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in the second half.

"We are maturing as a team right before our eyes," said Antonio Stevenson, QEA head coach. "For our young guys to come out here and not quit is a win in itself. My guys have really earned my respect for not quitting."

"When I tell you that we have come a long way in five months, I mean from North Carolina to Texas, long way," he continued. "All I can say is wait for next season. We are going to be alright."

Concord led 14-6 heading into the second quarter and was running the ball with relative ease. Both teams were hit by the turnover bug, as the teams combined for three total turnovers in the quarter.

The Pharaohs started of the second half on a sour note. They turned the ball over once again, leading to another Eagles score. Down two scores, QEA answers with a score of their own. Not to be outdone, the Eagles score a touchdown on their next possession when quarterback Tre Boyd connected with Ray Rice, making the score 28-14 after the conversion.

Once the Eagles achieved a two-score lead, their running back Fred Peace started going to work. Peace had a 65-yard touchdown called back because of a penalty, but routinely gashed the QEA defense for big gains all night long.

"I saw some good holes tonight and I just tried to make a play," said Peace. "I tried to lower my shoulder most times, but if I could have run past them I would."

"If I am trying to make them scared of me. I will try to run anyone over, but after that I try to get to the end zone," he said about his running style. "We need to win outright so we can get the Number One seed, and I think we have good momentum right now and I think we can do it."

The Pharaoh's were down by three scores in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Nirome Lucas continued to scramble out of the pocket to find open receivers to put some points on the board. Unfortunately for QEA, the Eagles defense was up to the task. They gave up some yards to the Pharaohs but held them out of the end zone in the second half.

"We really didn't know what to expect because we did not have any film on them," said Brad Lamb, CFAA head coach. "We came out here with the anticipation of having a good old fashioned football game and try to execute our X's and O's while playing hard."

"Our last two games we have started to come together as a team and gel," he continued. "The first five weeks of the season, we were still trying to find our identity."

Lamb says the Pharaohs were giving them trouble in the first half with the style of blitzing they were using. He says they



A QEA wide receiver sets up for play during the Homecoming game on Friday.

Photos by Alphonso Abbott Jr.

(Below) Pharaohs take down a running back on Friday.

made some adjustments at halftime to remedy the problems they were having on both sides of the ball.

"This game is huge for us because it gives us a two game winning streak," Lamb said. "We have two hard games coming up, so we needed this win to carry us into next week."

Stevenson says he only has five seniors graduating at the end of the season, so they are in good shape going forward. He feels this season is giving his players valuable experience for next year and is proud of the efforts his team has shown.

"Keep us in prayer and watch us roll, we are going to get it right and we are not going to give up," said Stevenson.



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Winston-Salem State University senior running back Kerrion Moore rushed for three touchdowns in the game against the Saint Augustine's Falcons on Saturday. The Rams take on the Blue Bears of Livingstone College this weekend for Homecoming.

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in Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) play. The win also keeps the Rams at 2-0 in CIAA Southern Division play. The team will return to action this weekend. For more information on Rams football, contact the WSSU Office of Athletic Media Relations at (336) 750-2143 or log on to www.WSSURams.com.

The celebration continues after the game with the Return to the Yard Block Party.

Not sure what to wear to the game? Get real-time weather data from WSSU WeatherSTEM, a new

high-tech weather monitoring unit that links to the web and provides text alerts, forecasts and a live camera feed. Live data is available online at: forsyth.weatherstem.com/wssu or @WSSUWxSTEM on Twitter.

**Homecoming Safety**

The safety of students and visitors is always WSSU's no. 1 priority. WSSU police are in close contact with area law enforcement and have developed a comprehensive security plan for the event. This year, WSSU Police and Public Safety will also receive assistance from Forsyth County Sheriff Office and

Kernersville Police Department through mutual aid agreements.

**Other Homecoming Events**

On Thursday, Oct. 18 the Department of Education's honors WSSU alumni educators with Forever Ed: The Department of Education's Luncheon at the McNeil Banquet Hall in the Anderson Center.

The community is invited to the vendor fair and community stage, starting at 4 p.m. on campus.

The party moves to Downtown Winston-Salem with The Red & Black Affair, featuring R&B singer Brent Faiyaz,

B-Daht and DJ Deron Juan, at the Millennium Center.

On Friday, Oct. 19 the Wreath Laying Ceremony, honoring WSSU founder Dr. Simon Green Atkins will be at 8:45 a.m. at the S.G. Atkins Statue (Rain Site: K.R. Williams Auditorium) followed by Founder's Day Convocation at 9:45 a.m. in K.R. Williams Auditorium.

**Other events include:**

\*Vendor's Fair on campus from 12:30- 8 p.m.

\*The Ram Rave-Mini Parade, Pep Rally and Day Party, starting at 2 p.m. at the clock tower.

\*Homecoming Alumni Greek Step Show in the K.R. Williams Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets for the Step Show can be purchased at the WSSU Ticket Office.

RAMS Music Super Lounge from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Benton Convention

Center. WSSU's official Homecoming party features Stokely of Mint Condition, Midnight Star, the Uptown Swagga Band and go-go band Jus Once. Tickets are available at www.wssu.edu/tickets.

For more information about Homecoming events, visit www.wssu.edu/homecoming. Follow events on social media through #WSSUHomecoming.

**Ramsey**

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Bucks a nice core of athletic talent surrounding Antetokounmpo.

The Raptors were the top seed in the Eastern Conference last year. They traded DeMar DeRozan this off-season for Kawhi Leonard. They were never able to get past the LeBron led Cavaliers with the core group of players they had.

Switching DeRozan for Leonard is a definite upgrade since Leonard is arguably the best two way player in the league, when healthy. The Raptors have a nice bench, so the East better be on the lookout.

Now that James has left the conference, the Eastern Conference should be very interesting, especially come playoff time. I for one am glad to have more intrigue, instead of just waiting for the inevitable.

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