

Yellowjackets sting Hornets with big plays, strong defense in 20-3 win

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GREENSBORO - Carver's defensive pressure was too much for Western Guilford to overcome and the Hornets were unable to do any offensive damage in a 20-3 Carver victory last Friday night.

Carver held the Hornets to only 39 yards rushing and then limited the explosive Western Guilford passing game to only 101 yards to improve to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Piedmont Triad 3-A Conference.

While Carver's defense set the tempo for the game, Tyree Kirby and Tauric Rice provided the offensive spark for the Yellowjackets. After Rice put together two big plays to get the Yellowjackets on the scoreboard early in the game, Kirby broke the game open with two electrifying runs.

Coach Keith Wilkes of Carver



Tyree Kirby



Tauric Rice

said his team's defensive unit made the difference in the game.

"The defense played outstanding," Wilkes said. "They are playing really well right now. They have been dominating people in the last couple of games."

The Yellowjackets' offense, which ran up nearly 500 yards in the previous game against Glenn, continued to roll as well. The Yellowjackets had 299 yards on

the ground and finished the game with almost 400 total yards, led by the junior duo of Kirby and Rice.

Rice's heroics got the Yellowjackets' offense going. He returned a punt 27 yards to set Carver up deep in Hornet territory on its first possession. One play later he took a pitch from Courtney Weeks on the option and raced 27 yards for a touchdown. Richie Hill added the extra

point for a 7-0 Carver lead.

The Yellowjackets got on the scoreboard again midway through the second quarter when Kirby took a handoff on the Carver 25, cut past a Hornet defender and sprinted down the right sideline for a touchdown increasing Carver's margin to 13-0.

Western Guilford which went to the half with less than 50 yards of total offense, got on the scoreboard on the first possession of the third quarter.

Lucas Hunt ripped off a 74-yard kickoff return and the Hornets got a personal foul penalty that moved the ball to the Carver seven.

Western Guilford ran to the two on the first play from scrimmage, but Carver's defense came up with a stiff challenge to keep the Hornets out of the end zone. The Yellowjackets stopped the Hornets on two power plays up the middle to force a field goal

effort on fourth and goal at the four.

"That was probably the best defensive stop that we've had in a long time," Wilkes said. "The defense was not going to let them into the end zone." Kris Kennedy, a 6-3, 235-pound senior defensive end, and Khionta Butterfield, a 5-11, 200-pound senior, who plays the other defensive end position, led the charge.

"The two of them are giving us great senior leadership," Wilkes said. "They are playing about as well as they can play. Our defensive backs also played well. They

were able to prevent the big plays and that's something that Western Guilford had relied on all season."

The victory put the Yellowjackets atop the standings in the Piedmont Triad 3-A Conference. Carver has an open date before getting back into the conference schedule again on Oct. 17.

"We're going to take it easy and try to work on some things that we're going to need as we go down the stretch," Wilkes said. "We'll go back and evaluate ourselves and see if there are some things that we need to improve on."

Carver JV's run record to 5-0 with 27-7 victory over Western Guilford

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Carver's junior varsity football team lost its best player but the Yellowjackets still put together one of their best showings of the season, scoring on their first three possessions of the game, and defeated Western Guilford 27-7 in a Piedmont Triad 3-A battle last Thursday night at David Lash Stadium.

Starting fullback T.J. Gregg, a 6-0, 180-pound sophomore who had averaged 112 yards per game in the first four Carver victories, was called up the Yellowjacket varsity for the remainder of the season. But the Yellowjackets, who improved to 5-0, didn't miss a beat in rolling up their fifth consecutive 300-plus yard offensive performance.

Halfback Reggie Green stepped up his game in Gregg's absence. Green ran for 156 yards, including a 79-yard run to lead the Carver Wing T attack.

The Yellowjackets also got big-time performances from quarterback Coleman Watkins and receiver Keegan Haggins.

