



# Sports

## Rams vs. Wofford could be playoff preview

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At last, Winston-Salem State has an upcoming game that folk can really get pumped up about. The Rams host Wofford College on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Bowman Gray Stadium.

OK, so what's a Wofford? Wofford is a rising Division II program located in Spartanburg, SC. Besides that, WC has produced college ball's best-ever imitation of Randall Cunningham.

In three seasons, Shawn Graves has established himself as the all-division record-holder for career rushing yards by a quarterback — 3,779 and counting — going into Saturday's game.

Graves is one of those now you see me, now you don't option types. At 5-8, 160, he's no grizzly. But when you combine his slick moves with 4.41 speed in the 40, it's easy to understand why Wofford's wishbone attack is highly successful with Graves making the decisions.

Because of Graves, the Terriers are 6-1, ranked 14th in this week's Division II polls and fourth in the South Region. The undefeated Rams (7-0), on the other hand, are seventh in the Division II rankings, and No. 2 in the South Region.

Given that, and the fact that both teams made the national playoffs last year, this game has all the makings of a '92 playoff preview.

### Getting the juices flowing

"Everybody is pretty excited," said Pete Richardson, Rams head coach. "Our guys have seen Graves' picture in USA Today, so they won't have any problem getting ready to play."

This matchup should be a mirror image face-off since both teams worship the run. The Terriers are the best at it in Division II, racking up 342.3 ypg with a lot of help from massive Tom Colter, a 6-3, 302 pounds tackle who is a pre-season All-America pick.

The Rams, in the meantime, are very proficient when it comes to the ground game, averaging 330.4 ypg.

Putting the ball in the air isn't a priority for

either team. Wofford, for example, has scored only two TDs via the pass and that came last week in a 49-6 win over Newberry College. Against Newberry, Graves attempted just five passes, his only completions being the TD tosses. He isn't about to change at this juncture.

This year, Graves has run 121 times and thrown just 50 passes — that's an average of just

