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## AN INSIDE LOOK

### Winston's offense passes first test in grand fashion



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Last month, *Chronicle Sports* fielded dozens of phone calls questioning the sanity of the CIAA coaches' pre-season football poll that picked Winston-Salem State to repeat as league champions.

For inquiring minds, it didn't make sense for the Rams to be ranked No. 1 because there was a ton of uncertainty about the offense, especially at running back where no experienced players returned. OK, so the Rams had ruled the league since the late '80s and they've continued to thrive with new faces replacing the old ones. But given the outlook before this season kicked off, callers wondered how the conference coaches could be so blind and off-base in their predictions.

As it turned out — for now at least — the coaches proved that they know their stuff. Winston's 27-18 win over Elizabeth City State last Saturday provided the necessary proof.

The Rams won by doing what they do best against a team that is known for regularly stuffing the most punishing of ground attacks.

By game's end, Winston's offensive line had cleared enough turf for the backs to gain an impressive 201 yards, something that few teams have accomplished against the Vikings in recent seasons. Let's not forget that Liz City gave up a miserly 78.4 rushing yards per game in '91, or 2.4 yards per carry.

So what? The Rams did things their way and averaged 3.8 yards per tote.

"I'm really proud of our offense," said Rams coach Pete Richardson during a post-game interview. "Coming in, I was really concerned about our offense. We had only one returning starter on the offensive line and they (Elizabeth City) had so much size and experience on their defensive line. I knew that our running backs could play. It was just a matter of how fast they would adjust to college football."

It didn't take long for Richardson and everybody else at Bowman Gray Stadium to discover that the backs have something sub-

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# Let's get it on

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Previous victories don't mean didley when Winston-Salem State and North Carolina A&T engage in their annual skull-busting conflict to determine state bragging rights in football. This year offers more of the same, even though the cast of characters for both teams has changed a bit from last season.

Winston has already proven its mettle under fire after whipping ultra-tough Elizabeth City

**WINSTON-SALEM STATE**  
vs.  
**NORTH CAROLINA A&T**  
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.  
at Aggie Stadium in Greensboro

State last weekend in its home opener. A&T's situation, however, is different.

As expected, the Aggies did trounce North Carolina Central, 49-7. But ..... A&T experienced a very sluggish start and didn't seize the lead for good until very late in the first half (10-7). It took a furious offensive onslaught that generated 39 second-half points to finally shut the Eagles' beaks.

A stern test?  
Puh-leeceeeze.

Central's roster is loaded with neophytes.

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Photo by Max Dunhill

Rams cornerback Torrence Shankle jets downfield with one of his three interceptions as Liz City's Demetrius Hardison (76) chases the play.

### Governor's Open Golf Tournament to benefit WSSU business students

The East Area Council of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the third annual Governor's Open Golf Tournament on Sept. 19 at the Winston Lake Golf Course.

The tournament, limited to a 120 players, begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and features team play, captain's choice.

A picnic will also be held at the conclusion of the tournament at 2 p.m. At that time, awards will be presented and sponsors and special guests will be recognized. All gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial candidates plus city/county government leadership have been invited to participate.

On Sept. 18, a pairing party will be held at 7 p.m. at the Stouffer Winston Plaza, which is the host hotel for the tournament.

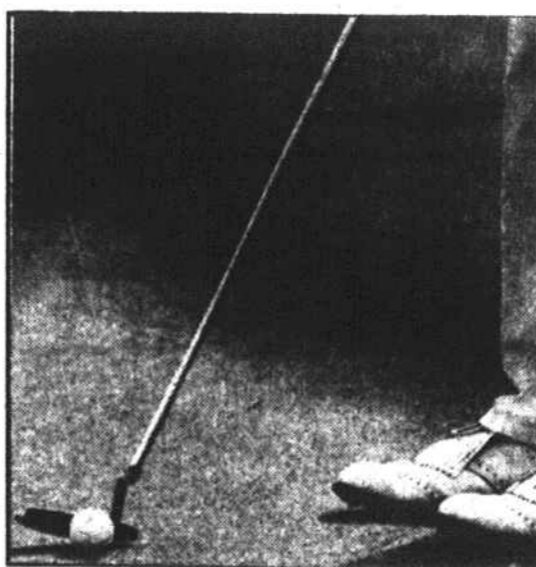
The fee for playing in this year's tournament is \$50 per person or \$200 per team. The fee includes the pairing party, green fees, cart fees and the picnic.

