

# SPORTS WEEK

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Nando Horn

## Carver retires Horn's jersey

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Carver High School retired the jersey of the late Fernando "Nando" Horn during a recent home football game.

Horn, who passed away late last year, attended Carver from 1982-1986 and made a name for himself on the school's football team, wearing number 88, and also on the basketball squad.

His Carver accolades are many.

The defensive tackle lettered in 1987, 1988, 1989 under then-Head Football Coach Jim Bovender. He was the Most Valuable Player in 1985. That same year, he was an All-Conference player on both the gridiron and basketball court. Also in 1985, Horn - a 6-foot-5, 250-pounder who averaged 11 tackles a game for a defense that allowed only 96 points in 10 games in Carver High School's 1985 season - became Carver's first AP All American and was a Shrine Bowl selection.

After Carver, he played at Auburn University from 1987-1991.

He was a Second Team All SEC selection in 1989 and was named to the Pre-Season All SEC First Team in 1990.

Horn's family accepted the honor on his behalf from former Carver Athletic Director Robert Wynn.

The Plaque reads: "In Memoriam to Fernando 'Nando' Horn. A young man dedicated to his God, His Family, and His Community and to the Carver High School Yellowjackets."

Horn's number 88 will be forever retired and will no longer be worn by any football player at Carver.

## Glenn turns around slumping season

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SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Initially, it appeared that the season would be a bust for Glenn. But now, the Bobcats have created a big buzz in junior varsity football.

Glenn stumbled out of the gates with consecutive losses to Reagan, Reynolds and West Forsyth. In recent weeks, however, it's been a vastly different story.

The Bobcats whipped Northwest Guilford (23-16) to end the Vikings 41-game win streak dating back to 2008. They followed up with a late-game comeback win over Carver (47-44) when Jordan Jarell tossed a 33-yard Hail Mary touchdown pass to Chris Pinkos with 15 seconds left in the game. A week ago, Glenn discovered its offensive groove in a 42-28 victory over Parkland.

"We had a tough non-conference schedule that has gotten us to this point," said Coach Gary Payne, whose team is now 3-3. "All during that rough stretch, our kids never quit. They've learned how to bounce back from adversity."

Against Parkland, Glenn looked like a team on the verge of collapse early in the fourth quarter. Mustangs quarterback JeJuan Davis scrambled 29 yards for a touchdown to cut the Bobcats' lead to 27-20.

The Bobcats answered swiftly as Naushe Simington took the ensuing kickoff and ran it back 80 yards for a touchdown. Three minutes later, backup running back Kennard Harden took a swing pass from Jarrell and sped 62 yards for another score (his second of the game) to push Glenn's lead to 42-20.

Glenn's explosiveness is somewhat surprising



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D.J. Miller in action.

considering that versatile running back D.J. Miller didn't play at all in the second half due to an ankle injury.

"I was sorry to see that DJ couldn't come back for the second half," said Simington, who is Miller's backfield partner. "As a leader, I knew I had to step up (with DJ. out). I give all the credit to my front line. I knew that with my speed, and with them blocking like they can, that I'd be able to get away (to score)."

Payne was pleased with his team's ability to compensate for the loss of Miller. Harden started out the season on offense, but was later moved to defense. When Miller went down, Payne called on Harden to help pick up the slack.

"Our offense did a very good job," he said. "Naushe stepped in and so did Kennard. We needed Kennard in the backfield. He came in and didn't miss a beat."

Defensively, the Bobcats got superb play on the goal line to squash four Parkland scoring drives. Jalin McCall had a TD-saving tackle on fourth and a goal in the first quarter. Later on, McCall recovered a Parkland fumble inside Glenn's 10-yard line to end another scoring threat.

In the closing minutes of the second quarter, Zach Day sacked Parkland's Davis on fourth down inside the Bobcats' 15-yard line. Day also recovered a fumble to derail another Parkland scoring attempt in the third quarter.

"We're very aggressive and sometimes, we give up the big play because of that," Payne explained. "They bend, but they do not break."

