

Holding On

Howard quarterback Kenneth Jones struggles to break a tackle by A&T's Brian Brooks. their record to 3-4 with a 22-0 win (photo by Joe Daniels).

The Aggies improved

This Week In The CIAA

For Contenders, It's Nitty-Gritty Time

Sports Editor

Gladys Knight and the Pips like talk about getting down to the "nitty gritty." Well, that's just what they're doing in the CIAA as the season winds down and a number of teams remain in the running for division honors and a shot at the league title game Nov. 19.

In weeks past, I have always picked out one or two games as keys each week. This week, however, each league game is key for teams trying to keep their title hopes alive.

In the South, WSSU entertains Johnson C. Smith for homecoming while holding a slim half-game lead over North Carolina Central. The Eagles, in the meantime, entertain Bowie State. Central's only loss this season came at the hands of the Rams while Bowie has not won in seven outings. That should mean an all-out rout for the Eagles. But, as WSSU found out last week, barely getting by the league doormat, no team can be taken for granted.

Still, if you think I'm predicting an upset

here, you're crazy. Central by 28.

like nothing better than an 8-2 season. Elizabeth City started off like gangbusters but has slumped to 3-4 and has only a remote chance at the Northern Division crown. This one is a toss-up but I'm putting my money on Jo Jo White and Rose's coaching ability. Livingstone by 3.

Virginia Union's offense has been held in check only once this season, in its only loss, an upset by Hampton. Over the last two weeks, the Panthers have piled up 95 points and might get 50 Saturday against Virginia State unless George Moody used last week's open date to find a cure for Bailey's army of runners. Union

In non-conference games, Norfolk State, loser of three of its last four games, travels to Howard to take on a team that has only one win in six outings. Dick Price is certainly glad to see this date arrive. Unless his team folds, as it did in the final weeks last year, it should take this one. Norfolk by 6.

the race for the Southern title, Mel Rose would ing 2-8 a year ago, the Tigers stand 5-2 this year with a mathematical chance of winning the division crown. Knoxville College will be the next new believer in the resurgence of the Lawrenceville school's football program. St.

> And now for the big surprise. Hampton is leading the Northern Division race by virtue of its win over Virginia Union. The Pirates need only to win their last three league games to get into the conference title game. Fayetteville State, on the other hand, has won only one of seven games this season, a 42-0 thrashing of hapless Bowie. The Broncos are getting better every week and have been in every game they've

> Neither team is blessed with a super offense and Hampton is at home. Still, something tells me that this is Bill Head's week to have the ball bounce his way. U-P-S-E-T. Fayetteville by 1.

Part of the reason I'm cocky enough to predict Fayetteville to beat Hampton -- on the Pirates' homecoming, no less -- may be my very Dan Antolik and his young St. Paul's team first perfect score in last week's picks. The 6-0 Though Livingstone's Bears are all but out of are the talk of the CIAA this season. After go-slate gives me a 40-10 mark for the season

Rams Struggle To Avert Bowie's Upset Bid

By ROBERT ELLER Sports Editor

Winston-Salem State to point-after. come up with a no-huddle before a homecoming ting wider. crowd in the first meeting schools.

defense got over the shock, fense," Hayes said Mon-and the WSSU offense day. "They only used one came up with 16 first-half back in the backfield along points itself, it made them with the no-huddle offense hold up in a tougher-than- and we hadn't seen any of it expected 16-10 CIAA before." Southern Division win.

the game,"

had the ball on Lamont Mc- tied the score. Creary's 31-yard field goal distance with a three- half. pointer of his own.

of the first quarter when threats. Interceptions by Bowie State took advan- Arthur Lee hit Rory Francis Derrick Beasley and Bruce us." tage of a week off prior to with a 10-yard scoring pass Dunlap halted Bowie

offense that took the Rams of another 31-yard field tempts. completely by surprise. The goal attempt by McCreary ploy resulted in 10 first- early in the second quarter quarter points for Bowie kept the margin from get- Hayes. "We had 411 yards move to the Ram 20 with we had to rise to the occa-

"Bowie had the week off ever between the two and Coach (John) Organ used it to come up with a But once the Ram well-conceived pass of-

The Rams were not con-"Bowie played well and fused on offense, however they were well-prepared for -- at least not in the first said Ram half. After Paul's field goal Coach Bill Hayes. "They block, the Ram running atwent with a no-huddle of- tack took charge. A 20-yard fense, something we hadn't run by quarterback Mike seen this year and we Winbush set up a 20-yard weren't ready for it early in scoring burst off the left side by freshman sensation The winless Bulldogs Leonardo Horn at the 5:01 scored the first time they mark. Bethune's extra point

The Rams scored the winless than two minutes into ning points on their next the game. The Rams knot-possession, going 67 yards ted the score at the 8:29 in five plays, Horn covering mark as Ronald Bethune the last 42 by skirting left matched McCreary's end with 1:50 left in the

There was no scoring in

a 10-3 lead on the final play both teams mounted points, but mistakes, Darrell Hairston leveled last Saturday's game with and McCreary added the drives, while penalties (122 the Rams found themselves star with 16 tackles, fell on yards) and four fumbles in danger of losing the con- the ball to assure the win.

> well offensively," said pass interference penalty to dominated the game, but total offense and should 1:35 left. But on third

fumbles and flags stopped

Only Masha Paul's block foiled Ram scoring at- test in the final minutes.

Taking over at their 35-yard to five first downs in the se-"We moved the ball very line, the Bulldogs used a cond half and we

Bowie came back to take the second half, though have scored at least 35 down, freshman walk-on Lee in his own backfield, causing a fumble. Eddie Because of those miscues, Sauls, the game's defensive

> "Our defense held them Please see page B4

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