



Photo by Charlie Pfaff  
North's Julius Evans takes down Ian Thompson during the Vikings' 18-0 victory over East Forsyth last week.

# North JV continues to impress

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The North Forsyth junior varsity football team (3-3) seems to impress every team it battles. Even the three teams that have upended the Vikings have spoken very highly of the talent and size the team possesses.

East Forsyth found out what all the fuss was about when North defeated the Eagles 18-0 last week. "They're big," said East head JV coach Greg Tuttle. "They're really big. We just couldn't do anything with them tonight, and they ran some tricky plays too. We've been working on stopping the plays their varsity runs, but they just outplayed us tonight."

North head JV coach Sam Davis added: "They were talking about some of the plays we ran tonight, but that's part of our

offense. Those plays were off of something we do in our regular package, and the kids like it because they have fun running those plays."

The Vikings unleashed a bag of trickery on East Forsyth by beginning the game with a number of reverses and play-action bootleg plays. Viking quarterback Brandon Rousseau had his way with the Eagles throughout the game, hitting a variety of receivers with a number of rollout passes.

Rousseau's first two touchdown passes didn't count, though. He hit Grady Hardy for two consecutive touchdowns, but penalties negated both of those scores. Rousseau then ran the ball in from the 1-yard line to grab a 6-0 lead. The extra point was then missed.

Brandon Rousseau, Robert Rousseau, Jeremiah Alexander,

Paul Booker and Emmanuel Haney continued to pace the offense. But it was the Viking defense that had East Forsyth reeling backward for most of the game. North was led by Bryan Speas, Jordan Varen, Julius Evans, Terry Scales, Jamal Love, as well as Brandon and Robert Rousseau.

"It was a great night for the defense," Davis said. "We didn't allow a score. We had some situations where we made mistakes and gave up some first downs. But we played well in the red zone. And that's what counted."

The Viking secondary put a stop to several Eagle drives. Travis Livingstone became East quarterback Dan O'Brien's worst enemy after intercepting two of his passes that probably would've given East points in the first half.

North put its final points of the half on the board after Rousseau connected with Brandon Rousseau for a 10-yard touchdown reception with 59 seconds

left in the opening half. The extra point was missed again to keep the score at 12-0 at the half.

North put its final touchdown on the board when Rousseau hit Eric Simms for a 35-yard touchdown connection with 4:52 to go in the third quarter to make the score 18-0. The only things that seemed to slow the Vikings down the whole game were penalties. North suffered more than 100 yards in penalties.

"That's part of life," Davis concluded. "You have to work through adversity. That's what we tell our kids. You never know what could happen on the next play. We were in a fourth-and-30 situation, and we ended up getting a touchdown on the play. You have to always pick yourself up and forget about what has already happened."

Despite the loss, East received good play from Daniel O'Brien, Josh Stafford, Edwin McCray, Mike Gray, Woody Bruno, Trent Perry and Chris Smith.



Davis

# Abbate, Randolph get ACC awards

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wake Forest senior quarterback Cory Randolph and sophomore linebacker Jon Abbate earned Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week awards at their respective positions, the league announced on Monday. Randolph shared the Offensive

Back of the Week award with Virginia Tech's Marcus Vick.

