jeffords. Rhyne is respected, but overlooked sometime. Jeffords plays fullback for West. How many times does anyone brag about a fullback unless it's Mike Alstott or something? Well, Tyler is that type of player. He reminds a lot of people of that fullback that played for West Virginia last season. And, Rhyne is simply electric when he gets his hands on the ball.

Number seven goes to Glenn's Chase Ingram. Ingram would probably be a top three receiver if he played in a system like they run at Reynolds or Parkland. But he plays at Glenn. They don't pass it at all. That's pretty sad because they have a wideout in Ingram that can make tons of plays from his wide out position.

Number six goes to three Carver running backs. I'm going with Dequan Holder, Chris Douglas and Walter Jones. I would mention CHS running back Danny Bodin, but he's really not playing where he should be. He would help Carver a lot more if he were at safety. I actually think he'd be a good college safety. But that's another issue. Douglas and Jones are two very talented backs. They both have a lot of speed, and great vision. Both players are very smart too. Jones even has a



File photo

Carver's Michael Lawrence

3.7 gpa. That's what's really good. Holder is perfect for the offense Carver runs. He's a fullback with halfback size and skills. D-Holder will run you over too.

Number five goes to Parkland wide out Marquis Harper. Harper is definitely one of the fastest wide outs in Winston. Everyone knows how awesome Nick James is for Parkland. But Harper is just as dangerous when he's on.

Number four is probably Mt. Tabor's Denard Jones. He really should be used a lot more at Mt. Tabor. At the start of the year it looked like he was going to help at wide out, quarterback and running back. Lately, he's been lucky to get six touches — period. Jones is good. And, he's got to be more of a part of the Spartan offense if they want to make a run in the playoffs. Hunter is my man. But it's not hard to stop what you know is coming. Jones is the perfect change up for the Spartans this year.

Number three is Reynolds running back Kevin Simmons. I was telling his father how much I liked him last Friday. I told his dad that he's one of those players that you'd see out and wouldn't really think too much of. I mean, he just looks like a cool kid. But he's straight trouble on the football field. He gives it to you on offense and defense too. That's a common theme at Reynolds.

Number two goes to

another Reynolds guy, and that's wide out Will Miller. They call him Lucky at Reynolds. I call him the most one of the best deep ball wide outs around. He uses his jumping ability make small guys look silly on the field. I told JP that things might've been different if they had worked him into the game last week.

The most underrated skilled (offensive) player is Carver's Collin Floyd. I gave him a brief mention last week. I'm here to tell you that Floyd is official. He can run punts back, and he's dangerous at wide out. I call him little T.O., or baby Julio Jones. He sports number 8 for the Yellowjackets. Check him out against Glenn tomorrow. He should have a big game.

Next week I may come out with MY list of top defensive players.

### Girl's showcase coming Oct. 25 at Gateway

Former ACC standouts Porsche Jones and LaQuanda Barksdale Quick will host a girls clinic on Oct. 25 that will help some area girl ballers get the attention of some Division II and III schools.

A number of D-II and III schools are expected to be in attendance. That's a good look because every girl isn't going to sign with a big Division I school. Sometimes smaller schools gives student-athletes a more comfortable environment to learn and become better.

Each participant will also be evaluated during the clinic. Girls will also get a chance to compete against top level players from the Southeast — as well as learn drills and techniques to enhance basketball skills.

Early registration is set Oct. 20. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. on Oct. 25. For additional information visit [www.defbasketball.com](http://www.defbasketball.com) or email coordinators at [events@defbasketball.com](mailto:events@defbasketball.com).

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# Walker spearheading scholarship effort

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Former Howard University basketball and softball student-athlete Tonia Walker and Jacqueline McWilliams Carpenter, who was a former hoops and volleyball standout, are spearheading an effort toward creating the Tiny Laster Endowed Athletic Scholarship.

Carpenter and Walker hope to create the scholarship in an effort to continue Laster's legacy and ability to enrich the lives of female athletes. Contributions to the endowment must reach \$25,000 prior to the initial scholarship award.

"I would not miss out on an opportunity to continue coach's legacy and pursuit for equality for women," exclaimed Tonia Walker, who's WSSU's Associate Director Of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator. "The scholarship is one way that we are able to continue the efforts that he fought so hard to accomplish. We were fortunate to benefit from his fight for us. Through the scholarship, other female student-athletes will hopefully acknowledge and embrace the fact that they stand on the shoulders of a pioneer like Coach, thus helping to ensure that his spirit shall remain strong forever."

Laster, who took over as the Lady Pirates' softball coach in 1989, compiled a career record of 535-300-1 in the sport. He also compiled a 215-250 record in 13 years as the Lady Pirates' volleyball coach, and a 139-67 record as

Hampton's women's basketball coach. Laster guided the Lady Pirates to Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles in softball in 1994 and 1995, and in basketball in 1994. Following the Pirates' transition up to NCAA Division I status, he guided the softball team to the MEAC tournament title in 1996.

In addition to his coaching tenure at Hampton, Laster also coached women's basketball at Talladega College (Ala.) and then at Tuskegee University (Ala.), compiling a record of 245-128 at Tuskegee.

The scholarship is designated for a Hampton University rising junior, senior or fifth-year senior female student-athlete who possesses a minimum 3.0 GPA. The scholarship shall be designated for tuition, room and board and/or books and will be renewable one time. The award recipient must have demonstrated significant contributions to university and humanitarian/community service.

The success of the Tiny Laster Athletic Endowed Scholarship is dependent upon on the community in which he touched. Contributions in any amount are appreciated as the scholarship will not begin until the endowment goal of \$25,000 is attained. Contributions should be forwarded to Vice-President for Development/Hampton University/ Hampton, VA 23668. Checks should be made payable to "Hampton University" (denote Tiny Laster Endowed Scholarship in the memo section of the check).



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way."

The training program was established to progress and develop a competitive level of intensive athletic training utilizing skills of basketball and athletic training. The mission of the company is to provide customized sport-specific packages, including instructions, activities and highly competitive athletic training by preparing young adults to succeed through strength and support training. The new athletic club has already provided training for approximately 46 female student-athletes, dating back to this past summer.

### Program almost ready

The two have already been giving a go to start their program at the West Forsyth

YMCA. They hope to officially get everything started within a month.

"We want to also help the Y implement their values," Jones said. "We already share some of those values. We want to teach the kids great values and morals."

Speas added: "Like I said, we're also going to share the value of education with the student athletes. There's more to training kids than just doing a bunch of drills. It's all about building a relationship and gaining trust. The same is achieved through sports in general."

The Best of Both Worlds is centered on developing skills in a professional learning environment in individual and group sessions, where all coaches focus on individual skill development to enhance each participant's ability within the program concepts. Participants can choose to

receive one on one, partner or small group training sessions. Sessions vary in price ranges.

There will be six steps within the program. Beginners will start in the Rookie division, which will be followed by freshman, sophomore, junior, senior and pro.

"I think this will be a great program," Jones concluded. "We've already been doing some training, and it's been going well. We're simply trying to expand now. I know that Derrick is excited. I'm excited. And, I have a passion for this. I can see myself doing this for a long time. I look forward to the opportunity to work with more kids that I wouldn't normally be able to reach."

Contact Speas at 978-1733 ([nlastsports@yahoo.com](mailto:nlastsports@yahoo.com)) or Jones at [bondsskills@hotmail.com](mailto:bondsskills@hotmail.com) for pricing information.

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