

SPORTS WEEK

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Shaky start for Carver JV squad

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After four games, Carver has a 1-3 record in junior varsity football. Even so, Coach Alonzo Winfield sees no reason to go into panic mode.

"We're going through a process of figuring things out as a team," said Winfield. "There are some positive signs. But what's hurting us more than anything is not being able to take advantage of the opportunities when they present themselves."

Missed opportunities haunted Carver in its 18-6 loss to North Forsyth last week. The Yellowjackets dropped at least two interceptions and they failed to recover three fumbles, which could have led to scores.

The one bright spot in defeat was the play of sophomore running back Rakeem Jenkins, a genuine game-breaker who's capable of scoring from anywhere on the field. Against the Vikings, Jenkins delivered Carver's only touchdown of the game with an electrifying 100-yard kickoff return.

Offensively, the Yellowjackets aren't fully in sync. They're trying to regroup and for good reason. Starting quarterback Tyrese Murphy suf-



Rakeem Jenkins is Carver's big-play threat.

Photo by Charles Leftwich Jr.

ferred a broken wrist against Mount Tabor two weeks ago and is out for the season. As a result, Winfield isn't likely to go very deep into Carver's playbook right away. In the meantime, Elijah McCray, a multi-talented running back and receiver, has shown steady progress in replacing Murphy at quarterback.

Fortunately for McCray, he

won't have to shoulder the whole load offensively. Carver still has the potential to put points on the board in a hurry. Aside from Jenkins, McCray can turn to wide receivers Daquan Miller and Phillip Legette. "We'll find ways for Rakeem to get his hands on the ball often," said Winfield. "We have no problems moving the ball up and down the field.

The problem for us is getting the ball in the end zone."

Defensively, the Yellowjackets are led by lineman Jordan Griffin, cornerback Amari Crowell, middle linebacker Quentin Horne, and McCray, who also plays strong safety. Crowell has already proven himself as a ball-hawking defender. So far, he has two interceptions,

one of which was run back for a touchdown.

During the season's early going, Carver, which plays in Class 2-A, has suffered its share of bumps and bruises in games played against higher levels of competition. Aside from losing to Class 3-A North Forsyth, the Yellowjackets suffered shut-out losses to two of the state's upper-echelon 4-A teams in Greensboro Dudley (38-0) Mount Tabor 23-0).

The opening weeks of this season, however, have had some shining moments. Carver earned its first win of 2014 by beating Class 4-A Reynolds 28-21 in overtime three weeks ago. On the first play of OT, Jenkins scored the game-winning touchdown on a 10-yard run.

"By design, we've put together a tough non-conference schedule," said Winfield. "We don't want it to be easy. But it's going to prepare us well when it's time for conference play to begin (Western Piedmont Conference). We just have to keep competing. With a play here or a play there, the final outcomes in our first four games might be different."

Carver is idle this week, but will be back in action when it visits Glenn on Sept. 25. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



Bob Moorman

First CIAA commish dies

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Clinton R. "Bob" Moorman Jr., the first full-time commissioner of the CIAA, passed away Sunday, Sept. 9 at his home in Hampton, Va.

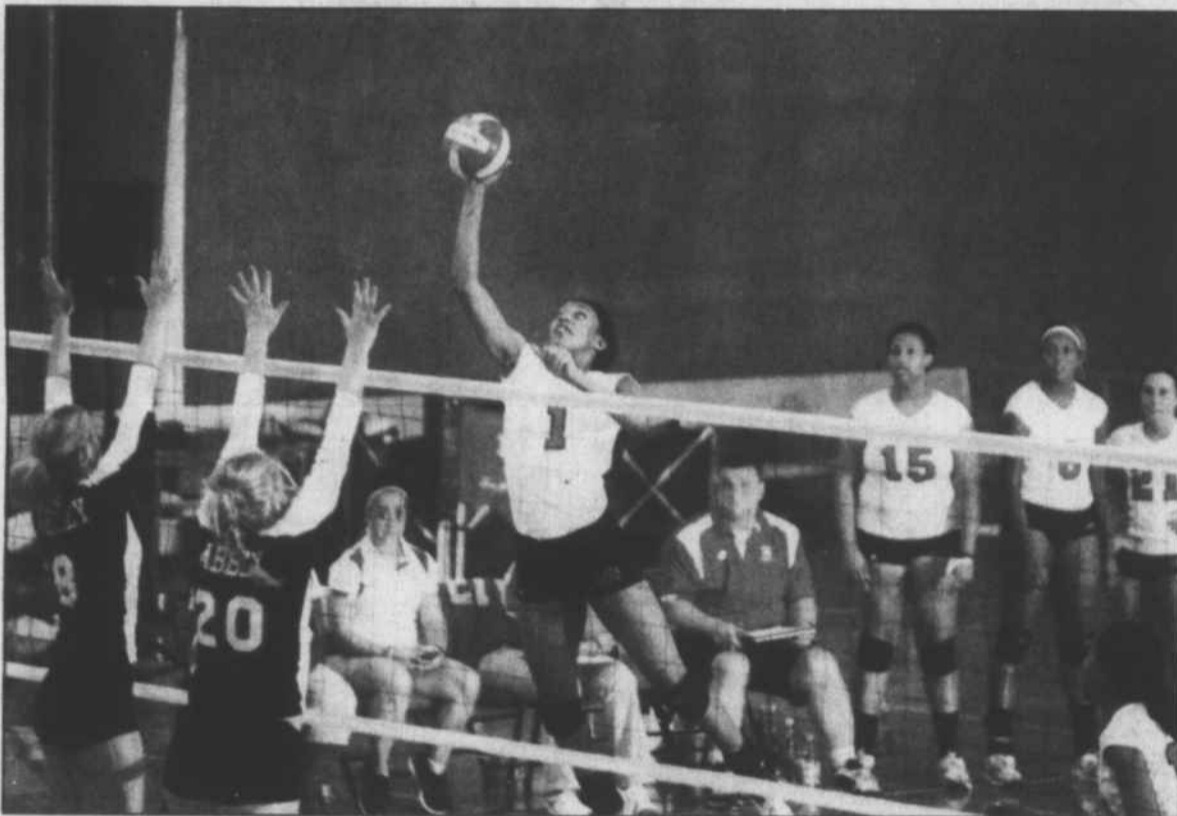
A 2014 CIAA Hall of Fame honoree, Moorman served as commissioner from 1976-89. He led the conference following the MEAC and CIAA split. Under his watchful eye, both the football and basketball programs grew expeditiously. During his tenure, he served on the NCAA Council, the Division II Basketball and Football Committees, the NCAA Television Committee, the executive board of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and he chaired the NCAA Professional Liaison Committee.