Jason Pender, a 5-10, 180-pound freshman, stepped into Gregg's starting slot and gave the Yellowjackets solid inside running at fullback. Pender had 74 yards rushing on eight carries in his first start of the season.

Coach Sam Davis of Carver said his team came through against a solid Western Guilford team.

"This team never ceases to amaze me," Davis said. "I felt going into the game that this would be one of our toughest challenges of the season. But our kids came out very focused and were determined to play well."

"I have to give credit to the defense for setting the tempo. They came out and shut down Western Guilford on the first series of the game and that momentum just carried us the rest of the game."

"Our defense played its best game of the season. They were able to keep them from getting their running game going, then the defensive backs stepped up and didn't give up any big plays in the passing game."

While the Yellowjackets lost a player on offense, they picked up one on defense. Isaiah France, a 6-2, 225-pound sophomore defensive end, came down from the varsity to give them a boost.

"We were very happy to have Isaiah," Davis said. "He was starting to get frustrated up on the varsity. But that experience really helped him, playing behind Kris Kennedy and Khionta Butterfield on the varsity."

"Isaiah's leadership also helped us up front. We are very young along the defensive line. Defensive backs Wesley Talbert, Karim Bitting, Scott Stewart and Al Porter blanketed Western Guilford receivers throughout the game and also came up with big hits on running plays."

"Those guys are all sophomores and we look to them to play big every time," Davis said. "They really came through for us."

So did the Yellowjackets' offensive line. The unit consisting of Russell Bonham (6-3, 295), John

Coles (5-11, 245), Jamel Hatton (6-0, 230), Steve Reeves (5-10, 210) Goyal Scales (5-11, 245), and tight end Greg Dalton (6-1, 170) provided running room throughout the game.

"Those guys are playing well as a unit," Davis said. "I don't think of them as individuals, but as a group. And that's how they play. They are a very close group and they take a lot of pride in getting the job done."

The Yellowjackets also got a boost in their kicking game from Nuku Matthews, a Liberian-born, soccer style kicker. Matthews, a 5-8, 140-pound freshman, kept the Hornets pinned deep with his booming kickoffs. He also converted the first PAT that the Yellowjackets have made in several years on the JV level.

"Nuku is still new to football, but he is going to be a good one in our program," Davis said. "He came out late, but he has responded well to coaching. With his foot, we feel that we now have all the weapons on offense."

The Yellowjackets won the coin toss at the beginning of the game and chose to kick off. Matthews' kick carried to the five and Al Porter stopped the Western Guilford runner on the 20.

The Hornets were unable to gain any yardage on their first series and were forced to punt. Carver took the punt on their 45 and needed only five plays to score. Watkins scored the first touchdown on a 17-yard run on a bootleg to give Carver a 6-0 lead.

Carver's defense gave the Hornets a first down with a roughing the kicker penalty on fourth down after forcing a fourth and 20. Western Guilford gathered a little momentum by completing a pass out of punt formation after Carver stopped them on the next three plays. But that proved to be the only first-half offense the Hornets would muster.

After holding western Guilford on downs at the 20, Green took a hand-off

On a trap play and scampered 79 yards before being pulled down at the Hornets' one. After a five-yard loss on the next play, Watkins hit Haggins with a touchdown pass. Watkins then pitched to Mike Pitts on an option play on the conversion to make the score 14-0.

Carver stopped the Hornets again on downs and took over near mid-field.

The Yellowjackets moved in for the score quickly, scoring on Green's run up the middle for 12 yards to make the score 20-0 midway through the second quarter. Green's touchdown was his eighth of the season and his 156-yard effort increased his total to nearly 600 for the year.

Likewise, Haggins and Watkins continued to add to their totals. The 6-2, 185-pound Haggins added his sixth touchdown of the season when he took a reverse and ran 40 yards for Carver's final touchdown of the game on the opening possession of the second half. Matthews added the extra point for a 27-0 Carver lead.

Watkins finished the game with 140 yards passing, completing six of nine passes.

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