

On the war path!



The Tiny Indians' Pee Wees advanced to the regional playoffs after capturing the NWAFL championship with a win over the Falcons.

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has been a long time coming. But this is still the best feeling in the world."

The Rams controlled the football from the start of the game with freshman quarterback George Suggs leading the way. But Tory Woodbury took over after Suggs injured himself early in the second quarter. Woodbury, the Rams' leader, came through with one of his best performances of the season. He carried the ball seven times for 64 yards and completed four of 10 passes for 55 yards.

WSSU's victory was its sixth of the season and ran the Rams' record to 6-2 overall and 6-0 in the CIAA. The Rams have shown considerable resilience after starting the season with consecutive losses

to Catawba and North Carolina A&T.

"I'm very proud of this team," Blount said. "They've come a long way. They've hung in there and done a great job this season. We have to get ready for Elizabeth City next week, but right now we want to enjoy this one."

They deserve it. After first knocking on the door and kicking on it in recent years, the Rams finally had the ammunition to bust it down. The most responsible unit for that turnaround is the defensive squad, headed by coordinator Andrew Faison. Under Faison's leadership the Rams have been steady, but opportunistic on



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defense. WSSU showed that in shutting down J.C. Smith tailback Jimmy Bell and then coming up with key interceptions against the Golden Bulls as they have all season.

"Our defense played well again," Blount said. "Johnson C. Smith was a scrappy team and they never rolled over. But I thought our kids competed very well and did the things they had to do to win."

Now that the Rams have captured their first CIAA championship since 1991 it's time to move on to another level. WSSU still has an outside chance at receiving a berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs. They can accomplish that feat by posting an impressive victory over Elizabeth City at Bowman Gray Stadium this weekend and beating Grambling State in San Diego, Calif., on Nov. 13.

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well," Taylor said. "He made good reads on the option and made some plays to keep our drives alive. We were limited in our passing game, but our running backs came through with big games and we were able to get the win."

Glenn put forth a gallant effort in defeat. After falling behind 6-0 on Anthony's long run, the Bobcats fought back to tie the game at 6-6. Glenn quarterback Corey Lane found Chris Lane open behind the Yellowjackets' defense and Corey Lane outran several Carver defenders on his way to a 76-yard touchdown pass. Glenn could have gone ahead on the conversion, but the kick was blocked and the score remained deadlocked.

Carver answered with a scoring drive to retake the lead. The Yellowjackets marched 60 yards in 10 plays. Scott scored from 3 yards out and Gray ran in the conversion for a 14-6 lead. Gray also came through with two clutch passes on the drive. He passed to Timothy Walker for 6- and 8-yard gains.

Glenn mounted two drives before intermission, but both bogged down deep in Carver territory. The first came after Chris Lane took a reverse and ran 23 yards into Yellowjacket territory on the ensuing possession. The Bobcats had another chance after blocking a Carver punt. Glenn took over at Carver's 30, but went backward on first down when P.J. Jenkins sacked Corey Lane.

