

Lady Vikings Spark First Conference Win

The Lady Vikings started out on a good note on in their first home conference game by defeating Shaw Univ. 67 to 63 on Dec. 5.

Anita Barnes, forward, and a junior from Chesapeake, Va., was the game's highest scorer with 20 points. Barnes' great performance resulted in 12 points by the end of the first half. Selina Freedman, center from Bellhaven, N.C. led in rebounds.

It did not matter to Freedman that Shaw possessed Kim Ambrose, All CIAA of 1984. Selina went on to end the game with a total of 14 points. Veteran player Valerie Davis, a guard from New Bern, N.C., led in assists which contributed to the Vikings' victory.

Coach Kelley was very pleased with his players' performance and hopes to have a great season. Ronnie Autry, assistant coach, is a student P.E. major from Rockin Point, N.C. Autry is now doing a grand job in training the Vikings into becoming a fine ballclub. The Vikings have six new recruits this year. Their morale and support contributed deeply to a winning victory. "I feel that with this year's squad, the team is destined to go far this season," said Angela Johnson. She is a forward from Newport News, Va.

If the Vikings continue to have action-packed games such as this one, this season will definitely be a good one.

Tiller : Getting the Job Done

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"Before you write anything down, make sure you write down my weight and height," instructed Robert Tiller. He wants everyone to know that no matter how big or how small someone is, it is getting the job done that counts.

All of Tiller's 5-foot-8-inch, 110-pound frame works gets a fine job done as a receiver on the Vikings' football team. Tiller was a walk-on for the squad in the spring. His outstanding performance in the Vikings Blue and White game earned him a spot on the team. "Rob" started in 7 of the 10 games.

A freshman from Chester, Pa., Tiller always played sports during his high school years. In 1982, he made All-Delco Conference in baseball. He was on the basketball squad, but most of his achievements were in football. Tiller made Most Valuable Player in the city championship game during his senior year. He was given the Clipper Award for most outstanding individual performance and the Hero Award in the Delco All Star Hero Bowl.

During his first year at ECSU, he placed fourth in CIAA receiving. With 38 receptions and 400 yards, statistics indicate that Rob should be pre-season pick for All CIAA next year. This

season, Tiller was chosen All-CIAA of the Northern Division.

Besides doing well on the field, Tiller is doing well in the classroom. "The school is fine, but I disagree with the absentee policy. I really think it should be more than just three days to miss. I also feel that there should be some special reprimands for ballplayers with practices and games," Tiller said.

Tiller looks up to veteran team members such as defensive back Tim Colfield and receiver Reginald Langhorne because they made him aware of many things about game plans. He also feels that the ballclub has a fine coaching staff.

"The game plans of the coaching staff are all right, but the times the team didn't react were due to the young offensive line. I feel if we would have had more experience, things would have turned out better," Tiller said.

Tiller's performance was fantastic for a first year. Having such a fine, young ballplayer, the Vikings should encounter an outstanding season next year.



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Vaughan Hopes For Winning Season

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"Trap and Scrap." Those two words will personify the ECSU Vikings as they enter the '84-'85 basketball season.

"We are going to run and press all night long," says Bobby Vaughan, preparing for his 32nd year as the Vikings' head coach. To some observers, it may appear that they are attending a Chinese fire drill not a basketball game, but there is method to Vaughan's madness.

"We have seven experienced guards coming back and I will not hesitate to substitute any of them," said Vaughan. Because of this abundance of talent in the backcourt, Vikings will be able to apply constant pressure on the opposing teams' guards, forcing turnovers and more importantly, just plain wearing them out. Vaughan describes this type of pressure as "in your face baby," and it could mean trouble for any team who does not have a deep bench. "We want the other teams to know that we are going to run," said Vaughan, "and we are going to use full court pressure all night long."

Because of this constant pressure, Vikings' opponents will have to let their big men handle the ball more, in some cases even

to bring the ball up. This should create numerous opportunities for turnovers.

On offense, the Vikings will run, run and run some more. "We want to get the ball upcourt as quickly as possible, preferably in less than five seconds," says Vaughan. In other words run and shoot offense right? "Wrong, not run and shoot, but run to shoot," said Vaughan. "We want to push the ball upcourt and force the other team to turn and run on the defense rather than backpress the basket," explains Vaughan. "Because of our speed, we should beat their big man down the floor enabling us to get off a higher percentage shot." This strategy will also allow Viking guards to take advantage of their great leaping ability against the opponent's guards on the offensive boards.

