

Aggie Kicker Carl Warrens rambles for some yardage after a bad snap

Aggies Celebrate Homecoming With 30-22 Victory Over BC

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On last Saturday in Greensboro, in a sloppy contest, the North Carolina A&T Aggies withstood a late Bethune Cookman rally to defeat the Wildcats 30-22 in front of 23,636 homecoming spectators.

Both teams combined for 20 penalties totaling 173 yards, 10 fumbles and five interceptions.

Bethune Cookman jumped out to an early lead.

They took the opening kickoff and marched the length of the field in only two minutes. Wildcat running back Dereck Hall capped off the drive for the Wildcats on a 46 yard dash to the endzone.

Midway through the first quarter, the Aggies forced Wildcat punter Steve Kerrin to punt. Kerrin botched a punt giving the Aggies

good field position. On the very next play, Aggie quarterback Adrian Starks completed a 60 yard pass to Rudy Artis for a touchdown to tie the score at 7-7 with 4:40 remaining in the first quarter.

After forcing a fumble, the Aggies tried to connect on another quick scoring opportunity but the wildcats were ready. Starks tried to complete a pass in the endzone but had it intercepted by a Wildcat defensive back.

The Aggies moved the ball at will. They got the ball back after a Wildcat punt and began their attack. After almost giving the ball back to the Wildcats on a fumble, Starks completed his second touchdown of the day, on a 17 yard pass to James Bowden to give the Aggies a 14-7 lead.

Before the end of the first half, the Aggies added another score on a

James White 27 yard scamper that put the Aggies ahead for good. The Aggies led 21-7 at halftime.

The Wildcats scored 15 unanswered points in the fourth quarter but couldn't catch the Aggies.

Winston-Salem native Sam Hairston (Carver), had an outstanding game for the Aggies. Hairston, a transfer from Albany State, had three six tackles, three of which, were sacks.

The Aggies next game will be on next Saturday in Dover, DE against a tough Delaware State team.

Both teams are currently 3-1 in the MEAC, tied in second place, behind Florida A&M, which is 4-1 in the conference. NC A&T has the best overall record in the MEAC at 7-1 but FAMU and Delaware State are close at 6-2.

Rams Play Hampton

254.3 yards per game. "We don't have all of our players back. Our QB Rovell McMillan, is playing well but he's at about 80 percent," said Richardson. "It's always a tough battle when some of your key people can't play."

The Pirates have a player represented in the top six, in 15 out of 16 statistical categories kept by the CIAA.

On offense, the statistics for several starters are frightening.

Pirates junior running back, Carlos Fleeks, is second in the CIAA in rushing, averaging 122 yards per contest. Sophomore QB Matt Montgomery is also in second

place in passing.

He is 109 for 204 for 1,619 passing yards on the season. He has also thrown 21 touchdowns compared with seven interception. His .534 completion percentage is leading the CIAA conference. Senior wide receiver Shaun Parker is fourth with 36 catches. Pirates sophomore punter David Wideman is averaging 36.8 yards per kick.

Hampton spreads the talent evenly on both sides of the ball. On defense, Gareth Bonds and Melvin Crawford are tied for first in the CIAA in interceptions with seven. Both Bonds and Crawford have returned at least one for a touch-

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down.

The one aspect that the Rams have not faced in recent weeks has been the big play capabilities by their opponents special teams. Pirates kickoff returner Terrence Warren and punt returner Kevin White are both ranked in the top three in the CIAA. Warren returned a kick for a touchdown earlier in the season. "We are traveling to a place that is certainly full of tradition," said Taylor. "They have a coach that has always prepared his team well, it will be a challenge."

The game will be played at Bowman Gray Stadium with the kick-off beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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LORMAN, MISS. -- Alcorn State sophomore sensation Steve "Air II" McNair became only the second quarterback in school history to pass for over 5,000 yards when he reached that plateau in Saturday's 35-13 victory over Southern.

A 6-2, 210 - pound native of Mount Olive, Miss., McNair completed 17 of 33 passes for 275 yards on Saturday, giving him 2,260 yards

for the season and 5,155 yards in his two-and-a-half year career. He trails ASU career leader Richard Myles on the all-time Brave passing chart. Between 1982 and 1985, Myles completed 366 of 748 passes for 5,474 yards.

Additionally, McNair's 335 career pass completions is now second on the ASU career while his 40 career touchdown passes is third.

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Weston Travel is pleased to recognize Kenny Jordan as our Ram of the Week. Kevin is a 5'8", 165 lbs. wide receiver/kick returner from Trenton, N.J. Kenny was sensational in last week's game against Wofford College. He ran for 199 yards in kicks/punt returns and his season stats read 4 catches for 43 yards with 1 touchdown.

Kenny is currently ranked 10th in the CIAA in kick-off returns (18.2 ypr) and 5th in punt returns (7.3 ypr)

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The Rams face NCUU this Saturday.

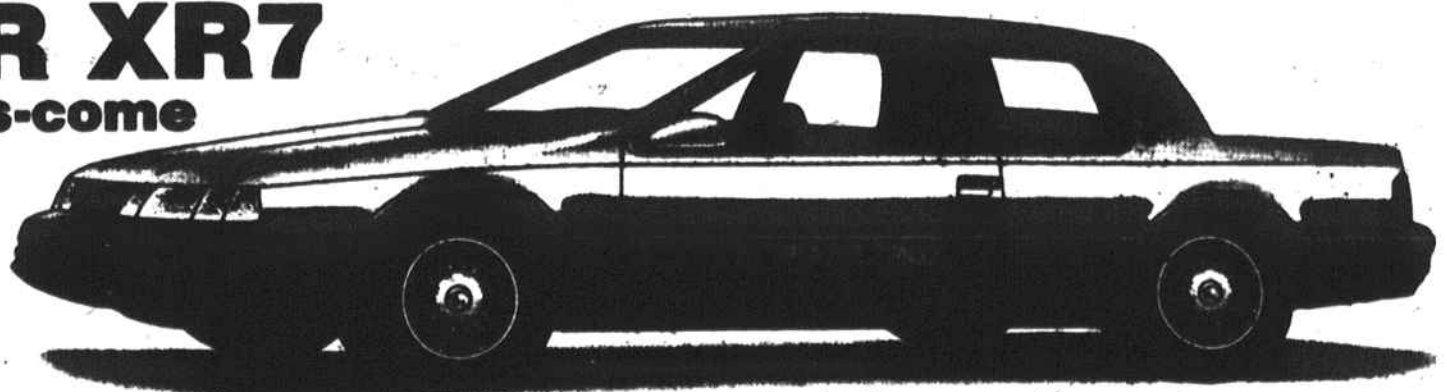


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