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THE WEEK

The CIAA

Southern Division-leading Winston-Salem State got a scare from winless Bowie State but held on to win 16-10 and keep its slim lead over North Carolina Central.

The second-place Eagles shut out Elizabeth City in a non-league affair, while Livingstone evened its league record at 2-2 by nipping upset-minded Fayetteville State.

In the North, Virginia Union bombed Norfolk 48-21, virtually ending the Spartans' chances for a division title, and St. Paul's, the division's surprise team, dumped J.C. Smith 32-21, keeping its outside shot at the crown alive. Division-leading Hampton bested Morgan State in a nonconference game.

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Saturday's Scores

Winston-Salem State 16, Bowie State 10 North Carolina Central 14, Elizabeth City 0 Livingstone 8, Fayetteville State 7 Hampton 28, Morgan State 12 St. Paul's 32, Johnson C, Smith 21 Virginia Union 48, Norfolk State 21 North Carolina A&T 22, Howard 0 Tennessee State 21, Bethune-Cookman 19 Delaware State 48, Liberty Baptist 24 Florida A&M 17, South Carolina State 14

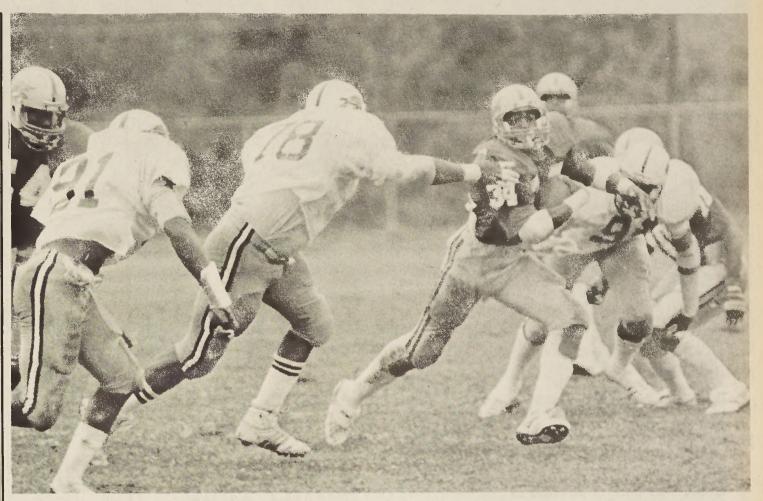
The **MEAC**

Talk about irony: Florida A&M, the team that cost the conference its automatic NCAA Division 1-AA playoff berth by refusing to schedule Bethune-Cookman, may just have knocked South Carolina State out of an at-large playoff bid, beating the Bulldogs 17-14. It was the Bulldogs' second loss of the season.

Bethune-Cookman put up a gallant effort against another at-large berth hopeful, Tennessee State, before bowing 21-19.

Resurgent North Carolina A&T got its first MEAC win in two years by whitewashing backsliding Howard 22-0. And Delaware State kept on rolling, dunking Liberty Baptist 48-24.

Standings		LOST	Tied	Won	Lost	
S.C. State	3	0	0	6	2	0
Delaware St.	3	1	0	6	1	0
N.C. A&T	1	2	0	3	4	0
Howard	1	3	0	1	6	0
Bethune-Cookman	10	2	0	, 2	3	0
Florida A&M	0	0	0	4	3	0



A Busy Aggie

Tailback Mike Jones ran for 125 yards on 23 carries Saturday afternoon, including touchdown runs of eight and four yards to lead the Aggies over Howard 22-0 (photo by Joe Daniels).

Roles Reversed As Rams Entertain J.C. Smith

By ROBERT ELLER Sports Editor

The roles of the teams will be virtually reversed this Saturday when Johnson C. Smith comes to town to take on Winston-Salem State in the Rams' homecoming game. WSSU, 3-0-1 in league play and 5-1-1 overall, leads the CIAA's Southern Division by one-half game over North Carolina Central.

The Golden Bulls, on the other hand, have won only one of four conference games and are 1-6 overall.

The scenario is almost the exact opposite of last year. WSSU entered the '82 contest after losing its homecoming game 2-0 a week earlier and owning a 3-4 record. With their chances of a division title gone, the Rams' only incentive was to spoil the Bulls' homecoming and deal Smith, which entered the game 5-2 overall and 4-0 in league play, a crushing blow in its attempt to win the division crown.

