

AGGIES CAN WIN MEAC TITLE THIS WEEKEND, B3

Sports

B1



Vikings, Grayhounds win titles

By Chronicle Staff

The Grayhounds and the Vikings emerged as kings of the hill, winning two games apiece at last Saturday's Northwest Midget Football League Championships

the title contest because of having an ineligible player on their roster.

As a result, the Tiny Indians, who lost 6-0 to the Hounds in the playoffs, became the American Conference representative for the championship game.

Vikings 25-0.

Shawn Williford got the Hounds off to a running start with a couple of long-distance touchdowns that gave his team a 12-0 advantage at halftime.

Williford scored on runs of 45

and 48 yards.

The Hounds defense set the tone in the second half by putting the clamps on two Vikings scoring drives. The Vikings penetrated the Hounds 10-yard line on two occasions and both times, the Grayhounds came through with a goal line stand. Down linemen Robbie "Terminator" Branch, Chris Plott and Jake Pfaff led the defensive surge.

The play of the defense inspired the offense. After each

POP WARNER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

goal line stand, the Hounds drove nearly the length of the field to score. Kory Witherspoon had one TD on a three-yard run. Kevin McRae added the final touchdown, scoring from five yards out.

Pee Wees

The Grayhounds benefitted from exceptional special teams play in taking a 12-0 win over the Packers.

Both teams offenses had trouble finding the end zone because of strong defensive play. The Hounds had more success moving

