

# SPORTS WEEK

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## Tigers Not So Golden Against Rams

WSSU Photos by Garrett Garris

Coach Kienus Boulware gives his Winston-Salem State Rams a pep talk before they take to their home field against the esteemed Tuskegee Golden Tigers. Whatever he said Saturday worked. The Rams crushed their visitors 24-13 and improved to 2-1. Mustafa Greene (left) was first to put his team on the score board with his 24-yard run in the first quarter.



Salem College Photo

Salem Volleyball standout Hillary McPhatter.

## Salem extends volleyball streak

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Salem College volleyball team won its fourth straight match Saturday, downing rival Agnes Scott 3-2 (25-14, 17-25, 31-29, 19-25, 15-13).

"It was the best team effort I have ever seen," said Head Coach Dana Wall.

The win gave the Spirits a 5-6 record and made them 2-0 in the Great South. The team hosted Hollins last night, after

The Chronicle's press time.

Hillary McPhatter had a huge match for Salem with 22 kills and a .229 kill percentage. McPhatter also had three service aces and 13 digs.

"Hillary owned it," said Coach Wall.

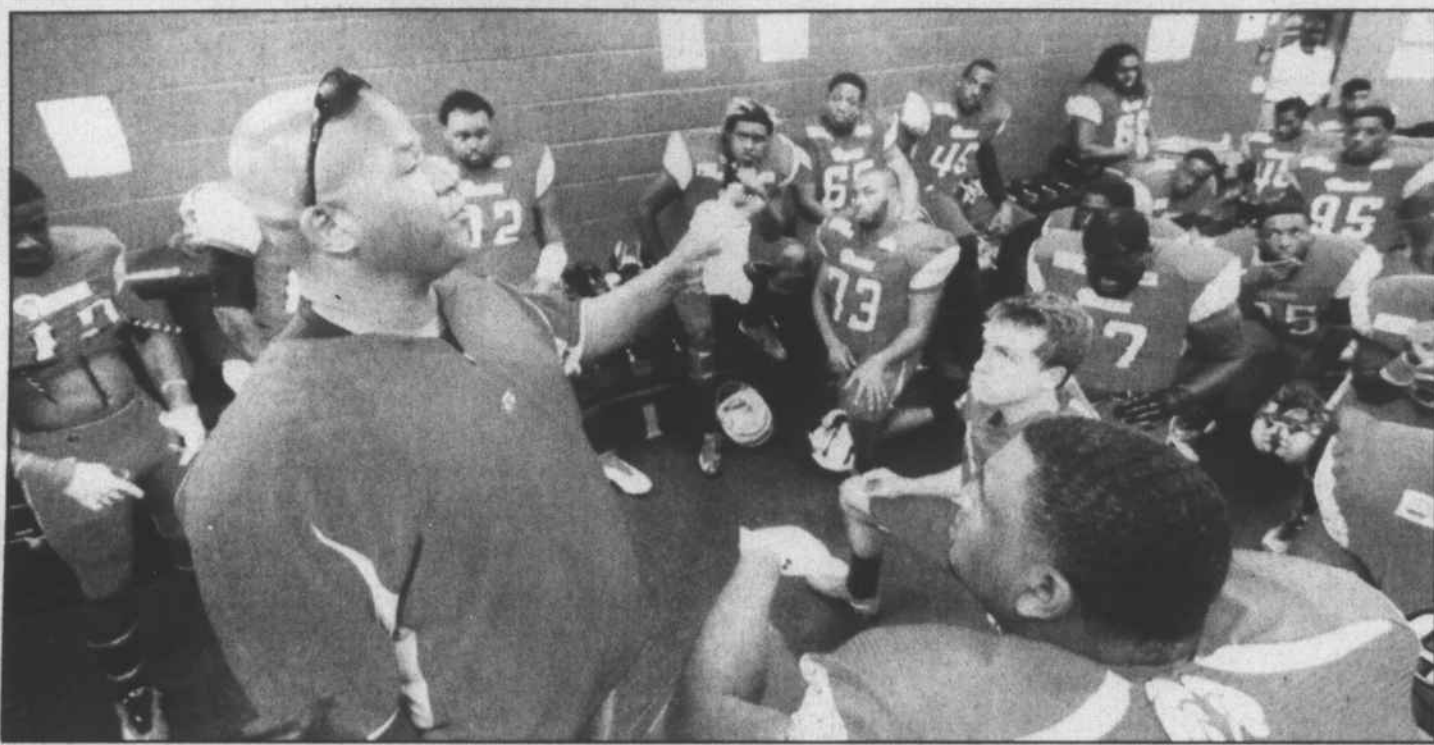
The Spirits dominated the first set, and put the Scotties on their heels. They lost Kylie Taffer to an injury early in the match after she had four kills. After dropping the second set, they battled back to win a huge third set 31-29. Zy Henderson had 19 digs and Amber Bass added 18 digs.

