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## COZY 'FURR'

FCD's sophomore tailback setting pace on field

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Running for a lot of yards and scoring at will isn't something that's completely new to Forsyth Country Day's sophomore running back Hunter Furr.

When he was a running back for the Pfafftown Packers, during his Pop Warner days, he averaged over 1,000 yards and 15 touchdowns a year. Furr also used to run past a number of runners on the track, where he used to do damage to competition for Tri City Relays. During those days, Furr was running with guys like Carver's Bryce Sherman and Mt. Tabor's Lamar Wilson. The three, along with Corey Wilkerson, even brought home some hardware after winning a number of events at the Junior Olympics in Iowa three years ago.

"Yeah, I used to play football for the Pfafftown Packers and I ran track with coach Mookie and Tri City," Furr said. "A lot has changed since those days. Everything is faster now. But I still feel like I'm having my best year since my Junior Pee Wee year."

Furr, who's rushed for more than 1,800 yards and 30 touchdowns, is trying to help his high school squad capture a state title with his legs and moves on the football field. He's used his 4.5 40-yard dash speed (10.75 in the 100) to get by a number of teams this season. He's even rushed for more than 200 yards on a number of occasions this season to reach an amazing number of rushing yards.

"That's crazy," said Bryce Sherman, who still trains with Furr during the summer. "I always pick up the paper on Monday and see him rushing for over 200 yards every week. It just shows that you can do a lot if you have good speed. Plus, he's kind of big. He weighs about 190 pounds. I always knew he was going to be good, but he's definitely surprising me with his numbers."

Furr has broken most of Forsyth Country Day's rushing records, and is more than likely on his way to setting some state rushing records in NCISAA, which doesn't have complete state football records on file at the time. Whether there's records on file or not is irrelevant to Furr and his head coach Rusty LaRue. Both feel like his numbers have to be ranked high on any list, or should be.

"I don't know what the state record is, but he's got 30 touchdowns — which is a lot," LaRue said. "He's rushed for over 1,700 yards. He had a 97-yard run from scrimmage last

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FCD sophomore running back Hunter Furr has been comfortably running through the competition this season.

Photo by Charlie Pfaff



Webster's Tigers are tied for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference with only three games remaining.

## TSU's Webster is making a big difference

Coach says he's focused on his job, despite UNC opening

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Tennessee State head football coach James Webster has his squad on quite a roll right now. The Tigers are presently 5-3 overall and 4-0 in Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) play this season. The team has won three-straight games, including a win over a very tough Jacksonville State University squad on the road. TSU is presently tied for first place in the OVC, with three games remaining on the schedule.

Webster's Tigers finished the season with a 2-9 record last year, during his first season in Nashville.

"But we still did a lot of good things last year," Webster said. "We didn't win like we wanted to, but we had success off the field. I got a lot of positive feedback from the faculty about the way the players presented themselves. I want my guys to dress properly and act accordingly. We're presently second in grade point averages in the conference. We finished sixth last season."

"The only area we didn't improve last year was on the field," Webster continued. "We had a lot of injuries last season as well. We only won two games, but had a chance to win a lot more if things would've gone our way. To be honest with you, we're ahead of schedule. We've already exceeded our expectations. We just have to keep moving in the right direction."

Things seem to be going well for TSU with things moving in the direction Webster had hoped they would this season. Webster credits some of the team's success to his coaching philosophy, which consists of discipline and playing hard. He learned that philosophy at a very young age, growing up in Winston-Salem. He said that his early coaches and mentors helped him realize the key to success years ago.

"You have to go back to elementary and middle school to see where my philosophy came from," Webster said. "Also, my high school coach, coach George Green. I had a lot of good, old school coaches that helped me become the person and coach that I am today. I don't do the things they used to do. They're old school, you know what I mean. But guys like Ben Warren, Henry Jones and coach Campbell instilled discipline in me."

