

Ragsdale takes over at N.C. A&T

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

North Carolina A&T athletics director Wheeler Brown announced the dismissal of head football coach Lee Fobbs earlier this week. Brown appointed George Ragsdale as the interim head football coach for the remainder of the 2008 season.

"We feel like this is the best decision for the program at this time," said Brown. "I certainly want to thank Lee for all his efforts over the last 2 1/2 years, and I want to wish him well in all his future endeavors. The program just needs a new direction."

Fobbs was 2-28 as the Aggies head coach. Ragsdale, 55, has served as the Aggies running backs coach under Fobbs the last three seasons. He has been assistant coach on the collegiate level for 23 seasons. He started his coaching career as an assistant at N.C. A&T in 1983. It was the first of three coaching stints with the Aggies.

Ragsdale returned to N.C. A&T as a part-time assistant during the 2003 MEAC Championship season. Three years later he came back to coach running backs. He has also coached as an assistant at Morris Brown, Norfolk State and Arkansas Pine-Bluff.

"My job is to keep these young men focused on what is ahead of us and not what has already happened," said Ragsdale. "We have four games remaining starting with Howard on Saturday, and that's where our focus as a football team belongs. We have to make the best of what is left in this season."

Ragsdale is a 1976 graduate of N.C. A&T. He is considered one of the best running backs to ever wear an Aggies uniform. Ranked ninth on the Aggies all-time rushing list with 1,989 yards, Ragsdale led the Aggies to a share of the MEAC Championship in 1975.

He is a member of the N.C. A&T and MEAC Halls of Fame. He spent six seasons in the NFL - five with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and one with the Washington Redskins. He also played two seasons with the USFL's Oklahoma Outlaws.



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POP WARNER ROUND UP

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The Pop Warner regular season concluded with some area teams playing some exciting games over the weekend. Several squads looked to be in playoff form, while others wanted to end the season with a bang.

Mitey Mite: Colts white took down the Falcons, 9-7. Colts red shut out the Falcons blue, 30-0. Vikings defeated the Colts black, 33-0. The Lewisville Titans gold shut out the Forsyth Broncos, 7-0. Indians burgundy slipped by the Grayhounds blue, 12-6. Grayhounds red slipped by the Indians gold, 14-12. The Packers black ran past the Broncos, 24-7. Broncos white defeated Packers silver, 27-6. Winston-Salem Rams defeated the Union Cross Bobcats, 32-6. Panthers defeated the Lions blue, 12-0. Lions shut out the Panthers blue, 28-0. Titans green shut out the Raiders, 27-0. Titans white shut out the Raiders gold, 24-0. Wolfpack shut out the King Dolphins, 28-0.

Jr. Pee Wee: The Forsyth Broncos blue slipped by the Indians gold, 14-13. Colts red shut out the Falcons, 27-0. Titans shut out the Oak Ridge Colts, 38-0. Indians bur-

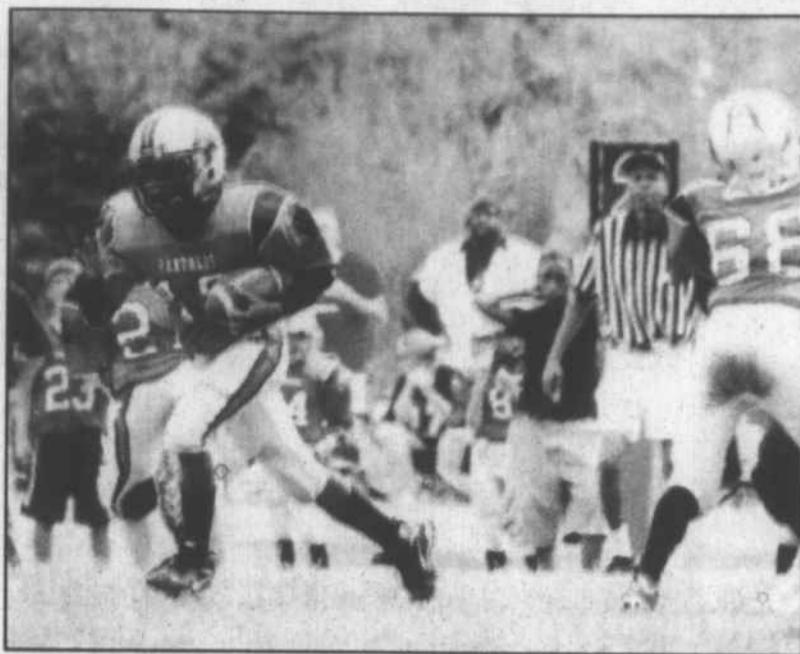


Photo by Tim Wilson

A South Fork Panther runs for yards during a recent Pee Wee game.

