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the football after being hit and Al Porter recovered at the 10. Carver took control at its own 5 after an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

The Yellowjackets then showed their dominance by marching 95 yards in 12 plays for a commanding 21-7 lead. Brayboy made amends for his interception by breaking free for an important 20-yard scramble to keep the drive alive. By the time the Yellowjackets reached the end zone most of the fight had been taken out of the Bobcats.

Coach Keith Wilkes of Carver said his team showed its depth in the win.

"I thought our kids responded well after being challenged early in the game," Wilkes said. "We started out a little sluggish, but once we got going we did a good job of blocking along the line and our backs ran hard."

The Yellowjackets had seven running backs rush for 322 yards, led by LaShun Peoples' 101 yards on 11 carries. Peoples scored his second touchdown on a 30-yard run after Brayboy's 1-yard run to boost the Yellowjackets to a 21-7 lead after T.J. Gregg's two-point conversion run.

Carver's defense got in the act in the third quarter when line-backer Tory Conrad picked up a Glenn fumble and ran 26 yards for a touchdown. Nuku Matthews added the first of his three successful PATs on the night to increase the lead to 28-7.

David Edwards, trying to get back into the offensive rotation after missing much of the season with an injured elbow, set up the next Carver score. Edwards, a 5-11, 245-pound junior, took a hand-off up the middle and cut to the sideline on a 50-yard run to set up Carver's final touchdown. Michael France was on the receiving end of a 6-yard pass from Brayboy on the score and Matthews added the final points of the game with 7:10 remaining in the game.

Wilkes said now his team is ready for its battle with Smith, which defeated Southwest Guilford to set up Friday night's showdown.

"Their coaches and players are really up for the game," Wilkes said. "But I think our kids are going to be ready also. We've come a long way this season. This is really a young team that doesn't have the senior leadership we had last season. But the kids have continued to step up when we need them."



Goryal Scales leads LaShun Peoples downfield.

Photos by Bruce Chapman



Jason Brayboy

### Indians

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School.

The Indians jumped out to an early 6-0 lead on a pass from O.C. Wardlow to L.D. Williams, only to see the Falcons fight back to go on top by a 7-6 margin. But the Indians came through with big plays through the remainder of the game to take the win and advance to the regional playoffs.

Coach Kerry Riddick said his team hung tough. Riddick said his coaching staff had the team prepared for the battle and the players responded well to coaching.

"Big props go out to the Falcons' coaching staff," Riddick said. "Mike Conrad, O.C. Wardlow, Darvez Jenkins, and Winston Griggs all did a good job."

R.J. Livingston keyed a furious Indian defensive attack the remainder of the game. The Fal-

cons were stifled by the play of T.Y. Scott, Matt Couthon, Joshua Lee, Joshua Norfleet and Cortez Arbery up front.

Livingston and James Dubose had interceptions for the Indians to shut down the Falcons' offense until the Indians offense began to click.

The Indians' offense woke up after Paul Williams broke free for a long scamper down the sideline to give the Indians a 12-7 lead at the half.

Wardlow connected with L.D. Williams on several key passes in the second half to keep the Falcons' defense off balance in the second half and Paul Williams, Stephone Goodine and R.J. Livingston provided the running grind out yardage and kept the Indians' drives alive.

Wardlow's dazzling punt return increased the Indians' lead to 18-7. Tim Hayes added the extra point

on a quarterback keeper.

Paul Williams added the Indians' final score when he broke loose on a long run to increase the Indians' lead to 25-7. The Indians will advance to regional play on Nov. 13, when they take on the Happy Valley Warriors at North-west Middle School at 10 a.m.

In other championship games last Saturday, the Lewisville Titans' Jr. Pee Wees defeated the Pfafftown Packers by a 13-7 score to advance to the regionals in Johnson City, Tenn., on Nov. 20. In the Jr Midget game, the Tiny Indians defeated the Falcons by a 13-0 score. The Tiny Indians Midgets will now advance to Johnson City, Tenn., for a regional game on Nov. 20. In the final game of the day, the Winston-Salem Grayhounds took a 12-8 victory over the Lewisville Titans. The Grayhounds advanced to regional play in Cary, N.C., on Nov. 20.



Photo by Bruce Chapman

A Tiny Indian runner finds running room in the Pee Wee championship game.

## Liver disease claims the life of Walter Payton, NFL's all-time leading rusher

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CHICAGO - Walter Payton, the elusive running back who was the NFL's all-time leading rusher and took the Chicago Bears to their only Super Bowl championship, passed away on Monday at the age of 45 after battling a rare liver disease.

Payton had primary sclerosing cholangitis, which can be cured only by a liver transplant. He had been on a waiting list for a transplant for nine months.

Payton rushed for 16,726 yards in his 13-year career, one of the most awesome records in sports. He missed only one game, and that was when he had an ankle injury during his rookie season.

"It's grossly unfair to judge Walter Payton solely on the yards he gains," former Bears general manager Jim Finks said when Payton was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1993. "He is a complete football player, better than Jim Brown, better than O.J. Simpson.

Though his nickname was "Sweetness," Payton's running style was bruising. He vaulted over goal lines. He stiff-armed and barreled over tacklers in the open field almost as often as he dodged them. He was a dependable receiver and could throw the ball well, too.