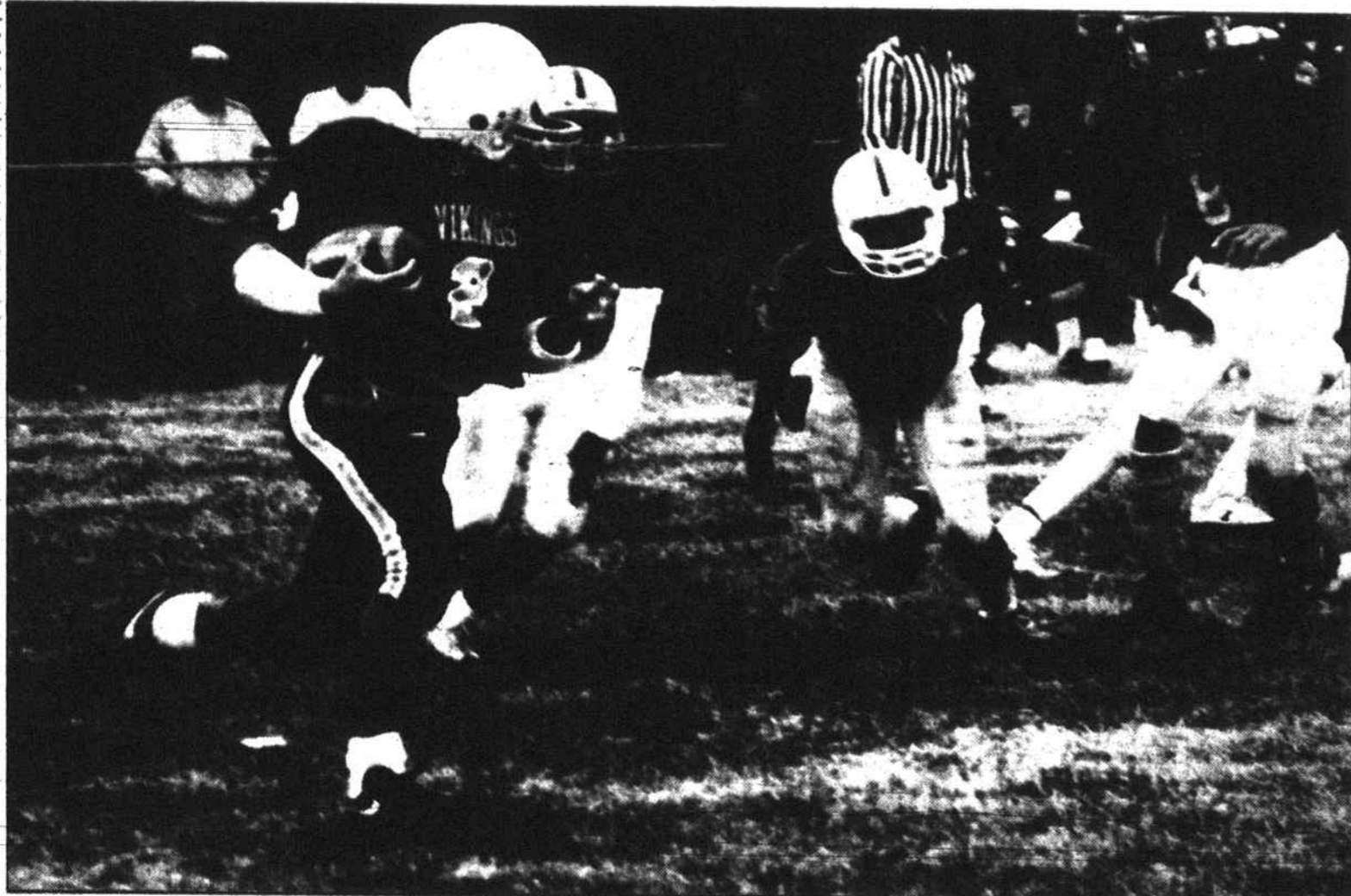


Photo by Max Dunhill

Vikes running back Jimmy Gardner jets around the right side of the Tiny Indians defense in the Junior Bantams contest.

held at Packer Field.

The Hounds won titles in the youngest age groups, the Junior Pee Wees and Pee Wees, while the Vikings captured titles in the Junior Midgets and Junior Bantams divisions.

The league title winners automatically qualified to play in this year's Sertoma Bowl which will be played Saturday at Parkland-Reynolds Field.

Here's a recap of how the action unfolded in each age group

Sertoma Bowl Matchups

November 23rd

(Games played at Parkland/Reynolds Field)

Junior Pee Wees Division

Baltimore Northwood Rams vs. Grayhounds, 9 a.m.

Pee Wees Division

Baltimore Northwood Rams vs. Grayhounds, 11 a.m.

Junior Midgets Division

Howard County Trojans (Md.) vs. Vikings, 2 p.m.

Junior Bantams Division

Baltimore Northwood Rams vs. Vikings, 4 p.m.

This year's championship had a change in the Junior Bantams match-up. The Vikings were slated to face the Grayhounds for the league title, but the G'Hounds were disqualified from playing in

division in the championship finals.