Because of the physical stamina this type of play requires, the Vikings starting line-up is not necessarily the one that will play the most. One man who should see plenty of action however, is senior guard Benji Brown. Brown will be expected to provide the Vikings with scoring punch as he did last

direction of William Gibson, Manor High won first place honors for Band, Majorettes and Color Guard.

Adjudicators were Dr. Floyd Robinson, Charles Penrose and Willie McElroy. Groups were judged while participating in the ECSU Homecoming Parade. Trophies were awarded to all winners in the various categories.

Chairing the committee for the first annual competition were: Willie G. McElroy, ECSU Band Director, and Dr. Edna L. Davis, Chairman of the ECSU Department of Music.

The Vikings went on to be beaten at the Annual Fish Bowl game by Norfolk State Univ. 17-0 leaving Reggie Langhorn Most Valuable Player of that game. Langhorn is presently being scouted by various professional football teams.

With high moral, the ECSU Vikings were defeated again by Virginia State Univ. at the first home game of the '84 season at Roebuck Stadium. The stadium will be undergoing more renovations this spring. Coach Little feels that the Athletic Fund raising program is going well with more available funds for such endeavors. Little feels that if more ECSU alumni were involved, things could be produced more successfully.

The Viking ball club, despite losing their first home games, went on to two consecutive wins against NC A&T and St. Pauls, beating both at their own homecoming games. The Vikings then were beaten 14-20 by N.C. Central Univ. Coach Little felt that that was the best game overall in a losing cause.

"The team performance was one of our better efforts," said Little. That game made Coach Little very pleased with his new

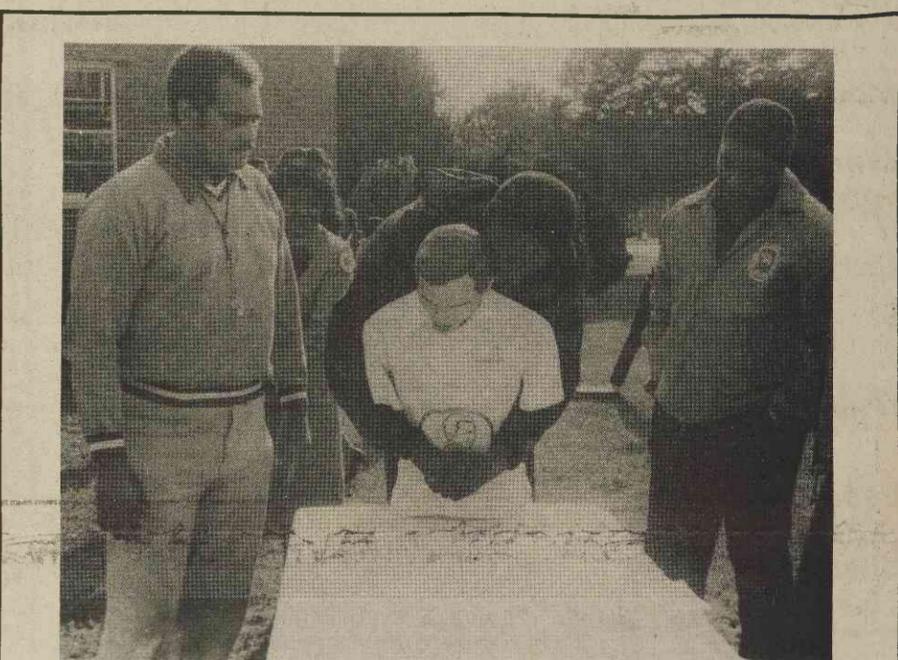
season when he averaged nearly 15 points per game. Additional scoring will come from Kenny Hilton. The 6-foot-1-inch junior from Enfield, N.C. averaged 9.4 points last season. Lance Hinton, Gregory Spruill, Gary Williams, and Ellis Everett round out the guards and each is capable of leading the team in scoring on any night.

Swingman Jamie Turner can also play guard and is expected to provide the Vikings with rebounding and scoring. Turner averaged 4.1 rebounds and 12 points last season.

Also returning, as forward is Timothy 'Iceman' McDaniels who averaged 9.4 points as a freshman last year. The Vikings appear thinnest in the center position. Antonio Bellamy, a sophomore, is expected to start.

The Vikings' pressing aggressive style of play should create a fast-paced exciting game for the fans to watch, but can they win with it?

"This team has the potential to be very successful," said Vaughan. "How far we go depends on how much we improve at our center and forward positions.



