

One-on-One

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Jed: Probably my reading class. We have fun in that class, so I would say that one.

Anthony: All right. What do you think about your (Parkland) Mustangs? They're starting to crank it up a little bit.

Jed: (Smiles.) Yeah, I think they're about to win the state (championship). It's about to be a repeat from my junior year. They've got two good running backs, a freshman quarterback, and the defense is swarming like my defense did. I think this is our year.

Anthony: What do you think about Mike Davis? He's sporting the No. 1 jersey, like you did. I'm kind of getting you guys mixed up now. What do you think about him?

Jed: He's a pretty good running back. He runs hard.

Anthony: What's your relationship like with coach (Kermit) Blount compared to the relation-

ship you had with coach (Dee) Bell? I know that you and coach Bell were close.

Jed: Yeah. I was with coach Bell longer, but it's growing into the same relationship. They're both father figures to me.

Anthony: What was your favorite cartoon when you were little?

Jed: Uh, probably Spider Man.

Anthony: Do you remember the first woman on TV that you had a crush on? I know, for me, it was Claire Huxtable, from "The Cosby Show."

Jed: (Laughs.) Naw, I don't even remember. (Laughs again.)

Anthony: Let's close out with free association.

Jed: All right.

Anthony: Priest Holmes (Kansas City running back).

Jed: The best running back.

Anthony: Parkland Mustangs.

Jed: The best team in the state.

Anthony: Mike Davis (Parkland tailback).

Jed: Uh, hard runner.

Anthony: Monte Purvis (former Mustang QB and future Ram.)

Jed: The best quarterback in the world.

Anthony: Kermit Blount.

Jed: Father figure.

Anthony: Dee Bell.

Jed: Father figure.

Anthony: Vivica Fox (actress).

Jed: (Laughs.) Hot.

Anthony: North Carolina Central (Saturday's opponent.)

Jed: (Pause.) I don't know. We're gonna kill 'em. That's all I can think of.

Anthony: One final question: The game is gonna be on TV. You're going to be in the national spotlight. What's going through your mind?

Jed: Mostly winning the game first, but everybody wants to be on BET and have a good game. (Smiles.) I'm just trying to go out there and do what I do.

Anthony: I hear that. Good luck, dawg.

Jed: Preciate it.

"The main thing we wanted to do was execute well on defense," said Falcon coach Chuck Rousseau. "We just wanted to put up enough points on the board to win the game, and we did what we came to out here to do. We had a good victory."

Several players had respectable games for the Vikings, though, including Darius Higgins, Antonio Scales, Kadeem Thomas, Andre Hale, Brandon Rousseau, Shalil Wilson and Anthony Lyons. The entire Falcon squad played great.

Junior Midget: Falcons 25, Vikings 0. Another game brought another Falcon victory. The Falcons' Junior Midget team may have the most exciting running back in all of Pop Warner in Jashawn Gary. Two weeks ago, he dashed 86 yards for a game-winning touchdown against the Tiny Indians. Gary broke a 68-yard touchdown run against the Vikings last Saturday that looked a lot similar to the play that broke him free two weeks ago.

Gary finished the game with 127 yards on more than 10 carries. Other prime performers for the Falcons were Dana Stanback, Terrian Dillard, Bryan Moseley, Darryl Miller, Devon Buie, Creshawn Carpenter and Desmond Parker.

Flag: Tiny Indians 13, Grayhounds 12. Anthony Fahgon led the Tiny Indians' offense in the one-point win. Brandon McCray also made some plays for the offense. Robert Thomas, Eric Stewart, Anthony Tucker and Jaker Austin led the defense.

"It was an outstanding year with a 6-2 record," said Tiny Indian coach Stephon Shell. "I am very proud of the team."

Mitey Mite: Tiny Indians 28, Grayhounds 0. The "slaughter" rule was definitely in effect when the Tiny Indians smashed the Grayhounds 28-0 at Ray Agnew Field last Saturday. Jalen Forrest once again led the charge for the explosive Tiny Indians. Brandon

Ford, Damien Booe, Daesean Lockhart, George Cherry, Jamon Crawford and Khyan Vance all played major roles in the win.

"This was a great season, both on offense and defense," said Mike Curry, assistant coach of the Tiny Indians. "Two years undefeated, and back-to-back champions is what it's all about."

Junior Peeewe: Tiny Indian 13, Grayhounds 0. The Tiny Indians had to win this game to make it to post-season play. Mission accomplished. Carlos Gregory, Shaquan Wallace, Reggie Jones, Phillip Williamson and DelRay Anthony played major roles in the victory.

Peeewe: Tiny Indians 26, Grayhounds 0. Rashone Lee, the talented Ricky Wardlow, Travis Floyd, Walter Jones and Ahman Boyd all played great games to lead the Tiny Indians to the win.

