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Pop Warner Football

Winston teams pull clean sweep at regionals

By Chronicle Staff

Winston-Salem teams pulled off a three-team sweep in the Pop Warner Mid-South Regional Football Championships last Saturday at Parkland/Reynolds Stadium.

Two Grayhounds teams and one Vikings team emerged as the dominant squads in their respective matchups.

The Hounds won the Junior Pee Wees and Pee Wees trophies, while the Vikings had little trouble in winning the Junior Midgets title.

As regional winners, all three teams had a shot at being selected to play in this year's nationals which take place on Dec. 14 in Jacksonville, Fla.

At the conclusion of Saturday's games, the national Pop Warner Association in Philadelphia chose the Grayhounds Pee Wees to participate in this year's national championships.

One final note. The regional championships did not feature a game in the Junior Bantams Division. That's because that nationwide, the number of teams in that age group are sparse.

Here's a recap of last Saturday's action involving Winston's teams.

Junior Pee Wees

The Grayhounds did as they pleased in dominating the Garner Trojans 37-0.

The key for the Hounds was the blocking of the offensive line which paved the way for massive yardage on the ground. Linemen



Vikings tight end Thomas Norwood stretches out for a pass reception against the Garner Trojans in the Junior Midgets regional matchup last Saturday. Photo by T-Lee

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Derek Chisolm (left) and Jamal Phillips and the rest of the Vikings Junior Pee Wees avenged their league championship loss by winning their bowl game in Wilmington. Photo by Chronicle Staff

Vikings Junior Pee Wees capture bowl title in Wilmington

By Chronicle Staff

Defense was the key that opened the door for the Vikings Junior Pee Wees 7-6 win over Havelock in the Eastern North Carolina Pop Warner Association Bowl last Saturday at Wilmington.

Havelock broke a scoreless tie with a 65-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, catching the Vikes' defense out of position.

From that point on, coach Jimmy Boyd's defense contained and dominated.

Havelock's offense never moved the ball past midfield during the entire

game.

Defensively, the Vikes played cohesively as a unit. Linebacker Angelo Crowell, end Ryan Braham and tackle Brian Chandler were the individual standouts.

The Vikings evened the score with 7:40 left in the fourth quarter when Tauric Rice zipped past Havelock defenders for a 25-yard touchdown. Quarterback William Wilkins ran for the PAT to provide the final margin of victory.

The Vikes had other opportunities to put points on the board during the game. But on those occasions, penalties halted their would-be scoring drives.

Maynor, Hayes lead Aggies in MEAC post-season accolades

By Chronicle Staff

In four years time, the WSSU connection has spearheaded a big turnaround for North Carolina A&T football. Former Rams quarterback Connell Maynor and head coach Bill Hayes were named the MEAC's Offensive Player Of The Year and Coach Of The Year respectively.

Maynor, who was also selected first team All-MEAC, played for Winston in '87 as a freshman. This year, he led the Aggies to a first place tie in the MEAC with Delaware State.

The 6-0, 170 pounds Fayetteville senior finished the regular season ranked sixth nationally in passing efficiency, completing 110 of 192 passes for 1,527 yards, 18 touchdowns and only five interceptions. He also ran for 290 yards and eight scores.

Hayes is no stranger to Rams fans. In 12 seasons, he molded the Rams into a powerhouse with a record of 89-40-2, which includes three CIAA championships and two Division II playoff appearances.

Under Hayes, the Aggies have risen from the depths of losing to emerge as one of the top programs in the NCAA's Division I-AA. For the second year in a row, A&T ended the regular season at 9-2 overall. In league play, the Aggies were 5-1.

Balance is a key phrase in describing the '91 edition of A&T football. Offensively, the Aggies average 420 total yards and 34 points a game. Defensively, they yielded 270 total yards and 14.8 points a game.

This award is the first for

Hayes who is in the process preparing his team to play in the first Alamo Heritage Bowl against SWAC champion

Alabama State on Dec. 21 at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami.

Maynor and Hayes are but two products of Aggie football to get post-season recognition. Five more A&T players were chosen first team all-league and two others were second team selections.

Aggies chosen to the first team include: tight end Craig Thompson, defensive linemen Kevin Little, Knox Thompson and Reggie White, plus defensive back Alonza Barnett.

Running back Barry Turner and offensive guard Robert Holley were picked for the second team.

Thompson, a 6-3, 245 pounds senior from Hartsville, SC is viewed by some observers as the best tight end in I-AA ball this season. He caught 41 passes for 649 yards and 10 touchdowns.

