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Mount Tabor's Kumar Price (14) runs for yardage as Tyson Gallagher of West Forsyth pursues.

Unbeaten

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had a shut-out going. But, we always think in terms of improving from one week to the next. So, we're looking for the next game [at Reagan on today, Oct. 22] to be the best we've played."

West Forsyth's offense suffered an early setback when running back Mack Duke suffered a lower leg injury on the second play from scrimmage. Duke, one of the team's leading rushers, never returned.

With Duke out of commission, Kenyar McPhatter, who usually splits time in the backfield with Duke, got most of the carries and responded nicely with over 100 rushing yards and one touchdown.

Quarterback Drew Latham took advantage of the Spartans defense, keying on McPhatter and scored twice on short runs in the red zone.

"We've got a stable of running backs, so it was good to see Kenyar step up the way he did," said Eure. "Drew really came through for us at quarterback. He kept his composure and controlled the game."

West Forsyth opened the scoring with a sustained drive late in the first quarter. McPhatter scored from two yards out and Christian Kaplan kicked the PAT conversion. The Titans led 7-0 at the half.

Mount Tabor (4-3) had two trips inside West Forsyth's 25-yard line in the first half, but came away empty. As

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- North Forsyth @ Asheboro, 7 p.m.
- Glenn @ Northwest Guilford, 7 p.m.
- West Forsyth @ Reagan, 6 p.m.
- Mount Tabor @ Parkland, 6 p.m.
- North Stokes @ Winston-Salem Prep, 7 p.m.
- Southwest Guilford @ East Forsyth, 7 p.m.
- Reynolds @ North Davidson, 6 p.m.
- Carver @ Forbush, 7 p.m.
- Mount Airy @ Atkins, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 26

- Carver @ North Forsyth, 7 p.m.
- Mount Tabor @ Reagan, 6 p.m.

things turned out, the night proved to be somewhat of an offensive nightmare. In addition to not converting scoring opportunities, the Spartans had two touchdowns called back in the second half because of penalties.

"Not taking care of the small details really hurt us," said Coach Tiesuan Brown of Mount Tabor. "We were

able to move the ball on them in the first half. But we just couldn't capitalize when we got in scoring position and that cost us."

The Titans began to pull away in the final minutes of the third quarter with 65-yard drive which featured runs by McPhatter and Latham along with a first-down reception by Jamon Brown. Latham scored on a five-yard run to put his team up by a couple of touchdowns.

On the ensuing kickoff, it initially appeared that Mount Tabor was back in contention. Matthew Powell reeled an 81-yard return that would've made it a one-possession. Instead, the Spartans were flagged for holding. To make matters worse, they were penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct, which put them deep in their own territory at the 10-yard line.

West Forsyth's defense held Mount Tabor to a three-and-out and forced a short punt. The Titans took over at Mount Tabor's 32, and five plays later, Latham scored on a two-yard run.

The Spartans scored their first and only touchdown with 3:45 left to play in the game. Kumar Price broke at least three tackles on a 79-yard touchdown run.

"Our defense got a little tired and started missing tackles [in the second half]," said Brown. "When you face a team like West Forsyth who has all those offensive weapons, that's what happens when your defense is on the field for too many plays."

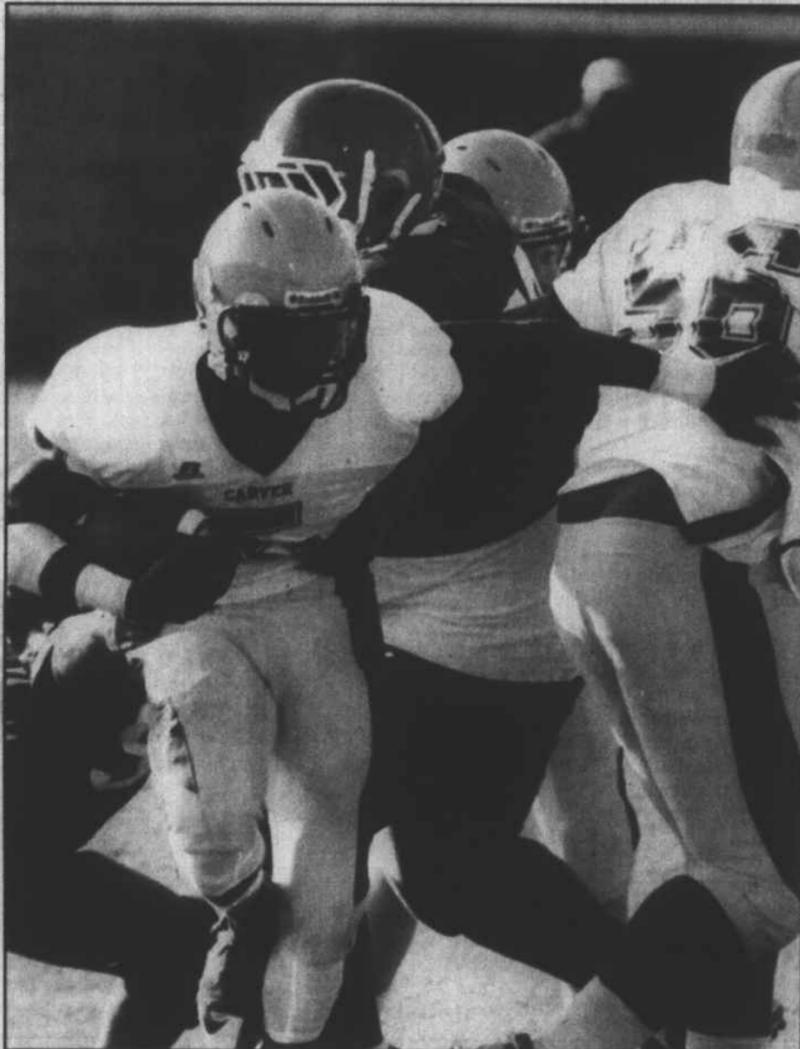


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Running back T.J. Boyce is the centerpiece in Carver's bruising rushing attack.

