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# Ram rally downs fired-up Aggies

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Employing "Bill Hayes" power football, Winston-Salem State awoke from a sluggish first half to defeat North Carolina A&T 35-21 in the annual battle for local bragging rights.

The Rams overcame a 14-7 haltime deficit, taking complete control of the Aggies in the final two quarters of the game.

Although the contest didn't count on the Rams' conference slate, the rivalry between the two

"At halftime the kids said we should just go out and take the ball straight at them ... In the second half we just shot Horn and Pulley straight up the gut."

-- Bill Hayes

neighboring schools was, as always, a major challenge for the defending CIAA Southern Division champs.

Some 18,000 fans watched as sophomore running back Leonardo Horn led the second-half rushing assault which carried the Rams to victory. The Rams pounded out 251 yards on the ground in the second half while giving up only 18 yards of total offense to the Aggies.

"We went to the things we do best," Hayes said of WSSU's tactics to go straight at the Aggies in the Please see page B2



Winston-Salem State Freshman Lonnie Pulley got the first start of his collegiate career and responded by rushing for 95 yards against A&T. The Rams' offensive line opened gaping holes for Pulley and the other WSSU backs (photo by James Parker).

#### **CIAA This Week**

## **High-flying Eagles host Rams**

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As far as surprises go, last week in the CIAA will be a tough act to follow.

Among scores that make you wonder if you heard or read them right, Fayetteville State played the defending conference champs to a 22-22 standoff, while Norfolk State gave new Coach Willard Bailey his first win at his alma mater, 13-7 at Howard.

While most of the conference teams will wage war outside of the CIAA this week, two Southern Division heavyweights will battle for first place Satur-

Southern frontrunner North Carolina Central will look to gain the inside track on defending champ Winston-Salem State when the Eagles host the Rams.

Central already has recorded two conference wins, while the Rams have yet to play a league game.

Further north, after its tie with Fayetteville State last week, perennial CIAA kingpin Virginia Union will be out to hang its frustrations on poor Hampton.

In the only other game involving two conference teams, Bowie State hosts Elizabeth City, which eked by Livingstone 13-12 a week ago.

And Livingstone ventures outside the conference, hosting the University of the District of Columbia, while St. Paul's is at Bridgewater. Other nonconference games include Norfolk State at Cheyney State and Virginia State hosting Liberty Baptist.

In the headliner, N.C. Central will be out to avenge its 21-13 loss to Winston-Salem State last year, a game which cost the Eagles the Southern Division title. The vaunted NCCU passing attack, which has yet to get untracked in '84, will be up against one of the most ferocious defensive lines in the CIAA.

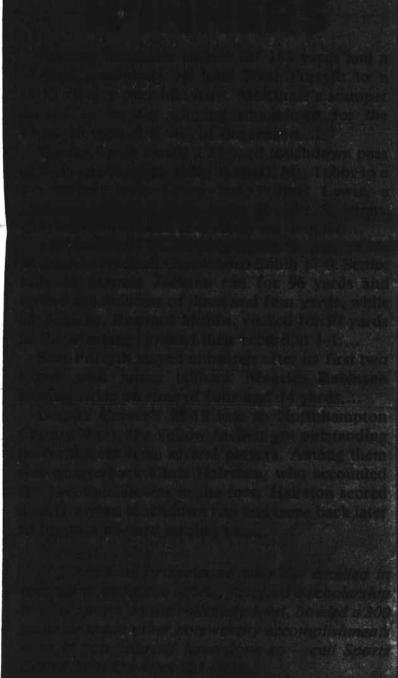
On the other hand, the Rams' T-Bone offense, which ranked as the top offensive unit in the league a year ago, regained its form in WSSU's 35-21 win over North Carolina A&T last weekend.

In order for the Eagles to overtake the Rams, they'll have to give their talented senior quarterback, Gerald Fraylon, time to find standout receivers Robert Clark and Robert Green. But stopping the Rams' pass rush is no easy task.

The game provides a classic matchup between teams with opposing philosophies. The Rams, under Coach Bill Hayes, are content to grind it out, while the Eagles, coached by Henry Lattimore, are one of the most explosive teams in the CIAA.

The game will likely go down to the final minutes. If, however, the Eagles don't allow Fraylon time to pick out his receivers,

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Ocsar Blackburn: After 50 years of golf, he's still improving on his game (photo by James Parker).

#### **Sports People**

### Blackburn: He tees 'em off

By SAM DAVIS

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They're near-invisible men and women in a world

They work behind the scenes at sporting events to make sure things go as they ought to -- but stand to receive notoriety only when things don't. Sixtyeight-year-old Oscar Blackburn is one of them.

For the past 20 years, Blackburn quietly but efficiently tees off most of the major tournaments at Winston Lake Golf Course. Blackburn, who has been involved in golf for more than 50 years, is one of the least recognizable faces at the tournaments. Yet, without him, the events wouldn't run nearly as smoothly as they do.

"I make sure that the players know the rules before starting and that they tee off at the correct time," Blackburn says of his role as chairman of the Winston Lake rules committee. "It's not the most important job, but it has to be done correctly in order to keep the golfers on schedule."

Like many other blacks that are involved in golf, Blackburn took up the sport as a youngster to earn extra spending money.

"At the time I became a caddy, I was only interested in golf as a means to support myself," Blackburn says. "At that time, caddying was one way for young blacks to earn money and to also learn the game of golf."

Once, however, Blackburn began to acquire a feel for caddying and playing golf, he began to have less time to cultivate his skills. By taking a full-time

job with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., he was forced to relegate golf and other recreational activities to his weekends.

"I went to work with Reynolds when I was only 15 years old," says Blackburn, who retired from Reynolds last year after 52 years there. "When I retired, I was in management. I'm very proud of that because it is as far as you can go in the company without a college degree."

"When I pick up the newspaper and read about some of the people that I have been fortunate enough to share some time with, I feel that my time in sports has been wellspent."

-- Oscar Blackburn

Although Blackburn's job with Winston Lake is on a voluntary basis, he takes it very seriously. And he takes other sports seriously, too.

"When I was young, I liked a lot of sports," he says. "But I didn't have the means to take part in them as I would have liked to. Once I was in a position to do so, I picked back up on them again."

For years, Blackburn worked with the local semipro baseball teams.

"I used to announce all of the games for the black teams in Winston-Salem," he says. "They used to play at the old Southside Ball Park off of Please see page B5