Last week, the Spirits dominated Wesleyan (Ga.) in three sets (25-20, 25-11, 25-15). Taffer continued her hot play with 16 kills and a .484 kill percentage. Salem improves to 4-6 overall and 1-0 in the GSAC.

Taylor Rhodes led the team with 31 set assists and she had 7 digs. Zy Henderson led the Spirits again with 16 digs, while Taffer and Mariah Sharon each had 7 digs. Taffer picked up the two solo blocks Salem had in the match. Taffer and McPhatter each had 4 service aces.



Taffer



## Strong start for East Forsyth

BY CRAIG T. GREENLEE FOR THE CHRONICLE

Now that East Forsyth has reached the mid-point of its junior varsity football season, it's clear that defense sets the tone. The 4-1 Eagles are playing lights-out as a stop unit. In the process, they've posted three shut-outs while limiting opponents to 6 points per game.

"We're playing very well on that side of the football," said Coach Ron Horton. "And it's not just one or two people who are getting the job done. It really has been a collective effort."

Alec Nugent and Samuel Cook lead the way as relentless pass rushers who are equally adept as run-stoppers. At the linebacker slots, Devin Higgins and Chandler Brinson provide tenacity and game savvy. In the secondary, cornerback Brandon Tate has emerged as a prime-time pass defender.

Even though the defense has played at an exceptional level, there is concern about the offense. Overall, the Eagles have played OK in that phase of the game. Even so, Horton knows that the offense will

have to play better in order for East Forsyth to survive in the Piedmont Triad 4-A Conference. A week ago, it was anemic offensive production that contributed to East suffering its first loss of the season in a 20-7 setback to Greensboro Page.

The defense did its part and more than held its own. The Pirates offense scored just one touchdown. Page's remaining scores came off a blocked punt and an interception return. East Forsyth scored its only touchdown of the game on Tate's 60-yard punt return.

"It's frustrating for us to play so well on one side of the ball, but have so many problems on the other side of the ball," said Horton. "Our defense consistently provides opportunities for us to score, but we're not taking full advantage of that. We struggled with our blocking up front and we didn't execute the way that I know we can."

Fortunately for East, there's ample time for the offense to go back to the drawing board. For the next two weeks, the Eagles are off and Horton intends to use that time to iron out the all



Photo by Charles Leftwich Jr.

D.J. Holland runs for yardage.

the wrinkles. "It's a lot easier to regroup when you're 4-1," said Horton. "What's very encouraging is that the kids are locked in and engaged. As a coach, that's all you can ask for."

East Forsyth is at its best when running the football. D.J. Holland and D.J. Morgan are developing into a formidable tandem at running back. At quarterback, Jordan Barrett has shown steady improvement and back-up Brandon Bullins has played well coming off the

bench. "We're a young group, and we're getting better every week," Horton said. "With the upcoming break in our schedule, we'll put in the work to get things straightened out. We're hoping to peak when conference play starts (Oct. 9 at High Point Central). At this point, it all comes down to our offense showing consistency in putting drives together and putting points on the board."



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Kayla Brass in action.

## New assists leader crowned

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem State Lady Rams senior setter Kayla Brass has made the school's record book as the leader in assists.

For her career, Brass has totaled 1,618 assists, including 137 in the first seven matches this season. Brass began the season ranked second in school history in assists and needed just seven matches to move into first place. She moved into first place on the school career list earlier this month when she helped to guide the Lady Rams to a perfect 3-0 start to the season.

At Virginia Union, she led the Lady Rams to a 25-12, 25-14 and a 25-18 victory. She totaled 23 assists against Virginia Union and then 24 against Lincoln (Penn.).

Brass surpassed previous career record-holder Valentina Pushkina (2004-08), who totaled 1,583 assists during her career. Brass moved into second place as a junior last season when she surpassed former Lady Rams setter Kiara Brown (2010-11).

Brass racked up another 30 assists on Sept. 18 in the Rams' tough five set loss to the Fayetteville State Lady Broncos. After winning the opening two sets 25-22 and 25-22, the Rams dropped the last three 19-25, 12-25 and 12-15.



Kayla Brass

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SEPTEMBER 27



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