For Parkland, Jaquan Fair caught a 74-yard scoring pass from Davis and added a 36-yard touchdown run. Ronald Santiago Jr. closed out the Mustangs scoring with a nine-yard touchdown run in the waning moments of the contest.



Photo courtesy of Special Olympics North America

Matthew Smitherman (left) with golfing partner Lawrence Blume.

## Local team medals at Special Olympics golf competition

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Forsyth County Special Olympic athlete Matthew Smitherman and his partner, Lawrence Blume, brought home a bronze medal at the 2012 Special Olympics North America Golf Invitational Tournament, which was played from Sept. 6-9 in Litchfield Park, Ari.

Special Olympics North Carolina athletes competed with more than 200 golfers from the U.S. and Canada. Local Special Olympics North Carolina programs represented include Alamance, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Orange,

Rowan and Wake counties.

Smitherman and Blume medaled in the Level 2 Alternate Shot Team Play category. The Level 2 (9-hole play) competition creates a partnership between a Special Olympics athlete and a partner who does not have an intellectual disability in which they train and compete as a team.

In all, seven Special Olympians and two partners from North Carolina competed. All athletes participated in three rounds of competition on the award-winning Wigwam Resort course at one of five levels ranging from individual skills to 18-

hole play. At each level, athletes were placed in divisions based on age, gender and ability level.

The PGA of America, USGA and PGA Tour are presenting sponsors of the Special Olympics North America Golf Invitational Tournament. KPMG is also a Special Olympics sponsor of the event. With the support of golf's allied organizations, Special Olympics golf has grown to include some 18,000 athletes participating throughout North America and more than 28,000 athletes participating in golf in 25 international programs.

## Duke, NCCU match-ups to continue

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Duke University got the best of North Carolina Central University during the Sept. 8 Bull City Gridiron Classic. The Blue Devils, playing at their Wallace Wade Stadium, beat the Eagles 54-17.

NCCU will have several more times to redeem itself. Officials from both Durham schools have announced that the Bull City Gridiron Classic will be played in 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017 at Duke.



"We are extremely excited about our extended contact with Duke University," said NCCU Director of Athletics Dr. Ingrid Wicker-McCree. "This is a great opportunity to showcase two of Durham's finest universities on the gridiron for the next few years. The camaraderie that has been established through current collaborative academic and community efforts between Duke and NCCU, will be further enhanced by the continuing opportunity for our students, fans, and alumni to fellowship and cheer their team on during this multi-year event."

Separated by approximately three miles, Duke and NCCU had met just once before the most recent game. The Blue Devils posted a 49-14 victory on Sept. 26, 2009.

"Without question, our continuing football series with N.C. Central - the Bull City Gridiron Classic - underscores an exciting relationship for both institutions and the greater Durham community," said Duke Vice President and Director of Athletics Kevin White. "Bringing the two campuses together in this fashion has tremendous value, and we are just thrilled to participate in this meaningful partnership. We look forward to many more years of exciting football with our Durham neighbors."



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Zach Cimaglia helps his Aggies score.

## Aggie kicker earns MEAC honor

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North Carolina A&T freshman kicker Zach Cimaglia was named MEAC Rookie of the Week after his outstanding performance against Virginia University of Lynchburg on Sept. 15.

Cimaglia, a 5-10, 140-pounder from Charlotte, booted four field goals against the Dragons as the Aggies came away with a 40-7 win. Three of Cimaglia's field goals traveled more than 40 yards. Yonnick Matthews' single-game school-record five field goals on Sept. 27, 2003 marked the last time an Aggie kicker has been successful on four or more field goals in a game. The addition of Cimaglia has

already made a huge difference. He not only kicks field goals for the Aggies, but he also handles kickoffs and punts. Over the prior 10 seasons, Aggie kickers have combined to record 19 touchdowns on kickoffs. Cimaglia already has seven in 2012.

He also leads the team in scoring with 33 points on 15-for-15 extra points and 6-for-8 field goals. His field goal count matches the total field goals the Aggies connected on during the 2011 season. Cimaglia and the Aggies return to action at 7:30 p.m., tonight (Thursday, Sept. 27) as they welcome the Morgan State Bears to Aggie Stadium for a nationally-televised game live on ESPNU.