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The best thing about the last three games is the performance of the band. The Battle of the Bands proved more than the action on the gridiron.

Whatever Happened to "That Championship Season?"

Vikings drop 3 to Hampton, St. Paul, and NCCU



Something to cheer about...

by Shay Hollowell

The cheerleaders of the 83-84 year are: Inez Campbell-senior, Sonya Koonce-senior, Sheila Humphrey-senior, Olivia Tyson-freshman, Dierdre Bacote-freshman, Stacy Greene-freshman, Gayle Harris-freshman, and Hallie Crump-junior.

The Cheerleaders are planning on having plenty of sales to raise money for new uniforms, and they have a lot of activities planned for "Homecoming Week: Spirit Week, Hat Day, Sock Day, Right On T-shirt Day, 50's Day, Blue/White Day.

They are under the supervision of two new advisors: Mrs. Addie Griffen, Secretary of the Athletic Department and Mrs. Hinton, Secretary of Biology and Math Departments. The Cheerleaders feel the organization as a whole is better organized, but their one gripe is that there is not enough school spirit.

Is this school spirit or what???



VIKETTES

by Celeta Mann

If you have ever been to a wrestling match, then I am sure that you have seen the devoted group of ladies, who without hesitation, assist the wrestlers and coach with various training duties.

These women are known as the ECSU Vikettes.

"Although we are a relatively young team, we are dedicated and want to do as much as possible to help ensure the wrestling team of a winning season," said Sheila Hyman, one of the captains of the Vikettes.

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Coach Alvin Kelley said that this year the ladies are serious about their work. They strive harder each day and keep their curfew of 11:00 p.m..

"Team work will be the key to our success," said Kathy Blount, a member of the Vikettes, "and we try to encourage them to give it all they got."

The Vikettes would appreciate it if the student body would support the wrestling team as much as possible. When you attend a wrestling tournament, make sure you give recognition to the diligent workers.

Vikings lose to Central

by Tammye Jones

North Carolina Central proved to have a better offense than Elizabeth City State Saturday, with a score of 14-0.

The loss dropped Elizabeth City to 3-4, but the game didn't count in the standings.

"It was a very disappointing performance as far as I'm concerned. I really feel we are a much better ball club. The defense came to play, but the offense just doesn't come to play," said head coach Thurlis Little.

Morris fumbled on the 47 yard line; it resulted in the first score of the game made by Central, which was in the second quarter. The tailback, Clifton Kearsney, ran a touchdown from the two yard line, but the extra kick was no good.

Bobby Futrell did well as usual on the return of a punt for 40

yards. Just before the first half ended, Morris threw an interception with the score still 6-0.

On Elizabeth City's first of many possessions, Darrel Suggs ran for 13 yards.

After several plays by both teams, Central finally got to the Elizabeth City one yard line. And there Central then tried for a 2 point attempt, which failed along with their field goal attempt. And the score was then 12-0.

In the third quarter, Kevin Bridges came in to replace quarterback Morris. After the fourth down, Central regained possession and Morris, back into the game, hit Langhorne for a 40 yard gain.

When Central gained possession of the ball again at the Vikings 24 yardline, Fraylon fumbled and Reginald Banks recovered the ball.

Not able to move the ball, Jerome Ingram went in to punt position, but he fumbled. Central blocked the punt and the ball went out of the end zone for a two point safety and the score was then 14-0, with only a few seconds left in the game.

Coach Little said, "The offensive line just wasn't doing their job," which he added from an earlier comment.

Defensive back Reginald Banks led with nine tackles, one fumble recovery, one interception and four rushing losses. Banks, from Virginia, was the recipient of the Unsung Hero Award for that game.

Saturday is the final game for the Vikings, and it is also Homecoming. Will it be a thrilling victory, or another agony of defeat?

Vikings felled by St. Paul in 20-19 upset

by Tammye Jones

The Vikings fell short in a 20-19 loss to St. Paul's College; surely that defeat was not easy.

St. Paul kept possession of the ball the majority of the first quarter, with the Vikings only running four plays.

Mills for the Tiger gave St. Paul their first score of the game, which gave them a 7-0 advantage.

On the first play of the second quarter, Edwards for the Tigers made a touchdown but their extra kick effort was no good. The score was then 13-0.

Anthony Creecy gained 33 yards for the Vikings. The pass intended for "Bo Bo" Parks was incomplete, but Jerome Ingram came in for the field goal attempt which was good.

At the close of the first half, James Tillery ran a reception for 19 yards, Chuck Overton ran for 6 yards, then Overton ran for a 3 yard touchdown, but the kick by Ingram was no good. The score was now 16-13, the Vikings.

In the third quarter, Mills for the Tigers scored a touchdown the one yard line.

Even though Ingram kicked a 26 yard field goal, it wasn't enough to stop the Tigers. The final score was 20-19. So close, but yet so far.

Reginald Langhorne Fish Bowl MVP

by Gary Savage

As the Viking Football Club advances into the midst of a successful '83 season, there is much praise for the players.

The Compass would like to pay special tribute to an outstanding, diligent player who has given ECSU's ball club a lot of confidence and dedication. He is a self-motivating player who motivates his teammates as well.

Reginald Devan Langhorne, a junior majoring in Health and Physical Education, came to ECSU in 1981 from Smithfield, Va. While attending Smithfield High School he starred for three years on the varsity football team as wide receiver. In high school, Langhorne was named Most Valuable Player and twice made All Conference.

Believe it or not, Langhorne was responsible for every win in his school's season. His high school coach was Joseph Buggs, an alumni of ECSU. Coach Buggs was running back for the Vikings in the 1950's when they were called the Pirates. Buggs also served as a four year starter for the Pirate's Mighty Ball Club.

"I give Coach Buggs a lot of credit for developing my playing ability on the field," said Langhorne.

Langhorne was offered several scholarships by schools in the CIAA, but accepted a scholarship at ECSU, as encouraged by Coach Buggs. He has no regrets in his choice. Langhorne is not only active on the field, but is academically inclined also. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., a ROTC cadet sargent and "Mr. Junior" for the Junior Class.

Langhorne has averaged 19 yards per game this season and gives credit to quarterback Eddie Morris and the whole offensive line. The wide receiver believes senior linebacker Kenneth Rodgers is important in this year's schedule.

"I feel that the team has a lot of pro prospects this year, but they probably will not be given much of a chance if we do not have a winning season," said Langhorne.

The wide receiver believes a lot of credit goes to senior linebacker Kenneth Rodgers for the team's winning season.

Langhorne was presented the Coca-Cola Most Valuable Player award and the Shriners' award at the first home game this year. He was MVP at the Fish Bowl against Norfolk State in which ECSU beat NSU 15-0 to claim a 1983 Fishbowl Victory.

"I have a lot of respect for the whole coaching staff," said Langhorne. "I think with their great coordinating ability, they could possibly lead us to a 1983 CIAA Victory."

Langhorne commented on a campus rumor concerning the Hampton Institute game in which he did not play: "I was said to have been out of my room during curfew by a source I refuse to reveal. It was only an emergency phone call that I had to receive in Butler Hall. It was said that I was seen going across campus in my undergarments.

"I feel that if the issue had been cleared up before the game, I would have been able to play," said Langhorne.

ECSU's football team's curfew hours are 11 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday, 10:30 p.m. Fridays. Quarterback John Robinson did not play in the Hampton game because he was said to have broken curfew.

In the '83 season, Langhorne has shown Viking-Land an outstanding performance on the playing field.

If the Viking fans keep coming out to motivate the ball club, Langhorne will continue helping the Viking ball club obtain a 1983 CIAA Championship.