

# Pop Warner football

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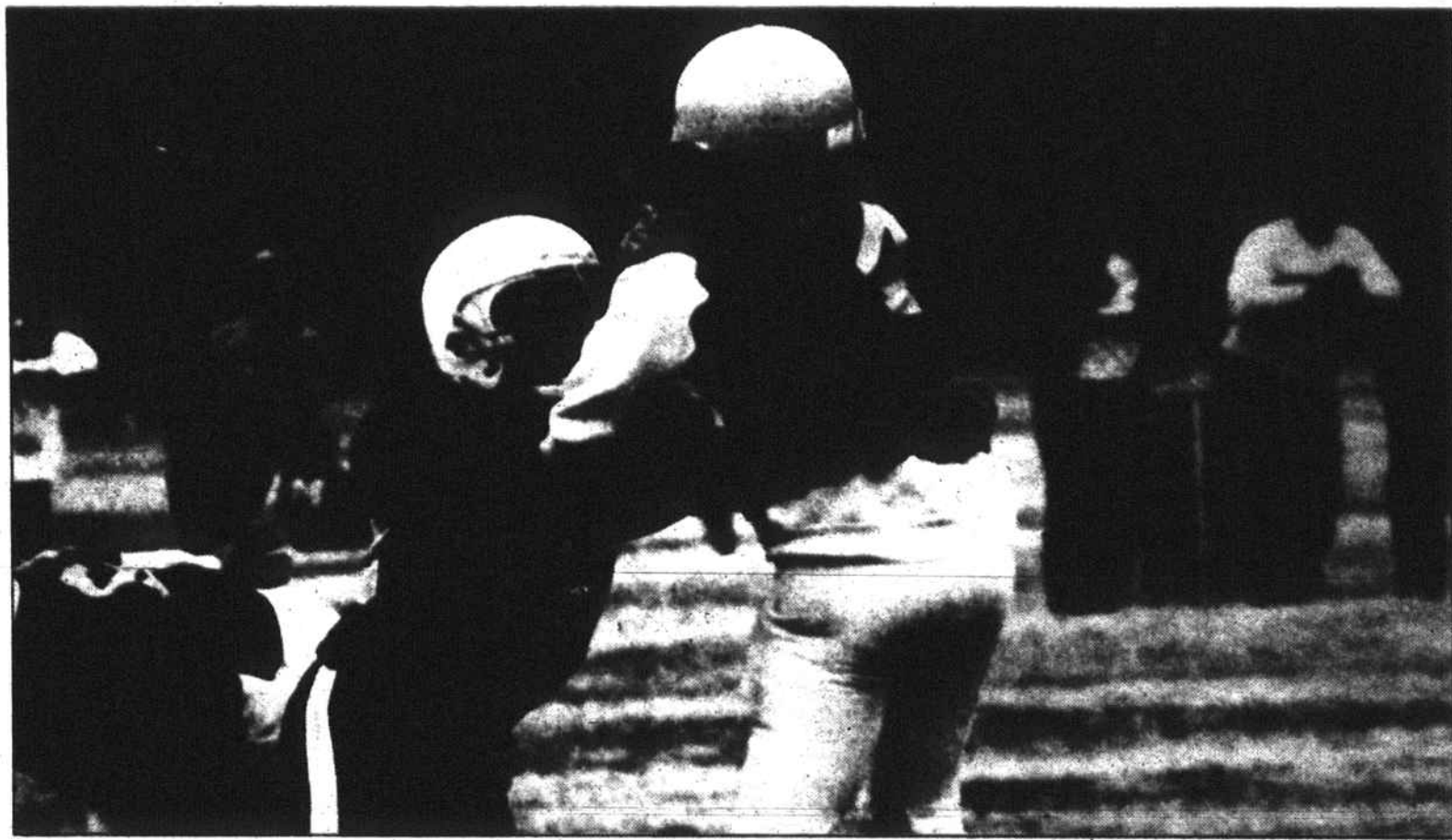


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The Vikes' Chris Hendrix makes the hit on the Indians Tory Woodbury in Junior Midgets action.

maintained that margin at half-time.

The Grayhounds special teams got in on the act once more when they added a go-ahead score late in the third quarter. Robert Horn made it happen when he blasted past Packer blockers and laid a ferocious hit on punter Chris Tuttle, forcing a fumble. Joshua Howard picked up the bobble on the Pack's 20-yard line and ran it in for the TD.

### Junior Midgets

The Vikings got all the offense they needed in the third quarter to earn a hard-fought 13-0 win over the Tiny Indians.

