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Seems like "old times" at WSSU

It seemed like old times last Saturday night at Bowman Gray Stadium.

It's been a long time since Winston-Salem State dominated an opponent. But last week the Rams pounded Johnson C. Smith into submission en route to a 40-7 win.

Is this the same Rams team that struggled at Fayetteville State less than a month ago in an 18-16 loss?

The Rams piled up 380 yards of total offense and yielded only 109. WSSU held Lee Scott, the CIAA's second leading rusher, to only 47 yards on 14 carries. Meanwhile, Eric Hendley rushed for a season-high 169 yards on 29 carries and scored two touchdowns.

Not bad for a team that went into the game near the bottom of the conference in total offense and way down the line total defense. You certainly couldn't tell from the Rams' performance against the Golden Bulls.

WSSU dominated from start to finish and did it with confidence that hasn't been witnessed at Bowman Gray Stadium in a long time. Coach Kermit Blount of WSSU said the win was a good one for the Rams.

"It's never easy," Blount said. "As a coach when a game goes like this one did, you don't want to relax. My main goal was to keep pressure on the them (Golden Bulls). You don't want to run up the score, but you want to keep your intensity."

The fact that the Rams are in this position at this point in the season is a dramatic change from the way the season started out for WSSU. The Rams have struggled to maintain offensive and defensive intensity throughout the season. But this time that wasn't the case.

"It's a totally different ball club," Blount said. "We've gotten to the point where we've jelled. We're playing well as a team."

The Rams took the opening kickoff and marched seventy-five yards for a touchdown to take a 7-0 lead and the rout was on for the rest of the game. Quarterback Tory Woodbury continued to show poise beyond his years. The 6-3, 195-pound freshman gave the Rams offense a considerable lift with his leadership, passing and scrambling.

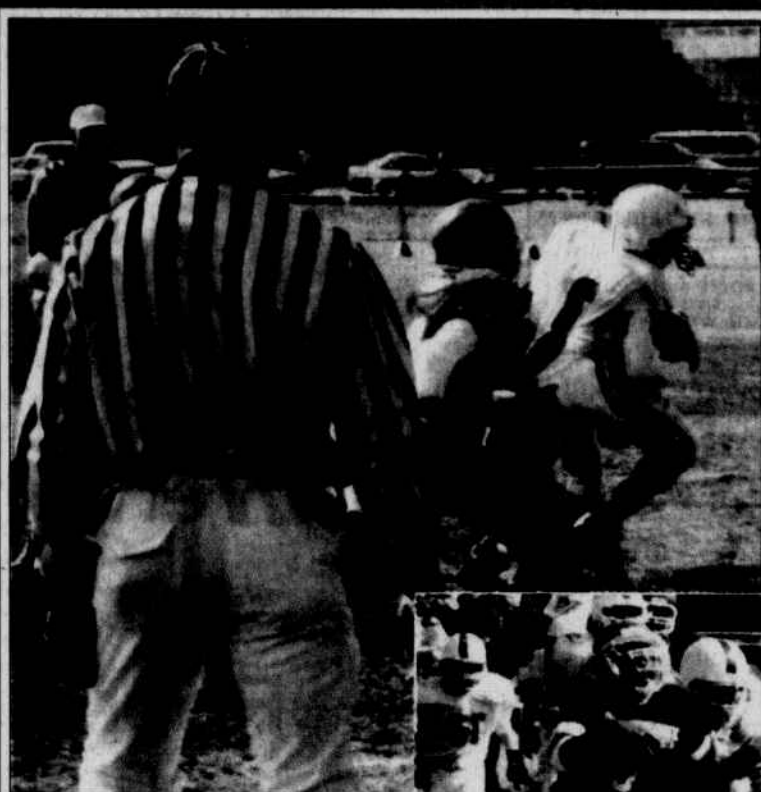
Woodbury finished the game seven of 12 passing the football for 122 yards and two touchdowns. Although he had only 13 yards rushing on four carries, he was able to break away from several near-sacks to get the ball off.

