

# "Vikings" Break Even With 4-4 Record



Elizabeth City State College "Vikings"

## A Tribute to 18 Seniors

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ens of life as they come before you. The accomplishments of Otha Snyder, Argle Whitfield, and James T. Jackson have been tremendous on and off the field. May you continue to excel in all areas.

There are some who are so quiet and are seen so seldom that it seems as if they have made no contributions what-so-ever. However, this is not true in the case of Cleo Byrd, Odell Harris, Eugene Thompson, John Routhae, Andrew Littlejohn, Ralph Faulk, Ernest Waiters and Alvin Griffin. First of all they have proven yourselves on the gridiron many times and secondly, you are gentlemen, which is a contribution in any society.

This tribute would not be complete without including the names of Alvin Kelley, the team manager and Doreatha Sims, a former cheer leader. Kelley has served as team manager for four years. He was the doctor, the lecturer, the coach's aid, and above all, he was just any other ball player. Doreatha Sims was not able to be with cheering squad this season but the team was still able to remember the thrill of her sweet voice as she sang "Her Come the Vikings."

## Vikings Victorious Over Shaw

After suffering two straight bitter defeats by Winston-Salem and Virginia Union, the Vikings were finally able to put together a scoring punch and defeated the Shaw "Bears" by a score of 12-6.

From the opening kick-off the entire Viking eleven ripped the Bears apart. Percy Watson tore the defensive line apart with his many moves. Time and time again he was picked up long yardage which in many cases was called back due to penalties. However, this did not kill his spirit as he raced into the end zone with the first score of the ball game. The first half ended with the Vikings in front by six points.

Capitalizing on mistakes the Shaw "Bears" were able to even the score with Tinnage sweeping into the end zone.

Not being able to give up any more points, the powerful defense went to work. Benny Hodges and Thuris Little intercepted passes as Jethro Pugh, Phil McCoy, Leroy Williams, Ernest Waiters, Bobby Riley, and Calvin Webster became a part of Shaw's offensive backfield.

With the passing of Ervin Francis, the catching of Argle Whitfield, and Leroy Williams, the Vikings were once more able to place six points on the score board. Odell Harris received the glory for the final TD of the game.

## THE ROVING SPORTS EYE



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### Bears Slaughtered

Still feeling the taste of victory over the Shaw "Bears," the Vikings were able to run through, over, and around the big line of the St. Paul "Tigers." When the final gun was fired the Vikings had won by a score of 44-6.

Coming to Elizabeth City, the Tigers of St. Paul had accumulated an overall record of four wins and one defeat. Ignoring this record, the mighty Vikings took complete control of the ball game in its early stage. At half time the score was 22-0 in favor of ECSC. Touchdowns in the first half were by Ervin Francis, Leroy Williams, and Percy Watson. Odell Harris played the leading role in setting up the TD's with many of his long and exciting runs.

Returning the second half, the Vikings were just as devastating, scoring another 22 points. During the third stanza, Odell Harris was able to cross the uprights to climax a fine evening of ground gaining. In this single exhibition, he gained over 120 yards, the most of his four-year career. Argle Whitfield and Charles Singleton, a freshman, were also able to cross into the "promised land" along with Percy Watson.

Late in the final quarter, St. Paul was able to score as Coach Caldwell emptied his bench to give the under-classmen a bit of experience.

Once more the defensive unit was able to turn in a fine display of football. Leroy Williams did all but destroy everything that came his way; Jethro Pugh and Bobby Riley constantly threw the quarterback for long losses. These three did not stand alone. They were given help by Calvin Webster, Thuris Little, Phil McCoy, Sylvester Bynum, and Earnest Waiters. Ernest Green and Eddie Bland were in the defensive backfield.

For this game the spirit of the student body was really up. The COMPASS salutes the student body for such fine spirit.



Betty L. Wilkins, "Miss ECSC" receives flowers during halftime activities at Fayetteville State College's Homecoming. Dr. Rudolph Jones, President of the College, makes the presentation.

## "Broncos" Trounced

Having had their homecoming ruined by the likes of the "Falcons," the Vikings set out to do the same for Fayetteville State. And this they did well, by a score of 44-12.

The first half got off to a very slow start with the Vikings able to score only one TD. This lone score was given by Percy Watson.

Starting from the kick-off, the second half was an entirely different ball game with the defensive team stealing the ball on six occasions. And on six occasions, the offensive team took advantage of the situation and scored. For once it seemed as if it were raining touchdowns but the only cloud in the sky was hanging over the heads of the Broncos.

Fugene Snipes bucked his way into the end one for a score. Bill Streeter all but ran away with the ball game. Ervin Francis sneaked

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## "Vikings" Drop Homecoming Tilt

Unable to gain the form of the previous two weeks, the Vikings were defeated by the "Falcons" of St. Augustine's by a score of 8-6.

Quarterback Ervin Francis was able to push the Vikings deep into Falcon territory many times during the first quarter but due to crucial fumbles the team was unable to score. Odell Harris and Percy Watson drove within the ten-yard line several times, but found the ball a bit hard to hang on to.

The second quarter opened with a different story as Percy Watson raced into the end one. The try for the extra point failed. The homecoming crowd of two thousand strong cheered loudly as the Vikings led by a score of 6-0. Neither team was able to score any more during the first half, so 6-0 remained as the half time score.

The half time activities consisted of festivities from many visiting high schools. To climax the half time festivities, the Viking band took the field, playing the Alma Mater and a salute to Miss ECSC, Betty Lou Wilkins, as she was crowned Miss Homecoming.

The second half opened with the "Falcons" receiving the ball. It was a long beautiful kick by James T. Jackson. The "Falcons" were left deep in their own territory. Unsuccessful in moving the ball, they were forced to kick. The Vikings once more had control of the pigskin and moved it deep into the "Falcons" nest, however, there was a fumble with St. Augustine's recovering.

With the ball once more in their possession, they were fortunate enough to march almost the whole length of the field with Lloyd Chism getting credit for the score. The point after TD was scored and the Falcons led by a score of 8-6.

Neither team was able to do more scoring and the game ended with the St. Augustine's victors. Playing outstanding ball for the Vikings were P. Watson, T. Little, B. Riley, B. H. Hodges, J. Pugh, L. Williams, C. Webster, R. Faulk, P. McCoy, and E. Waiters.

Although the game was lost the spirit of Homecoming remained in the air.

over for a six pointer. Melvin Crosian all but carried the whole Fayetteville on his back as he raced 35 yards for another touchdown. Leroy Williams looked like the pro he one day hopes to be as he pulled in a fifty-two-yard pass and pounced his way to the promised land. Percy Watson got his second TD of the day.

Things were not all bad for the "Broncos" for they were able to add two touchdowns to their record.

That strong defensive team led by Jethro Pugh, Thuris Little, Ernest Waiters, Andrew Littlejohn, Ralph Faulk, Leroy Williams Sylvester Bynum and Calvin Webster were able to hold the "Broncos" offense to a measly five yards rushing for the entire game. Much praise goes to Benny Hodges as he intercepted almost more passes than the Fayetteville team received.

This game closed out the '64 football season, leaving the Vikings with a record of four wins and four losses.