Junior Pee Wees

The Grayhounds scored two TDs in each half to dismantle the

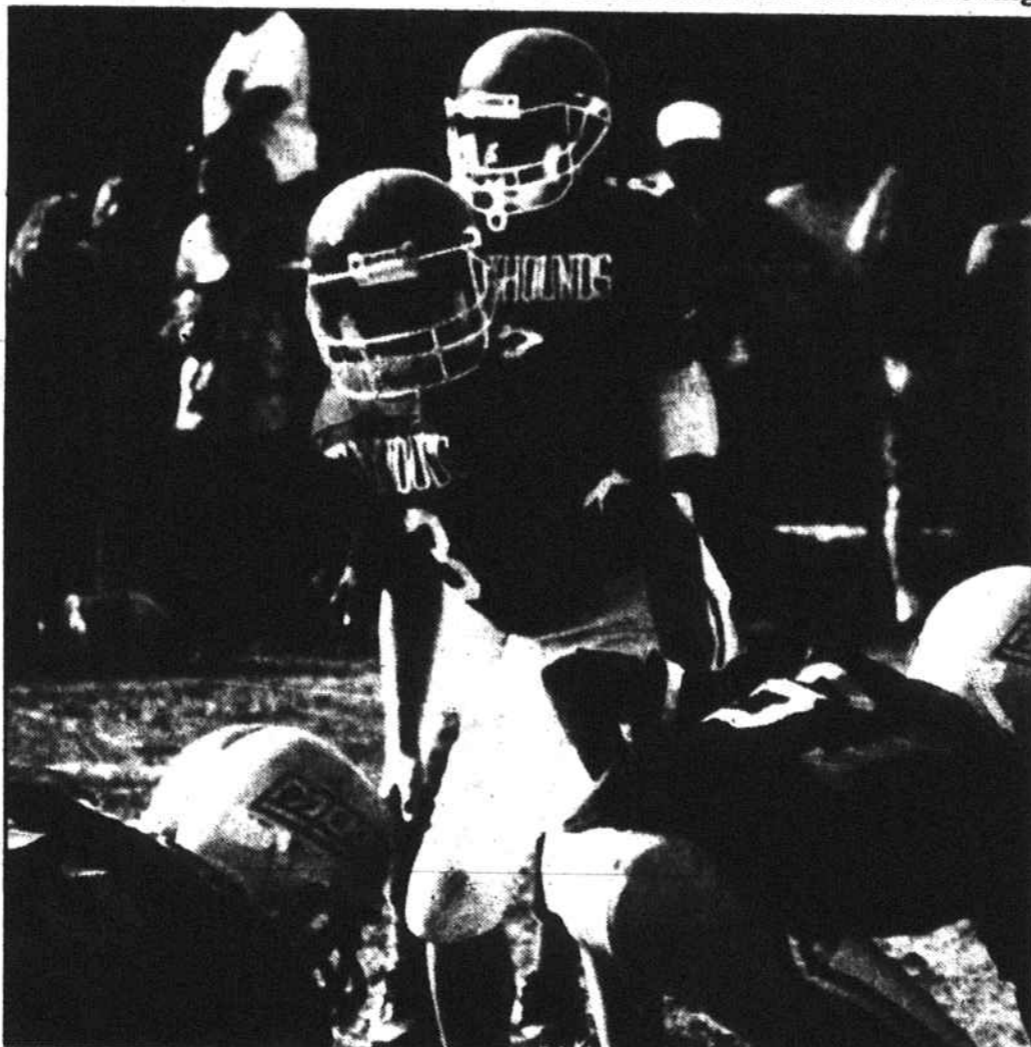
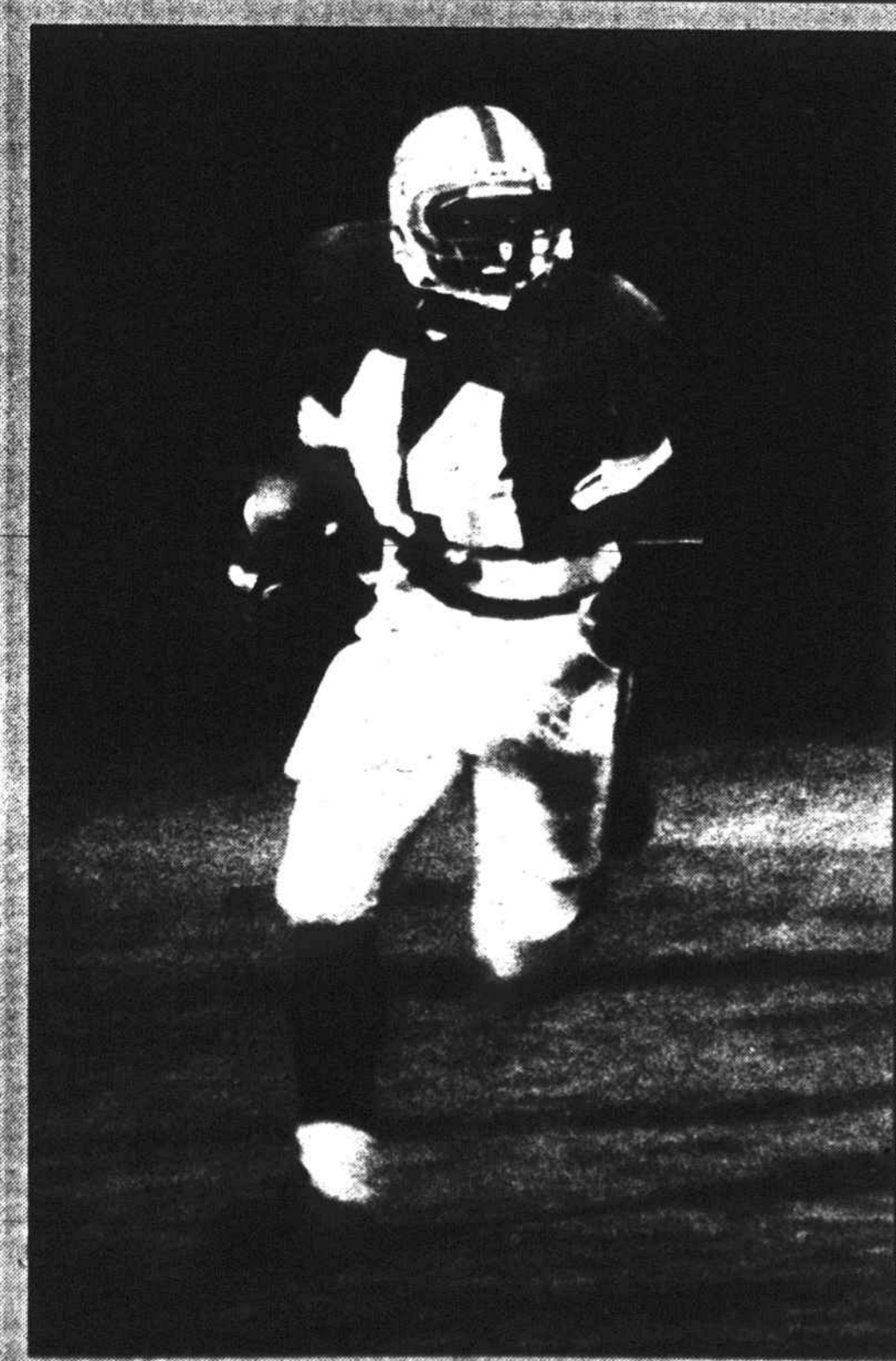


