

SPORTS

Games In Review

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Aggies Overwhelm Rams

In front of a crowd of 18,000 at Bowman Gray Stadium, the N. C. A & T Aggies aggressive defense beat the WSSU Rams 27-7, in the Rams' first game of the season.

Not only did the Aggies score three first-half touchdowns; they sacked Ram quarterback Aaron Patrick seven times. To add insult to injury, the Rams were able to get past midfield (into the Aggies' territory) only twice during the entire game. The first time was in the first quarter when the Rams took the ball to the Aggie's 45 yard line only to give the ball up on downs after Damon McKee's run attempt was stopped on a fourth and one play. The second time was during a late fourth quarter drive that was capped off with Eric Hendley's three yard touch down run. WSSU's Shawn Thomas kicked the extra point.

Rams Tame Tigers

The WSSU Rams came back in dramatic fashion by defeating the visiting Savannah State Tigers in overtime, 27-24.

Savannah State scored the first points of the game off a touchdown to take a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter. They added on to the lead by kicking a field goal to make the score 10-0 at the end of the first quarter.

They didn't put any points on the board until the end of the first half, when kicker Sean Thomas kicked a 22 yard field goal with time running out to make the score.

In the third quarter the Rams came back and scored touchdown, but missed the extra point, to make the score 10-9.

The Savannah State Tigers then came down and scored a touchdown, but missed the extra point to make it 16-9. The Tigers then finished their scoring spree, when Reginald Jackson intercepted a pass, and returned it for a 30 yard touchdown run. The Tigers capped the play off by scoring on a two-point conversion attempt to make the score 24-9.

Late in the fourth quarter the Rams came back to score a touchdown to make the score 24-16. Savannah State then fumbled the ball, allowing the Rams' DeOndre Singleton to make the recovery. The Rams then came down to score on a 23-yard Aaron Patrick pass to Anthony Hines to make the score 24-22. Patrick then ran in for a two point conversion to tie the game 24-24, sending the game into

overtime.

The Tigers had the first possession of the overtime period, but they fumbled on the second down and quickly handed possession over to the Rams.

The Rams then got the ball on the 25 yard line. After moving the ball up to the 4 yard line the Rams then sent out Sean Thomas to kick the field goal on the fourth down. Thomas then proceeded to kick the game winning field goal to give the Rams a 27-24 overtime victory.

Rams Conquer Panthers

The WSSU Rams in their second overtime game of the season, garnered their second win in row by defeating the Panthers of Virginia Union 13-6 at Richmond, Virginia.

The Rams who improved their record to 2-1 overall, didn't score their first points of the game until Shawn Thomas' 27 yard field goal nearly halfway into the third quarter to give the Rams a 3-0 lead.

The Rams managed to hold on to their lead until late in the fourth quarter when Panther's runningback Andre Braxton, who rushed for 128 yards on 28 carries, ran in for a touchdown at the 2:40 mark. The Panthers however, followed that up by making what would turn out to be a crucial mistake. Panthers' kicker William Fleming, who had missed his three previous fields goal attempts, missed the extra point attempt to leave the score 6-3.

With 2:29 left in the game, Rams' quarterback Aaron Patrick drove their own 37 yard line, all the way down into the Panthers' red zone. After Patrick was forced to throw the ball away on a second down play the Rams sent out kicker Sean Thomas, with seconds left in regulation, to kick a 20 yard field goal. Thomas hit the field goal attempt to tie the game at 6-6.

The Rams got first possession of the overtime period and started from at the Panther 25.

Aaron Patrick scrambled for 5 yards on the first play of the period, but the run was quickly negated when the Rams were called for offside. On the ensuing second down play, Aaron Patrick hit receiver Orlandus Gilmore on the 19 yard line.

On the third down, Patrick hit receiver Anthony Hines in the endzone to score what would ultimately turn out to be the game winning touchdown. Sean Thomas hit the extra point to make the score 13-6.

The Panthers had a chance to win the game, but the receiver dropped a fourth down pass from quarterback Salvatore Cardella in the endzone to end the game.

