

WSSU Rams drop season opener 17-7 To UNC Pembroke Braves

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PEMBROKE — Winston-Salem State University struck first, but allowed 17 unanswered points, as the Rams dropped their season opener, 17-7 to the UNC Pembroke Braves at Grace P. Johnson Stadium in Pembroke.

Played in front of a crowd of 7,357 standing room only fans on a hot and muggy night, the WSSU Rams would take the opening kick, and would use a solid mix of run and pass to navigate down the field on 10 plays covering 75 yards, as Rod Tinsley Jr. would find an open Anthony Rook for a 12-yard scoring strike. Will Johnson would convert the PAT attempt to give WSSU an early 7-0 lead.

The UNC Pembroke Braves would answer in the second quarter, when Patrick O'Brien would find

an open BJ Bunn for a 21 yard score to tie the game at 7-7.

The Braves Matt Davis would convert on a 24 yard field goal with 2:30 left before the half, capping a 15 play, 78 yard drive to take a 10-7 lead into halftime.

UNCP would take the second half kickoff and drive down the field for another score, this time a one yard run from Cliff Jones to take a commanding 17-7 lead early in the third quarter.

Winston-Salem State could not find any consistency on the offensive side of the ball to maintain any drives and found their three drives of the quarter ending with punts.

WSSU had one last chance late to put points on the scoreboard, but on 4th and 26, Tinsley's pass to Marcel Caver Jr. was overthrown, ending any chance the Rams had of making a late comeback.



UNCP outgained the Rams 280 to 235 on the night, and WSSU also shot itself in the foot with nine penalties for 80 yards.

Offensively, WSSU was led in rushing by Tyree Massey, who finished with 12 carries for 58 yards, while Kerrion Moore had 2 carries for 13 yards.

Rod Tinsley Jr., getting his first collegiate start, finished 23 of 35 with one interception for 195 yards and one touchdown.

Marcel Caver Jr. had eight catches to lead the

Rams in receiving, racking up 90 yards on those receptions. Rashan Williams added four catches for 27 yards, and Anthony Rook and William Belcher had three catches each. Rook hauled in one touchdown catch and finished with 20 receiving yards while Belcher added 19 yards.

Defensively, the Rams were led by PJ Clyburn, who finished with a game high tying eight tackles, including one tackle for a loss. Kailan Chavis and Vernon Brandon each fin-

ished with six tackles and one pass breakup each. James Bullock and Michael Bloomfield each had five tackles, with Bullock also picking up ½ tackle for a loss, and Bloomfield added one sack and one tackle for a loss. Five different Ram players finished with three tackles each, and four Rams had two tackles apiece on the evening. Jarell Bright picked up a sack, and Demeeko Jones Jr had a fumble recovery on special teams for WSSU.

Will Johnson finished the night with a 37.4 yards per punt average on seven punts, with a long of 46 yards and dropping four punts inside the 20 yard line.

"We are disappointed, but this is just the first game. We are going to love up our guys, and get them ready for our next game. Valdosta State will be a tough opponent, so we have to regroup and get

ready to play", said WSSU head coach Kienus Boulware.

"We'll go back to work, and the games don't get any easier," Boulware said. "We have our toughest game coming up because it's our next game."

Winston-Salem State University will continue its early season road campaign, with a "home" game, as the Rams will take on powerhouse Valdosta State in the Cobb County Clash at McEachern High School. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

WSSU Athletics reports that only 20 seats remain on the bus to travel to Powder Springs, Georgia, for the game with Valdosta State. Contact Reginald McCaskill at 336-422-7769 immediately. Today (Thursday, Sept. 10) is the deadline.



A member of the Pfafftown Packers finds running room in the Titans defense on Saturday, Sept. 5 at Northwest Middle School.



Ahmani Marshall uses some nice footwork to get around a Lewisville Titan defender on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Rushing attack is key in victory

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

The members of the Pfafftown Packers Jr. Midget squad flexed their muscle over the weekend when they took on the Lewisville Titans.

The American Football League matchup was held at Northwest Middle School, home of the Packers for over 10 years.

The Packers got things started on defense. On the opening drive, Titans quarterback

Ethan Russell was sacked in the backfield on fourth down. The Packers took over inside their own 15 yard line following the turnover on downs.

The turnover turned into quick points for the Packers. Daniel Moyer Jr. found running room on the right side of the Titans defense for the first score of the day. Jordan Timmons added the extra point for the Packers putting them ahead 7-0.