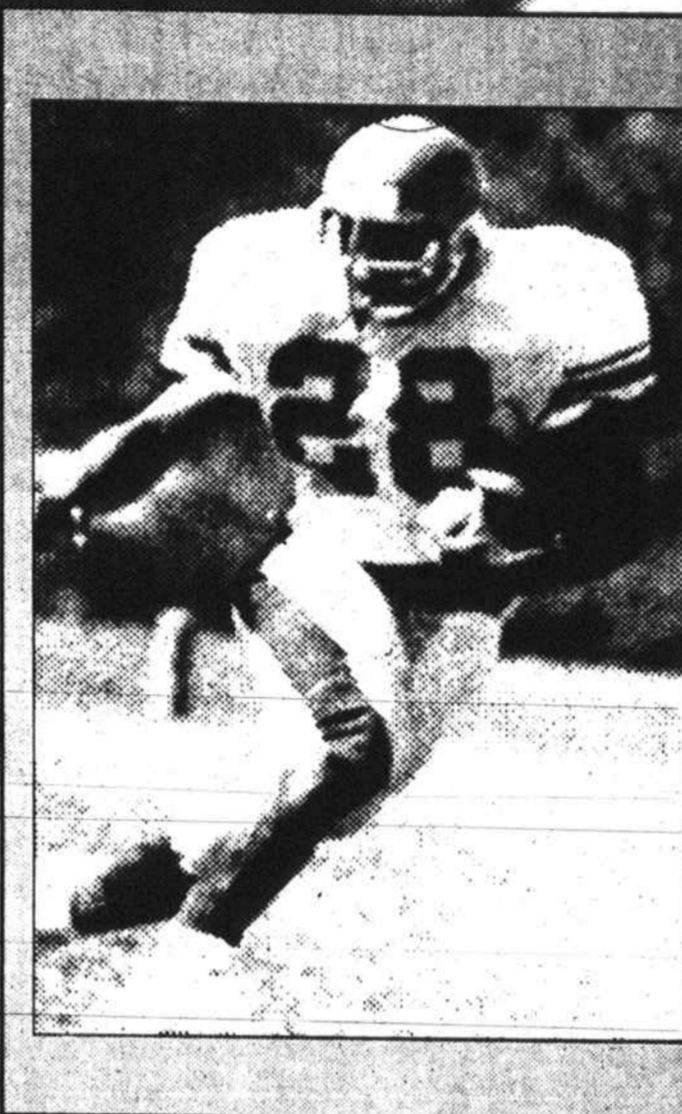
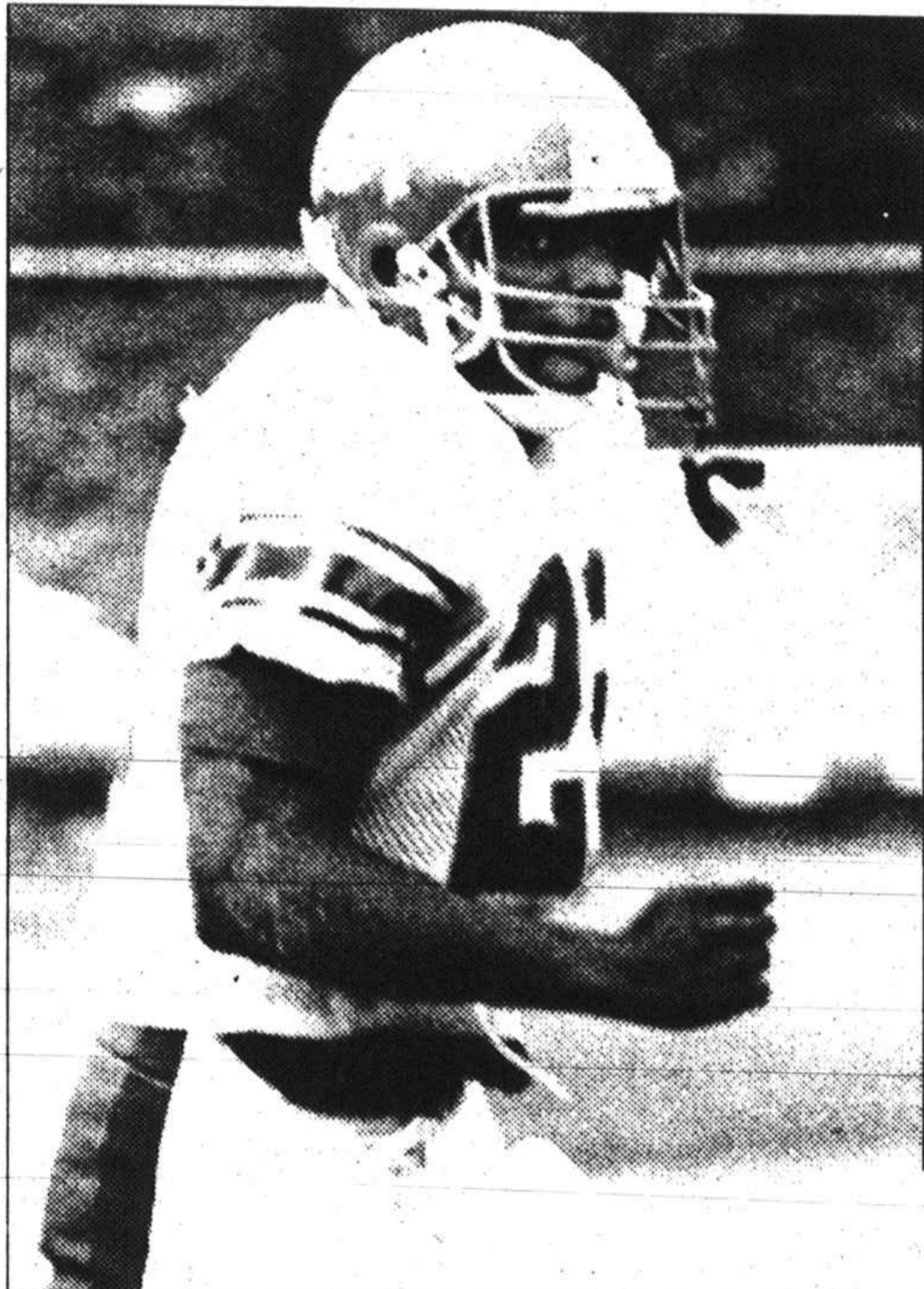
Graves' speed, which could prove troublesome for the guys in red.

