

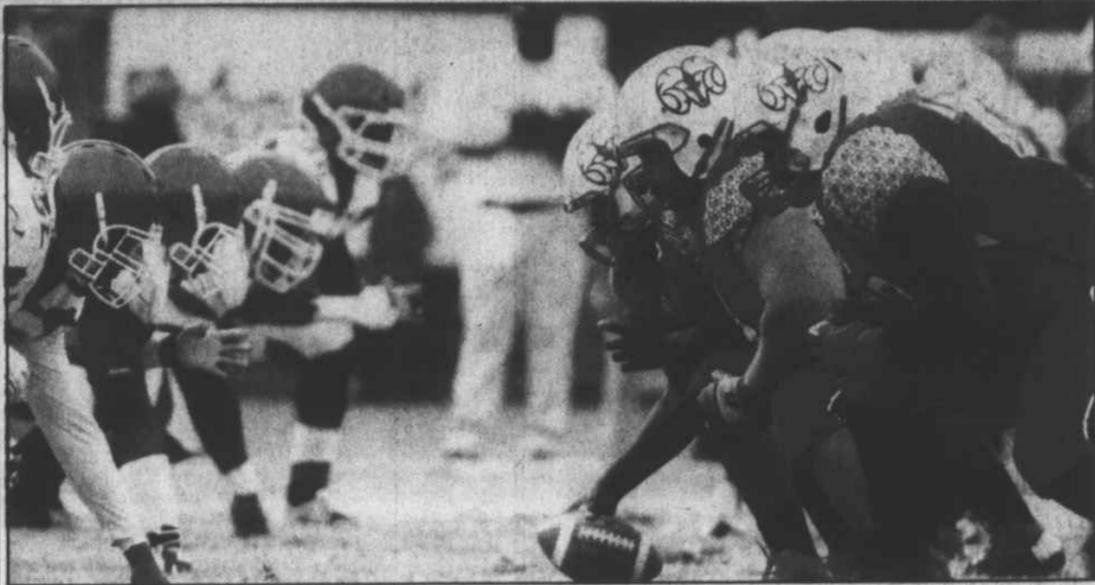
SPORTS WEEK

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The South Fork Panthers' Anthony Davis was key in the team's win.



WSSU Photo by Garrett Garris

The Rams were too much for the Broncos.

RAMS TO PLAY FOR ANOTHER TITLE

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem State Rams will play for another CIAA Football Championship Saturday. The game will start at Bowman Gray Stadium at 1 p.m.

The Rams earned a spot in the championship game last Saturday with their solid defeat of the Fayetteville State Broncos. The 28-14 win moved the team to 9-1 overall and 7-0 in the CIAA.

It did not take long for the Rams to jump into the scoring column, as they took the opening kickoff and marched 66 yards in five plays, capped off with a Maurice Lewis three yard run to give WSSU an early 7-0 lead. WSSU scored again late in the first quarter after completing a 57 yard, eight play drive that ended with Lewis scoring again.

There would be no more scoring in the game until midway through the fourth quarter, when Fayetteville State finally got on the scoreboard, cutting the WSSU lead to seven, at 14-7. The Rams countered with a 74-yard, eight play drive that saw Joshua Glisson scamper across the goal line to push the Rams lead back to 14 points, at 21-7. Broncos Jemeryn Jenkins and Dwayne Lorrick helped cut the Rams' lead to 21-14 with 2:11 left to play.

But Fayetteville State's attempted onside kick was left null and void when WSSU's Eric Williams recovered the kick, giving the Rams back the ball with just under 2:00 to play. Two plays later, Rudy Johnson would find a streaking Chase Powell, who outran the Broncos to the endzone to give the Rams the final score of 28-14.

Teams claim AYF titles

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

Four local teams reigned supreme in the America Youth Football Division I State Championships held last Saturday at East Forsyth High School. The winning teams advance to the AYF Atlantic Regionals scheduled to be played Saturday and Sunday in Virginia Beach, Va. Here's a summary of each game.