After a quick three plays, the Titans offense was unable to gain a first down and was forced to punt.

Packers return specialist Tazhae Woods fielded the punt at the 50 yard line, danced around a few defenders

and raced into the end zone. Woods added the extra point as well, pushing the Packers' lead to 14.

The Titans defense didn't seem to have an answer for the Packers' rushing attack. By the end of the first quarter, the Packers had added two more touchdowns, one by G'Mone Wilson and another by Jordan Timmons.

The Packers added a number of touchdowns in the second quarter as well. Going into halftime, the score was 44-0.

Picking up where they left off, the Packers continued to dominate the Titans in the second half.

Jeremiah Jackson caught the second half kickoff and went 60 yards seemingly untouched into the end zone for another Packer touchdown.

Although it was a very long day for Titans head coach Greg Atwood, he said he was proud of the way his team fought even when they got down early.

"We did not give up," said Atwood. "It's easy to quit especially when you're losing, but our guys didn't give up and fought until the end."

A number of Atwood's players had some standout plays for the Titans, including: Andrew Danley, Ethan

Russell, Nick Pyne, James Bennett and Alex Boner.

An assistant coach from the Titans said he believes the team has what it takes to turn the season around.

Packers head coach Gary Warren was pleased with the way his team played, but said the team still had a number of mental mistakes that will be corrected as the season goes on.

"The team played well today, but we have to cut down on our mental mistakes," said Warren. "Those mistakes could hurt us in the future if we don't correct it now."

Key performers for the Packers include Rahkiem Morris, Jashauwyne Stephens, Antwan Spring Jr., and Jaylon Weathers.

The Pfafftown Packers and the Lewisville Titans are both members of the Piedmont Youth Football and Cheer League, a member of the American Youth Football organization. The Jr. Midget division is for boys and girls between ages 11-13. The division also has a set weight limit of 155 pounds.

For more information on the Packers, Titans or other local members of the PYFCL visit www.pyfcl.com.

Bachelor Benedict Club donates \$1,000 to track club

Special to The Chronicle

The Bachelor Benedict Club Inc., donated \$1,000 to the Winston-Salem Roadrunners Track Club in June. The Bachelor Benedict Club is a social organization whose objective is to promote and perpetuate the highest moral standards and the social ideals of the community.

The Bachelors Club, which later became the Bachelor Benedict Club, was organized during a time of racial segregation. It was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1902 by several young men, all bachelors looking for social outlets.

Between 1902 and 1914, The Bachelors Club developed and expanded its social programs. It became one of the premiere African-American organizations in the Midwest, attracting young men from many professions.

As time passed, many members had changed their status from bachelor to benedict. The Benedict, which means married man, was added to the club name and it became known as the Bachelor Benedict Club in 1914.

The Bachelor Benedict Club of



Winston-Salem was founded in 1929. During the '20s and '30s, it became an important social networking source for African-Americans. The members, during that period, helped shape the Black Community of Winston-Salem.

The 2015 officers of the Winston-Salem Bachelor-Benedict Club Inc. are as follows:

President, Ronald I. Hutton; Vice

President, Willie McCloud Jr.; Recording Secretary, Willie L. Clark Jr.; Assistant Recording Secretary, Michael L. Suggs; Corresponding Secretary, Napoleon Richardson Jr.; Financial Secretary, Alfred White; Treasurer, Ward B. Miller; Parliamentarian, Richard N. Davis; and Chaplain, Joseph D. Crocker.

The money received from the Bachelor Benedict Club Inc. was used to aid athletes on their journey to the AAU National Junior Olympics in Norfolk, Virginia, on August 3-8. The first step in the journey was the AAU Regional Meet in Charlotte on July 3-5.

The Winston-Salem Roadrunners Track Club exists to promote healthy living through exercise and proper nutrition, to cultivate a competitive spirit through track and field, and to encourage education and higher learning in order to build the youth of today into leaders of tomorrow.

For more information, contact Melissa Sutton at 336-618-7792 or email at boardofathletics@roadrunners.com.



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Mighty Mite Ravens capture victory
A running back from the Winston-Salem Ravens Mighty Mite division stiff arms a defender during a game on Saturday, Sept. 5. The Mighty Mite division is for children between the ages of 7 and 9 who weigh at least 105 pounds. The visiting Ravens came away with the 21-0 victory over the Indians.