

CIAA Football

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Winston-Salem State and Alabama State.

Against WSSU, JCS gave the Rams a scare in the second half before losing 40-32. Quarterback Wesley Tate set a new school single game record for passing yards hitting on 19 of 45 tosses for 389 yards and four touchdowns.

Wide receiver Ronald Meadows sparkled also, catching eight passes for 188 yards and a pair of TDs.

Meadows pulled out all the stops in the Central game, ending the day with 233 all-purpose yards via receiving, kickoff and punt returns. Linebacker Travis Manigault had 10 tackles in that game.

Bowie State

The Bulldogs went bust in CIAA play at 1-5. But they did come away with some respectability by whipping Central Connecticut in the season finale, 42-21 to finish up with a 4-5 mark overall.

In that contest, Butch Wilson did a lot of damage, rushing for 208 yards and one touchdown, a 74-yard effort. Deley Jacks also left his mark with 112 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

At the defensive end, down lineman Tracy Ledbetter came through with 10 tackles, one sack and one blocked punt.

Prime weapon

Livingstone's Rob Clodfelter isn't as big as running backs go, but he compensates with quick feet and slick moves.

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Virginia State

The Trojans experienced more growing pains than they ever expected this year. A 3-7 record isn't exactly what they had in mind. But that doesn't mean that the season was a waste.

Wide receiver Remus James led the league in receiving with 69 catches for 1,190 yards and six TDs and linebacker Andre Brickhouse was the CIAA's No.

2 hit man with 127 tackles (which included 17 stops in a 34-0 loss to Virginia Union). DB Raymond Massenburt was solid in the secondary with 71 hits and Marcus Clifton was fourth in interceptions with six thefts for the year.

Hampton University

The Pirates became a lot more competitive towards the end of the year.

They pushed Elizabeth City State to the limit before losing 23-21 and refused to be steamrolled by Winston-Salem State in a 20-6 defeat.

But Hampton let it all hang out in a 44-28 win over North Carolina Central. In that game, wide-out Johnnie Barnes caught seven balls for 156 yards and three touchdowns.

Quarterback Matthew Montgomery was hot, completing 17 of 35 passes for 348 yards and four TDs. Cornerback Jonathan Wilson contributed heavily on defense with three interceptions, five tackles and one fumble recovery.

Fayetteville State

The Broncos didn't have a lot to buck about this year. But at least they can take solace that they played tough in their season ending loss to Norfolk State (28-14).

Fayetteville got a lot of thump from their running game against the Spartans. Lineman Darrin Taylor was instrumental in opening holes for running back Clifton Davis who finished the day with 175 yards on 23 carries.

Linebacker Mark Macklin was the cornerstone of the defense with 13 tackles, 10 of those were solo jobs.

— Zack Monday

BCSR Commentary

ence games.

Still, with some creative negotiating, black schools can make big bucks by selling themselves off. Here's how.

Humpty Dumpty U schedules games at Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State. It gets one school to pay for plane tickets for the entire trip in addition to a \$20,000 guarantee for food and lodging. Michigan State and Ohio State each guarantee \$25,000 and pays for food and lodging. If a school puts together two or three trips like that, it can have a pretty nice payday for itself. The team won't win much, but who cares?

Nothing is wrong with black schools playing one or two major schools each year

for the experience so their athletes can see how they measure up. But there is something wrong with black schools loading up their schedules with those opponents.

That's exploitation.

Coaches and athletic directors know going in that they won't win those games. No school is going to fork over that kind of money and lose the game too.

However, there is something that the athletes don't realize. Being competitive by nature, they think they can win against anyone. In many instances, they have competed against major college athletes in summer leagues and in pickup games during the summer and held their own.

But that's a completely different ball

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game.

The athletes are blind to the fact that many major colleges have guards who are as tall as the centers at most black colleges. They are unaware that the 12th man for a major school could be a superstar at a black school.

All they know is that they're basketball players too.

This practice of selling out may be financially prudent. But it is blatantly unfair to athletes. They go into each game with the idea of playing to win. What can happen in those situations is that by getting their brains beat in by the big boys, even a team that is good on its level of play can lose its confidence.

Gene Atkins

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able to come up with big plays and contribute on the special teams."

Jim Mora, Saints head coach, feels that Atkins has displayed all-around talents and is one of his most dependable performers.

"We can always count on Gene to play good defense in the secondary," Mora said. "He has a good nose for the ball. He plays the run and covers the pass extremely well.

In addition, he does a great job of returning kicks. He has good speed and knows how to run with the football. He's been a major factor in our success."

New Orleans has been highly successful

in '91 as one of the front runners in the NFC's Western Division. Much of the Saints' ascent to the top is because of their defense.

"Offensively, we've played well," Atkins said. "We've certainly had games where we put some points on the scoreboard. But our defense has been solid all year thanks to players like Pat Swilling, Rickey Jackson and Vince Buck. Defensively, we're as good as anybody in the league. If we're going to win the division and go to the playoffs, our defense is going to play an important role."

Atkins, who lives in Kenner, Fla., still

keeps in touch with the A&M coaching staff. He's also involved in a lot of community work in Tallahassee, his home town.

"I went to (Richards) high school in Tallahassee," said Atkins, "so I hold a football camp in the off-season to benefit Tabernacle Baptist Church. I'm very fortunate to be playing professionally. There are a lot of people who didn't get the opportunity to play in the pros. That's why I stay in contact with coach Riley and the people in Tallahassee. I want to give something back to the people who have helped me over the years."

— Roscoe Nance

— Donald Hunt