

# SPORTS WEEK

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## East holds steady

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Consistency at quarterback and steady improvement in other facets of the game propelled East Forsyth's junior varsity to an 8-2 record. The Eagles were undefeated in five games against city-county teams. Their only losses came at the hands of two Greensboro schools - Page and Northwest Guilford.

East Forsyth managed to stay afloat in spite of injuries and losing several players who were moved up to the varsity squad. "This team faced some adversity, but found a way to persist and overcome," said Coach Ronnie Horton. "They embraced hard work and they found out how much it paid off in helping us win close games. Over the course of the season, our kids continued to grow and mature and they never gave up on each other."

Horton

The Eagles got solid results from a productive ground game spearheaded by center Caleb Maine, who served as a steady force on the offensive line. Opposing teams had their hands full in attempting to slow down a mini-committee of running backs, which included D.J. Holland, Rashon Goode and Antwan Rhyne.

At quarterback, Noah Smith performed well in his first year as a starter. Smith's knowledge of the offense and his leadership, Horton explained, is the key reason behind the Eagles' offensive proficiency. "Noah is very consistent. You know what he's going to give you day in and day out," said Horton. "He made everybody around him better."

The passing game got a big boost later in the sea-

son with the development of Levon McCullum and Rhyne, who stepped in when injuries and player promotion decimated the Eagles receiving corps. McCullum, a 6-foot-3 freshman, emerged as a reliable target. Over the last four games of the season, Rhyne got more playing time as a slot receiver, who excelled in gaining yards after making the catch.

"We had a good season, but it could've been better," said Rhyne, a sophomore. "I feel like we played up to our potential. What I enjoyed the most was being able to run the ball and being able to step in when needed."

On defense, Jayquan Thompson was the key figure on the front line. Tim Fiore, Chandler Brinson and Stephen Badger emerged as a formidable threesome at the linebacker slots. In the secondary, Sadarius Crump, Brandon Tate, Patrick Stanfield and LaShay Surratt delivered tight pass coverage and solid support in stopping the run.

"All season long when we really needed stops," said Horton, "the defense came through for us."



Running back Antwan Rhyne.

## Tiny Rams, Raiders headed to Nationals

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Two area teams are headed south for the American Youth Football National Tournament scheduled from Dec. 7-15 in Orlando, Fla.

The Tiny Rams (8th Grade Unlimited) and Kernersville Raiders (Cadet) earned their berths to the nationals by posting victories in the finals of the Division I AYF Atlantic Regional Championships played last weekend in Virginia Beach, Va. These teams qualified to play in the regional competition by winning AYF state titles a week earlier. Here's a game summary by division:

**8th Grade Unlimited:** The passing game was nowhere to be found, so the Winston-Salem Tiny Rams relied on their bruising ground attack, which produced a 12-0 regional championship victory over the Manassas Mutiny (Va.).

Rams running back Marcus Caldwell scored on a 30-yard run and Emmanuel Lewis added a five-yard touchdown run in the second half to close out the scoring.

The Mutiny was never able to establish any offensive consistency. On two occasions, Manassas got inside the Rams' 20-yard line, but came up empty each time. Linebacker Adonis Jones and safety Mekhi Dunlap both had interceptions to key Winston-Salem's defense.

In the semifinals, the Rams went on cruise control in a 35-0 shut-out of the Upper Marlboro Mustangs (Md.). Rorie Braxton ran for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass. Anthony Hicks scored on a short run and threw a pair of touchdown passes. Mahlik Games caught a scoring pass and Jones scored on a one-yard run.

**Cadet:** The Kernersville Raiders' crunching ground game paved the way for a 32-7 win over the Prince George County Chargers (Va.). The Raiders bolted to a 26-0 lead at the half and never looked back.

Jamison Warren and Isaac Sutton ran for two touchdowns to lead the way. Raneirra Dillworth and Caden Davis also had touchdown runs for the Raiders. Defensively, Kernersville held Prince George scoreless until the waning minutes of the fourth quarter. Brandon Johnson, Karson Rowley and Arrington Jones spearheaded the Raiders' pass defense.

Kernersville earned its ticket to the title game with a 19-6 victory over the Dulles Patriots (Va.) in the semifinals. The Raiders trailed 6-0 at the half, but took control in the second half by scoring 19 unanswered points. Dillworth, Sutton and Warren scored on touchdown runs.

**Junior Midgets:** Four turnovers in the red zone doomed the Winston-Salem Tiny Rams in a 15-14 loss to Falmouth Tide (Va.) in the semifinals.

The Rams went up 8-0 when Khalid Martin took the opening kickoff and raced 65 yards for a touchdown and Drel Timmons kicked the extra point. Falmouth Tide rallied to score twice and led 15-8 at the end of the third quarter.

Timmons caught a 45-yard touchdown pass from Stephon Brown to narrow the deficit to 15-14 in the fourth quarter. The Rams went for the win by attempting a conversion kick which is worth two points, but the kick was blocked.

A few minutes later, Timmons had a 55-yard punt return to put the Rams in scoring position at Falmouth Tide's 25-yard line. But all hopes for a title victory vanished when Falmouth Tide intercepted to nullify the Rams threat. On defense, the Rams were led by Jalen Maxie, who had two interceptions, one of which ended a scoring drive near the goal line.