In just two years of playing time, Thompson is A&T's leader in single season TD receptions (10) and career TD catches (19).

On defense, the Aggies had three of their starting down linemen to be named to the all-star squad. This threesome possesses size, agility, and speed.

Little, a 6-4, 250 pounds end from Charleston, SC was A&T's leading hitter with 73 tackles and 15 sacks. Tackle Knox Thompson (6-4, 300) recorded 66 stops and eight sacks. Thompson is a junior from Lumberton. White, 6-4, 295, is the last member of the trio. The Baltimore senior had

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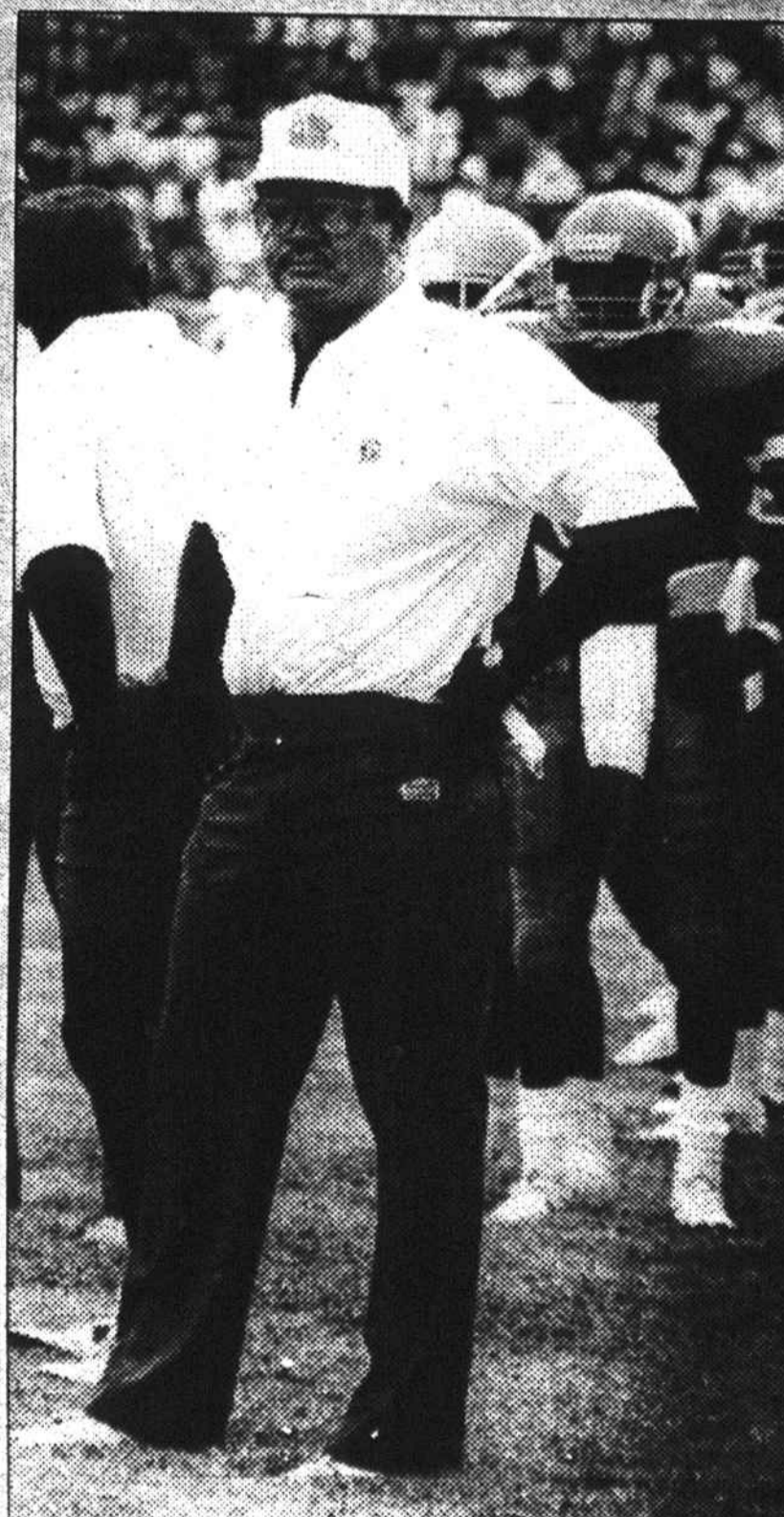


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