Against the Buffalo Bills in 1979, he took off from the 2-yard line and landed a yard deep in the end zone - on his head. In one of his more famous runs, he bounced off every defender on the Kansas City Chiefs.

"There were guys who ran with the ball better, faster. But I don't think anyone ever ran with more determination than Walter," said Mike Ditka, who coached Payton for six years, including Chicago's 1985 Super Bowl season. "He's the best football player I've ever seen."

Payton was difficult to stop at every stage of his career. His 3,563 yards rushing at Jackson State University was one of nine school records he set, and he scored 66 touchdowns. He once scored 46 points in one game.

He led the nation in scoring in 1973 with 160 points, and his 464 career points was an NCAA record.

Because Jackson State was a Division I-AA school, however, Payton didn't get the same attention as players at bigger colleges. He was a two-time All-American, but he finished fourth in voting for the Heisman Trophy in 1974.

Still, the Bears were impressed enough to draft him fourth overall in 1975. As a rookie, he started seven games. The next year, he had the first of his 10 1,000-yard seasons, rushing for 1,390 yards and 13 touchdowns.

In 1977, just his third year in the NFL, Payton won the first of two MVP awards with the most productive season of his career. He rushed for 1,852 yards, including 275 in one game - a record that still stands.

In 1984, he broke Brown's long-standing rushing record of 12,312 yards - and kept going. "I want to set the record so high

that the next person who tries for it, it's going to bust his heart," Payton said.

Payton carried mediocre Chicago teams for most of his career, but the Bears finally made it to the Super Bowl in 1985. Payton rushed for 1,551 yards and nine touchdowns as the Bears went 15-1 in the regular season.

Chicago beat New England 46-10 in the Super Bowl, but Payton didn't score in the game. He was so upset, Ditka later apologized to him.

Payton retired after the 1987 season, and the Bears immediately retired his No. 34.

In retirement, Payton tried his hand at auto racing and became co-owner of an Indy-car team. He served on the Bears' board of directors, and became part owner of an Arena Football team after unsuccessful efforts to buy an NFL franchise. He also ran a restaurant and other businesses in the Chicago area.

Payton was gaunt and frail as he announced his illness in February. He made few public appearances after that.

"Walter was an inspiration in everything he did," NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "The tremendous grace and dignity he displayed in his final months reminded us again why 'Sweetness' was the perfect nickname for Walter Payton."

Payton is survived by his wife, Connie, and their two children, Brittney and Jarrett, a running back for the University of Miami.

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### NOTICE MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking minority and women-owned firms (M/WBE) to bid on upcoming highway projects throughout the State. The Locations of the projects are:

Project No.	County/Route	Division No.	Type	Location	Metric/English		
6.678005B	Mecklenburg	4	Grading, Drainage, Paving, Markings & Structures	West Charlotte outer loop from Brown Grier Rd. Extension to 0.507 km North of US-2.	Metric	10%	5%
8.1580601	Richmond	8	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving & PVMT Markings	US-1 from US-74 bypass to SR-1974 (Forrest St.) in Rockingham	Metric	7%	
8.2580601	Richmond/Montgomery	8	Grading, Drainage, Paving Pavement, Markings & Structures	Bridge over Big Mountain Creek & approaches on SR-1153 (County Line Rd.)	Metric	6%	
8.0671614	Mecklenburg	4	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings, RR Track & Structures	I-485 (Charlotte outer loop) from North of NC-51 to South of SR-2808 (Camp Stewart Rd.)	Metric	8%	
8.1622304	Forsyth	9	Drainage, Guardrail, Paving & Str. Rehabilitation	Bridges over 25th St, 28th St. & Glenn Ave. on US-52 in Winston-Salem	Metric	6%	
8.1051904	Dare	1	Widening, Drainage, Resurfacing Shoulder Construction & PVT Markings	IUS-264 from Dare Co. To SR-1100 (Stumpy Point Rd.)	English	9%	
8.1080801	Hyde	1	Widening, Drainage, Shoulder Construction, Resurfacing & PVT Markings	US-264 from SR-1320 (Golden St.) to the Dare Co.	English	9%	
8.1675301	Mecklenburg	10	Safety improvements (Guardrail & Guardrail)	Various locations in Mecklenburg County on I-85, SR-2772, NC-16, I-77 & I-485	English	8%	
8.1241701	Duplin	3	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structures	Bridge over Limestone Creek and overflow & approaches on NC-111 North of Beaulville	English	5%	
8.2312301	Johnston	4	Grading, Drainage, Paving, & Structures	Bridge over Middle Creek & approaches on SR-1330 (Raleigh Rd.)	English	7%	
8.1462601	Robeson/Bladen	6	Grading, Drainage, PVT, Markings & Structures	Bridge over Gauberry Swamp & approaches on NC-20	English	6%	
8.2480801	Caswell	7	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structures	Bridge over Hogan's Creek approaches on SR-1500	English	5%	
8.2660701	Currituck	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving, Structures	Bridge over Clark Creek & approaches on SR-1449 West of Concord.	English	6%	

LETTING DATE: Tuesday, November 16, 1999

\*\*\* MONDAY, November 15, 1999 6 PM - MIDNIGHT \*\*\*

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