

The Roving Sports Eye



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VIKINGS BREAK EVEN

Going into the 19th Annual Fish Bowl Classic, after what started out to be another one of those fruitless years, the Vikings of Elizabeth City State College have managed to even their season record at one victory and one defeat. This is certainly a far better beginning than last year when Coach Thomas Caldwell's gridders went all the way up to October 16th before tasting victory.

**NORFOLK SPARTANS 16
E C S C VIKINGS 6**

Portsmouth's Frank D. Lawrence Stadium, where Elizabeth City had clipped Norfolk in two Fish Bowl encounters, provided the battleground for this yearly, intense Viking-Spartan rivalry. But, meeting a seasoned squad that was out to profit from its loss to Virginia Union University, absorbing a total of 144 yards in penalties, passing and punting into a strong and gusty westerly wind, were just too much to overcome. It seemed as if the "gods" were angry. Nevertheless, the Vikings grudgingly bowed to them and the Spartans by the narrow score of 16-6.

Unable to move the ball on the ground and to effectively pass the ball against the strong wind, Elizabeth City was forced to punt early in the first quarter. A bad pass from center put punter Charles Singleton on the spot, as he picked up the loose ball and attempted to run it out, before being nailed on the 15 yard line. The strong Viking forward wall would not budge, and Norfolk was pushed back with a 15 yard penalty which set the stage for Kenny Edmond's 36 yard field goal which gave the home team a slim 3-0 lead.

The Vikings could not do anything with the ball after taking the kick-off, and were forced to punt again. This time the mighty wind was felt much more than the Spartans' charging line, as Singleton's punt traveled only two yards from the line of scrimmage to the eleven. Four plays later, Norfolk's Alex Moore banged over from the four yard line and Edmonds converted, giving the Spartans a 10-0 lead.

Elizabeth City, seeking to come from behind in the second period, marched over 50 yards on the passing of sophomore quarterback Johnnie B. Walton and the running of fullback Grover Armstead. The desperate drive ended on the five yard line where Chauney Crenshaw picked off a Walton pass in the end zone to end the first half with Norfolk leading 10-0.

Coach Caldwell probably got in a few strong words during halftime because the Vikings came sailing back early in the third quarter. Led by the power running of Armstead, Elizabeth City drove 63 yards to the Spartan's three yard line. Two plays later the young freshman back smashed Norfolk's battered forward wall to score standing up. Walton's pass for the extra-points failed, but the score was narrowed to four points with Norfolk leading 10-6, as the third period ended.

Feeling that the Vikings' six points were too close for comfort, Coach William Archie's offensive unit began to move again. Out guessing the Elizabeth City defense which was well dug in to halt the ground attack, the Spartans' quarterback dropped a short pass over the line to Moore for a short gain, enough to keep the drive alive. From that point a mixture of passing and running, plus timely penalties against the Vikings, sustained the march which ended with James hitting Moore in the end zone.

**WINSTON-SALEM RAMS 13
E C S C VIKINGS 22**

Highly dissatisfied with the performance of his squad, and knowing that the Winston-Salem College Rams are unusually rough in Bowman-Gray Stadium, Coach Caldwell began working immediately to patch up his defensive and offensive units for the second battle of the young 1966 campaign. Apparently it paid off as the underdog Vikings returned to Elizabeth City singing, "Ring 'dem Bells on Old State's Campus."

Despite the fact that the rain was "tumbling down" on the soggy turf, and the Rams had taken full advantage of a fumble by David Lyons to score early in the first quarter, the Vikings sought not to be outdone this time. Aided by a pass interference call which placed the ball on the Rams' 17 yard line, Lyons quickly removed the "scapegoat" tag from his jersey by smashing over from the four. Quarterback Johnnie B. Walton hit Charles Singleton for two extra points and an 8-7 lead at half-time.

Realizing that the arms of the charging Vikings and the mud of the soaked gridiron was too much for his squad, Coach Conrad changed his offensive strategy to the passing which netted 245 yards in a losing cause the previous week. With his line strong enough to halt the running game, Coach Caldwell took advantage of the scouting reports and put his defensive backs on alert.

The remainder of the contest was a defensive story as Bille Anderson intercepted a pass and rumbled 30 yards to score and break the Rams' back, and Eddie Bland picked-off another pass and raced 20 yards into the end zone to climax the Vikings' "slaughtering of the Rams" ceremony. Winston-Salem fought back gamely in the closing moments of the fourth quarter to score again, but the Vikings' nine point margin was too much to overcome.

Mr. "T" Speaks

By: John T. Williams,
How can we watch a very exciting football game and, after it is over, we only remember the names of those players who score the touchdowns, catch the passes, or make the long runs down the field? However, much of the game of football is played in that small space between the lines of scrimmage where the contest's un-sung heroes battle it out before returning home to dress their wounds in silence.

