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Glenn Bobcats looking to start anew in JV conference play



Linebacker Tyheim Cherry (2 in orange) is a key factor for the Bobcats defense.

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Glenn's junior varsity hopes to reverse a two-game losing streak when it opens league play in the Piedmont Triad 4-A Conference against Southwest Guilford tonight (Oct. 8) at 7.

The Bobcats (3-2) are coming off back-to-back bye weeks, so they should be well rested. During that time off, Coach Steve Herring decided to tinker with his offense, which has played sporadically through the first five games

on the schedule.

"The problems we've had are on the offensive side of the ball," said Herring. "We haven't taken any steps forward in recent weeks. So, we're going to give some of our defensive players a chance to be on the field when we have the ball."

"That doesn't mean that we're making any major changes. We'll continue to run what has worked for us. But we'll also make some tweaks here and there to make sure that our offense has our best 11 athletes on the field."

Herring didn't share any details as to which defensive players would see some action on offense. Cornerback Tahliek Ganes along with linebackers Tyheim Cherry and Alpasal Reaves will most likely get some touches, which will help wide receiver Christen Wilson, who frequently draws heavy attention from opposing secondaries.

Glenn started the season well with three straight wins, but has slipped since then. The Bobcats most recent outing, an 18-0 shut-

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After lengthy layoff, Carver eager to return to action

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When football teams get time off during the season, it can be a plus as well as a minus.

On the one hand, a week off provides additional time for injuries to heal. That's especially crucial in the case of key players who had been sidelined or playing at less than full capacity because of being hurt.

On the other hand, getting too much time off could lead to rustiness. That's the situation for Carver's JV football team. When the Yellowjackets go on the road to play Surry Central tonight (Oct. 8), it will mark more than a month since they last played (6-0 win over Mount Tabor on Sept. 3).

Typically, football coaches aren't big fans of extended layoffs. They understand that inactivity can wreak havoc with timing and execution on both sides of the ball.

Coach Alonzo Winfield knows this as

well as anyone. Even so, he chooses to look on the bright side of the situation. "One thing I can say is that since we haven't played in awhile, everybody on the team is healthy," he said. "So, that's always a plus."

Due to the heavy rains over the past few weeks, high schools in the area have rescheduled games in an effort to play under more favorable field conditions. Carver was originally scheduled to play North Forsyth on Sept. 10, but because of inclement weather, that game has yet to be played.

The game date was switched to Sept. 28, but the elements intervened again and now the two teams are set to face each other on Oct. 26.

"We were prepared to play, it was just a case where the weather wouldn't permit it," Winfield said. "Because we couldn't play, it gave the players additional time to focus on academics and we got some more days in the weight room that we wouldn't

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Yellowjackets cornerback Ny'Kele Johnson (24) comes up to make a tackle.

Photo by Craig T. Greenlee

Rain shakes up local high school football games

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The weather we've been having recently has really thrown a wrench into high school football in the area. Heavy rain has forced athletic directors from across the county to change game days around.

Varsity football games in the area are usually played

on Friday nights, but for the last two weeks, games have been played on Thursday or in some cases Monday the following week.

Last week, Reagan and Mt. Tabor had their games moved to Thursday while Winston-Salem Prep moved their conference showdown with Bishop McGuinness to Monday, Oct. 4.

To the untrained eye, changing the day of the game should not make that much of a difference, but a number

of athletic directors in the area have said that not playing the games on Friday usually means less money.

Michael Winbush, athletic director at Carver High School, said when the games are moved to a different day, there is almost always a smaller crowd.

"Moving the game to a different day can make it hard on the other athletic programs because most of them are supported by money we make from the football team."

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WSSU Rams seek remedies after setback at home

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In the aftermath of Winston-Salem State's stomach-turning setback to Chowan, Coach Kienus Boulware pointed fingers at himself. The Rams overcame a 17-point deficit in the third quarter and almost pulled off a miraculous comeback win on last Saturday.

Almost wasn't enough. Down by a field goal,



WSSU came up empty on its final offensive possession of the game. Kicking into the face of swirling wind, William Johnson's potential game-tying 42-yard field goal try fell short of the mark and the Rams had to swallow a 27-24 loss

in their home opener.

So, where does Winston-Salem State (1-4, 1-1 CIAA) go from here?

"Well, I'm not going to quit," said Boulware. "I accepted this job for a reason. I'm up for the challenge, and it's become a little difficult. It's hard to keep looking at the youth of the team. Mistakes continue to haunt us, and eventually, it's all going to come down to coaching."

The Rams exploded out

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Rams defensive lineman Albert McLean (50) chases Chowan running back Tyree Lee (5).

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