

Young Guns team Aces lose battle with Williamston second in State

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The Young Guns, a local recreation league softball team, won eight games on their way to a second place finish in the North Carolina State USSSA Softball Tournament which was held in Raleigh over the Memorial Day weekend.

After being rained out completely on Saturday the team played through mud and more rain on Sunday, winning their first three games before falling into the losers bracket. There they

recovered quickly, winning another game Sunday night and four more games on Monday before losing in the championship game.

Members of the team were: James Cobb, Frank Modlin, Richie Brown, Jamie Todd, Chris Noble, Ryan Furlough, Damon Fraizer, Ryan Westbrook, Brad Gosser, James Armstrong, Billy Knapp, Danny Hare, Danny Pippins, Joey Simpson, Mike Pippins, Chris Williams, Chris Brabble, Chris Sawyer, Wayne Sawyer, Andrew Evans, and J.P. Pippins (coach). Four of the players, Cobb, Modlin, Noble and J.P. Pippins, were named to the All-State Team.

The Young Guns team was sponsored by Leon Nixon's Catering, Brabble Plumbing Co., Ray's Farm Supply, C.A. Perry & Son, Pepsi Cola Bottling, Adventures, Cars 'R' Us, Carolina Classic Boats, and Hairmasters.

Lack of momentum in the first quarter of Friday night's game in Williamston would prove to kill the Aces' chance of defeating the Tigers for three straight games. It was a tough loss for the Edenton team, in a game that could have gone either way up till the last minute.

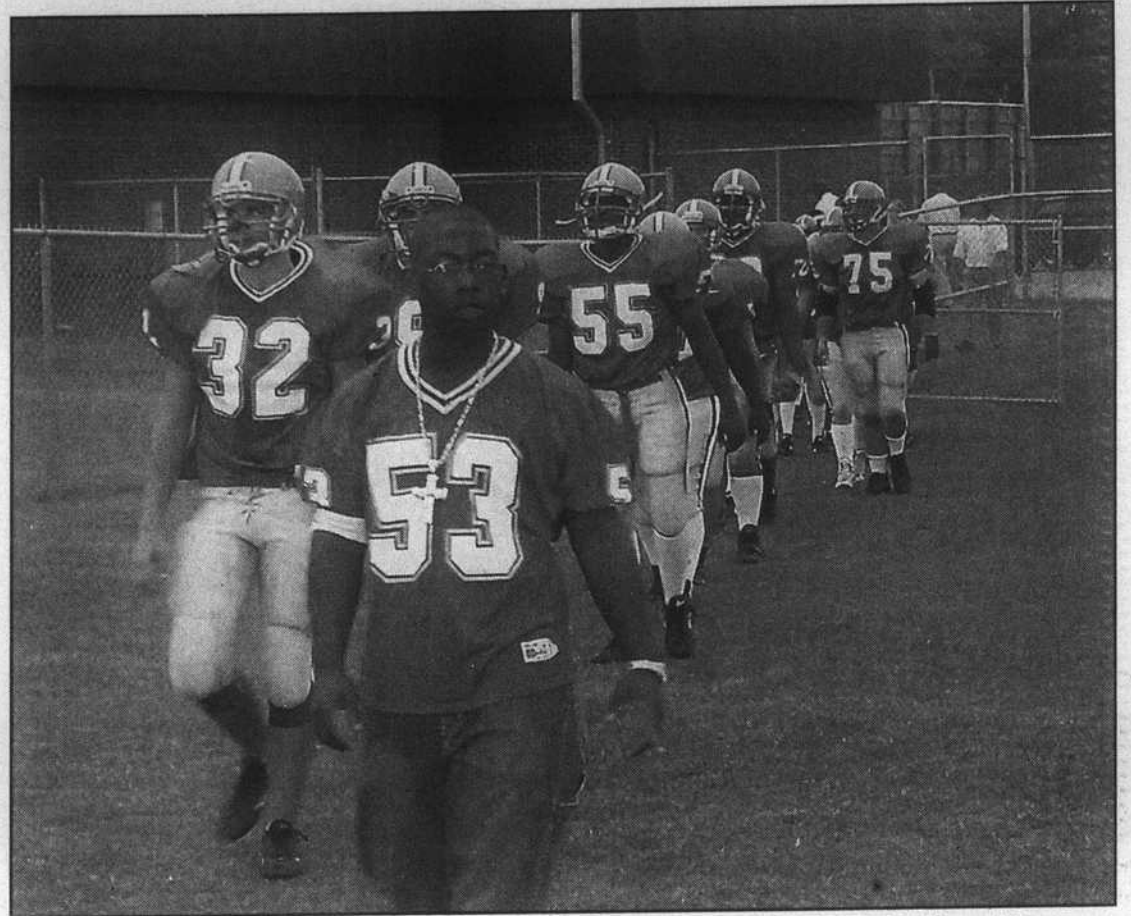
Edenton coach, Ed Thornton, said, "I was real proud of our guys. We made some great plays, but just couldn't convert when it mattered most."

