

CIAA Football Roundup

Trojans Down Hampton, Race Tightens

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HAMPTON, VA.... Coach Tom Morris at the beginning of the season said that he has not at Virginia State "to predict, but to win." Win he did as his Trojans downed Hampton Institute 45-22 in their bid for the CIAA Crown. Maurice Banks, the Trojans junior quarterback did most of the damage for the Trojans as he rushed for two touchdowns and passed 11 times for 151 yards. He had outstanding help from George Leonard who scored 4 touchdowns and gained 93 yards. Hampton only gained 56 yards rushing in 34 times and passed 29 times completing 12 for 143 yards. Virginia State offensive tackle Julius Simms played opposite All-CIAA tackle Reggie Doss and held Doss in check throughout the game allowing the Trojans offense to move at will. Coach Morris still has his work cut out for him as the Trojans will be invaded by third place conference standing Virginia Union this Saturday.

Virginia Union, who was idle last week, had a close call before winning over Norfolk State 21-15. Union normally displays a high powered offense, but had their troubles

with the Spartans who held the Panthers to just 132 yards total offense to include only 5 yards passing. Norfolk State was held to 145 yards rushing and got most of their offensive punch from Larue Harrington, their premier running back who rushed 27 times for 116 yards.

The Spartans have lost four in a row.

Winston-Salem remains the conference leader as they beat Elizabeth City 23-9. The Rams, capitalizing on the Vikings' errors, held a halftime lead of 10-0, and immediately went to work at the beginning of the third quarter as the Vikings fumbled the kick-off to allow the Rams to set up another score. Timmy Newsome, the CIAA rushing leader was held to 65 yards rushing. Elizabeth City middle linebacker Luster Farrington had 14 unassisted, 7 assisted tackles and 1 quarterback sack and shut off Winston-Salem's veer offense inside, forcing the Rams to go outside. The Rams had a total offense of 368 yards, 253 on the ground. The Rams offense was spearheaded by Kermit Blount who showed his talent as a runner as well as a passer.



Eddit McGirt
...wins first game

Edward Johnson ran 96 yards on the first play from scrimmage for the score as Johnson C. Smith won their first game of the season beating Shaw 25-12. Johnson ended his days work with 187 yards in 7 carries. Smith had a total offense of 418 yards, their best for the season. Ernest "Warhorse" Williams carried the ball 19 times and collected 95 yards and caught a 32 yard pass from Edward Johnson for one of the Golden Bulls' scores. Defensively for the Bulls Grover Covington, defensive end from Charlotte, collected 14 unassisted and 4 assisted tackles, grabbed one interception and knocked down three passes in the Bulls' efforts.

John Lucas gained 161 yards in 29 carries and scored three touchdowns as Livingstone downed Fayetteville State 23-12. Lucas had 166 yards in total offense, 36 more than the entire Fayetteville team who was held to just 83 yards rushing and 47 passing. Livingstone freshman quarterback Marshall Meadows, of Detroit, MI also contributed to the offensive attack. Livingstone held a 16-10 halftime lead on two of Lucas' scores and a 35 yard field goal by David Daniels. The Fighting Bears who are number one in the CIAA in total defense got plenty of assistance from nose guard Robert Richardson, a senior from Dillon, S.C. who had 14 unassisted, 10 assisted tackles, 6 quarterback sacks and shut off Fayetteville's draw plays. Livingstone held Fayetteville to a minus 2 yards during the first half and led the Broncos 16-0.

St. Paul's, the only CIAA team to play outside the Conference, lost to Liberty Baptist 26-9. Liberty Baptist controlled most of the offense using ball control and displaying a rugged defense. Baptist gained 330 yards on the ground.



TAILBACK CHRIS COOKE
...One of city's finest

Cooke Is "Player Of Week"

Chris Cooke, a 5'10", 170-pound sophomore tailback for North Mecklenburg High School is the Post High School "Player of the Week."

Cooke gained 121 yards and scored 2 touchdowns to lead North to an upset victory over Myers Park last Friday night. He scored on runs of one and 70 yards.

After the game Chris said "we kept up our endurance, and we busted our butts in practice. Now we're playing together."

Coach Herb Paterra of Nor-

th praised his running back for a good performance last week. Paterra said "Chris has made an outstanding transition from JV to Varsity play. With just four weeks of experience, he's coming along alright."

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IF YOU ASK ME.....

For all intent and purpose Winston-Salem State's colorful football team has locked up the 1977 CIAA Football Championship and the right to face S.C. State in the second annual Gold Bowl in Richmond, Va. on Saturday, December 3.

However, before running off to celebrate, purchase a ticket or make plans for a weekend in the gaiety of the capitol of Virginia, let me warn you about a little deterrence in football called "upset."

One would think all Bill Hayes' Rams would have to do to become the new conference champ would be to show up for the remaining two conference games on their schedule. Winston-Salem hosts J.C. Smith in Winston-Salem Saturday and finishes out the season with Shaw's lowly Bears in Winston-Salem on November 12. All they have to do to dethrone defending champ Norfolk State is to win these two contests. It's highly unlikely that either the Golden Bulls or the Bears can muster enough firepower to pull off one of the season's biggest upsets.

Therefore, it would appear that all Hayes and his rough-playing Rams have to do is merely to wait for the season to end, before celebrating their first championship in memory.

Virginia State and Virginia Union are the only conference team with an outside chance of overtaking the surprising Rams. Unbeaten in the league, Virginia State scored a 45-22 upset over Hampton last week to stay a half game behind Winston-Salem. In the meantime, once beaten Virginia Union knocked Norfolk State out of the championship race with a 21-15 victory.

These two long-time rivals clash in Petersburg, Va. Saturday and the loser may as well hang out the "wait until next year" sign. In addition to VU, VSC will face Norfolk State, Bowie State and J.C. Smith in the waning weeks. VU will have to play Livingstone and Hampton in the conference and Morgan of the MEAC in the final three weeks.

From this distance it would appear that the CIAA, which has a long impressive history for cliff-hanger finishes, will again go to the final wire before deciding who will meet S.C. State in Richmond.

ABOUT OTHER THINGS.....

Don't believe the rumors that Muhammad Ali is going to retire. Please tell me who can retire when promoters continue to wave contracts in excess of \$15 million in his face? Look for the Great One to fight again next February.

It's good to see Earl Monroe scoring well again. It appears that trading away Walt Frazier has given the ex-Winston-Salem great more room to exhibit his multiple talents on the NBA courts.

Winston-Salem State, the new kid on the block as a football power, expects a sellout crowd for its homecoming contest with J.C. Smith in Winston-Salem Saturday afternoon.....

Would you believe that the Los Angeles Lakers have given Kareem Abdul-Jabbar a lifetime contract? The Lakers got Kareem away from the Milwaukee Bucks for a whopping 3 million bucks (5-year-pact) two years ago.

We were 7-for-10, with two defeats and a tie last week, upping our accuracy rating to 39 right, 10 wrong and one tie. Our choices in BOLD PREDICTION this week is Winston-Salem State over J.C. Smith; Fayetteville over Elizabeth City; Hampton, which let us down last week, will bounce back against Howard; Livingstone is too strong for St. Paul's; Virginia State will keep pace with Winston-Salem State with a win over Virginia Union; Delaware State will outscore Kentucky State; Fort Valley will wallop Maryland-ES; A&T will roll over Howard, and S.C. State will romp over N.C. Central.

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