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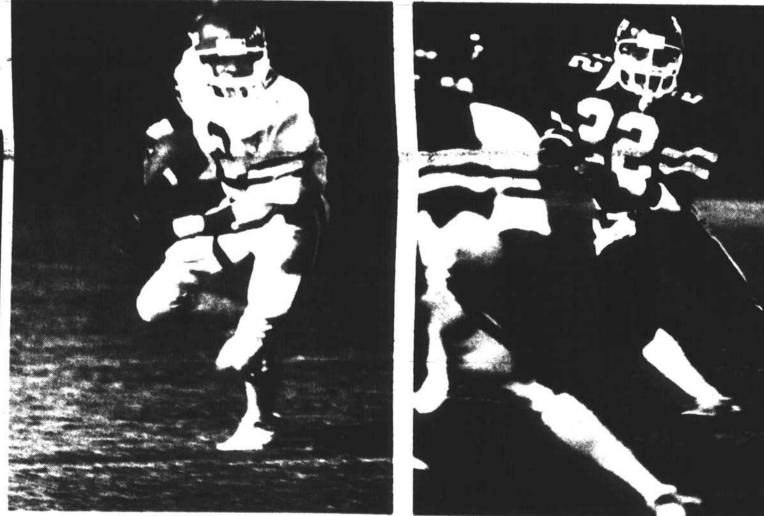
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The Wonsley Way

Leroy Wonsley follows the block of Leonardo Horn, right, during the 5-foot-9, 195-pound fullback rushed for a game-high 102 yards on 21 Winston-Salem State's 12-7 win over Howard University last Saturday; carries (photo by James Parker).

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College Football

Rams survive Howard scare

By DAVID BULLA **Chronicle Sports Editor**

Bobby Junior had just scored the winning touchdown on a 14-yard run 40 seconds from game's end, but he was already analyzing why Winston-Salem State executed so poorly in its 12-7 win over Howard University.

"For some odd reason, we always have a little downfall at this point in the season," said the hero of last Saturday night's win, the Rams' fourth in five games. "The last couple of years, the fifth or sixth game of the season we would be trying to figure out if our team is good enough to keep going from week to week."

Two years ago, there was a 13-13 tie at Fayetteville State. Last year, WSSU edged the Broncos 20-14.

"We proved something to ourselves tonight," Junior continued. "We feel like we can go all the way now. We had to get through this point right here. We survived and now we got Fayetteville next week. We'll be ready to go."

Junior was on the spot when he entered the Rams' lineup with 10:22 left and his team behind 7-6. Subbing for Dana Walker, who had been an ineffective passer, Junior completed his first toss, a 22-yarder to Masha Paul. But his next pass went right into the hands of Howard free safety Willie "Spanky" Johnson.

But Junior wouldn't let the error unravel him. On the next two Ram possessions, the Charlotte Olympic product drove WSSU into scoring position. The

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Carver edges North for fifth shutout

By DAVID BULLA **Chronicle Sports Editor**

Since last Friday night's Metro 4-A clash between Carver and North turned into a slugfest, it was appropriate that the kicking game played a major role in the Yellow Jackets' 7-0 win.

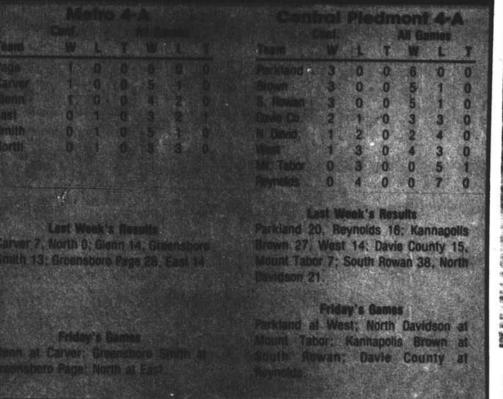
Carver, with place-kicker Richard Daniels still out with a broken wrist, received good performances from reserve kicker Stephon Debnam and punter Napoleon Cloud. As it happened, both were involved in the game's only scores.

Cloud, who also plays wide receiver, was on the receiving end of a Chris Hairston pass with 3:55 left in the half. Debnam, a sophomore, added the PAT kick and those points turned out to be enough as Carver posted its fifth shutout of the season.

Carver's defense, the stingiest in the Piedmont, set up that touchdown. Carlos Ashby intercepted North quarterback Alan Huskins and returned the ball to the Viking 17-yard line. After a pair of running plays, Daniels scrambled and hit a wideopen Cloud for the 13-yard TD.