gundy defeated the Grayhounds, 29-13. Packers shut out the Broncos orange, 17-0. Rams shut out the Bobcats, 32-0. Panthers defeated the Lions, 19-18. Raiders shut out the Titans white, 34-0. Walkertown Wolfpack shut out the King Dolphins, 35-0.

Pee Wee: The Falcons defeated the Colts, 21-6. The Indians shut out the Grayhounds, 20-0. The Packers slipped by the Broncos, 12-6. The Bobcats shut out the Rams, 19-0. The Panthers shut out the Lions, 40-0. The Raiders slipped by the Titans, 13-7. The Walkertown Wolfpack

defeated the King Dolphins, 34-6.

Jr. Midget: The Falcons defeated the Colts, 31-6. The Indians, coached by Jukie Minor, shut out the Grayhounds, 29-0. The Broncos defeated the Vikings, 43-14. Raiders defeated the Bobcats, 19-6. The High Point Lions slipped by the South Fork Panthers, 20-14. The Lewisville Titans slipped by the Wakertown Wolfpack, 20-19.

Midget: The talented Oak Ridge Colts took it to the Winston-Salem Falcons, 24-6. The Indians ran past the Grayhounds, 32-0. The Broncos defeated the Packers, 26-6. The Winston-Salem Rams defeated the Union Cross Bobcats, 31-6. The High Point Lions defeated the South Fork Panthers, 13-0. The Raiders defeated the Vikings. The Titans defeated the Wolfpack, 28-6.

Note: All submission for The Chronicle's All-Pop Warner squad (Jr. Pee Wee through Midget) are to be made by Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. Coaches can submit the names of as many players as they want. Players that are not submitted by coach will not be considered. The team will be released Nov. 13 in The Chronicle. Information should be sent to Anthony Hill at ahill@wschronicle.com.

Rams to face Bethune-Cookman for Homecoming

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For some fans WSSU Homecoming will be all about the food, tailgating, parties and other extra curricular activities that will go on this weekend.

For others homecoming will be a chance to see a hungry Ram team try to feast on Bethune-Cookman after a 16-day layoff from action. The Rams will return to action on Saturday to host Bethune-Cookman for Homecoming 2008. The Rams (1-5) and Wildcats (4-2, 2-2 MEAC) are both coming off of an open week following a loss.

WSSU returns to action following more than two weeks off as the Rams' last action came on Oct. 9 at Florida A&M. WSSU heads into the contest with a 1-5 overall record as they are coming off an open week following a 23-0 loss at Florida A&M. The Wildcats enter the con-



Photo by Charlie Pfaff

WSSU hopes to catch fire this weekend.

test with a 4-2 record overall as they are coming off a 26-20 loss to defending MEAC champion Delaware State that came in Daytona Beach, Fla. on Oct. 11.

The game will feature a pair of teams that have met only two other times in history and will mark the rubber match in the series between the two programs which is knotted at 1-1. With an anticipated sell-out crowd of over 18,000 fans, the contest will match up a pair of MEAC teams in what has become a heated rivalry.

WSSU lost the inaugural meeting between the two teams on Oct. 14, 2006 as they fell just short in a comeback attempt as the Rams dropped a 10-6 decision in Daytona Beach, Fla. The Rams exacted revenge last season as they defeated the Wildcats 14-9 on Oct. 20, 2007 at Municipal Stadium in Daytona Beach, Fla. The series, which is tied

1-1, will see the Wildcats travel to Winston-Salem, N.C. for the first time in three meetings between the two schools. The previous two meetings between the two storied programs have come in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Through two meetings between the two storied historically black colleges, the series is even in nearly every way. Not only is the series tied at 1-1, the two teams are dead even in touchdowns scored in the series with two each. The Wildcats have the slight edge in the series as they have played host to the Rams twice already and will be making their first road trip to North Carolina for Saturday's contest. The Rams have the edge in points scored in the series (20-19) and have the largest margin of victory in the series (five points).

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. at Bowman Gray Stadium.



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