



THE 1963 VIKINGS SQUAD

## Panthers Blank Vikings

The Viking played one of their best defensive games of the season October 12 and led in total offense 167 yards to 154 for Virginia Union University, but still were unable to win as they were blanked 13-0.

The penalties against the Vikings nullified many of their fine drives. On numerous occasions throughout the game, the Vikings penetrated deeply into the Panther's territory, but were unable to reach pay dirt.

The Vikings demonstrated some of the hallmarks of a defensive minded football team as they limited the Panthers to 106 yards rushing and only 3 completions out of 8 passes. The gigantic forward wall being led by bruising Bobby Riley and co-captain Thuris Little, both all-C.I.A.A. candidates, leaked through the Panther's interior line to spill the Panthers for considerable losses on numerous occasions. Though playing one of their best games of the season, the Vikings were still unable to ring the victory bell as their record became 1-3 for the season.

**First Period:** The Vikings kicked to the Panthers. Jones Davis, Union's speedy halfback, made a fine run-back. With the help of four successive penalties against the Vikings,

## Season's Opener Won by Vikings

The Elizabeth City State College Vikings opened the season September 21 with a new school name and a convincing victory over the Livingstone College Bears.

**First Period:** Vikings scored on a pass play from QB Al Pearson to R. Johnson. A pass play from Pearson to Whitfield was good for the conversion.

**Second Period:** T. Little recovered a fumble on the Bears' 29. Vikings scored from this point on a roll-out by Francis. A pass play from Pearson to Watson was good for the conversion.

**Halftime Score:** Vikings 16; Blue Bears 6.

**Third Period:** Frosh T. Chadwick snared a 49 yard aerial from Pearson and advanced to the Bears' 5 yard line. W. Streeter scored from the 5 on an off-tackle run. The conversion failed.

**Fourth Period:** W. Streeter scored on a pass play from Francis for a 15 yard touchdown. With 5 minutes remaining, Pearson took over as QB. He connected on a 25 yard pass play to A. Whitfield. The conversion attempt failed.

**Final Score:** Vikings 34; Blue Bears 6.

**Outstanding Vikings:** T. Little, W. Streeter, A. Pearson, E. Francis, P. Wilson, Horace (Bobo) Jones, B. Riley, J. Pugh, L. Williams, T. Chadwick, A. Whitfield, J. Jackson.

Vikings Blue Bears	
Rushing Yardage	119 96
Passes	7-18 4-15
Fumbles Lost	0 1

the Panthers scored from the 12 yard line. The conversion attempt failed.

**Second Period:** The second period was strictly a defensive battle as neither team could get a scoring threat started.

**Halftime Score:** Viking 0-Panthers 6.

**Third Period:** The defensive battle continued through the 3rd period and was marked by a hard charging line and excellent pass defense on the part of the Vikings. The Vikings' offensive game caught fire in this period. With the little field general, Earl Francis, taking to the air and completing passes to Eugene Snipes, T. Chadwick, and Argle Whitfield, the Viking penetrated deeply into Panthers territory before being stopped by numerous penalties.

**Fourth Period:** Percy Watson showed some superb running in a losing cause and was the workhorse of the Vikings' attack throughout the game. The second Panther touchdown was set up when a Pearson aerial was intercepted by the Panthers. Two plays later the Panthers scored from the 10 yard line to climax the scoring and the game. The conversion attempt was good.

**Final Score:** Panthers 13-Vikings 0

**Outstanding Vikings:** B. Riley, Robertson, Thuris Little, McCoy, Robertson, Littlejohn, Pearson, L. Williams, Pugh, Francis, and Williams.

	Vikings	Panthers
First Downs	10	7
Yd. Rushing	35	106
Yd. Passing	132	48
Passes	16-32	3-8
P. Int.	0	2
Punts	5	2
Fumbles Lost	0	4
Yds. Penal.	110	123

## New League Introduced

Flag Football was introduced in the intramural program this year under the direction of Nathaniel Grant, Jr.

There are six teams in the league. The names and standings of the teams are listed below:

The Feltas	3-0-0
The Chargers	2-1-0
Buccaneers	2-1-1
Wildcats	1-1-0
Pirates	0-2-0
Jets	0-2-1

The leading scorers in the league are:

Lionel Shropshire,	26 points
Buccaneers	26 points
Robert Locust,	24 points
Jets	24 points
R. Coleman,	24 points

## P. W. Moore Band Drills at Game

The P. W. Moore High School Band of Elizabeth City, under the direction of John Scott, demonstrated why they are called one of the finest Bands in the State of North Carolina, as they thrilled the crowd with their fancy steps, and excellent music. All who attended the game between the Rams and the Vikings will long remember their performance. T. H. Band showed that they were well

## Vikings Lose to Spartans, 18-8

The Vikings C.I.A.A. record was evened at 1 by the Spartans of Norfolk State in Franklin Stadium, Portsmouth, Virginia September 28. The game was played in a drizzling rain and was marked by many penalties.

The team had cheering support from the members of the student body who chartered six Trailway buses to the game.

**First Period:** Jack kicked to the Spartans. Norfolk's Edmonds scored on an 8 yard run. The conversion attempt failed. Vikings held scoreless.

**Second Period:** Edmonds scored for Norfolk on 76 and 20 yards run from line of scrimmage. Conversion attempt by Holland failed. Vikings were held scoreless.

**Halftime Score:** Spartans 18; Vikings 0.

During halftime the Norfolk State College band, directed by John J. Baiou, performed and thrilled the crowd throughout the game with the hit tune "Heatwave." E.C.S.C. marching band was also represented, (William H. Ryder, conductor) but did not perform because of the rainy weather.