How much of a slugfest was it?





North outgained Carver 135-108 and had two more first downs (10-8); the penalty yardage was almost identical (Carver 154, North 155) and Carver turned the ball over four times and North five times.

The intensity reached its peak in one seven-play sequence of the third quarter. There were three turnovers and two major penalties in those seven plays.

"It was close all the way down the line," North Coach Jim Addison said. "He (Hairston) just made that one big play.

"We've been hitting this way all season. We knew Carver had a good football team and we approached the game with that in Carver's Chris Hairston, at left, searches for an opening in the North defense; the Vikings' Charles Baldwin gets ready to put a fake on a Yellow Jacket defender (photos by James Parker).

mind."

Addison said containing the that kind of threat." fleet Hairston was critical to slowing down the Yellow Jackets' offense.

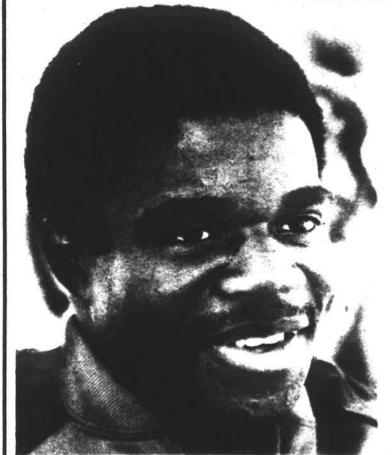
"We contained him almost all night," the first-year North coach said. "He only broke the containment twice, once for a 20-yard gain and the other time

Cloud, who punted five times for a 37-yard average, saved his best kicks for last. With his team protecting the 7-0 cushion, Cloud kept North in unfavorable field position. The junior booted a 45-yarder on the first play of the fourth quarter and the Vikings

for the touchdown pass. He's took over on their own 35-yard line.

> His next punt sailed 51 yards and put North, 3-3, at its own 11 with 7:12 remaining. Halfback Dwight Glenn raced 21 yards on first down, but that was the last Viking first down of the night.

"I'll take a win anyway I can Please see page B15



Wake's Gilkes discovers America through soccer

By DAVID BULLA **Chronicle Sports Editor**

Sports Profile

Ricky Gilkes, native of a Caribbean island, has found life in the United States to be a learning experience.

The Wake Forest soccer player, a native of Vieux Fort, St. Lucia, moved to Minneapolis, Minn., when he was 14. There he began the process of adapting to American life, which included such incongruous diversions as basketball and Prince.

"They are very different cultures," said Gilkes, a junior at Wake Forest. "We do things in different ways. It took me a while to get used to American culture."

"Back home they play soccer with more finesse," Gilkes said. "They play harder here -aggressive like football.

"When I came to Minnesota, the skill level was a little below what I was used to. But more and more people started playing, which brought in more knowledgeable coaches. So the quality of play has steadily improved."

The differences extend to the sports Gilkes has played other than soccer. In St. Lucia, cricket was his alternative to soccer; here, he gave basketball and track a try.

Yet, perhaps the inimitable pop music star Prince, a Minneapolis native, offered the starkest contrast to his native culture. "The first time I was introduced, he seemed really strange," Gilkes said. "But as I became accustomed to American culture, he didn't seem so strange. "He's a very good musician and he influenced a lot of people in Minneapolis. A whole lot of musi-

cians come from Minnesota now. People there are proud of what he's accomplished."

Many of Prince's lyrics deal with the contemporary black family in America. Although Prince's lyrics may be too intense for many of us, Gilkes can partially identify with the artist's theme, for he is a foster child, having moved to Minneapolis to live with a pediatrician, who had two adopted children. His natural parents work at a Vieux Fort hospital. His foster parent had worked there, too. "We go a long way back," he said.

Gilkes has excelled as an athlete. An all-America soccer player at Minneapolis' Brock High School, he also was a runner-up in the 100 meters at the state track meet.

Ricky Gilkes: The Wake Forest junior, a native of the West Indies, ponders future, probably out of the United States (photo by James Parker).

St. Lucia, once French, then British, is a tropical island. Its primary industries are agriculture and tourism. In a way, the different approaches to soccer there and here epitomize the differences between the tiny Caribbean land and this country.

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"Basically, I like soccer better," said Gilkes. "I also believed I wouldn't get too far in track." Wake Forest was one of four schools that actively recruited Gilkes. He chose WFU over South Florida, Providence and Wisconsin-Parkside Please see page B4