



The Flat Rock player chases the ball before it goes out of bounds during their game against the Wiley Wolverines.



Flat Rock player Chris Rosales fights off the Wolverine defenseman in their game last Wednesday.

Flat Rock Middle survives against Wiley

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The Flat Rock Flyers came into the game against Wiley down three of their better players. Even while playing somewhat shorthanded, the Flyers defeated the Wiley Wolverines 2-1 in a defensive battle.

To begin the game, the defenses from both teams held the upper hand. Neither side was able to penetrate the ball deep inside their opponent's territory. Later in the half, Flat Rock assistant coach Courtney Hurst gave her team some helpful adjustments and they began to dominate the ball. The Flyers were able to get a few shots on goal but none got past the Wolverine goalkeeper.

With Wiley's offensive opportunities few and far between in the first half, they took advantage of the possessions they did

have and scored the first goal of the game. The goal by Wolverine striker Pleh Reh was laser from 30 yards out that hit the top right corner of the net.

Wiley head coach Tom Dempsey said Reh has been scoring long goals all season and are impressive every time he makes one.

"He's had five or six goals like that this year and they are all from around midfield," said Dempsey. "They are like cannons, and there is nothing the goalie can do about them because they are hitting right or left top corner post. It's incredible, and when he came over to us at Wiley, it was a big treat to have him here."

The Flyers continued to apply pressure on the Wiley defense but the Wolverine goalkeeper would not allow any balls get past him early on. That all changed when Flat Rock striker Chris Rosales put his

team on his back and scored their first goal of the game to tie the affair at 1.

For the rest of the first half, the defenses stepped up once again and held the offense on each side at bay. The score was tied at 1 at the break.

Coach Hurst said her team did a good job in the first half but needed to work on their spacing. She said they remedied that in the second half and really listened to their teammates' input from the sidelines.

Both sides seemed to ratchet of the defensive intensity coming out of the half. With great individual effort, Rosales put the Flyers up 2-1 by scoring his second goal of the game. Rosales used his superior dribbling skills to beat multiple defenders and get a clear shot on goal.

Flat Rock did not let up and continued to try and stretch the lead. They had a few shots on goal but failed to convert on any opportunities. Wiley had a golden chance

to tie the game late as the ball sailed over the goal. The Flyer defense held up and they closed it out with a victory.

Hurst said her team played well but even with their circumstances they expected to win the game. She says her team need to work on their shooting and communication going forward.

Coach Dempsey felt his team played great but he wants his team to play full throttle all game long.

"We had a great first half, came right out and scored, and Flat Rock came right back and tied it up. Coming out of half-time, we came out ready to play and it was great play on both sides, just great soccer," said Dempsey.

Dempsey said his team underestimates some of their opponents and they need to come out and attack 100 percent of the time, and if they did so, it would be a "wonderful game of soccer every time."

WSSU Rams trounce St. Augustine's Falcons, 45-10

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Winston-Salem State University used a balanced offense, and busted the game open with four scores in the second and third quarters, to roll past the Falcons of St. Augustine's, 45-10 on Saturday afternoon at Bowman Gray Stadium for Homecoming 2016.

With the win, WSSU moves to 5-2 overall, 4-0 in the CIAA and 2-0 in the Southern Division, while St. Augustine's falls to 2-5 overall, 2-2 in the CIAA and 1-1 in the Southern Division.

It wouldn't take long for the Rams to get on the scoreboard, as they would take the opening kickoff and go 54 yards in six play, and capped it off with a four yard run by Kerrion

Moore for a touchdown, and with Will Johnson converting the point after. That gave WSSU a 7-0 lead.

St. Augustine's answered with a score of their own early in the second quarter, as Sean Smith connected on a 40-yard field goal to cut the Rams lead to 7-3.

With 5:05 minutes left before the half, WSSU was able to reach the end zone for the second time, as Moore scored his second touchdown of the game, this time from two yards out to give the Rams a 14-3 advantage.

