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## Local Athlete Becomes Member of World-Renowned Rugby Team

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Geno Segers, a graduate of East Forsyth High School and Western Carolina University, is now a member of the world-renowned American Patriot Rugby Team.

According to Segers, "I played football and wrestled at East Forsyth and was named Male Athlete of the Year by the Winston Salem Chronicle in 1984-85."

Segers was coached in high school football by Perry Pearson and won All-Conference and All-State. "I believe my most memorable game was my junior year when we played against Page (High School). It was a close game even though the score didn't show it. We stayed close to them until the end of

the game when they scored two touchdowns on our fumbles," Segers said.

He was also a two-time state champion in wrestling at East Forsyth.

While attending Western Carolina in Sylva, Segers took All-Conference his sophomore, junior and senior year. He also led the nation in defensive ends with the most tackles, with 110 in one season.

"I was small, but I had a high level of endurance. The game I will always remember there was when we played East Tennessee, it was my first and only nationally-aired game on ESPN. Our coach, Bob Waters, was dying from Parkinson's disease, and the game was a tribute to him, which we won 34-24,"

Segers said.

Rugby is a sport played all over the world, but it is not as well known in America. America does have Union Rugby. The capital of rugby is Austria. Rugby is a sophisticated form of football with no blocks, no punts, no forward passing and no time outs.

There are 40-minute halves and 80-minute matches which, according to Segers, requires more endurance. Thirteen players are on a team, and only four substitutions in each game are allowed.

The American version of Union Rugby is different than regular league rugby. In America you can have 15 players, and there are breaks in play.

"I got into rugby because I was

unable to get into the NFL after playing at Western for four years. The NFL said I was too small as a defensive end at about 225-230 pounds. So I played two tryout games in New York and was picked for the No. 10 position, with only 18 players being chosen including substitutions," Segers said.

The United States hosted its first game when Canada played in New York in August, with America winning 54-14. Their next game will be in Canada on Oct 17. The team will have three tours this season including Austria and Africa.

"The international league is a little different than seasonal sports, because they are set-up games. If you get good enough you can play

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Geno Segers

## A Tribute to Unsung Heroes in Sports

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The unsung heroes of sports are many and unaccounted for on most occasions. Take for example the cheerleaders who spend many countless hours practicing to prepare for the upcoming season. How many times have you seen their faces splattered across the sports section along with the star players?

The coaches also have lost their positions in the spotlight as head of the team, unless you're with a college or pro team. What about the ones who coach the little teams, the midgets, mites and termites — the teams where parents drop off their little ones at least three times a week with a coach who volunteers his time, most likely after pulling a full day's work.

Let's not forget the moms and dads who religiously spend more time in the car transporting their kids back and forth to games, practice, dance lessons and the school gym than they do at home.

Then there are the athletes who have to make it to practice the best way they can, some by walking and others by getting rides with others. But the fact remains that the athlete has to overcome all obstacles to succeed at reaching his destination, no matter what the cost.

The scorekeepers are also an

important part to any sports program. Without them no one would know who won or lost. This is usually done by a volunteer who sweats in the hot sun through the summer and bundles up like an eskimo throughout the winter sports.

Let's not forget the band — you know the ones primarily at the football games who come out at halftime and entertain the fans in the stands with what has taken many hours of devoted time and usually a summer band camp to accomplish.

Let's also pay recognition at this time to the fans, who without sports would become pretty boring for the athletes. If there was no one to perform for them, the desire and drive to win and compete could cease.

The referees and umpires never receive the spoken words of kindness. Would you get yelled at, degraded and always be blamed for the cause of any loss in any game? A pretty rough way to earn \$15 or \$25, if anything, wouldn't you say?

To all these people, we now salute you. You have earned the respect of many, although we sometimes forget to acknowledge you.

To the many we forgot to mention — and there will be many — accept our apologies and count yourself in the Hall of Fame for the Unsung Heroes.

## East Forsyth JV Football is Ready to Roll

East Forsyth's junior varsity football team is ready for action. As the season goes into full swing.

The JV's head coach is Doug Shields, who is assisted by John Ingram and Lance Sparrow.

The JV team roster includes:

Antwan Reid; Edwin Rodriguez; Drew; Chris Stewart; Geno Reynolds; Derrick McDough; Lashay Surratt; Amar Holmes; Heath Robertson; and Juan Wardlow.

Also, Josh Brewer; Blair Hughes; Vincent Calendar; Detrich James; Ramiro Ponce; Devon Smith; James Brock; Adam Delp; Ryan Burlington; and Jermaine Forrest.

Also, Jason Loflin; Bakari Gaither; Ocasio Cain; Cory James; Cameron Whitt; Genaro Corona; Marty Bryant; Tyreah Penn; Allen Tate; Jason Johnson; Mark Hartness; and Larry Wheeler.