Such was not to be for the Rams, however, as they saw a number of scoring threats turned back and Calvin Boswell's field goal attempt as time ran out go awry.

In that contest, the now-departed John Henry Thomas connected on 25 of 50 passes for 325 yards against the WSSU secondary and Anthony Wicker kicked field goals of 37 and 39 yards. Wicker is back to handle the placekicking duties, but with Thomas gone, Herbert Jewsome has had a hard time filling his shoes.

Still, Hayes has great respect for both Jewsome and the entire Smith squad. "I've already told our players that Smith has the best personnel in the conference this year," Hayes said Monday night. "Jewsome may not be the

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Hayes also praises runner Darryl Wesley and the Smith offensive line.

And he is downright worried about the Smith defense. "They have the best group of linebackers in the league," he said, referring to Stephone Darby, the team's leading tackler, Billy Banks and Dwayne Tillerson. Hayes also is concerned with Smith's veteran secondary, which is led by all-CIAA free safety Alverez Abernathy, strong safety Steve Gray and cornerback Harold Amos. "The secondary is experienced," he said. "They are all juniors and seniors."

Up front on defense, the Bulls will have 290-pound John Logan, Walter Harris (220) and Robert Jordan (245).

Offensively, the Bulls have moved the ball well. Jewsome has passed for nearly 1,000 yards and completed 50 per cent of his tosses. Wesley has been the top runner, averaging better than four yards per carry. Freshman Jeff Easterling, who has 4.3 speed in the 40, has come on strong in recent weeks and averages a whopping 7.2 yards per attempt.

Fullback Walter Mapp is the short-yardage workhorse and leads the team in scoring.

With the pass as his chief offensive weapon, Jewsome has a corps of outstanding receivers. Wesley leads the team in catches out of the backfield, with wideouts Kelvin Hopkins and Vince Casey providing deep threats. What's more, Ed McNeely is a sure-handed tight end who blocks well and 13 different receivers have hauled in at least one pass this season, so depth is not a weakness.

Smith's major problem has been turnovers on offense. Please see page B3

Prep Spotlight

Martin Sets Record, Spearheads Hornets Over Panthers

By SAM DAVIS Staff Writer

This Week's Games

North Carolina A&T at Bethune-Cookman Virginia State at Virginia Union Towson State at Delaware State Knoxville College at St. Paul's Florida A&M at Alcorn State Johnson C. Smith at Winston-Salem State Norfolk State at Howard Bowie State at Howard Livingstone at Elizabeth City Fayetteville State at Hampton

Noted And Quoted:

WSSU Coach Bill Hayes, on whether his Rams were ready to play last Saturday at Bowie State: "This team has a different personality than any I've ever coached. Their leaders aren't very vocal so I never know when they are ready to play."

Norfolk State Public Information Director Kenny Snelling, responding to rumors that a "Fire Dick Price" movement has begun: "Every time Norfolk loses a game, there is a 'Fire Dick Price' movement." Hill High's Kennard Martin rushed for a record 303 yards on 24 carries to lead the Hornets to a 30-22 victory over Paisley last Thursday in 9-10 football.

Despite misty weather and a wet field, Martin, a 5-10, 180-pound tailback, scored on runs of 59 and 46 yards to record his 10th and 11th touchdowns of the season. Martin's output topped his old mark of 256 yards, set against Kennedy earlier this season.

An unselfish player, Martin says his offensive line is the key to his impressive numbers. "The line has been doing a good job all season and today they performed better than they have all season," said Martin. "The holes were there all day and all I had to do was run to daylight. The whole team played a great game today."

Hill Coach Randy Vogler agreed that the offensive line performed well against Paisley, but admitted that Martin is so talented that he doesn't need much blocking. "Our offensive line did a good job of opening holes for Kennard," said Vogler. "Kennard is a good athlete and, if you give him just a little gap, he's gone. He's an exceptional athlete and an exceptional person because, no matter how well he does, he never gets up on himself.

"The offensive line really loves him because he always gives them credit for his success," Vogler said. "That makes the line feel good about blocking for Kennard and they usually go all-out for him."

Martin gave the Paisley defense all it could handle as he piled up yardage in the steady rain. But the Panthers came up with some big plays of their own to keep the *Please see page B4*



While Kennard Martin, who led the Hill attack against Paisley, credits his offensive line for his success, his offensive line credits Martin for its success (photo by James Parker).