### Rams know about option offenses

"Our people know what to do," Richardson points out. "Everyone is aware of their areas of responsibility when you face an option quarterback. As long as we do that and don't beat ourselves, our chances to win are good because the team that makes the most mistakes will lose."

on Everette Norwood, who personally romped and stomped North Carolina Central's defense last weekend (see photo caption for details). But Norwood is just one of the guys who can hurt you.

Willie Latta's presence changes the way defenses play because of his value as a runner and receiver. Latta and Norwood are the CIAA co-leaders in scoring with 60 points each. There's also quick-stepping Bobby Brown, Ronald Beverly and quarterback Mitch Nicholson to contend with. On any given play, any one of those five can break a game open.



### Just Can't Slow Down

Everette Norwood will be the marked man on Saturday now that he has blizzarded the record books. Last week against North Carolina Central, the Fayetteville senior rushed for 291 yards and scored seven touchdowns, setting CIAA single game records for most touchdowns and most points (42).

### Depth factor

The depth factor will be crucial in wearing Wofford's defense down. As a normal course of business, the Rams pick up 5.6 yards every time somebody runs the football. And there's always a different person doing the damage. Wofford's defense, which allows 4.4 ypc after seven games, can't afford to zero in on just one of Winston's backs.

The Rams' wealth of offensive talent will enable them to employ coach Pete's keep the ball away philosophy, which should aid the defense immensely. With fewer minutes to play because the offense is consuming time off the clock, Frederick Bowman, Alphonza Bellamy, Donald Carter and Tim Pittman will be better rested to continue their relentless pursuit of Graves.

Still, that doesn't mean that the Rams are a lock for the win, even if they have a comfortable margin going into the fourth quarter.

Wofford is used to fighting back. In seven games, the Terriers have led at the half just once, and that was last Saturday. But more importantly, this team can score points by the buschels, pumping out TDs like so many car bumpers coming off of a Detroit assembly line.

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The key for Winston's defense is putting a 60-minute muzzle on Graves, something that nobody has done so far in '91.

"They run that wishbone and Graves is built for it," Richardson said. "And they do a good job of protecting him. Our best bet is to control the football and keep him off the field. He'll be hard to stop. But if we can just control him, we should be in good shape."

The Rams have faced a few tricky QBs along the way, the most notable being North Carolina A&T's Connell Maynor. But Maynor doesn't have

While Graves is the force that gives the Terriers some serious bite, he isn't the entire show. Running backs Aaron Allen and Darrin Goss complement their QB's efforts, combining for 107 ypg. But even more revealing is that Allen gets seven ypc and Goss averages 5.4 ypc.

Still, the Rams should emerge triumphant for two reasons:

- More offensive weapons;
- WSSU's overall defense is better.

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## Pop Warner Football Scoreboard & Upcoming Games



Falcons running back Jonathan Skinner heads for open spaces last week against the Tiny Rams in a Pee Wees match-up as Rams defender Tramone Cobb (80) pursues the play.

Photo By Max Dunhill

### Scores from Oct. 19th

**Flag Division**  
Vikings 18 Tiny Indians 0  
Lewisville 6 Kernersville 6  
Grayhounds 12 King 12  
Falcons 19 Tiny Rams 0  
Packers 20 Walkertown 0

**Mitey Mites Division**  
Tiny Indians 19 Vikings 7  
Kernersville 19 Lewisville 13  
Grayhounds 27 King 0  
Falcons 13 Tiny Rams 6  
Packers vs. Walkertown (to be rescheduled)

**Junior Pee Wees Division**  
Vikings 18 Tiny Indians 16  
Kernersville 19 Lewisville 6  
Grayhounds 36 King 0  
Falcons 18 Tiny Rams 0.