8th Grade Unlimited: Running back Marcus Caldwell gave the Tiny Rams all the momentum they needed in a 35-6 win over the Mint Hill Chargers. Caldwell scored one touchdown and he set up several others on long runs where his speed and power was put on full display.

Mashion Powell scored on runs of 32 and 34 yards. Braxton Rorie ran 31 yards for a touchdown and he

caught a 37-yard touchdown pass from Anthony Hicks. Up front, offensive linemen Bryson Glenn, Chrisean Hardy and Chauncey Hill controlled the line of scrimmage for the Rams. Desmond Little got Mint Hill on the board with 5.9 seconds left.

Junior Midget: The Tiny Rams exploded for four first-half touchdowns, which paved the way for a 49-0 victory over the Beatties Ford Saints.

The ground game was close to unstoppable. Five running backs - Jalen Maxie, Khalid Martin, Keontre Myers, Tyrek McNeil and Dravon Edwards - scored on touchdown runs. Quarterback Stephon Brown threw scoring passes to Keondre

Bayna (31 yards) and McNeil (58 yards). The Saints offense was held in check from the opening kickoff. The Rams led 30-0 at the half.

Mighty Mites: Anthony Davis raced around left end for a 59-yard touchdown to help the South Fork Panthers Blue secure a 12-0 win over the Northside Hurricanes. The decisive score was made possible when South Fork's Dylan Fox recovered a fumble to end a Northside scoring drive in the fourth quarter.

The Panthers, who led 6-0 at the half, drove 78 yards on their first offensive possession of the game. Lemon Smith capped the drive with a four-yard scoring run. The defense, spearheaded by Marque Hall, Nasir Graham and Davis, put the clamps on the Hurricanes.

Cadet: Caden Davis threw two touchdown passes in the Kernersville Raiders' 25-0 shut-out of the Derita Redskins. Davis got plenty of offensive support from Isaac Sutton and Raneiria Dillworth, who both had touchdown runs. Dillworth's score in the third quarter was set up by Davis's 9-yard pass to Arrington Jones. Kernersville's defense was led by Dillworth, Isaac Cain, Javon Siddle and Brandon Johnson.

Junior Pee Wee: Lost fumbles and a missed defensive assignment doomed the Panthers in a 24-21 loss to the Derita Redskins. The Panthers appeared to have the game under control after Ian McGlannery scored on a quarterback sneak and Chase Rorie ran for the conversion to give the Panthers a 21-18 lead with 5:51 left to play in the game.

The Redskins, who scored twice off Panthers mistakes, were far from finished. On fourth-and-six, Kwon Suber threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Jomir Whitley for the game-winning score.

The Panthers grabbed a 14-0 lead in the first half after Rorie scored on a short run and Micah Crowell added a 12-yard touchdown run. The Redskins closed the gap to 14-6, thanks to Jaden Dozier.

Pee Wee: First-quarter turnovers proved to be too much for the Pffatowm Packers to handle in a 44-6 loss to the Northside Hurricanes.

Northside converted two fumbles and an interception into quick scores and the Packers, down 28-6 at halftime, never recovered. Hurricanes running backs Xavier Marshall and Brandon Phillips did all the damage. Marshall ran for three touchdowns and Phillips scored twice.

Ryan Cherry scored the Packers only touchdown of the day on a nifty 35-yard run late in the second quarter.

DII Scores

Games played at North Forsyth High School

Mighty Mites

Forsyth County Broncos Blue 27, Derita Redskins 14

Cadet

Tiny Indians 20, Beatties Ford Saints 7

Junior Pee Wee

Mallard Creek Hokies 15, Tiny Indians 12

Pee Wee

Greensboro Giants 25, Derita Redskins 6

Junior Midget

Forsyth County Broncos 46, Derita Redskins 13

Spartans get into postseason mindset

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

This is the time of year that Mount Tabor has been waiting for - the state football playoffs. The Spartans have had a decent season, but they realize that their record could've been better than 8-3.

Coach Laymar Marshall understands that his team isn't likely to be perceived as a prime contender in the Class 4-A playoffs. That's not an issue in his mind. It's all about what happens when postseason play begins.

