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Rams dedicate first victory to Gaddy

WSSU Rams honor injured freshman safety with helmet decal.

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When Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) took to the field on Saturday, every player wore a decal featuring the number 28 in



honor of safety Marquise Gaddy.

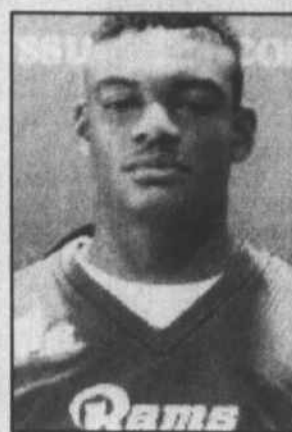
Gaddy was injured during a team practice on Thursday, Sept. 24.

According to representatives from the team, Gaddy suffered a spinal cord injury during a tackling drill the Rams had been doing all season. Initial reports listed Gaddy's condition as serious but

stable. After a number of tests, it was determined that Gaddy would not need surgery and would make a full recovery.

In a statement released by the university, Tonia Walker, WSSU director of athletics, said she was relieved with the positive prognosis.

"I am quite impressed with the quick response and meticulous efforts of our athletic training team and coaching staff leading up to



Gaddy

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JV FOOTBALL

North Forsyth stumbles against Southern Guilford

Blown assignments attribute to loss

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The struggle continues for North Forsyth in junior varsity football.

This time, it was a case of mental miscues that occurred at the most inopportune time. The Vikings climbed back in contention late in the first half in their game against Southern Guilford. But blown assignments on kickoff coverage contributed heavily to their 28-16 home loss last Thursday, Sept. 24.

It was the Mid-Piedmont 3-A Conference opener for both teams.

For most of the first half, Southern Guilford (5-0) dictated the tempo with a bullish ground game and stifling defense. Hakeem Knight repeatedly battered North Forsyth's defense with his inside runs. Knight scored on touchdown runs of 5 and 34 yards to put his team up 14-0.

The Vikings finally responded with a score with 9:30 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Chris Myers bulled his way into the end zone from 3 yards out and Brandon Davis ran for the two-point conversion to cut the deficit to 14-8.

On that drive, Davis scrambled for big yardage on two plays that put the ball at Southern Guilford's 35-yard line. On fourth down and short yardage, Myers broke three tackles to get a first down inside the Storm's 5.

After that first score, it seemed that North Forsyth (0-4 as of Sept. 27) would make a game of it. But on the ensuing kickoff, poor special teams play spelled doom for the home team. For unknown reasons, the Vikings took poor pursuit angles on coverage, which allowed Matthew Hedrick to score a touchdown on an 87-yard kickoff return. Patrick Clegg ran for the PAT to extend the Storm's lead to 22-8.

So, instead of being down by six points at the half, the Vikings trailed by double digits. As things turned out, it proved to be too much for Coach David Hill's squad to overcome.

"Toward the end of the first half, we scored and picked up some momentum and that gave us courage," said Hill.

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Vikings defensive lineman Jalen Cameron (9) sheds a block as he goes after Southern Guilford's Simeon Moye.

Photos by Craig T. Greenlee



Coach David Hill is optimistic that North Forsyth's JV will turn its season around.

Reynolds JV finally gets the monkey off its back

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The third time proved to be a charm for Reynolds JV football.

The Demons erased memories of two previous defeats by shutting down Glenn to earn their first win of the season two weeks ago. It was defense that set the tone for Reynolds from opening kickoff to the final whistle in an 18-0 shutout victory.

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JR's Nick Imes (79) and teammates Adonis Jones (8) and Rashon Bethea (left) close in on the ball carrier during an early-season game against East Forsyth

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