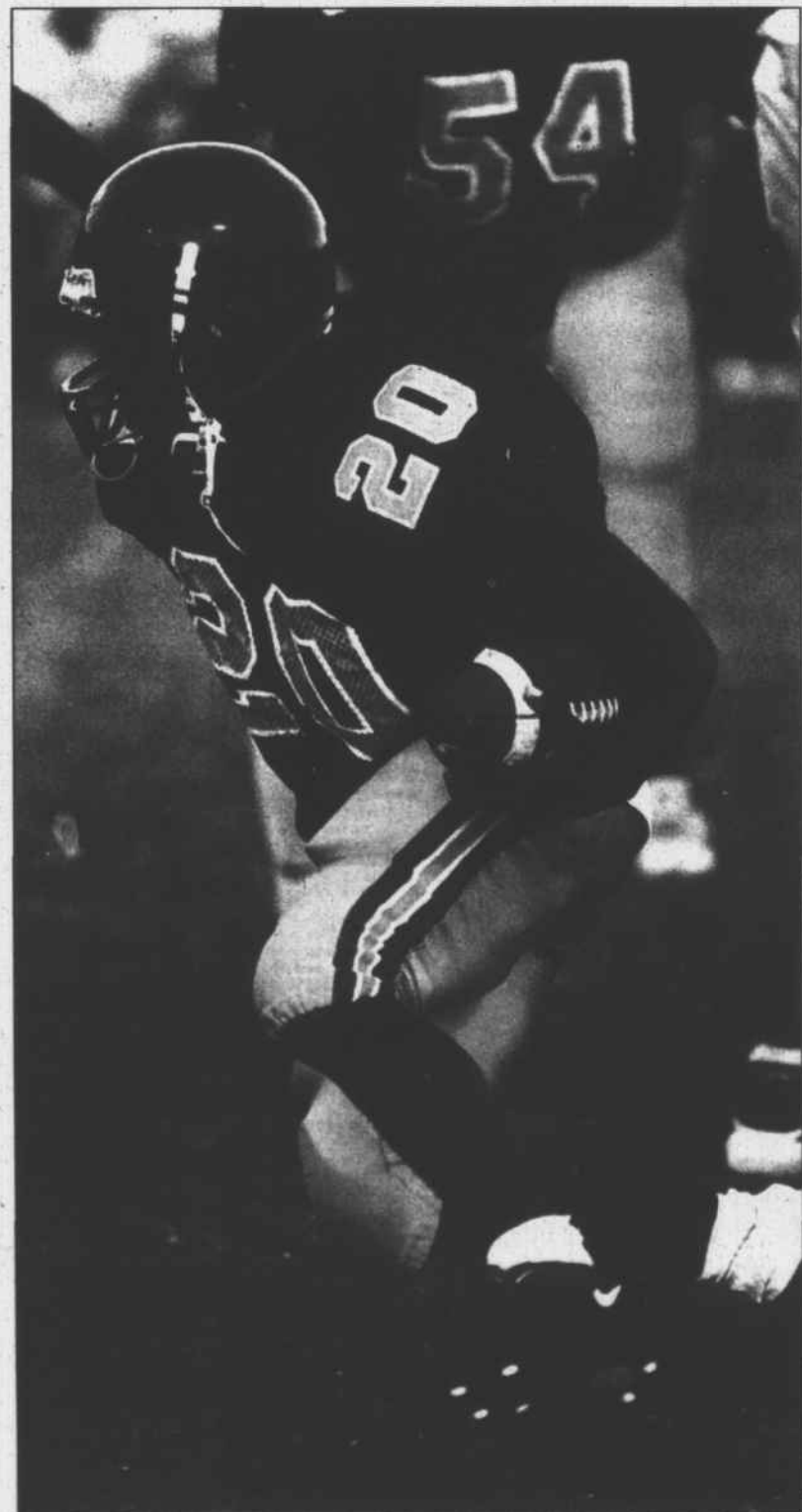
However, the Bobcats moved to the Yellowjackets' 15 on Corey Lane's 10-yard run and a personal foul penalty. Charles Royster's 7-yard run carried to Carver's 8-yard line, but Carver's defense came up with key stops on the final two plays of the half to thwart the scoring attempt.

Glenn had several chances to score in the second half. Led by the running of Royster, the Bobcats' tailback, Glenn made its deepest penetration of the half. Royster, who rushed for 70 yards on 17 carries, had 39 yards on six carries as

the Bobcats drove to the Carver 17. But penalties and mistakes forced the Bobcats backward and they ended up punting on fourth-and-28.

The Bobcats moved deep into Carver territory on its next possession, but Zack Evans intercepted

Corey Lane's throw at the Yellowjackets' 40. Scott gave Carver a cushion when he took a handoff up the middle, got past several Glenn defenders and raced into the end zone. Antwan Smith's conversion kick gave Carver its final margin.



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