

Winston zeroes in

olina Central (40-15), Virginia Union (24-23), Bowie State (24-7) and Virginia State (23-6).

QB Tim Johnson and James Gonza are major reasons why Liz City's offense has perked up. Johnson guides an offense that averages a very respectable 326 total ypg. Johnson accounts for 171.7 total ypg himself.

Gonza is almost automatic when it comes to placekicking. So far, he's converted seven of 10 field goal attempts and is 18 of 21 in the PAT department.

The defense is steady and unyielding as usual. The Vikes stop unit is the league's best in total defense (206.9 ypg) and rushing defense (2.2 ypc); second in pass defense (135.2 ypg).

Liz City needed all the defense it could get in stopping Union. The key to this win was that the Vikings took a 21-7 lead at the half and held the Panthers to only 86 rushing yards for the game. Cornerman Manual Smith was scintillating, with 10 tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery, and one pass break-up.

In a road game against the Trojans, Liz City picked off four VSU passes for 156 return yards. McGrue Booker put the Vikes on the board with a 93-yard interception return for a touchdown. Gonza chipped in with three field goals.

Livingstone College

The Bears came away with conference wins over Virginia State (8-6) and Johnson C. Smith (17-14) before dropping a close one against the SIAC's Morris Brown College (31-28).

As the score indicates, defense dominated in the Virginia State contest. Linebacker Willie Smiley was relentless. He had eight tackles, two

quarterback sacks, a blocked PAT kick, and ran 90 yards after recovering a fumble.

Against JCS, Smiley finished with 14 tackles and one sack.

Offensively, the man is still running back Rob Clodfelter, the league's top-rusher. With the season coming to a close, Clodfelter has rushed for 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns. He averages 150 ypg and 5.1 ypc. Clodfelter's best day in October came against Smith when he rushed for 193 yards.

Johnson C. Smith

The Golden Bulls have had a lean year. But at least they won't finish in the conference cellar. Smith won its second game of the season by blanking Fayetteville State, 24-0.

Smith's defense turned ferocious on the Broncos, forcing seven turnovers. Six of those came in the first half. FSU's miscues led to all but two of JCS's points.

QB Wesley Tate led the way for the Golden Bulls, throwing for 179 yards and two scores, one of which, was a 59-yarder to wide-out Ronald Meadows. Bruce Gaillard scored on a one-yard run.

DB Cisco Reed was the showcase defender for Smith in the Livingstone game. Reed returned an interception 35 yards, was in on 13 tackles, recorded three quarterback sacks, and recovered one fumble.

North Carolina Central

Things had been pretty dismal for the Eagles, who may have been wondering when or if they would win a conference game in '91. They finally did it by defeating Fayetteville State, 14-0.

Wide receiver Anthony Cooley got the best out of the few opportunities he had vs. FSU. He scored both

Savannah. But Vincent Gamble emerged as the top defensive player with 11 tackles and one interception.

In a non-league face-off, MBC prevailed 31-28 over Livingstone College. QB Rondal Griffin had a big day, completing 12 of 25 tosses for 205 yards and three TDs.

Albany State

The Rams appear to have hit a stone wall when it comes to SIAC teams, losing to Alabama A&M (25-20), Tuskegee (56-6) and Savannah State (51-16). But they did pull off a shocker when they smacked Division 1-

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of Central's TDs on receptions of 56 and 45 yards. He finished the game with three catches for 116 yards.

Tackle Rodney Armston led a fierce defensive charge with nine tackles, two sacks, one forced fumble and two recovered fumbles. DB Jarrod Chapman joined in with eight tackles and two pass break-ups.

Virginia State

The season hasn't been kind to the Trojans. October, in particular, is one month they'd like to forget. They won one of four, the lone victory coming against downtrodden Fayetteville State (31-14).

Other than that, VSU dropped games to Livingstone and Hampton University by a total of four points. The margin of defeat was much larger vs. Elizabeth City (23-6).

But even in defeat, the Trojans have produced some the league's top individual, single game efforts. Against Hampton, QB Gregory Clark set a new VSU career record for passing yards. He completed 24 of 45 tosses for 481 yards and four touchdowns.

At the start of the month, Clark has 3,319 passing yards and he still has one more season of eligibility left. Wide-out Remus James was a prime target for Clark vs. the Pirates (eight catches, 229 yards, two TDs).

As the league's top receiver (60 catches, 1,097 yards), James encountered few problems in his match-up against the Elizabeth City secondary.

He burned the Vikes with nine receptions for 213 yards, giving him five straight games where he's had 100 or more receiving yards this season.

In the defensive struggle vs. Livingstone, linebacker Andre Brickhouse delivered 19 tackles, which

included 15 solo jobs.

Hampton University

The Pirates had been denied their spot in the winner's circle until they upended Virginia State, 39-37.

The first win was a long time coming. But this game was also special because a couple of Hampton records were established.

Wide receiver Johnnie Barnes caught nine passes for 176 yards. Barnes' nine receptions is a single-game high. Freshman QB Matthew Montgomery set a new school record for completions when he connected on 21 of 54 passes for 326 yards and three touchdowns.

Matthews also aired it out in a 46-33 loss to Tuskegee University. He went 32 of 57 for 394 yards and one TD.

Bowie State

The Bulldogs were silenced by Virginia Union (41-9), Norfolk State (35-13) and Elizabeth City (24-7). But they did win their Homecoming against American International, 20-17.

Bowie's defense was the deciding factor. DB Steve Smith led the way with 11 tackles plus an interception he returned 37 yards. End Tracy Ledbetter blocked a kick and recorded eight tackles plus one and-a-half sacks.

Fayetteville State

The Broncos just can't get it done in '91. They played respectable in a defeat to league-leading Winston-Salem State. Defensive end Foster Wilkins was the top performer against the Rams (13 tackles, two sacks).

In the Virginia State game, linebacker Derrick Williams had 11 tackles (eight were solo efforts), one sack and one interception.

-Zack Monday

Four-way battle

interceptions for the year, best in the conference.

Morris Brown College

Last month was a mixed bag for the Wolverines as they went 2-2 overall and 1-2 in league play.

Nose guard Coronzoa Greene is MBC's marquee player on defense. Greene has 92 tackles and 11 quarterback sacks. Against Miles College (a 21-7 win), Greene registered five sacks, a single game career best.

Brown's two SIAC losses came to Alabama A&M (12-7) and Savannah State (56-0). Nothing went right against

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AA Bethune-Cookman, 30-25.

League stats tell a lot about this team in '91. In short, they aren't putting enough points on the board (15.6 ppg) and they are too generous defensively (31 ppg).

The defense, however, produced when they had to against Bethune. Ronnie Baker had 13 tackles and one interception. Malcolm Hart and Fred Watts contributed 12 tackles each.

Albany did come fairly close to beating A&M, losing by five points. QB Johnny Gilbert had an exceptional game, completing 17 of 37 passes for 233 yards and a couple of touchdowns.

Miles College

The Bears haven't reached the win column yet. But they did stay in contention against Morris Brown and Knoxville College, losing by 14 and 10 points respectively. MC was never in it against Clark/Atlanta. They were mauled 53-6.

Top performances for the month were turned in by Bobby Ellison and Ernest Kenty. Against MBC, Ellison registered 11 tackles. Against CAU, Kenty completed 18 of 39 passes for 252 yards and a TD.

-Stanton Blackwell