The WSSU Rams would get another opportunity with 53 seconds left before halftime, as Will Johnson would hit a 37-yard field goal, and the Rams would take a 17-3 halftime lead into the locker room.

It would be the second half that the Rams would break the game open, scoring three times in the third quarter.

WSSU's Will Walton would get behind the defenders, and was found by Rod Tinsley in the end zone for a 33-yard touchdown pass to give WSSU a 24-3 lead.

On their next possession, two plays into the drive, Te'Vaughn Hurse would explode through the Falcons defense and race 63 yards for a touchdown, moving the Rams lead to 31-3, midway through the third quarter.

Not willing to give in, St. Augustine's would put together an 11-play, 71 yard drive, and come away with a 17 yards scoring pass from DJ Johnson to Sam Boyd, to move closer, 31-10.

With 1:47 left in the

third quarter, it took one play for the Rams to score, as Rod Tinsley found a streaking Canard Brown down the right side, for a 68 yard touchdown pass and catch, to push the Rams lead back out to 38-10.

Winston-Salem State would put the game away late in the fourth, when AJ

Nocciolo scored from two yards out on a quarterback sneak, to give the Rams a 45-10 lead, that they would keep until the clock hit triple zeros.

The WSSU offense was led by rusher Te'Vaughn Hurse, who finished the afternoon with 11 carries for 114 yards and one touchdown, with a

long of 63 yards.

Defensively, the Rams were led by Jayron Rankin and Braxton Daye, who each finished with six tackles. Rankin also picked up 1.5 sacks and two tackles for loss yards.

WSSU will return to Bowman Gray Stadium Saturday, Oct. 22, as they will celebrate Senior Day.

Indoor football set to return to W-S in 2018

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For the 2016 season, the Winston Wildcats indoor football team played its home games in the Winston-Salem fairgrounds Annex. The Wildcats played four home games and averaged about 800 fans per game. The team finished the year with a 3-5 record overall.

The Wildcats were a part of the American Indoor Football League, which had existed for nearly 20 years. At the end of the season the league made the decision to cease operations for the 2017 season, leaving the Wildcats without a league.

According to team owner Roderick Hinton, it was a shock to him and all of the teams in the league.

So, without a league to play in, the team will be idle as the owners look for a new league that is suitable for them. In the meantime, the team will play one exhibition game at the annex in 2017. No definitive date has been set for the event.

Hinton said he wanted to have one exhibition game during the spring to make sure the fans know that they didn't abandon them.

Hinton says he got involved with the formation of the Wildcats when a friend of his wanted to put a team in the city but he was unable to do so. Hinton felt that if he could "tweek" his plan a little and speak to the right people, he just may be able to make it a reality.

"I got the chance to speak with some city officials and some local business owners and I was able to bring a product to Winston-Salem that looks good," said Hinton. "The greatest support has been the city of Winston-Salem and the use of the venue."

The Wildcats play an Arena league style of indoor football similar to the Arena Football League that is shown on television. Hinton says he owes much of this to the players and their dedication to the team and the sport.

When asked why people should come out and watch the Wildcats, he said, "Come out and enjoy how you're able to be as close to the players as you are. You're able to actually touch a player sitting right next to the field, so people really like the player involvement."

According to Hinton, the team has 30 players, with 21 dressing on game day. The Lady Wildcat dance team will be out in the community while the team is idle this season.

Hinton also wanted to thank the team sponsors that have helped the team along the way, such as Bojangles, 4 Brothers Convenience Stores, Enterprise Rental of Winston-Salem, Revamp


Contemporary Dance Studio, FastMed Urgent Care, Health 1st Chiropractic and DI Sports Training, to name a few.

Hinton says the heart of the team is the players, and he cares about the experience of the fans.

"The branding, the product is my signature, whether it's good or bad, and I like to stay involved with the fans," Hinton said. "When a fan has a concern, they will reach out to the team and I'm the one who will answer it. It tells me how I need to change the product because the product is a part of Winston-Salem."

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