Our forward wall has been strong enough to limit the opponents to (only) 174 yards per game rushing for a very small average of 2.7 yards per carry. In addition the boys up front have grudgingly yielded 148 yards in the air for a combined total offense by the opposition of 322 yards and 14 points per game. Excellent, indeed!

On the other hand the Viking linemen have opened holes and held enough for our backs to gain an average of 314 yards on the ground and 118 yards by way of passes for a total offense of 432 yards.

This column takes pleasure in pulling out those linemen who have played exceptionally well.

Attention! Present Arms! Pass In Review: SYLVESTER BYNUM, end, Chapel Hill, N.C.; SAMUEL JETERS, tackle, Chester, S.C.; JAMES GRIFFIN, tackle, Chicago, Illinois; and GEORGE MIZWELL, guard, Edenton, N. C. It is hoped that you continue to excel, and that others on the team will follow your fine examples of valor.

Farewell!

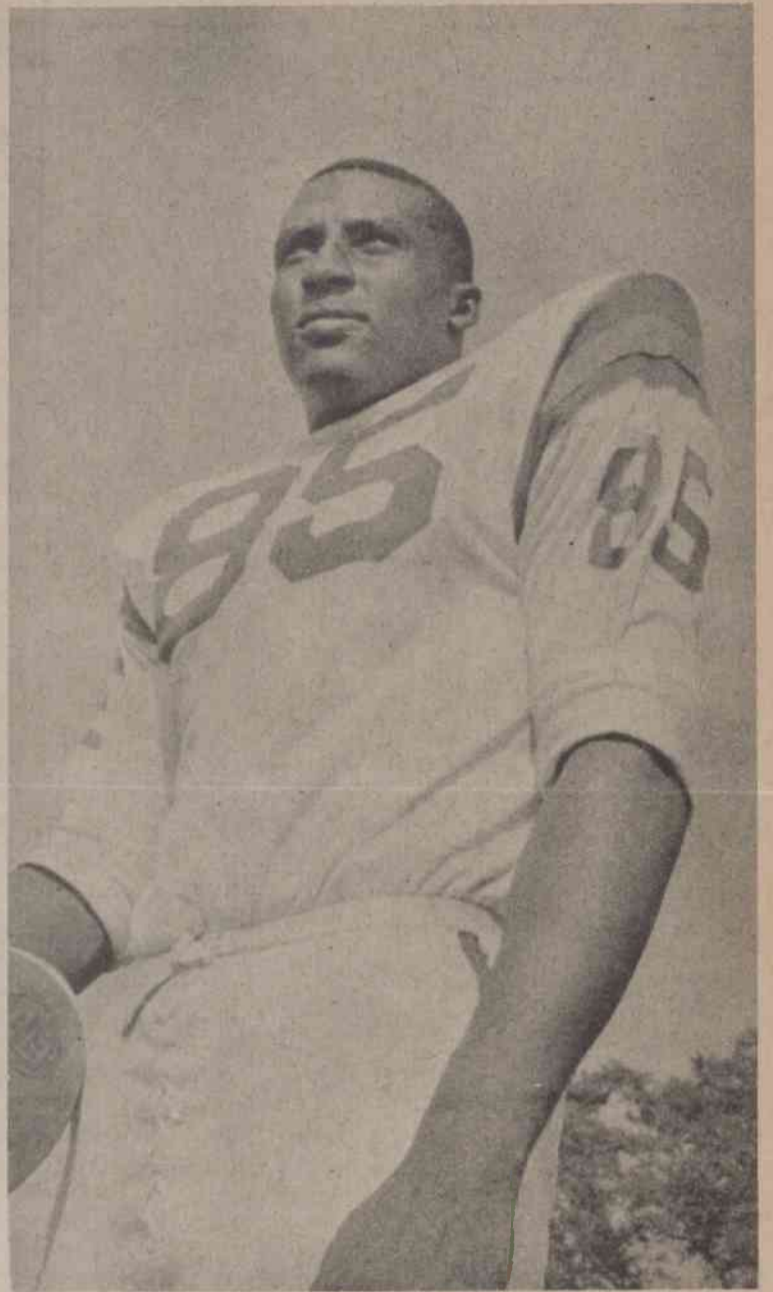


To Arms!



Those were the cries of defensive halfbacks, Ervin Francis (sandwiched between two lovely co-eds) and Eddie Bland (flanked by the Trailway Bus driver) before they departed to lead the Vikings to a 22-13 victory over the Winston-Salem State Rams.

GEARED FOR BATTLE



The last time you saw a picture of SYLVESTER BYNUM was, perhaps, in the September edition of the COMPASS. At that time the CAPTAIN of the ECSC Vikings was in a coat, with shirt and tie. This is the way Bynum No. 85, the big 6'-2 1/2" 222 lb. Senior end, looks when he is geared for action.

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