

# Rams, Central square off in Durham

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Central could be in for a long day. WSSU by six.

After stopping Division I-AA opponent Howard University, Hampton will look for its first conference win when the Pirates travel to Virginia Union. Coach Joe Taylor's Panthers, however, won't be very cooperative after their 22-22 tie at Fayetteville State.

Whether Fred Freeman's team can muster enough offense is the major question. The Pirates boast a strong defense, but the Panthers don't make many mistakes -- especially in their own backyard. Union by seven.

Although Elizabeth City's game against Bowie State doesn't count in the conference standings, it could prove to be crucial for both fledgling programs. Elizabeth City, coming off an opening-day win at Livingstone, should have enough offense to get by the undermanned Bulldogs. Vikings by 10.

After two losses in the final minutes of their first two games, Livingstone will erupt against nonconference patsy UDC. The Bears, picked to challenge for the title in the CIAA South, should have no problem manhandling the Firebirds by 14.

Norfolk State will seek to give new Coach Willard Bailey a two-game Tidewater winning streak



Mike Winbush prepares to fake a handoff and roll around the end. Winbush's leadership was important to the young offense (photo by James Parker).

when it takes on Cheyney State in Philadelphia. And the Spartans should deliver as execution and defense, strong suits of Bailey-coached teams, will carry the Norfolk program to its share of wins this season. Norfolk by seven.

St. Paul's will try to reclaim its

winning ways as it visits Bridgewater. The Tigers, short on size but big on talent, need a win badly before getting back into CIAA action next week. Coach Dan Antolik will have St. Paul's at the top of its game, but it won't be enough. Bridgewater by seven.

Two consecutive conference

losses will help motivate George Moody's Virginia State Trojans in their non-conference confrontation with Liberty Baptist. Trojans by 14.

# Mt. Tabor downs Glenn

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defense," said Lewis. "I'm in good shape, so I don't get tired that much. Besides, playing both ways keep me pumped up."

Lowery, the Spartans' speediest player, made his biggest contributions to the team in the second half, most notably in the fourth quarter.

"In the first half, I made a lot of mistakes," said the tiny Spartan tailback, who is only 14 years old. "In the second half, I wanted to do my best and get some experience behind me."

Mt. Tabor started the game by moving straight down the field. Mixing running and passing, the

Spartans reached the Glenn 14-yard line before their drive stalled. From there, David Yancey booted a 31-yard field goal.

The Spartans got their second score of the game when Lewis found Kelly over the middle. Kelly did the rest, eluding several Glenn defenders to weave his way to the end zone. Yancey's extra-point attempt was wide, making the score 9-0.

Glenn's only score came in the fourth quarter when Bobcat quarterback Tim McCann ran for a one-yard touchdown.

# Blackburn's still active

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Waghtown Street, and we used to have a lot of support for them."

Blackburn's association with the local semi-pro teams didn't stop there, however. At the end of each season, Blackburn promoted all-star games between the local players and famous big-leaguers.

"Back in those days, the black professional players would tour the South at the end of each summer," Blackburn recalls. "We were able to get players like Jackie Robinson and Don Newcombe to come through here and put on exhibitions for us."

While Blackburn has many fond memories of his involvement in local sports, he says the most gratifying ones have come from helping others.

"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 well-spent," he says. "There have been a lot of golfers that have come through Winston Lake that have gone on to bigger and better things."

Those golfers include present and former PGA pros Harold Dunovant, Jim Thorpe and Chuck Thorpe.

Blackburn says he plans to continue helping

youngsters who are willing to heed his advice. "Through life, there have been so many people that have helped me," he says. "If I can help someone else, then I'll try my best to do it."

Of the numerous awards he has received, the one Blackburn obviously treasures the most was for his involvement in the PGA Juniors Program.

"I would like to keep black youth active in golf," he says. "The award from the PGA was for having 24 youths involved in our program. We were able to provide training and golf clubs for each of the youths. Just being able to give something back is reward enough in itself."

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