Williamston took the lead early in the game when quarterback Brad Roach completed a 27-yard pass to junior running back J.J. House. Trey Warren booted the first of his four successful extra points for the night. The Tigers' second score came in the first quarter on a four-yard run by Vincent Burns and Warren's second extra point.

Junior Patrick Bond's special team performance provided the spark in the second quarter that kept the Aces alive. Bond produced a textbook block of Brody Bland's punt, sending the ball loose into the end zone, where Jim Mills trapped it for the Aces' first touchdown. Mills then added the extra point, bringing the score to 14-7.

The large crowd of Edenton fans were on their feet when the Aces tied it up in the second quarter. Bond, coming in at fullback, punched in a four-yard run for the score. Mills added his second extra point of the night and the score would remain tied at halftime, 14-14.

Third quarter action brought each team a score. Again, Patrick Bond's running attack produced results for the Edenton Aces. Taking it thirteen yards for the score, Bond put the Aces in the lead, and Mills provided the extra point,



The Aces have taken to the field this year with their hearts in the right place. However, a victory over the Williamston Tigers was not to be had. (Photo by Bud Weagly)

making it 21-14 in favor of Edenton.

Williamston's Antonio Tillman answered shortly with a fifteen-yard touchdown run, followed by Warren's extra point. The third quarter ended in another tied score, 21-21.

With 9:40 left in the fourth quarter, Williamston's Vincent Burns took it up the middle on a nine-yard run for the final touchdown of the night. Warren added the extra point, putting Williamston in the lead, 28-21.

The Aces began a frustrating attempt to even the score, taking it deep to the Williamston fourteen-yard line. The Edenton defense held the Tigers on their possession, and the Aces got the ball back one more time at mid-field.

With a little over a minute of play left, the Aces weren't able to produce. Patrick Bond led the Aces in

rushing with 58 yards on 8 carries. Cal Walters carried the ball 13 times for 47 yards, and Rogerick Williams gathered 29 yards on 9 carries. Swicegood completed 7 of 17 passes for 97 yards. Jim Mills grabbed 3 passes for 23 yards. Williams had 2 catches for 32 yards. Will Hollowell had one 29-yard reception. Smith and Walters had one catch apiece for gains of 9 and 4 yards.

Lady Aces volleyball tied for conference leader

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This week's match against Bertie begins the second round of the conference for the Aces volleyball team. With only one conference loss the team is currently tied with Hertford County for first place. An easy win against Pasquotank by a

score of 15-7, 15-1, 15-8, and a win against Currituck by a score of 11-15, 15-5, 15-3, 15-4, upped Edenton's conference record to 4-1 and their overall record to 9-2. Currituck was previously undefeated in conference play.

The junior varsity team split their matches last week, losing to Pasquotank 15-11, 15-7 and defeating Currituck 15-4, 15-12. Julie Ward and Megan Gabel combined for 16 service points against Currituck.

Girls Tennis Team 7-0 in Northeast Conference

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Once again there is no team in the Northeastern Coastal Conference that poses a threat to the Edenton Holmes girls tennis team. The Lady Aces have stroked their way through the first half of conference play with-

out dropping even a set. Last week's victims were Bertie and Northeastern. In a non-conference match up last week Edenton challenged Washington, a 3-A school, and me away with a 9-0 win. The junior varsity team also

won last week, scoring it's own 9-0 victory against Gates County's varsity team. Individual winners were Krystyan Fleming, Sarah Proctor, Kasey Nixon, Jessica Nixon, Lauren Chesson, Ashley Jackson, and Emily Bunch.

Winslow named new AD

Lawrence Academy LA Coach, Gennia Winslow has been promoted as Athletic Director. Ms. Winslow is a graduate of Lawrence Academy '85 as well as East Caro-

lina University in '98. Before coming to Lawrence in 2001 she served as volleyball and basketball coach at the Pungo Christian Academy. In addition to being Athletic Di-

rector for Lawrence she is coaching Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball throughout the winter. Winslow will also be coaching softball in the spring.

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