"Tory is cocky and aggressive," Blount said. "He has a lot of confidence in himself and that fuels the rest of the team. But I think it is a combination of a lot of things. He came into the lineup five or six games into the season and the team has had a chance to get a lot of the kinks and bugs out."

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Tory Woodbury



A Dog Day!

The Grayhounds defense stops Robert Carpenter (above). Jarrick Bines (right) breaks through the Wolfpack line.



Grayhound Pee Wees defeat Titans, advance to championship game

By SAM DAVIS
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The Tiny Grayhounds Pee Wees took a 6-0 halftime lead and held off the Lewisville Titans in the second half for a 19-6 victory last Saturday at Grayhounds Stadium. Delwann Singletary picked up a fumble and scored to give the Grayhounds a 6-0 lead in the second quarter. The Grayhounds extended it to 12-0 on Jeray Biddle's five-yard run in the third quarter before Lewisville closed the gap to 12-6.

Coach Ed Brown of the Grayhounds said his team showed its character by holding on after Lewisville's score.

"We had talked to the kids about not letting down if they were scored on," Brown said. "Going into the game we hadn't allowed a touchdown all season and I was worried how they would react. But we kept telling them that if the other team scored we couldn't get down."

"I think that really prepared them for it," Brown added. "After they scored, we came right back and scored and that was the key to the game."

The Grayhounds added their final score on Rishawn Page's 15-yard late early in

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Rams football program has come a long way

▲ Eaton, former two-way player, remembers the early days of Winston-Salem State football

By VINCE WOODY
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Nowadays football players and fans are too caught up in the commercialization, economics and statistics of modern day football to remember a time when the game was just fun.

It wasn't about making it to the NFL or being on prime time, it was just a sheer love of the sport that drove people to watch and play the game. Many have also forgotten the history of their hometown Winston-Salem State Rams football team or "T.C." (Winston-Salem Teachers College) as the school was called then.