In another Junior Midgets semifinal game, the Winston-Salem Tiny Indians lost 27-8 to the WD Wildcats (Md.).

**Cheerleading:** The Tiny Indians will send two of its cheerleader teams to the AYF national competition in Florida in two weeks. The Pee Wee and 8th Grade Unlimited teams both won first place in their respective divisions. The Tiny Indians Unlimited squad was also voted the "Best New Group in AYF."



Rams standout Marcus Caldwell.

## Another winning season for Aggies

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Once he got rolling, it didn't take Tarik Cohen long to reach a significant milestone in A&T history.

Cohen rushed for 98 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries as North Carolina A&T eased to victory over Savannah State, 41-14, in football action at Aggie Stadium Saturday afternoon. In the process of having another stellar performance, Cohen became the first Aggie freshman to put together a 1,000-yard rushing. He became the seventh overall Aggie to have a 1,000-yard season, joining James White, Milton Shaw, Maurice Smith, Maurice Hicks, Michael Ferguson and Mike Mayhew.

Cohen had 129 yards rushing in the first four games of his collegiate career. But over the past six games, he has rushed for 894 yards, and the Aggies still have one more game to play.

"He's made a lot of plays for us," said A&T Head Coach Rod Broadway. "He's a tough little suck-



Freshman Tarik Cohen reached the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

er. He's tough, he has a great attitude and a great work ethic. This is the type of kid that I love to coach and have in any program."

Cohen made his run to the 1,000-yard plateau an entertaining one. He started out going right, ran into three Tiger defenders, he then did a spin move out of a tackle, cut back to the left, confronted another Tiger defender, broke free from him with hop-step before turning up field and going down the sideline for a breathtaking 49-yard touchdown run that gave A&T a 21-0 lead in the first quarter.

"My goal is to not let one person tackle me," said Cohen, who has rushed for 1,023 yards and eight touchdowns in 2013. "I want to get a first down every time I touched the ball."

A&T (6-4, 3-4 MEAC) secured its second straight winning season with the victory. The last time the Aggies had back-to-back winning seasons was in 2000 and 2001. The Aggies will try to secure consecutive 7-4 seasons next Saturday when they face archrival N.C. Central at Aggie Stadium at 1 p.m. The Aggies will recognize players, managers and trainers for Senior Day.

## Veterans to be honored at Bobcats' games

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The Charlotte Bobcats and Wells Fargo have initiated the Yellow Ribbon program to honor veterans for their unwavering service during one Bobcats home game per month.

"We are proud whenever we get the opportunity to honor those who serve our country," Bobcats Sports & Entertainment President & COO Fred Whitfield said. "Recognizing our heroes through the Yellow Ribbon program is only a small token of appreciation for everything they do."



Sergeant Alan Suggs

Each month, a veteran will be honored before the game, prior to national

anthem, and given six tickets to the game for them and their family. The Bobcats and Wells Fargo will also present the vets with a \$1,000 check.

"It is an honor for us to join the Bobcats in recognizing veterans who have bravely served our country," said Kendall Alley, Community Banking Regional president for Wells Fargo in Charlotte. "This connects directly with the vision and values of our company. Wells Fargo takes great pride in supporting local heroes in our communities."

The program kicked off

Nov. 8, when Sergeant Alan Suggs was celebrated for his service in the North Carolina National Guard. Suggs served nine years in the National Guard, is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and an avid Charlotte Bobcats fan. In his current role, Sgt. Suggs recruits top quality soldiers and trains them prior to basic training so that they are well prepared for the challenges to come. Because of this, his soldiers have had a perfect completion rate at basic training and many have graduated with honors.

## Kids compete in countywide 'punt' competition

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The Winston Salem Recreation and Parks Department recently held the city finals of the Punt, Pass and Kick contest at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center.

Thirty-six youngsters from nine recreation centers made the finals after advancing through smaller competitions at their homes recs.

In the Boys 8 - 9 category, Brice Baker of the Roscoe Anderson Center finished first; he was followed by second-place finisher Jabern McCall of the Sprague Street Center

and Quincy Hairston of Belview Center. Katie Marshall of the Polo Rec finished first in the girls' division. Asselah Oneal of Polo and Shaliya Williams of Hanes Hosiery finished behind her.

The other results are as follows:

**Boys 10-11 winners**  
1st Place, Kevon Wilson, Polo Center  
2nd Place, Jordan Timmons, Hanes Hosiery Center  
3rd Place, Phillip Wood, Polo Center

**Girls 10-11**



More than 30 kids took part in the contest.

1st Place - McKayla Ferrell, Hanes Hosiery

**Boys 12-13 winners**  
1st Place - Darius Everette, Hanes Hosiery

2nd Place - Jerome Sykes, Martin Luther King Center.

3rd Place - Khaliq McCummings

**Girls 12-13**  
1st Place - Julia Crippen, Hanes Hosiery Center

**Boys 14-15 winners**  
1st Place - Joshua Crippen, Hanes Hosiery  
2nd Place - Jon Deatheridge, Hanes Hosiery  
3rd Place - Michael Walker, W. C. Sims Center

**Girls 14-15**  
1st Place - Nigeria Barnes