"We had a few games that got away from us, but at this point, it's all water under the bridge," said Marshall, whose team will host Southeast Guilford in an opening-round game on Friday night. "We're probably under the radar, but that's OK. Our focus is to play our best in

November. I feel great about where we are as a team. Looking at our schedule, we knew there was the possibility that we might lose a few. Knowing all the work that was done during the off-season, this team is built on a solid foundation."

It was an on-again, off-again kind of regular season for the Spartans, who posted impressive victories over powerhouse Indian Trail Porter Ridge and Class 4-AA defending state champ

Matthews Butler. On the downside, Mount Tabor lost to Class 2-A Carver and suffered agonizing losses to Reagan and West Forsyth (ranked fifth in the state in Class 4-A in the most recent Associated Press poll). The Spartans didn't win the Central Piedmont 4-A Conference, but they did beat confer-



Marshall



Rae Brown

ence co-champ North Davidson.

In the playoff seeding, Mount Tabor won a three-way draw with North Davidson and Reagan for second place in the CPC. The three teams finished 4-2 in league play. The Spartans ended up as the No. 8 seed in the Class 4-A West bracket.

This season's ups and downs, Marshall explained, served as useful preparation for the postseason.

"This is the time of year when (state) championships are won," he said. "We're ready to make a strong run. This team has been in its share of games that had a lot of ebb and flow. If we play our best, we can beat anybody in the state. We've proven that this year."

Quarterback Rae Brown knows better than anyone how much different the regular season could've been. Prior to those unexpected losses to West Forsyth and Reagan, Mount Tabor was ranked as high as seventh in the Associated Press Class 4-A state rankings. Brown contends that his team is ready to prove itself.

"It's been a year where we've definitely had our ups and downs," said Brown. "But through it all, we continued to fight hard. I'm confident about our chances (in the playoffs). This team has a lot of experience playing in big games and we have a lot of depth at every position."

Blue Bears name Daryl Williams permanent coach

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Daryl Williams, a former standout football player at Tennessee State University who in just one season has brought pride back to Livingstone College football, was named Livingstone's permanent head football coach last week by College President Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins Sr.

Williams, who joined the Blue Bears staff in 2012 as offensive coordinator, had been interim coach since the start of the 2013 football season.

Under Williams' tenure this year, the Blue Bears are 2-7, having defeated Edwards Waters College on their

home turf 23-20 and Lincoln University the following week by a convincing 35-7 margin.

"I'm very excited and grateful that Dr. Jenkins and Athletic Director Andre Springs had enough faith and confidence in the process and program I'm establishing here to name me the head football coach," Williams said. "Knowing I'm going to be the head coach moving forward helps with the players we have now and also makes a huge difference with respect to recruiting, the lifeline of any collegiate program."

Before joining the Livingstone coaching staff in 2012, Williams was the associate head coach and quarterbacks coach at Texas Southern University from 2007-2011.



Williams

Salem Spirits headed back to DIII Championships

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Salem College soccer team won 2-0 against Agnes Scott last weekend in the Great South Tournament Championship. Salem improved to 15-3-2 overall with their 10th straight win.

The win gives the Spirits an automatic bid to the 2013 NCAA Division III Tournament, which will begin this weekend. Salem will play at Thomas More College in Northern Kentucky and take on the 17-1-2 Hanover College.

During the Agnes Scott win, Salem's Tarryn Bundy scored on an assist by Sawyer Ferguson in the 32nd minute. The next goal came in incredible fashion. Salem was awarded a corner kick with less than 15 seconds remaining in the first half. Taylor Norman headed home the corner kick by Bethany Kent with just three seconds left in the half.

Salem possessed the ball for most of the second half. Paige Ketchum recorded the shut-out in goal and stopped the only two Agnes Scott shots on goal. Salem had 26 shots overall and a 6-1 corner kick advantage. Courtney Hedgecock was awarded with the Tournament Most Valuable Player Trophy.

This game wraps up a historic run through the Great South for the soccer team. The team went 7-0 overall in conference play, and had a 33-0 goal advantage in those games.



Salem College Photo

The Spirits celebrate their win.