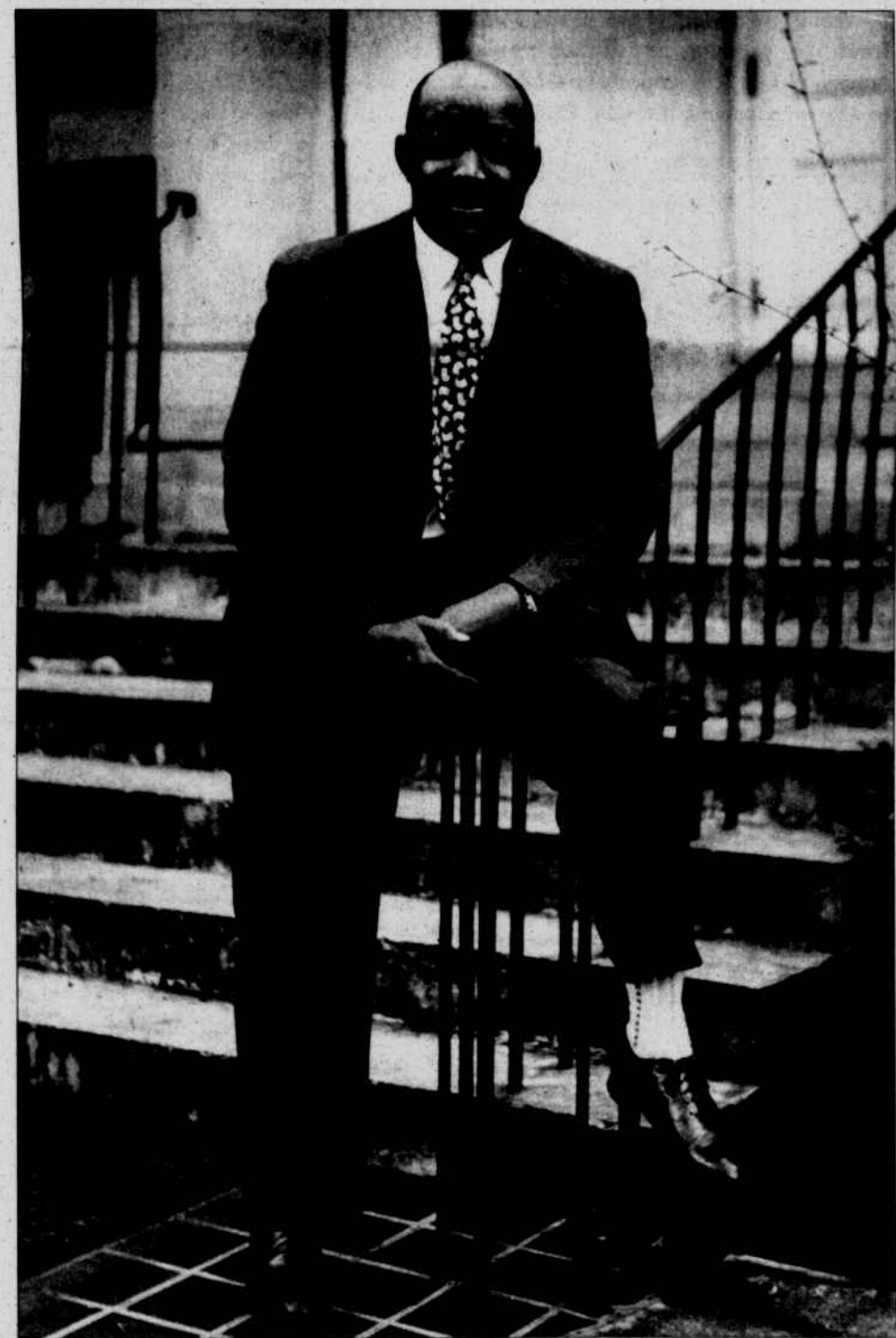
The Ram program indeed came from an humble beginning. "In the Spring of 1941 coaches Harold Taylor and Pete Butler came to Greenville, N.C. searching for athletes. I was one of many athletes who would call Winston-Salem Teachers College (the name of WSSU at the time) home for the next four years," said Charles Eaton Sr., a former Ram in the early 40's.

Eaton is one of the few Rams still alive to tell the tale vividly. He remembers a great deal of information and will probably be the inspiration for more articles of this sort. Under the coaching of H.K. Brutus Wilson, the Rams would make history in the city of Winston-Salem.

Eaton vividly remembers the players on that team.

"Jap Davis, (tight end) played both ways and Ernie Ingram, (tight end) a converted track star used his speed to exploit the defense," Eaton said.

Eaton was known as "Big Red" and never weighed over 195 lbs.. By today's standards he would be considered small, especially as a



Brutus Wilson, WSSU's first football coach.

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Carver's McCloud working to be his best on both sides

By SAM DAVIS
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Adrian McCloud will never be mistaken for the tight end slot that he often tells Carver Coach Keith Wilkes is his natural position.

But he nevertheless is a highly skilled player. But not unlike many football players who do battle on Friday night on the grid-iron, McCloud is very rarely in the spotlight.

He's another of the guys who do the work in the trenches that only the coaches and parents notice he is an offensive lineman.

The 6-0, 260-pound junior has been a starter on the Carver varsity for two seasons. Last year he was named to the North Piedmont 3-A All-Conference team. Thus far he



Ricky Froneberger

Titans JV's defeat South Rowan 37-0

By SAM DAVIS
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West Forsyth started slow but came on strong in the second and third quarters to take a 37-0 victory over South Rowan in China Grove last Thursday night (Oct. 23).

The Titans got outstanding play from a trio of half-backs to record the win. Anthony Butler, West's starter had 120 yards on eight carries and scored a touchdown. Ricky Froneberger added 91 yards and Ranson Pearson rushed for 130 yards and two scores.

Coach Jonathan Hayes of West said his team turned

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Adrian McCloud

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