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## Wake Forest's Gattis wins another ACC honor

Deacs host Boston College on Saturday

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wake Forest senior safety Josh Gattis has been selected as the ACC's Defensive Back of the Week for the second straight game, the league announced on Monday. Gattis is the first repeat winner of that award in 2006.

In Wake's 24-17 win at North Carolina, Gattis recorded a career-high 13 tackles. He made eight stops in the first quarter alone, made an interception in the second quarter and recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter that set-up Wake Forest's go-ahead touch-

down. Gattis has intercepted passes in each of the Deacons' last three games.

The Durham, native also won the ACC's weekly award for defensive backs after the Deacons' win at N.C. State on Oct. 14. Against the Wolfpack, Gattis forced a fumble that was recovered by the Wolfpack for a safety, giving the Deacons a lead moments before halftime. Wake Forest never surrendered the lead. Gattis intercepted NC State's Daniel Evans on the final drive to seal the 25-23 victory for the Deacons. He finished the day with seven tackles including one for loss.

Gattis is the only player in the ACC to rank in the top 10 in interceptions and in the top 15 for tackles. He ranks fifth in inter-



Josh Gattis

Wake photo

ceptions with three, eighth in the league with seven passes defended and 15th in the ACC with 51 tackles. Gattis is one of seven active players to have returned two interceptions for scores in their careers. He has 10 career interceptions.

Gattis is also a member of the 2006 Jim Thorpe Award watch list and was an honorable mention All-American last season.

The 22nd-ranked Demon Deacons (7-1) are off their best start since 1979. Wake Forest hosts 16th-ranked Boston College on Saturday night at Groves Stadium. The game will mark the first game between ranked teams at Groves Stadium since October 28, 1979 when 18th-ranked Deacons defeated 13th-ranked Auburn, 42-38.



Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Carver's speedy running back Bryce Sherman ran wild on the Parkland Mustangs on Monday night. Sherman finished with 101 yards and two touchdowns.

## 'Two Sweet' Returns

### FROM THE HUDDLE

Anthony Hill



Carver's Bryce Sherman, who played for Parkland last year, did his thing on Monday night. I didn't sit in the media portion of the Bowman Gray press box during the game. I simply sat in the Carver box, talking to coach Bob Sapp (who's the citywide AD) for most of the first half.

We were talking about a number things when both of us just stopped to watch Bryce get off against the Mustangs. Coach Sapp even stopped in mid-sentence and asked, "Was that Bryce?"

It was definitely him. He put on a show against his former team too. He finished with 101 yards and two touch-

downs on 13 carries.

"I loved every minute of it," said Sherman, during a phone conversation on Tuesday. "I even celebrated two times in the end zone. They gave me two flags for that. I apologized to the team for that."

I honestly didn't see what the big deal was. He didn't look as if he was doing that much celebrating after scoring. Some officials simply take their authority too far. I expected him to celebrate a little being that he was so pumped for this game. I didn't think Bryce should've been penalized at all.

"I didn't think so either," Sherman said. "I stuck the ball out and did something else one other time. This game meant a lot to me. I didn't know that I was going to play like that. I was actually worried and prayed about it last week."



Hill

It's always good to play, whether you're worried or not. He also put on his lucky No. 2 jersey for the first time this season, a number he hasn't worn since being at Parkland last year. I questioned whether that was a good move, being that he's been doing so good with No. 21 this season. He even said that he questioned whether or not to sport the old, but new number. Looks like he made the right decision.

"I was really questioning whether I should wear it or not," Sherman said. "I've been doing so good with No. 21. I talked to one of my home girls, and we said it would be good for me to wear the No. 2 again."

Whatever works, Bryce. It was just good to see that "Two Sweet" is back.

### Departure of another legend

The world lost one of college basketball's most legendary coaches when C.E. "Big House" Gaines passed away last spring. The world lost arguably the most legendary professional coach last

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