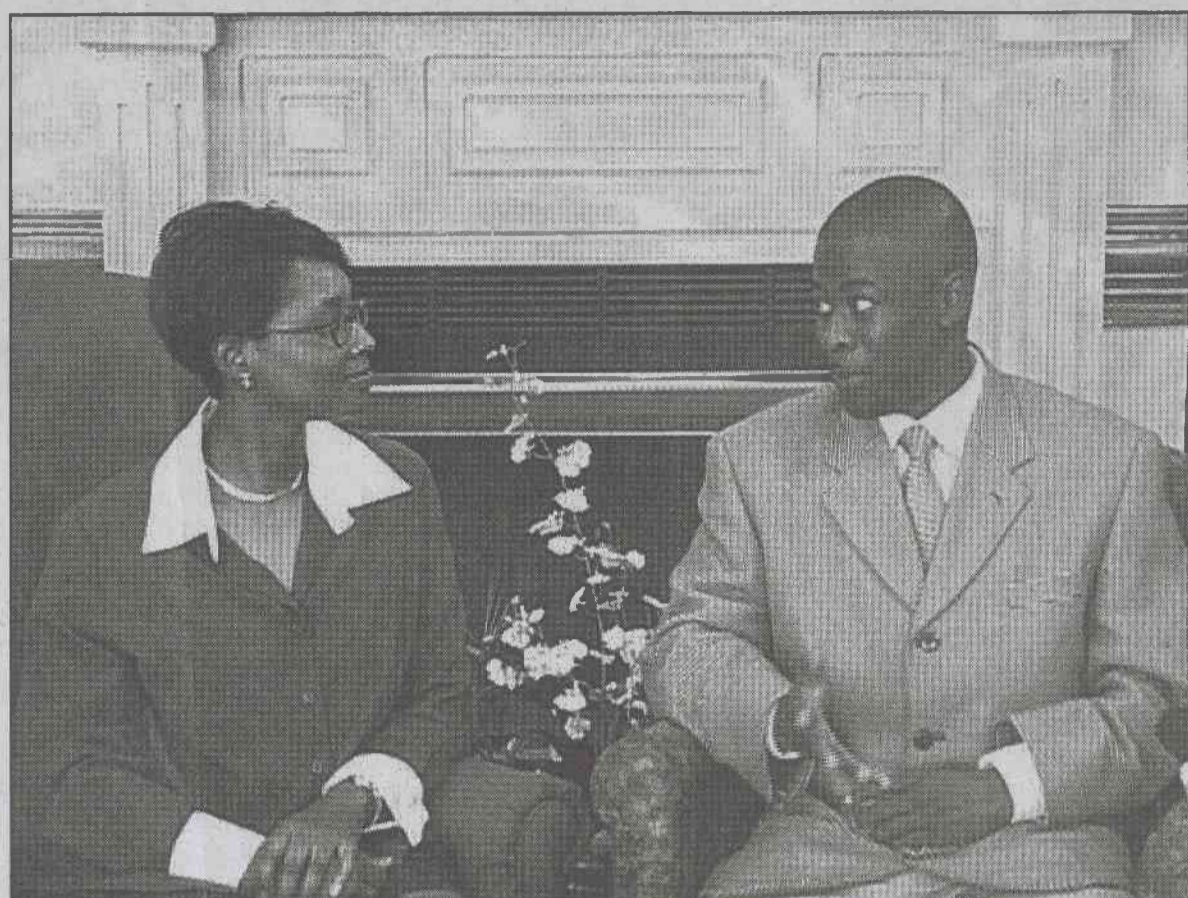


VIKING SPORTS



ECSU SportsScope host Randy Jones (right) interviews Revonda Whitley (left), Head Volleyball Coach for Elizabeth City State University. (ECSU-TV Channel 18/22)

ECSU airs new sports program

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ECSU SportsScope, a new program airing on ECSU TV Channel 18/22 and hosted by WRVS-FM News and Public Affairs Director Randy Jones began broadcasting on August 29, 2003. The show airs twice monthly on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

In the 30-minute program, Jones covers Elizabeth City State University athletics and spotlights student athletes. ECSU SportsScope keeps viewers updated with the lat-

est sports scores from major black college conferences. Jones also reports highlights of their outstanding athletes.

Past ECSU SportsScope guests included head ECSU football coach Waverly Tiller, volleyball coach Revonda Whitley and student athletes Sean Wilkes and Portia Parker. ECSU Sports Scope has also featured a Camden County High School StudentAthlete, Cristi Bartlett, for her basketball achievements. The next show, scheduled to air on September 26, will feature ECSU bowling Coach Jodie Williams.

Melba Brown, ECSU Director of Television Services, and her crew of television production students create each show. Students earn class credit by staffing various production positions for the program, such as camera operator and editor, which gives them a first-hand look at what it takes to direct, produce and edit a television program.

Students interested in volunteering for the next edition of ECSU SportsScope should contact Melba Brown at 335-3985 or by email at: mybrown@mail.ecsu.edu.