For all of the first half, the respective defensive units controlled the game completely. Nei-

ther team was able to mount any scoring threats.

Mid-way through the third quarter, the Vikings defense changed all of that when linebacker Ricardo Thomas recovered a fumble on the Indians' 20-yard line. It was the Indians first possession of the second half.

Three plays later, quarterback Dino Reynolds fired a 17-yard touchdown pass in the left flat to Thomas Norwood. Reynolds then connected with LaShay Surratt who made a leaping catch for the PAT.

The Vikes scored again with about three minutes left in the third. They got a break on fourth down when the Indians were penalized for pass interference,

which put the ball on the Indians 25-yard line.

Four plays later, Jamaine Bidle sped nine yards around right end for the TD with a little over a minute left to play in the quarter.

The Indians did put together one serious scoring drive in the fourth quarter. But the Vikes pulled the plug on that potential score when Norwood picked off an Indian pass at the Vikings' six-yard line.

### Junior Bantams

Jimmy Gardner ran for a touchdown and intercepted a pass to help the Vikings post a 12-0 decision over the Tiny Indians.

Gardner set up the first score early in the second quarter with a 22-yard dash around the right

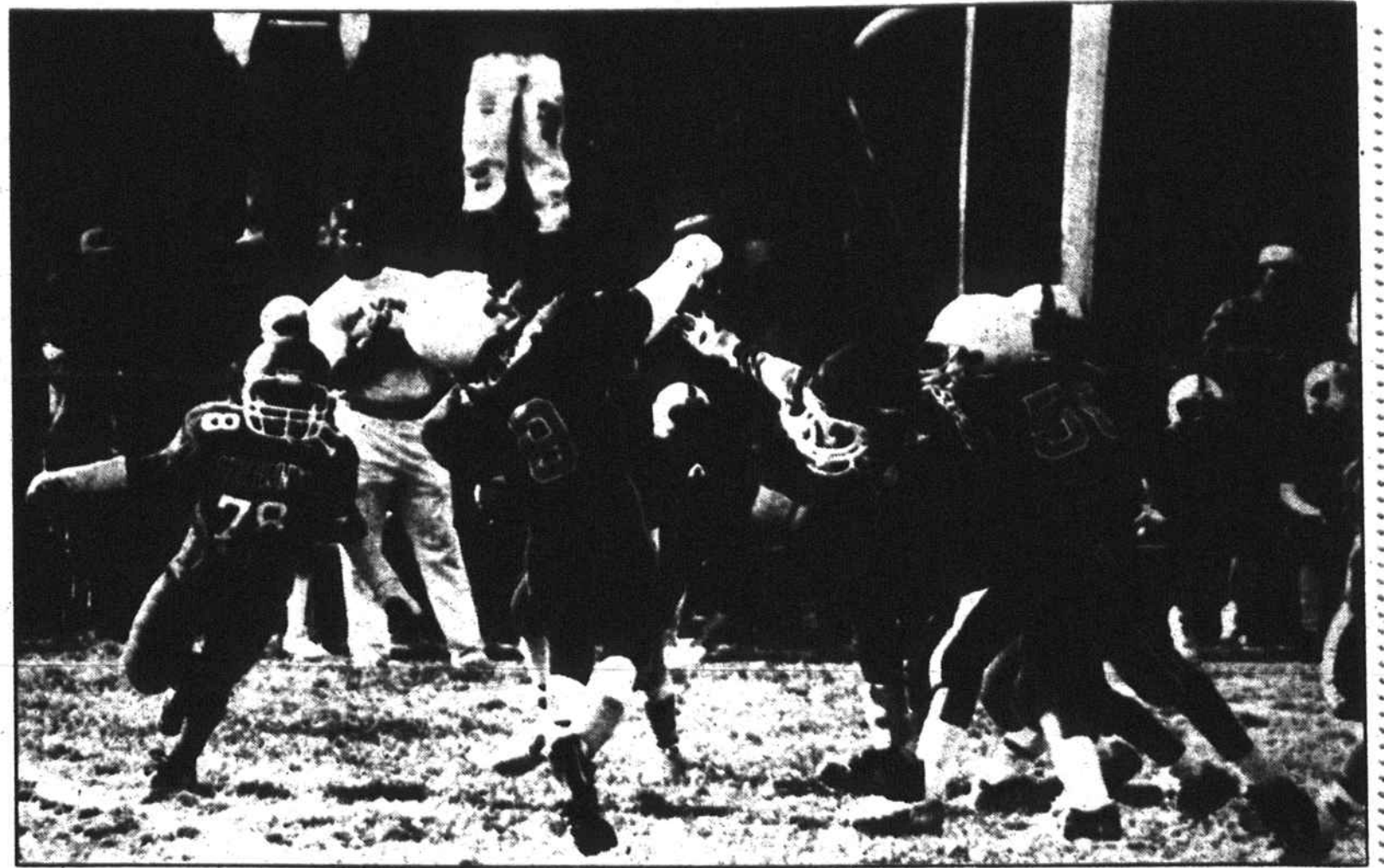


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The Hounds Robby Branch (78) and Kory Witherspoon (4) put the pressure on Vikings quarterback William Wilkins in the Junior Pee Wees title game.