All proceeds from the tournament are earmarked for the East Area Council's funding of scholarships for business students at Winston-Salem State University.

The council annually provides \$5,000 in scholarship money for that purpose.

"Participation in the tournament is an excellent opportunity to enjoy golfing fun and fellowship while supporting our youth in their quest for a quality education," said Ernest Pitt, tournament chairman.

To register, contact Tracy Meroney at the Chamber at 725-2361.



### Football Scoreboard

#### September 4

Clark/Atlanta University 22 Morris Brown College 6

#### September 5

South Carolina State 42 Newberry College 17  
Florida A&M 28 Georgia Southern 17  
Livingstone College 21 Bowie State 13  
North Carolina A&T 49 North Carolina Central 7  
West Virginia State 42 West Virginia Tech 8  
Middle Tennessee State 35 Tennessee State 31  
Savannah State 31 Bethune-Cookman 21  
Jackson State 30 Tuskegee University 0  
Northeast Oklahoma State 35 Langston University 8  
Winston-Salem State 27 Elizabeth City State 18  
Findlay (Ohio) 23 Kentucky State 13  
Central State (Ohio) 33 Fort Valley State 0  
Hampton University 48 Johnson C. Smith 6  
Morehouse College 7 Howard University 0  
Delaware State 54 Cheyney State 0  
Alcorn State 35 Grambling 31  
Jacksonville State (Ala.) 7 Alabama A&M 6  
Fayetteville State 28 Miles College 6  
Livingston University (Ala.) 22 Knoxville College 12  
Virginia State 28 Norfolk State 21  
Texas Southern 35 Prairie View A&M 0  
Harding College 39 Lane College 0

## Black College Football This Weekend

### SATURDAY

All kickoff times are local

Central State (Ohio) at St. Francis (Ill.) 1:00 p.m.  
Howard University at Alabama A&M 1:30 p.m.  
Morris Brown College at Cheyney State 1:30 p.m.  
Fayetteville State at Elizabeth City State 1:30 p.m.  
Bowie State at Hampton University 1:30 p.m.  
Norfolk State at Johnson C. Smith 1:30 p.m.  
Livingstone College at West Georgia 1:30 p.m.  
Morehouse College at Fort Valley State 4:00 p.m.

This year marks the 100th anniversary for black college football. The first black college game was played at Salisbury, NC on December 27, 1892 between Livingstone College and Biddle University, now known as Johnson C. Smith. Livingstone won that game 5-0 in a snowstorm.

Savannah State vs. Tuskegee University 5:00 p.m. (at Ypsilanti, Mich.)  
Langston University at Northwest Oklahoma St. 6:00 p.m.  
Virginia Union vs. Grambling 6:30 p.m. (Whitney Young Classic at East Rutherford, NJ)  
Miles College at Albany State 7:00 p.m.

Bethune-Cookman vs. Central Florida 7:00 p.m. (at Orlando, Fla.)  
South Carolina State at Florida A&M 7:00 p.m.  
Kentucky State at Wingate 7:00 p.m.  
Knoxville College at Austin Peay 7:00 p.m.  
Lane College at Mississippi Valley State 7:00 p.m.  
Morgan State at Liberty University 7:00 p.m.  
Virginia State at North Carolina Central 7:00 p.m.  
Alabama State at Southern University 7:00 p.m.  
Jackson State vs. Tennessee State 7:00 p.m. (at Memphis, Tenn.)  
West Virginia State at Morehead State (Ky.) 7:00 p.m.  
Delaware State at Youngstown State 7:30 p.m.  
Texas Southern at Southwest Texas State 7:30 p.m.