Junior Midget: Tiny Indians 28, Grayhounds 0. Can you say another slaughter? Well, that's exactly what the Grayhounds got when the Tiny Indian Junior Midgets took it to them. Many players had great games for the Tiny Indians, including Tomario Stewart, Barshard Williams, Danard Jones, Treshaud Rousseau, Chris Douglas, the explosive Rashaun Brown, Fredrick Flemming and Demetrius Banks.

Midget: Tiny Indians 14, Grayhounds 6. The Tiny Indians were led by David McIntyre, Michael Dawkins, sure-handed Jordan Minor, Lenard Williams, Jeremy Galloway, Dedrick Carter and the elusive Juan Haney.

On Saturday, the Junior Peeewe Indians will play the Packers on their field at 9 a.m., while the Peeewe and Junior Midget Indians will play the Grayhounds again. The Peeewe game will be at 11 a.m., and the Midget game will start at 3 p.m. The Junior Midget Indians will face a very talented Falcon team at Grayhound Field. That game will begin at 1 p.m.

yard field goal on the Eagles' next possession, and that proved to be the game winner.

The Vikings had another shot at victory late in the game, after one of the Vikings seemingly recovered an Eagle fumble with under 2:00 remaining. But officials said the East player was ruled down before he fumbled.

"That's the breaks of the game," Wade concluded, "but I

can't take anything from East. They're doing some good things at East. This program is improving, and I saw some things out of East that haven't been there in the past years. We've got two games left. We've got Grimsley and Mt. Tabor. I'm a Mt. Tabor grad, so I'd love to beat them. But if we play hard, and play our brand of football, then we should win both games."

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the more exciting games of the day was between the very explosive Falcon Midgets and the gritty Vikings.

Midget: Falcons 13, Vikings 6. The Falcons dominated the first half as they proceeded to take it to the Vikings every which way. The explosive Rolando Martineze once again rose to the occasion and had a great game. Martineze finished the game with 97 yards on 10 carries.

Robert Rousseau also tore up the fields on his way to 44 yards on seven carries. Some of the other prime performers of the game were Lamar Wilson, Dezmon Owens and Lamont Atwater.

Albert Wright, head coach of the Falcon Midgets, said: "We had a number of players to play well today, but Lamont Atwater played a great game. He finished with 13 tackles. Darius Harvey, Patrick Moore, Rakim Galloway, Frankie Graham and Travis Davis also had great games for us. That just goes to show you that hard work in practice translates into a better game."

The Midget Falcons will be seeing the Vikings again on Saturday. The two will meet in the first round of the playoffs at Northwest Middle School.

"They (Falcons) want to play the best team in the Senior Midgets," said Wright, "but first we must take care of the Vikings. We are not taking any team lightly. We're just getting ready for Saturday, and staying focused."

Peeewe: Falcons 18, Vikings 0. The Vikings couldn't seem to get anything going against the stingy Falcon Peeewe team. The Falcons attacked every visible weak spot on the Vikings team. They were doing everything from drawing the team offside to simply out-hitting the Vikings on their way to the 18-point win.

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to go in the half. The Eagles scored again when Corak connected with C.J. Greene for a 37-yard touchdown with 5:48 to go in the first half. The Eagles took the seven-point lead into the locker room at half time.

"I think we made some good adjustments in the second half," Wade said. "We played more physical football. In the first half East just took it to us, but I felt like we were a play or two away from breaking the game open."

Some of the things that stopped North Forsyth were penalties and bad calls at the wrong time. The Vikings had two penalties called on them where the officials even changed their minds and reversed penalties against the Vikings, which resulted in Eagle scores.

"The thing about football is that it's a human game," Wade said. "You have to learn how to deal with adversity. I don't really want to point fingers at one or two plays. We made some mistakes throughout the game that caused us the game. If you missed a block here, then you miss a chance for Rucker to go the distance. If we missed a tackle here, then that's a chance to keep the drive going for them."

The Vikings did indeed turn it up a notch in the second half, especially Rucker. He finished with 98 of his 161 yards in the final half of play. He scored his second touchdown of the night when he slid off the left side of the line and rammed his way into the end zone with 5:32 to go in the third quarter.

But East's Tyler Bauguss was able to connect with a 23-

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three touchdowns in a game (also at Purdue last season). He now ranks third in the ACC in rushing (169.4 ypg) and second in touchdowns scored (six) on the season.

Lingruen, the Deacs' starting center, was named Offensive Lineman of the Week. He graded out with a team-best 92 percent. Lingruen surpassed his knockdown goal of 10 by recording a team-best 13 stops.

