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Indians take Pee Wee championship with 25-7 victory over W-S Falcons



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A gritty performance by the Tiny Indians' Pee Wees carried the team to a 25-6 victory over the Tiny Falcons and a Northwest Midget League championship last Saturday at Southwest Guilford High

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Carver defeats Glenn to set up showdown

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It was just what the doctor ordered for Carver's football team.

The Yellowjackets were pushed early but responded in time to take a 35-7 victory over Glenn in a Piedmont 3-A Conference game last Friday night.

Glenn used a ball-control offense, taking advantage of the skills of quarterback Samad Razzak and tailback Angelo Evans to take a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Razzak got the touchdown on a 15-yard run for the home-standing Bobcats.

Carver, which was shut down on its first offensive possession, bounced back with a pun-

ishing ground game to tie the game 7-7 on LaShun Peoples' 22-yard run. From there, the Yellowjackets' defense took control and the Carver's offense got itself in gear to improve to 8-2 overall and 5-0 in the conference. The victory set up a showdown with Greensboro Smith for the conference championship on Friday.

The turning point in the game came in the third quarter after Carver had taken a 13-7 lead to intermission. Glenn got good field position when Scott Blanton intercepted Jason Brayboy's interception and returned it 17 yards. The Bobcats moved all the way down to the Carver 12, where they faced third-and-3. Evans fumbled

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Photo by Bruce Chapman
Samad Razzak



Corey Lane

Carver JVs clinch conference title with 21-6 win

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Coach Kerry Taylor had to limit Carver's offensive game plan without his starting quarterback, but the Yellowjackets made the most of their limited repertoire in taking a 21-6 victory over Glenn last Thursday night at David Lash Stadium.

Carver's victory clinched the Piedmont Triad 3-A Conference championship for the third consecutive year. The Yellowjackets improved to 7-1 overall and 5-0 in the conference. Carver concludes its season with a home date against Greensboro Smith today (Nov. 4).

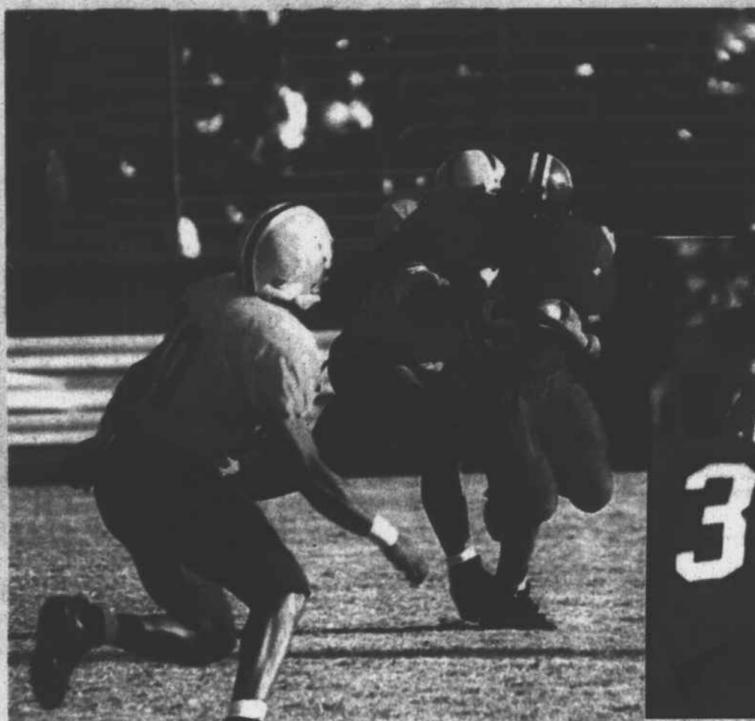
Monte' Anthony got the Yellowjackets' offense untracked with a 74-yard run on Carver's first possession and Princeton-Scott came through with one of his best performances of the season to boost the Yellowjackets. Scott rushed for 175 yards on 14 carries and had two long runs, including a 96-yard run, nullified by penalties.

D'Angelo Gray stepped in for Koryell Williams and did an admirable job of running the team, according to Carver coach Kerry Taylor.

"I thought D'Angelo ran the team very

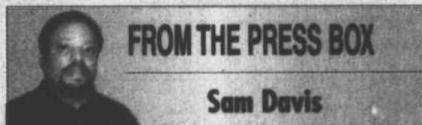
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A New(kirk) day!



Photos by Bruce Chapman
Terrie Newkirk (left) rushed for 197 yards and the WSSU defense (below) shut down J.C. Smith as the Rams clinched the CIAA championship.

Rams capture first CIAA title under Blount with 25-6 win



FROM THE PRESS BOX

Sam Davis

Newkirk rushes for 197 yards, defense shines in victory over J.C. Smith

After years of trying, coach Kermit Blount finally did what he was hired to do.

Blount, who led Winston-Salem State to CIAA championships in 1977 and '78 as a player, was hired seven years ago to lead the Rams to a CIAA championship as a coach.

Although the Rams came close on several previous occasions, including last year when they were

edged out by Livingstone, they failed to win a league crown in Blount's first six seasons.

But Blount's Rams got a career-high 197 yards rushing from tailback Terrie Newkirk and another standout performance from the WSSU defense en route to a 25-6 victory over Johnson C. Smith on Saturday in front of a crowd of 12,958 at Bowman Gray Stadium.

Newkirk came into the game with a bruised shoulder and wasn't sure how long he could perform. He started slow, but got better as the game progressed, running the football with power inside and speed and agility on the outside to help carry his team to victory.

It was a fitting way for the Rams to win. Under Blount the team has developed into a hard-working, but never overwhelming offensive unit. Newkirk, a

no-frills back, who goes mostly north and south, typifies the type squad Blount has assembled.

"I have to give credit to my offensive line," Newkirk said. "They opened the holes and did the job up front. Going into the game, I was a little banged up, but the guys on the line came to me and said, 'You just run and we'll open up the holes'."

"We all knew how important the game was," Newkirk added. "I couldn't let my teammates down. They needed me and I was just trying to do my best for them."

In his first few seasons at the helm, the Rams were a quite different bunch. WSSU had pro players Richard Huntley and Oronde Gadsden spearheading the charge, but the supporting cast didn't step up to push the team over the top. Now Blount has a veteran unit that knows what hard work is all about and isn't afraid to get down and dirty in the trenches.

Blount said he was proud of his team.

"I'm very happy for the team," Blount said. "It

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Championship form!



The Lewisville Titans' cheerleaders captured first place at the Northwest Midget Football League competition held last Sunday. See story on B7.

Gymnast competes in World Games

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Chris Young's athletic career has taken many twists, turns and tumbles. There have been good times, bad times, ups, downs and points in between since he became a gymnast at 9 years old.

But regardless of the position in which Young, who grew up in East Winston, has found himself, there has been one constant - the support of his father, James Blackburn. Blackburn has been there to make sure that Young has remained grounded when he's been on top of the sport and also helped him to land on solid footing when the going has been tough.

Young, one of the United States' brightest gymnastic stars, recently competed in the World Games in Teinjing, China. Young played a key role in helping the United States earn a spot among the world's top six teams and solidify a slot for the U.S. Olympic team in Sidney, Australia, next year.



James Blackburn and son Chris Young

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