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## Reynolds' JV holds on for 17-14 win

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Joe Booth scored two early touchdowns to get Reynolds' junior varsity off to a flying start against Davie County and the Demons held off the War Eagles down the stretch for a 17-14 victory in a Central Piedmont 4-A Conference game last Thursday at Deaton-Thompson Stadium.

Reynolds scored on its third play of the game when Booth faked the ball on the option up the middle to Maurice Wright and broke through a seam in the War Eagles' defense for a 65-yard touchdown.

Tyler Alford added the extra point for a 7-0 RJR lead.

The Demons increased their lead to 10-0 on their second possession after recovering a Davie fumble. Alford kicked a 21-yard field goal after Reynolds was stopped inside its 5-yard line.

Jeremiah Ellis ripped off a long run to get Reynolds within striking distance on its next possession and Booth scored from 5 yards out. Alford's conversion kick made the score 17-0.

Davie put together a strong second-half effort and had the football and a chance to go ahead. But the Demons came through

with several key defensive plays to hold on for the victory to improve to 7-0-1.

Coach Ken Edwards of Reynolds said his team was fortunate to come away with a victory after a disastrous fourth quarter.

"It was very close at the end," Edwards said. "I thought we got ahead and relaxed too much. We started getting turnovers and penalties and then things just went wrong for us."

"All of a sudden Davie caught fire," Edwards said. "They had a lot of things going for them in the fourth quarter."

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Photo by Bruce Chapman. Quarterback Joe Booth of Reynolds options the football to fullback Maurice Wright.



Photo by Bruce Chapman. Dedrick Carpenter and his Reynolds teammates stop a Davie County runner.

## North Forsyth adapts well in 29-7 win over Eagles

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The goal for Coach Darrell Hall in his first year at North Forsyth was to get his players to understand and apply the concepts of his offensive and defensive schemes.

Although the Vikings put together good enough efforts to win four games prior to last Friday, Hall still wasn't sure that his players were comprehending what he and his staff were trying to get them to understand.

But things seemed to start falling in place last Friday night in North Forsyth's 29-7 victory over East Forsyth. North started strong and finished strong.

"I think it was one of our best games that we played overall," Hall said. "It was a total team effort. I thought it was the best overall game that we've played defensively and offensively."

For most of the season the Vikings have relied on their passing game, led by quarterback Kyle Kiser and receivers Quinton Cox, Justin Masencup and Lewis Barr on offense. However, the offensive line came through with a big game and tailback Walter Funderburk added his first 100 yard rushing game.

"I thought it was important that we be able to establish both the run and pass," Hall said. "We did just about everything well."

Defensively the Vikings had to step their game up a notch to deal with East's multiple looks.

"I was very pleased with the defense," Hall said. "It took six or seven games to get what we wanted them to get in terms of their reads. I complimented them on an outstanding game - it was close to 100 percent effective."

North took the opening kickoff and

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Walter Funderburk of North Forsyth tries to elude an East Forsyth defender.

## In your face!



Photo by Bruce Chapman. Antonio Hawkins, Virginia State's quarterback, was seeing red after WSSU's victory over the Trojans. Hawkins was sacked nine times and hurried on many others.

## Thomas gets big kick out of Rams' 17-14 win

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It has been 15 years since a kick meant so much to Winston-Salem State.

In 1984 Tyrone Smith had a chance to give the Rams a CIAA championship when his field goal attempt of 37 yards hit the crossbar and bounced to the turf of Norfolk's Foreman Field on the final play of the CIAA championship game.

Although Shawn Thomas' 40-yard field goal with 31 seconds left in the game didn't give the Rams a conference championship, it was just as dramatic. Thomas' kick was the difference in a 17-14 WSSU victory over Virginia State at Bowman Gray Stadium.

By winning the game on Thomas' kick, the Rams remained undefeated in conference play and stayed on track for their first CIAA title since 1991.

The Rams, who survived a showdown against the league's top offensive team, were finally able to post the breakthrough win for coach Kermit Blount. The Rams had been in position on several occasions to put themselves in

contention for a league title. But each time they found a way to whittle away their chances.

That wasn't the case against Virginia State.

WSSU was determined to finally deliver the blow to put themselves on top.

"This one put us a little closer to closing in on one (championship)," Blount said. "I'm proud that we stepped up and were able to get it done."

Blount said he was especially happy to see Thomas come through. Thomas had missed a 34-yarder in the third quarter. He had also failed to convert a 27-yard field goal against Catawba in a season-opening loss. If Thomas had made that kick the game would have gone into overtime.

"I'm happy for him," Blount said. "Whenever a kicker misses a field goal or extra point it seems like the whole team points the finger at him. Shawn never got down on

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Sam Davis

Is proposed attendance, GPA policy in the best interest of students?

Should high school athletes be required to answer to a higher level of academic accountability than their peers?

That is the question that members of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board will have to deal with prior to their vote next month on whether they should implement a policy that will require athletes in middle and high school to maintain a 2.0 grade-point average and not miss more than 10 days in a semester to be eligible to participate in sports.

The issue was raised in a recent meeting because some school systems in other areas of the state have implemented it with some level of success.

Local administrators, teachers, players and parents seem to be split on whether the raised academic and attendance requirements will impact positively on their student-athletes. The major issue, however, from this vantage point seems to be what is the intent of the proposed legislation.

Are members of the school board genuinely concerned with the overall academic progress of all students in the system? Or is this just another way of singling out athletes because they are highly visible in their respective communities and as such need

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New attendance, GPA standards could significantly impact African Americans.