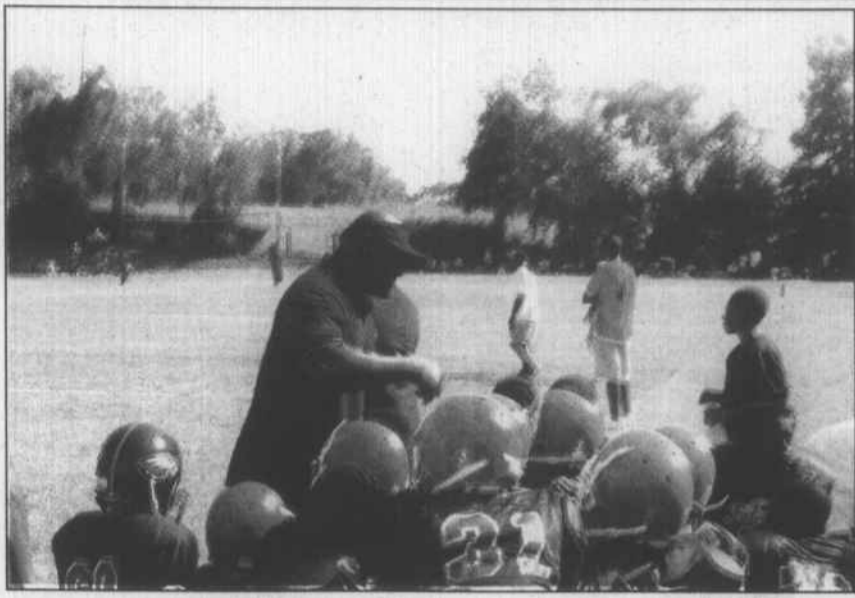
Brantley was all over the field last Saturday at Duke en

route to earning Defensive Back of the Week. In the first quarter, Brantley forced a Blue Devil fumble, which was recovered by WFU's Eric King and returned to the Duke 1, setting up WFU's second touchdown of the game. In the second quarter, Brantley picked off a pass by QB Mike Schneider and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown. It was the sixth-longest interception return in school history and the second year in a row Brantley has scored on an interception return versus Duke. He finished the game with six tackles (four solo), a sack, a forced

fumble, and an interception for a touchdown.

These three players are all receiving Player of the Week for the first time in their careers. They join four other Deacs - Warren Braxton, Willie Idlette, Ryan Plackemeier and Cory Randolph - who also have been honored this season.

Wake Forest will return to action Saturday when the Deacons travels to Tallahassee, Fla., to face sixth-ranked Florida State. The game, which will kick off at 3:30 p.m., will be televised regionally by ABC Sports.



One of the many good coaches in Pop Warner gives his troops final orders before heading back on the field.

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run the right way, great technique on a tackle and other things that I once thought were the basics of the game. I'm not saying that I was a perfect Pop Warner player on a perfect Pop Warner team, but I was close. I'm just kidding. I seriously don't recall how great I blocked, but I do recall having coaches who taught us more fundamental skills than trick plays. Sure, the trick plays are more exciting for fans to watch, but how many times do those plays actually work?

I remember my Midget coach, Paul Snider. He taught me how to play football. He taught me how to block, run low, keep my feet moving, catch, and how to run through players when I tackled them. He also gave me lifelong lessons about life, and how to use football as a guide on how to live. He was great. He wasn't as great as my middle school and varsity high school coaches, but he gave me a great ground on which to begin my journey.

That's my point. Kids today don't seem to be learning the

most important element of football: the fundamentals of the game. I'm sure there are some great Pop Warner coaches out there, but not enough. And it's unfair to blame them for the lack of fundamentals kids have these days. It's really the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System's fault for not making middle school football available for these kids and the ones to follow them. I even heard that they're going to do away with the middle school basketball programs next. That's just dumb.

Most of the coaches of the Pop Warner teams and recreation center basketball teams aren't certified coaches or teachers. Some of them were probably not even good players when they played. Heck, some of them probably didn't even play ball. They were just on the team. But now those are the ones the city is leaving the huge responsibility of teaching sports to.

I do commend all the men and women who give their time to help coach the kids, but sometimes the kids need more than just a proud parent out there.

And what about the kids who might be a little too heavy

to play Pop Warner? Those are the ones who are hurt the most by not getting to play middle school football. That's sad because they're going to be some of the first guys to receive letters from colleges when the time is right. And they'll have the least amount of experience under their belt when the time comes. How good can a lineman be after playing only four years of competitive football? And most linemen start out playing junior varsity. How are those kids going to be able to adjust to the super-quick big men in college, and even later on in the professional ranks? The bigger kids need experience too.

It's just unfair to me that things are like that. To all the coaches who are doing a great job TEACHING the kids, I'd like to commend you and encourage you to continue coaching. But, seriously, we need middle school football, and we need to keep middle school basketball.

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