With the win, the Rams record moved to 2-1 overall, 1-0 in CIAA play, while Virginia Union dropped to 1-3 overall, 0-2 in conference play.

Broncos Lasso Rams

The Rams, playing in their third straight close game, lost to the Broncos of Fayetteville State 18-16.

The Rams struck quickly to go up 7-0 in the first quarter, off of a Tyrone Murphy touchdown run. The Broncos then came back to score when their quarterback Patrick Stewart ran for a touchdown. The Broncos proceeded to miss the extra point to make the score 6-7, Rams.

The Rams started the second quarter just as quickly as they started the first. After the Rams intercepted a pass from Chris Stewart, they marched down the field and scored again, after Damon McKee ran in for a touchdown on a fourth and one play. Kicker Sean Thomas kicked the extra point to make the score 14-6.

The Broncos then went on a short scoring spree of their own. At approximately the halfway mark of the second quarter, Broncos' quarterback Stewart ran in for another touchdown. The Broncos' failed on their attempted two-point conversion, which left the score at 14-12, Rams.

Later in the second quarter, the Rams fouled up the snap on a third down play and enabled the Broncos to regain possession of the ball on the Rams' one yard line. The Broncos went on to score on Chris Stewart's third touchdown run of the day, but failed on their second attempted two-point conversion of the game to go into halftime with an 18-14 to lead over the Rams.

The second half, with the exception of safety forced by the Rams' defense, was relatively scoreless as Fayetteville State held on for an 18-16 win.

The Rams' record dropped to 2-2 overall while the Broncos improved to 2-3. Both teams went 1-1 in conference play.

Bears Smother Rams

Playing in front of a crowd of 10,703 in Statesville, the Rams lost big to the division leading "Fighting Blue Bears" of Livingstone College, 41-7.

Livingstone started off quick, scoring a touchdown in the first quarter to take a 7-0 lead.

The Rams came back to score, after recovering a fumble from Livingstone runningback Wilmont Perry. The Ram

quarterback hit receiver Anthony Hines for a 4 yard pass in the endzone. Kicker Sean Thomas hit the extra point tying the score at 7-7.

Livingstone came back to score off of a rushing touchdown from, runningback Chris Williams. The Blue Bears hit the extra point and never looked back as they reeled off four more touchdowns and ran away with the game. Of all of Livingstone's touchdown's, the most spectacular was a fleaflicker by Chris Williams that made the score 28-7 early in the third quarter.

The Rams defense, which normally gives up 346 total yards a game, gave up a whopping 468 yards to the Livingstone offense.

The loss dropped the Rams to 2-3, 1-2 CIAA while Livingstone remained undefeated at 6-0 overall, 3-0 in conference play.

Eagles Nip Rams

The WSSU Rams lost a pivotal game on October 11 to the Eagles of North Carolina Central, 30-29. The loss was the Rams fourth in row.

WSSU got off to a quick start, scoring on their opening drive when Tory Woodbury (starting in place of an injured Aaron Patrick) threw a 31 yard touchdown pass to sophomore runningback Damon McKee. Shawn Thomas kicked the extra point attempt to make the score 7-0, in the first half.

The Eagles then came down and tied the score up at 7-7 off of a two yard run from runningback Shawn Gibbs. The Eagles came down and scored again after recovering a Rams' fumble. The Eagles' Warren Brown hit wide receiver Antel Brown for a 20 yard touch down pass for the lead. Kicker Anuj Masih missed the extra point and took the score to 13-7 going into the second quarter.

The second quarter belonged solely to the Rams. Just like they did in their first quarter opening drive, the Rams scored on their first possession off of Eric Hendley's 24 yard TD run. After Thomas hit the extra point the game was tied up at 14-13.

The Rams scoring run continued when Tory Woodbury hit receiver Anthony Hines with a 32 yard touchdown pass to make the score 21-13, Rams.

The Eagles came down the field and scored on Masih's 39 yard field goal to make the score 21-16; but the Rams ended the second quarter drive on a 1 yard run by Eric Hendley with 18 seconds left. The Rams converted on a 2-point