**Third Period:** Spartans kicked to Vikings. This period was one of defense and because of the wet conditions neither team could score.

**Fourth Period:** Spartans were held scoreless. Vikings scored on 42 yard pass and run play from Pearson to Chadwick. Pearson passed to Whitfield for the conversion.

**Outstanding Vikings:** Riley, Chadwick, Pearson, Jackson, Whitfield, Robertson, Francis, Little, Pugh, McCoy, L. Williams, P. Watson.

## THE ROVING SPORTS EYE



MELVIN RIDDICK, Reporter

## Vikings Defeated by Rams, 26-6

The Vikings dominated the first-half play before being defeated 26-6 by the Rams of Winston-Salem State College, October 5. The Rams staged a come-back from a 6-0 deficit early in the 2nd half with heads up football in a tense and thrill-packed game at college park for the victory.

As the game progressed, the Rams seemed to have gained momentum after scoring for the first time early in the 3rd period. The outcome of the game was determined by two blocked punts by the Rams which resulted in two Rams touchdowns.

The Vikings played magnificently in the first half of the game and equally as well in the 2nd half, but the breaks of the game did not fall our way.

Our chance of upsetting the Rams was hampered somewhat because of the loss of many key players out of the Viking line-up, due to injuries.

A play-by-play description of the Viking-Rams game was transmitted back to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, via Larry Williams of radio station WAAA of that city.

**First period:** The Vikings, Jackson, kicked to the Rams. The ball was returned to the 30 yard line on the run-back. Neither team could get an offense started and the period ended scoreless.

**Second period:** The Vikings scored on the passing of Francis and Pearson to Snipes, the running of Watson, and the offensive line play of the Vikings' forward wall. After penetrating to the Rams' 1 yard line, Watson scored on a dive over right tackle.

**Halftime score:** Vikings-6 Rams-0

**Halftime activities:** If one likes cha-cha, I am quite sure that they found the P. W. Moore High School band most enjoyable. The Vikings marching band also performed and thrilled the crowd with great music and dazzling steps. John Scott is P. W. Moore bandmaster; William H. Ryder conducts the ECSC aggregation.

**Third period:** The Rams kicked to Viking. After the ball changed hands, the Rams scored on a 1 yard plunge. The conversion attempt failed.

**Fourth period:** Bolstering a strong offensive and defensive game, the Rams broke the game wide open with heads-up football. The Rams' defensive line leaked through to block two Viking punts, all of which resulted in Ram touchdowns. Both conversion attempts failed. The final scoring was wrapped up on a one yard plunge by the Ram quarterback. The conversion attempt failed.

**Final score:** Rams—26 Vikings—6.

**Outstanding Vikings:** Riley, Little, McCoy, Pearson, Pugh, Snipes, Whitfield, Jackson, Williams, Francis, Watson, Harris and Robertson.

	Vikings	Rams
1st Downs	6	8
Rushing Yardage	68	97
Passing Yardage	44	66
Passes	7-10	6-13
Passes Intercepted	1	2
Punts	6	6
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Yards Penalized	70	115

—Melvin Riddick

## Bears "Wallop" Vikings in Thriller

The Shaw University "Bears" killed a last minute Viking bid for a victory when Walton intercepted an aerial from Francis to Watson with only minutes remaining in the game. The Bears were downed 6-0 at halftime, but came back in the third period to score all of their points and wrap up a 13-8 victory, October 19.

The Bears took advantage of the Vikings fumbles and capitalized on a pass interception which stopped a fine Vikings drive. The Vikings played excellent football throughout the first half of the game, but could not get their offense moving in the second half.

Argle Whitfield looked exceptionally well in making spectacular pass receptions. Whitfield, an early season pass receiving leader, and Percy Watson were the Vikings' offensive standouts.

**First Period:** The Bears, Williams kicked to the Vikings. Watson returned the kickoff. The E. C. Vikings were unable to penetrate the Bears territory during the first period. The Bears marched deep into

Viking territory after taking over on about the 30 yard line.

**Second Period:** The Vikings scored the first touchdown of the game on a pass play from Francis to Chadwick. The conversion attempt failed.

**Halftime Score:** Vikings 6; Bears 0

During the halftime, the E. C. marching band entertained the fans with superb drills.

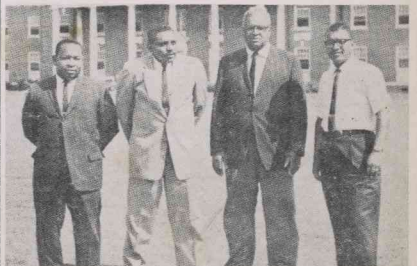
**Third Period:** Vikings, J. T. Jackson kicked to the Bears to commence the third period. Later during the period, the Bears recovered a fumble by Snyder and scored on a pass play to Powell. The conversion by Scott was good. The Bears, second and final score was made on a pichout to King. The conversion attempt failed.

**Fourth Period:** The Vikings held the Bears scoreless and managed to record two points on a touchback by Pugh.

**Final Score:** Bears 13; Vikings 8

**Outstanding Vikings:** Riley, McCoy, Pugh, Little, Whitfield, L. Robinson, L. Williams, P. Watson, A. Pearson, Chadwick, E. Francis, E. Williams, and A. Littlejohn.

## The Vikings Coaching Staff



Left to Right: Roy Knight, line coach; Thomas Cadwell, head coach; Lesley Stallworth, scout; and John Marshall backfield coach.