side, which put the ball on the Indians three-yard line. Two plays later, Natyl Snipes scored on a quarterback sneak from a yard out, giving the Vikes' a 6-0 lead.

The Vikings scored their last TD of the day late in that same

quarter. Duane Bankhead recovered a fumble on the Indians seven-yard line when they ran the option. Gardner took in it from 11 yards out, vaulting over the final defender at the goal line to reach paydirt.

The Indians rebounded in the third quarter, moving the ball inside the Vikings' 20-yard line. However, the Vikes came through to shut the door when Gardner picked off a pass and returned it 35 yards.

## Division II playoffs

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ing 27.1 yards per kickoff return and 17 yards per punt return.

The Rams, though, have their own arsenal that they can counter with. Quarterback Mitch Nicholson has run for 609 yards and five TDs. Then there's record-setting Everett Norwood (1,070 rushing yards, 13 TDs).

Bobby Brown doesn't get as

guys on offense. Let's get down to the basics in analyzing this playoff contest.

This is what has to happen in order for the Rams to win:

- Eliminate offensive turnovers;
- Pass receptions from the wide-outs;
- Mixing in enough passing

happen when the Rams lost to Wofford, 42-35 last month. Sure, Edmondson isn't Shawn Graves, but he can do enough damage and he has more of a supporting cast to back him up than Graves does.

Don't be surprised if Winston coach Pete Richardson goes with a few more passes on Saturday.

### Team Comparisons

	WSSU	Jax. State
Scoring average per game	34.6	35.1
Points allowed per game	17.8	8.7
Rushing yards per game	326	332.4
Rush yards allowed per game	119.3	140.8
Rushing TDs	41	33
Rushing TDs allowed	8	7
Pass completions/attempts/yards	41/98/801	28/53/572
Passing yards per game	80.1	63.9
Passing yards allowed per game	176.0	126.9
Passing TDs	8	7
Passing TDs allowed	13	5
Total offensive yards per game	406.1	396.0
Total yards allowed per game	295.3	267.7
Turnovers committed	21	17
Forced turnovers	27	29
Turnover ratio	+6	+12

many totes as Norwood, but is highly productive nonetheless. He averaged 6.9 ypc, scored seven touchdowns and led the CIAA in kickoff returns (33.1 yards per return) during the regular season.

But enough about the prime

to keep Jax from overplaying the run;

- No blown assignments on defense;
- No breakdowns on special teams;

These areas are the most crucial because that's what didn't

Jax will create that situation because they normally employ an eight-man front on defense. If the Rams can establish play-action passes, especially on first down, it will do a lot to help them control the ball, the game clock and the Gamecocks.

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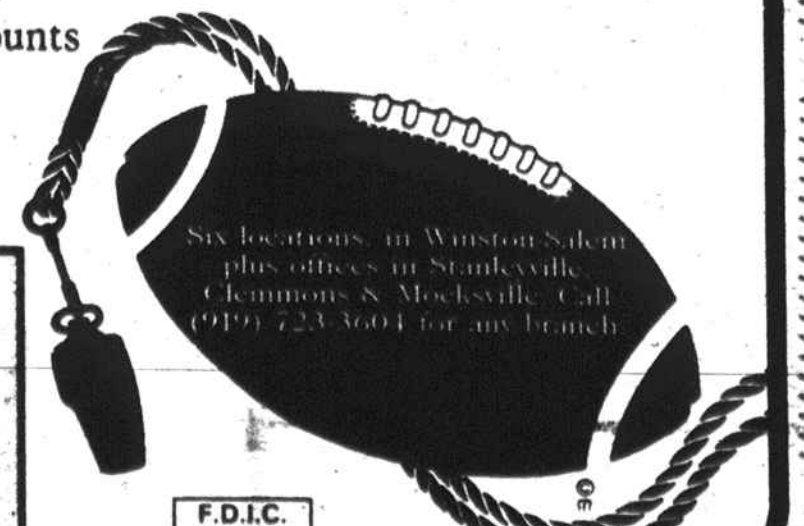
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