Moorman made his first introduction into the CIAA as a student-athlete at Hampton University (then Hampton Institute) in the 1940s. He also attended the University of Maryland while serving in the Armed Forces as a paratrooper. After 20 years in the military, he retired to become the head football coach at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. During this same time, he worked with the scouting staff of the San Diego Chargers for six years.

"His legacy in leading the CIAA and his passion for student-athletes will always be remembered," says Commissioner Jacque McWilliams.

First win of the season for Lady Rams

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Olivia Owens goes for a score.

WSSU Photo by Garrett Garris

The Winston-Salem State Lady Rams Volleyball team (1-4) picked up their first win of the season in style on Sunday, Sept. 13 when the team took an impressive three-set win over the Lincoln (Pa.) University (0-2) Lady Lions. In addition to notching their first win of the season, the Lady Rams opened CIAA play with a win.

The Lady Rams took the win in dominating fashion, taking all three sets by scores of 25-5, 25-14, 25-20. As a team, the Lady Rams totaled 37 kills with just 15 attack errors while holding the Lady Lions to 15 kills.

Junior right side Olivia Owens led the way for the Lady Rams with 11 kills and one block assist. Freshman outside hitter Sydney Holland added a double-double with 10 kills and 10 digs. Senior setter Kayla Brass added 24 assists in the match as well.

Big finish for Spartans Golf team

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The UNCG men's golf team turned in the best team score of the third and final round helping the Spartans move up the leaderboard to a second place finish at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate on Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Finley Golf Club. The Spartans were the only team to post an under-par round Sunday, climbing seven spots on the leaderboard for the runner-up finish.

UNCG finished the 54-hole, three-day tournament with a 3-under par 861 to tie with East Carolina. The Spartans opened the tournament with their highest round of the weekend at 2-over par 290 Friday before regrouping with a 3-under par 285 Saturday and a 2-under par 286 this afternoon. Tournament host North Carolina won the event with a 26-under par 838 (273-277-288) on its home course.

Sophomore Carter Jenkins of Raleigh was the Spartans' top finisher, posting a ninth-place showing with a 4-under par 212. The ninth-place showing is his seventh top-10 finish of his career and marks the second straight season



Members of the golf team pose with their coaches.

UNCG Photo courtesy of Carlos Morales

he has finished ninth at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate after posting an even-par 216 on the course last season in his collegiate opener.

Jenkins opened the tournament this year with back-to-back rounds of 71 before improving to a 2-under par 70. He was one of just four golfers this weekend to card three rounds under par as he finished with 14 birdies and 33 par scores during the 54-hole event.

Junior Taylor Coalson of Dobson finished tied for 23rd on the weekend with a 1-over par 217, marking his 13th top-25 finish of his career and his best finish at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate during his career. Coalson opened the weekend with a 1-over par 73 before carding his best round Saturday with a 2-under par 70. He finished up the tournament with a 2-over par 74.

Sophomore Jake McGlone of Charlotte added a 34th-place finish with a 3-over par 219. McGlone opened the tournament with a tough 6-over par 78 but battled back with a 3-under par 69 in round two and an even-par 72 in the final round.

The Spartans return to the course Sept. 22-23 for the VCU Shootout in Richmond, Va., at the Hermitage Country Club.

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