Photo by T-Lee

Robert Horn produced the big hit for the Grayhounds Pee Wees in their game against the Packers.



Jayvee Football Season Wrap-Up

Running back Johnny Senn (pictured at left) is one of the reasons why Carver's junior varsity Yellowjackets finished the season undefeated. For specifics on the jayvee football scene, see the season wrap-up on page B6.

Photo by Max Dunhill



Photo by Roger Morton

Michael Westerberg played a solid game for the Packers Pee Wees at defensive end.

the ball, but could never score. The Packers, on the other hand, never got very much going offensively. The Grayhounds offense had a huge advantage when it came to time of possession.

The Hounds finally broke a scoreless tie in the second quarter when Teddy Petree took a punt and raced 40 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown, giving his team a 6-0 lead. The Hounds

Please see Page B4

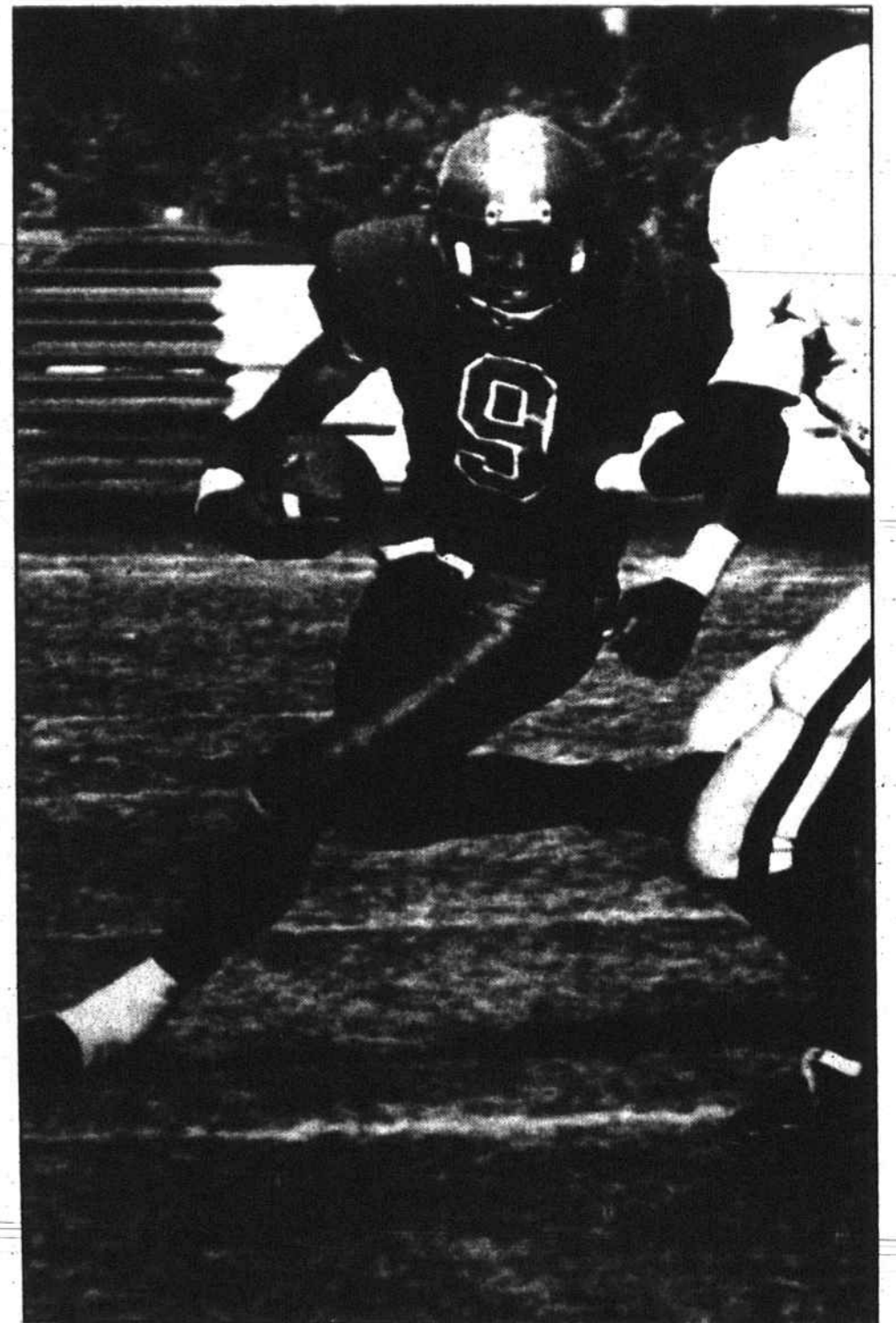


Photo by T-Lee

Rams QB Mitch Nicholson figures to put pressure on the Gamecocks defense when he hits the flanks where he has the option to throw or run.

Division II Playoffs

Rams ready for Jax

By Chronicle Staff

This Saturday's first round Division II playoff game between Winston-Salem State and Jacksonville State (Ala.) is a matchup of look-alikes.

Not only do both teams have the same offensive philosophy, both teams usually win big. Close games are a rarity. The similarities don't end there, however. Jax State and the Rams even have the same school colors — red and white.

The Gamecocks forte is the running game, which is part of the reason why they went 9-0 and finished the regular season as the nation's No. 2 ranked team. Jax State victories are usually lopsided affairs. During the regular season, they beat folks by an average margin of 26.4 ppg.

Mississippi College and Wofford College, a pair '91 playoff teams, were among this season's victims. Jax State whipped MC 17-6 and spanked Wofford, 51-7.

When the Rams defense takes the field against Jack-

sonville, they'll see Wofford revisited. The Gamecocks run a wishbone offense that churns out yards like so many pounds of butter. Quarterback Nickey Edmondson is the catalyst who has run for 661 yards and eight touchdowns. Edmondson doesn't put the ball in the air very much. He's attempted only 40 passes all year. But when he does throw, he gets a lot of mileage, having completed 60 percent of his tosses for 454 yards and five scores.

Edmondson turns the key that energizes the Gamecocks. But running back Danny Lee is the game breaker. Lee has scored eight touchdowns and averages a little over 10 yards per rushing attempt.

Deeper still, he has a lust for the end zone. Prior to being shutout last week against Kentucky State, Lee had scored at least one TD in each of his last 10 games, dating back to last year's quarterfinal playoff game against Mississippi College. Lee is also a dangerous kick return specialist, averag-

Please see Page B4

Rams will play at Bowman Gray

Thanks to some friendly cooperation, Winston-Salem State will play its first round playoff game against Jacksonville State at Bowman Gray Stadium. Kickoff time is set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Rams game was originally scheduled to be played at Parkland/Reynolds Field because the Pop Warner Sertoma Bowl had already been booked for Bowman Gray months ago. However, WSSU officials and Sertoma Bowl officials agreed to switch game sites to accommodate the Rams.

The most obvious reason for the change is that Winston wanted to play in its home stadium. But there were other considerations, according to Al Roseboro, WSSU athletic director.

Parkland/Reynolds Field is a high school stadium, which posed logistical problems in staging a college game. The college field has different dimensions, including the width of the goal posts.

If the playoff game site had remained at Parkland/Reynolds, college goal posts (which are more narrow than those used at the high school level) would have been installed in place of the high school goal posts. That, along with changing that stadium's usual dimensions would also have had to be done.

Tickets for the playoffs went on sale at WSSU yesterday. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and WSSU students with proper school ID. For more information, call Roseboro at 750-2141.