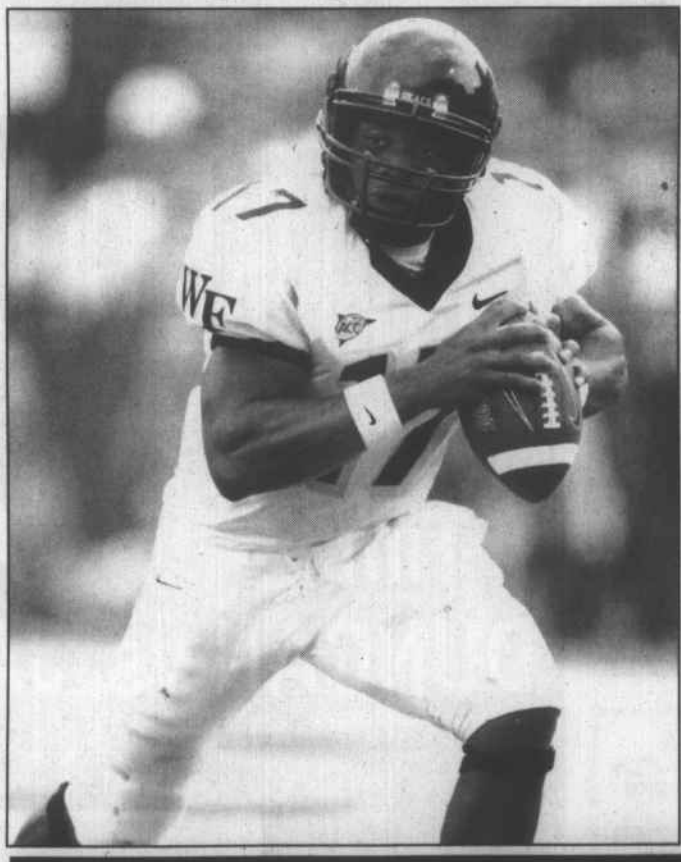
Making his first start of the season at quarterback, Randolph led the Demon Deacons to a 31-27 victory against Clemson. Randolph went 20-of-25 passing for 222 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. The native of Lake City, Fla., also rushed for a touchdown.

Trailing by three points with 2:31 to go, Randolph guided the offense 66 yards on eight plays, capped by a 6-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Marion with 33 seconds left. On the final drive, Randolph completed his final five passes for 54 yards. Randolph had 20 starts at quarterback in his Wake Forest career but had not taken a snap at quarterback this season.

Jon Abbate intercepted two passes and made 13 tackles in Wake Forest's 31-27 win over Clemson. A native of Powder Springs, Ga., Abbate had 11 tackles by halftime, already the most by any Deacon player this season. Abbate's two interceptions came in the first quarter. He became the first Deacon player to pick off two passes in a quarter since 2002. After the game, he needed four stitches to patch up a cut on the bridge of his nose.

Vick accounted for 251 yards of total offense and three touchdowns in Virginia Tech's 34-17 win at West Virginia. Vick completed 15-of-17 passes for 177 yards and two scores and also ran for a career-high 74 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries.

Maryland center Ryan McDonald was tabbed the ACC's Offensive Lineman of the Week. North Carolina's Larry Edwards and Brandon Tate were the Defensive Back and Special Teams Players of the Week, respectively. Florida State quarterback Drew Weatherford earned ACC Rookie of the Week honors.



File photo  
Wake's Cory Randolph received ACC offensive honors, leading the Deacons over Clemson last Saturday at Groves Stadium.



Abbate

## Reagan

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constantly coming up on the wrong side of things on Friday nights. The new school is still winless, after losing to Mt. Tabor, Atkins, West, Reynolds and Ashe County. But they're hoping for the best.

"That's a tremendous challenge for our coaching staff," King said. "We'd like to keep things positive and continue to look at things in a positive way. We haven't lost any kids due to the way things have gone this year. We continue to compete every game. We haven't just gone out there and laid down for the other teams. We've just got to keep plugging away."

The Raiders actually hit the field with a selection of talented players. Juniors Rajeem Moore and Chris Corder headline the standouts for Reagan. Moore is the leading rusher on the squad, while Corder leads the defense with his feisty play on Friday nights. Aaron Malley, Justin Smith and Brandon Sapp also provide a spark for Reagan during games.

"Those two are a couple of our leaders," King said. "Rajeem Moore has really been an important part of our team. He scored our first touchdown of the season during the first quarter of the Mt. Tabor game and has done well most of the year. We've got a number of kids that try really hard. Our hard work will pay off in the future."

But the future isn't here yet, and the Raiders continue to struggle on the field to get a victory. That could very

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well do with the fact that Reagan doesn't have many experienced football players on the roster. Only five have ever played high school football, while others have only played Pop Warner football, or none at all.

"Everything is harder without experience," King said. "We're taking steps in the right direction. It's a slow process, but we're going to get there. Right now we're just trying to lay the foundation of a program the kids will be proud of."

And, if everything goes right for King and the Raiders, he'll be the coach Reagan fans remembered for building a quality football program at one of the newest high schools in Forsyth County.

"This is a tremendous honor to be the first coach here," King concluded. "My children go to school here. We're all excited about the work we've done here. We're trying to build a first-class program. We're going to continue to work hard until we do."

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