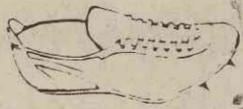
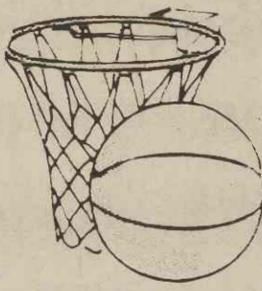
Scenes from the 1984 Health Fair (pictured are Coach Kelly and Assistant Coach Autry)

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recruit selection of '84. Recruits such as Scotty Arnol, freshman defensive tackle; Ronnie Johnson, freshman linebacker; and Clarence Barnes, freshman linebacker are players that Viking fans will be seeing a lot of next season.

The Vikings most exciting game was homecoming against Hampton Institute. The game with its action pact twists and turns ended in a tie, 7-7, leaving pro prospect Reginald Banks, player of that game. Reginald is being scouted by several professional football clubs. When asked who else is a possible pro prospect, Coach Little replied: "I think Howard Olgesby, a senior from Washington, D.C. is another player who has a very good shot at a pro ballclub."

The last two games which were at home ended as in disaster for the Viking football team, losing 6-35 to Winston Salem State Univ. and 0-45 to Virginia Union Univ.

Little said that his coaching staff plays a big part in the teams overall performance. He feels that more coaches are needed to add to the contribution of the ballclub. It's all a matter of dollars and cents in this situation of coaches," Little said.

When asked to comment on academics in football, Little replied: "Time is deeply required of a football player. There are classes, practice and study sessions each day. The team members do not only have to study education but study and learn the football game plays too."

Chancellor Jenkins has contributed services to help athletes in all sports. He has posted a tutor for road trips and home games when an athlete needs academic help.

"The counselors in general studies have helped out a whole lot. The Upward Bound programs have been a strong hand in my teams' academic outcome," Coach Little said.

The Viking ballclub will lose 14 players this year. "Mostly all of the '81 recruits are leaving this year. I feel that the '81 recruits were the best pack we had to come this way in awhile," Little said.

Overall, Little is very pleased with the season performance of the ballclub and hopes that ECSU fans will continue to support such a fine club.

Lady Vikings Try For Top

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If you like aggressive women, then you will love the 1984 edition of the Lady Vikings. Head Coach Alvin Kelley describes the team as aggressive both offensively and defensively. This style of play could mean big things for the Lady Vikings. "I think we can be competitive with any team in the CIAA or Division II," Kelly said. "A conference championship is not out of the question."

Several key returnees are responsible for Coach Kelley's optimism. These include pre-season All-CIAA selection Valerie Davis. Davis, a 5-foot-7-inch junior from Alliance, N.C., averaged 10 points per game last season from her guard position.

Also returning will be front court star Audrey Prophet. The 5-foot-11-inch forward averaged nearly 13 points and 9 rebounds last season.

For leadership, the Lady Vikings will be looking to guard Valerie Croker, the only returning senior on the squad.

The center position will be capably filled by Carmen Judkins, a 6-foot-1-inch transfer from N.C. Central, where she averaged a remarkable 14 rebounds per game.

"She is very aggressive on the boards," said Kelley, "and is one of the quickest centers I've ever seen: a real Pat Ewing type player."

Controlling the boards will be a

necessity for the Lady Vikings because they will rely on a fast-break transition type offense.

"We will be primarily a running team," Kelley said. "We like to get a lot of three-on-two and three-on-one type of situations. I know a lot of coaches like to slow it down and play a half-court game, and we can do that also. I feel if you have the good athletes, as we do, you should let them play."

So the Lady Vikings must rebound: "Well, we have to have the ball in order to run," says Kelley.

Additional rebounding strength will be provided by junior forward, Juanita Barnes, who averaged 8 last year, and 6-foot-2-inch sophomore Angelo Johnson who chipped in with 7.

On defense, the Lady Vikings will use a lot of full-court pressure, especially on the guards.

"We lean toward the zone, but we can switch to man-to-man also," said Kelley.

As usual, if the Lady Vikings are to contend for the top spot in the CIAA, they will have to beat perennial powers: Va. Union, Hampton Institute, Norfolk State, and Shaw, whom they open the season against at home on Dec. 5th. But Coach Kelley emphasizes, "This team can play with anybody. I would invite anyone who enjoys an exciting, wide-open brand of basketball to come out and support this team."

A FOOTBALL SEASON REVIEW.....

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Little Reflects Over Season

Well sports fans, another season has passed us by leaving the Viking ballclub with a 4-5-1 record. The season began with a 13-2 victory over Livingstone College at Livingstone Alumni Stadium. With high moral, the team continued on to Bowie State College to leave with a 28-0 victory at Bowie Field Stadium.