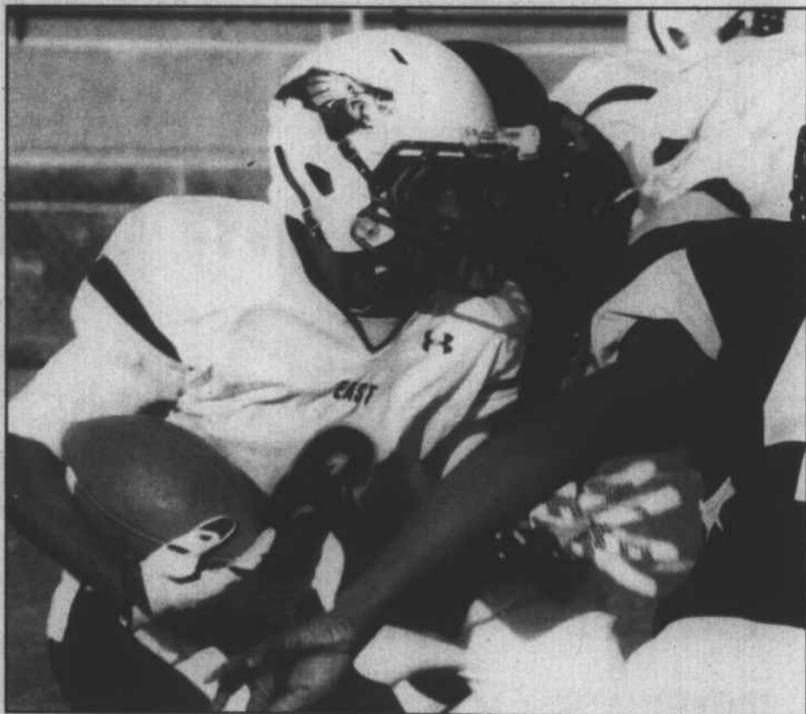


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Jaelon Maxie (17) is East Forsyth's leading rusher.

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Conference. "We didn't have to punt much at all and the passing game was potent."

That's a bit of an understatement.

Quarterback Brandon Bullins threw four touchdown passes and Jordan Barrett was on the receiving end of three of those scoring tosses. Barrett finished with four touchdowns, which included a 14-yard run, along with touchdown receptions of 65, 61 and 19 yards.

"Brandon played lights out," said Horton. "He was really locked in. I'm very hard on him because I know what he's capable of. Over these past few weeks, he's beginning to meet the high expectations I have for him."

Barrett (187 receiving yards) wasn't the sole source of offense against Glenn. A.J. Hall caught a 20-yard pass for a score and the ground game didn't take back seat, either. Top

rusher Jalen Maxie scored on a 10-yard run and Jaelon Currence-Daniels broke free at the line of scrimmage and ran 65 yards for a touchdown. The Eagles closed with a heavy flurry by scoring 22 points in the fourth quarter.

Even though East Forsyth delivered as expected at the skill positions, it was the play of the offensive line that set the tenor. The Eagles are fairly young in the trenches, but they held up well in giving Bullins ample time to throw while handling the Bobcats defensive pressure.

As a unit, the front line of A.J. Williams, James Smith, Danny Fradenburg, Tristan Look, Van Boozer, Jesse Ross and Caleb Howell turned in their best performances of the season. Of that group, Howell, Ross and Fradenburg are freshmen.

"We have some young players up front and at times, it's been a struggle for them," said Horton. "But they've stayed the

course and now they're much better at taking care of their assignments. Looking back on how we played against Glenn, I believe our people on offense have come to understand just how good they can be."

Defensively, the Eagles cannot be viewed as a sure-fire, lock-down unit based on their stat line. With three games left in the regular season, they've allowed 23.6 points per game.

While it's clear that the defense is a work in progress, it does have some key pieces that will help East Forsyth coming down the final stretch of the season. Linebacker Nathan Dupke, defensive end Alec Neugent and cornerback D.J. Hodge are the cornerstones.

"The defense did a fine job, especially in the first half," said Horton. "They came up with some key stops, which gave us good field position to start our drives."

Carver

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way," said Winfield. "I'm pleased with our progress. Everyone has bought into what we're doing. We rely on playing strong defense and executing well on special teams.

"Plus, we're going to stick with our running game and we place heavy emphasis on not turning the ball over. Our guys will continue to improve as they gain a better and deeper understanding of how to execute our game plan."

Defense is the undeniable calling card for Carver. Brown-Middleton and Legette are major components on a stop unit that has grown immensely since the beginning of the season. Over their past four games,

the Yellowjackets have two shut-outs and have limited opponents to 6.3 points per game.

Offensively, Carver typically overpowers defenses with its ground attack. Boyce does most of the damage as a speed back who can run between the tackles. Although the Yellowjackets aren't known as a passing team, they do have the ability to stretch defenses. Legette has emerged as an explosive receiver who can go deep, or turn a short-yardage pass reception into a big gain.

Two newcomers have become viable contributors for the Yellowjackets in recent weeks. Cornerbacks David Thorns and D. Dillworth have excelled as dependable pass defenders who also provide depth at wide receiver.