## Aggies capture 51-0 win in front of record home crowd

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SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

What's the best cure for a three-year homecoming game losing streak? R-O-L-A-I-D-S won't do it, but a big dose of O-F-F-E-N-S-E and D-E-F-E-N-S-E will every time.

That's what North Carolina A&T served up against Howard last Saturday. The Aggies rolled to a 51-0 thrashing at Aggie stadium as a record crowd of 28,793 watched.

A&T's offense totaled 364 yards through the air and on the ground, while the Aggies' defense pitched a shutout for four quarters and allowed the Bison a mere 118 total yards. As a matter of fact, Howard's offense only crossed midfield twice. Once was when running back and Winston-Salem native Tauric Rice carried the ball 6 yards to the A&T 48-yard line. The second came during the same series, but after a Bison penalty put the ball

back to their 47-yard line.

The best A&T could do on the next play came when quarterback Donald Clark hit Tre Tribble with a 6-yard pass to the Aggie 47. However, the Bison could get no closer to the end zone. Down 44 points, the Bison surprised no one by going for it on fourth and 3 but Clark's pass never found its receiver and the Aggies took over.

A&T dominance was thorough and complete. Coach Bill Hayes' team showed tremendous depth, particularly on the offensive side. A&T's final scoring drive proved that. In about two and half minutes in the fourth quarter, A&T used five plays and covered 53 yards to score its seventh and last touchdown of the game off of an Ian Alestock 16-yard scamper. Darren Dawkins' PAT put the cherry on top of a good afternoon for Aggie players

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## In a zone!

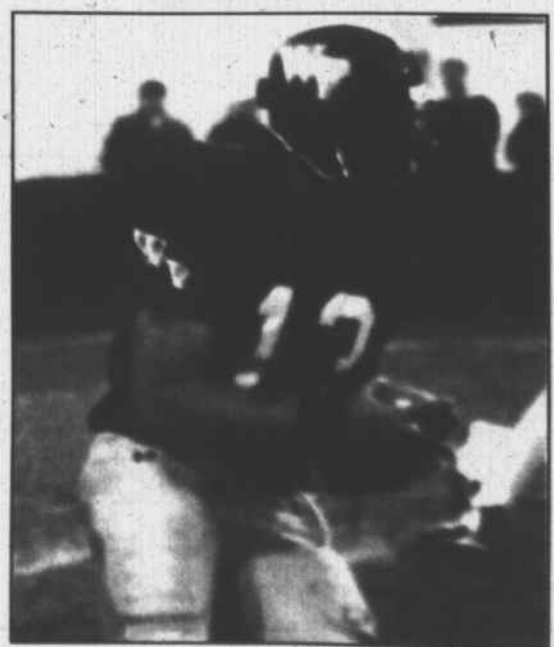
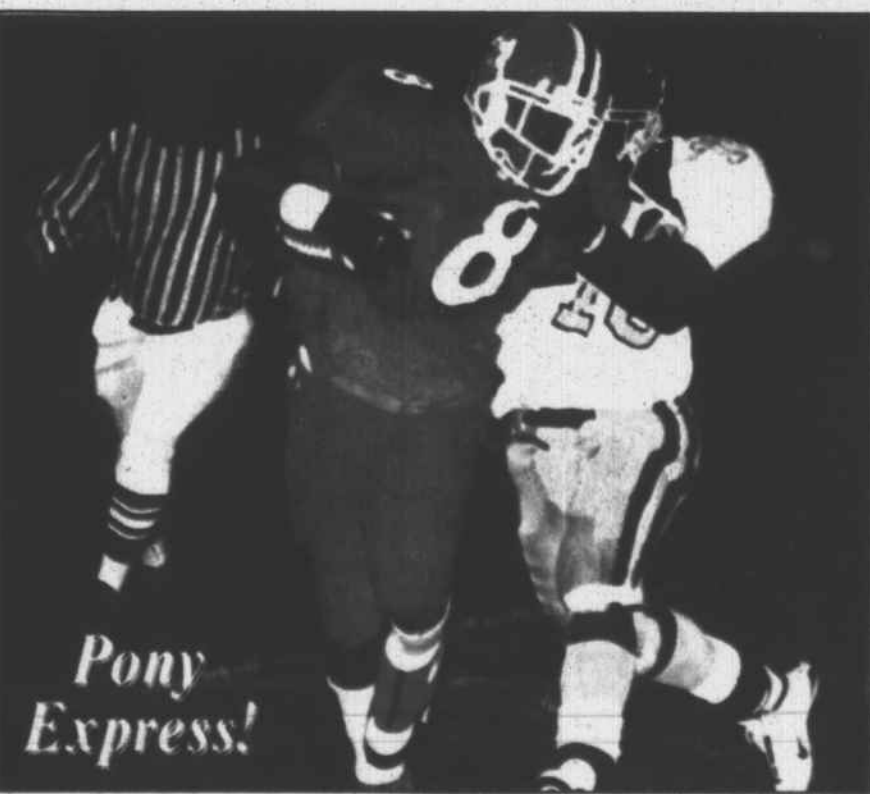


Photo by Bruce Chapman. Ben Sankey of Wake Forest had his career game against University of Alabama-Birmingham, running for 108 yards and passing for 132 in a 47-3 win.



Brandon Isaiah of Parkland continues to rack up chunks of offensive yardage. Isaiah had another big night in Parkland's 28-21 win over Dudley.

Pony Express!