Vikings fall in season opener

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The Elizabeth City State University football team started the 2003 campaign in the wrong direction, by losing to the Benedict College Tigers 18-6 at Roebuck Stadium.

After a first quarter that was dominated by defense, the Tigers got on the board first with a 1-yard touchdown run by fullback Patrick Cumbee. The Tigers would be unsuccessful on the extra point attempt and take a 6-0 lead into the half.

The Vikings' defense continued its good play in the third, forcing the Tigers to punt on its first two possessions of the second half. The Vikings would capitalize when Teyon

Pender returned a Tigers punt 81 yards for the Vikings first touchdown under 1st year head coach Waverly Tiller. Unfortunately the punt return would be the only time the Vikings would score in the game. The score was tied 6-6 in the fourth when the Tigers defense forced a Donald Norman fumble which was recovered by Tigers defensive back Tony Wilson who ran it in for the score to put the Tigers up for good. With 4:10 remaining, the Tigers would increase their lead when quarterback Calvin Drummond hooked up with Gerald Robinson for a 27-yard touchdown to give the Tigers a commanding 18-6 lead.

Defensively, the Vikings were led by junior safety Howard Williams,

who finished with a game-high 10 tackles, a pass defended and an interception. Senior linebacker Marcus Hilliard finished with 6 tackles, a pass defended, quarterback hurry, and 2 sacks for a loss of 22 yards. Offensively, Pender was the Vikings' only bright spot, finishing with 119 yards on 4 punt returns. For his great play, Pender was named the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Special Teams Player of the Week.

Broncos beat Vikings

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The Elizabeth City State University Vikings lost their third straight game this season by losing to the defending CIAA Champion Fayetteville State University Broncos 13-0 at Luther Jerald Stadium in Fayetteville, NC.

As they proved all season the Vikings' defense played well, holding the Broncos to only 17 rushing yards in the first half. FSU kicker Ross McKernan converted two field goals in the first half giving the team a 6-0 lead at the half.

The Vikings offense showed signs of life early on in the third quarter when quarterback Dan Herlihy completed a 47-yard bomb to Teyon Pender who was brought down at the FSU 17-yard line. Unfortunately, penalties and a good Broncos defense derailed the Vikings momentum and kicker Ken Mihalyov missed a 35-yard field goal attempt that would have cut the Broncos lead in half. On the Vikings next possession, the of-

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Tough week for the lady Vikings

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This past week, the Lady Viking Volleyball team dropped the ball on three separate occasions, first to the Lady Firebirds from the University of the District of Columbia, next to the Lady Bears of Shaw University, ending with a disappointing loss against the Trojanettes of Virginia State University.

During the first game the Lady Vikings put up a determined fight, only to be swept out 3-0. Highlights of the game included Portia Parker's serving six consecutive points to a narrow 27-20 point lead in favor of the Firebirds. The Lady Firebirds went on to dominate the match.

The Lady Vikings fared no better against the onslaught of the Lady Bears of fellow CIAA competitor, Shaw University. Perhaps not taking note on the losses of their first game, the Lady Vikings were held off again, failing to win one of the three matches of the game. What appeared to be battle on the scoreboard

during the second match ended in a massacre during the final match as the Lady Vikings would lose each consecutive match 30-15, 30-25, and 30-14.

The final game of the week set the Lady Vikings against division rivals Virginia State. The see-saw battle led many to believe that the Lady Vikings were finally getting serious. After a loss in the first match, the Lady Vikings caught fire taking a 7 point lead, only to have it crushed after a timeout and regroup by the Trojanettes. Trojanette Alona Marable would go on to lead her team to victory in matches 2 and 3. With 7 kills, 4 digs and an assisted block, The Trojanettes were a force to be reckoned with under Marable's leadership and went on to victory with game scores of 30-24, 30-16, 30-19.

The next game will be Monday September 15, 2003 at 6:30pm as the Lady Vikings host the Lady Tigers of Saint Paul University. Perhaps the Lady Vikings will come out of their slump in victory on Monday night.

Falcons soar past Vikings

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The Elizabeth City State University football team dropped its conference opener to the Saint Augustine's Falcons 7-0 at Enloe High School in Raleigh, NC.

The Viking defense played well and forced Falcons starting quarterback Darrell Nesbitt to leave the game with a broken finger. Backup quarterback Andre McGlone was effective, marching the Falcons down field to score the game's lone touchdown. McGlone completed a 6-yard pass to receiver Jay Chapman 50 seconds into the second quarter. The Vikings defense would settle down after the touchdown and not allow the Falcons to score again. ECSU con-

tained the Falcons' offense, holding them to only 50 yards on the ground and 67 yards in the air.

The Falcons defense matched the Vikings dominant performance. The one touchdown would prove to be all the scoring the Falcons' defense would need. Saint Augustine's completely shutdown the Vikings' passing game not allowing a completion and forcing four interceptions.

The Vikings had a chance to tie the game late in the fourth until the Falcon's Sintell Crew intercepted a pass on the Falcon 1-yard line to seal the win for Saint Augustine's.

Carlos Smith rushed for 87 yards on 10 carries and Calvin Hudgins adding 66 yards on the ground in the losing effort.

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