Also, William Hairston; Ronzonne Wilds; Will Mabe; Mike Southern; Jason Collins; Brian Marlins; Mel Barringer; Chris Pouliot; Patrick Tuttle; Bo Grubbs; Thomas Brown; Conor Moore; Shane McKnight; Ryan McCrone; Derrick Davis; Twuan Greer; Tommy Howard; Allen Norris; and John Jaeger.

East's JV football team will travel to West Forsyth tonight for a game at 6 p.m.



It was Demon control throughout the entire game against Parkland's junior varsity Mustangs.

## Reynolds JVs Skunk Parkland, 42-0

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On Aug. 30 in a rain make-up game from the previous week, the R.J Reynolds junior varsity football team skunked Parkland with a 42-0 blow-out.

According to Reynolds Coach James Alexander, "The only negative point we can make about the whole game was quarterback Kevin Simmons was zero for one, but he did have 27 yards on three carries with a two-point conversion."

Reynolds had 266 yards rushing and zero yards passing.

The leading rusher for Reynolds was Jerry Gordon with 93 yards on eight carries and two touchdowns.

Awtanio Waiters had 57 yards on seven carries with two touchdowns. Kayin Jones ran 57 yards on nine carries with two 2-point conversions on offense and one touchdown on defense. Earl Williams had 41 yards on five carries. He also had a sack that caused a Parkland fumble,

which was recovered by team-Reynolds' Kayin Jones, giving them a touchdown in the end zone.

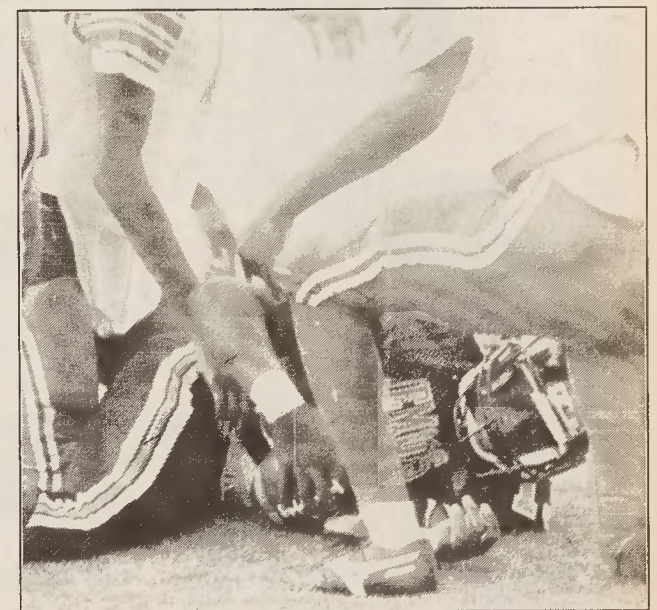
The crowd rose from their seats after a blocked punt by Terrell Conrad in which Walker Avant recovered and took it in for a touchdown.

The defense was superb with such players as Terrell Conrad, John Perrin, Earl Williams and Kayin Jones.

"The entire team played very well and the defensive team was extremely pleasing to us coaches. We were very proud," Alexander said.

On Sept. 2, Reynolds fell to Glenn by four points with a score of 20-16. Carver will host Reynolds this Thursday at 7 p.m. Parkland will host North Forsyth at 7 p.m. at the Parkland-Reynolds stadium on Clemmonsville Road at Griffith School football field.

The R.J. Reynolds 1993 JV football roster includes: Kevin Simmons; Jerry Gordon; Kayin Jones; Jeremiah Wilson; Wali Alston; Antonio Waiters; Earl Williams;



Reynolds' JV Demons are in control of the ball under a pile of Mustangs.

Ryan Elrod; Landon Ingram; Damerion Wardlow; Kerry Waiters; Converse Thomas; Marquis Westley; Terrell Conrad; Quinten Deloach; Will Garwood; Ray Russell; Carl Rowdy; John Thames; Brian Freeman; Mark Bell; Ricardo Howell; John Perrin; Walker Avant; Chris Thompson; and Marcus Anthony.

## 1993 MEAC Football Standings

| School   | Conference | Overall |
|--|------------|---------|
| S. Carolina St.<br>(4-2, 7-4)                        | 0 0 0      | 1 0 0   |
| Bethune-Cookman<br>(2-4, 4-7)                        | 0 0 0      | 0 1 0   |
| NOTE: 1992 records in parentheses                    |            |         |
| GAMES THIS WEEK                                      |            |         |
| Cheyney U. at Delaware State - Dover Del., 1:30 p.m. |            |         |
| Florida A&M at S.C. State - Columbia, S.C. 2 p.m.    |            |         |
| Morgan St. at B-Cookman - Daytona Beach, Fla. 4 p.m. |            |         |
| NC A&T at Winston-Salem St. - Winston-Salem 7 p.m.   |            |         |