**Pee Wees Division**  
Vikings 7 Tiny Indians 6  
Lewisville 36 Kernersville 0  
Grayhounds 32 King 0  
Falcons 12 Tiny Rams 6  
Packers 36 Walkertown 0

**Junior Midgets Division**  
Vikings Tiny Indians 0  
Lewisville 20 Kernersville 8

Grayhounds 36 King 0  
Tiny Rams 32 Falcons 13

**Junior Bantams Division**  
Vikings 6 Tiny Indians 6  
Lewisville 40 Kernersville 6  
Grayhounds 37 King 6  
Falcons 0 Tiny Rams 0  
Packers win by forfeit over Walkertown

**Saturday's Games**  
King Dolphins at Tiny Indians, 9 a.m.  
Grayhounds at Tiny Rams, 10 a.m.  
Walkertown at Falcons, 9 a.m.  
Kernersville at Vikings, 9 a.m.  
Packers at Lewisville, 9 a.m.

## Hounds top Dolphins

By Chronicle Staff

The Grayhounds did as they pleased in winning five of six games against the King Dolphins last Saturday, winning every game except the Flag Division. That contest ended in a tie.

Here's a rundown of the action in each age group of play.

**Flag ....** The Grayhounds and King kept trading scores, so perhaps it was fitting that the game ended in a 12-12 tie.

The Dolphins took the early lead at 6-0, only to see the Hounds come back to knot the score on Jamal Conley's 20-yard TD run.

In the third quarter, King scored again to take a 12-6 lead. The Hounds avoided defeat when Conley scored from 20 yards out with 22 seconds left in the game. Ryan Spainhour threw the key block that enabled Conley to reach paydirt.

**Mitey Mites ....** The Grayhounds put 20 points on the board in the first half en route to a 27-0 win.

Teddy "Buzz Saw" Petree broke loose for two touchdowns in the second quarter to give his team a three-touchdown lead. Petree scored his first TD on a 65-yard punt return early in that quarter. Late in the half, Petree added his second TD on a 15-yard run. He also scored the PAT. The Hounds first TD was set up by the running of Travis "Hot

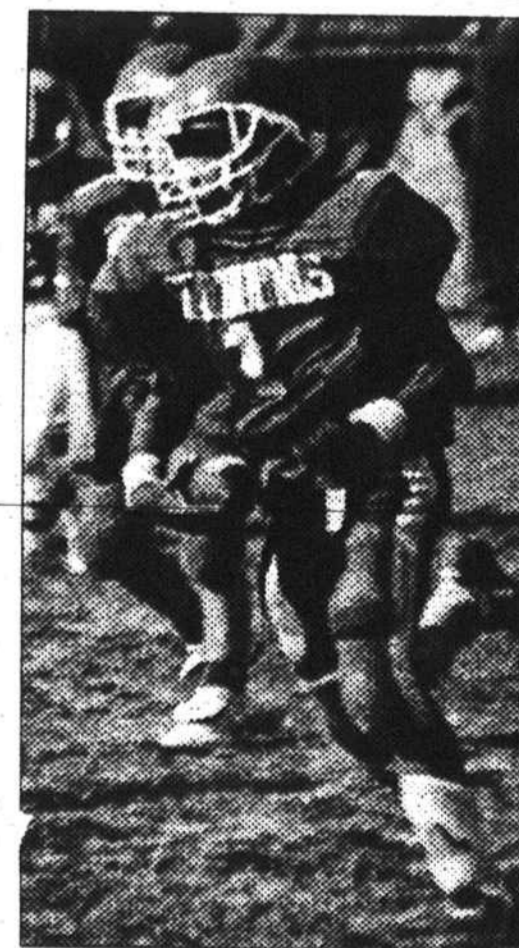


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Teddy Petree of the Grayhounds Mitey Mites gets ready to make his cut on an end sweep.

"Rod" Brown and Jeffrey "Speedster" Johnston. Kelly "Superman" Fries scored on a 10-yard run and Ronald "Bull" Gaithings ran for the PAT.

Fries also scored the final touchdown of the day on a 22-yard dash to the end zone. Aaron "Superstar" McCorkle ran for the conversion.

**Junior Pee Wees ....** The Grayhounds dominated on both

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