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HBCUs being brought to the forefront

There has been an increase in attention toward Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) over the last few years. From high school players choosing HBCUs over Power 5 schools, to Hall of Fame players coming back to coach, and even professional leagues showcasing them on multiple platforms.

All this love being shown to HBCUs warms the heart of every person who had the opportunity to say they attended an HBCU because they have flown under the radar for so long. We even had people questioning if they are even needed any longer.

HBCUs were created to give minority students a place to earn degrees of higher learning due to the fact that they were not allowed to do so at most white institutions at the time. Most were established in the years following the Civil War and are mostly concentrated in the southeastern United States.

In the past 20 years or so, several HBCUs either closed or were in jeopardy of closing. Seeing the warning signs, schools such as Hampton University, Tennessee State University, and North Carolina A&T State University, have all left either

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West Forsyth's girl's lacrosse team went

into the final game of the season against East Forsyth looking to finish off the regular season with an undefeated record. The Titans immediately took control of the game as it was never

in doubt, winning by the score of 19-10. West Forsyth is poised to make a deep playoff run and possibly bring home a state championship in the end.

Battle of undefeateds goes in favor of Wolfpack

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North Forsyth and Walkertown both marched into last Friday's game unbeaten. Most people predicted the Vikings to come away with the victory, but Walkertown showed they are not the same old Wolfpack as they decisively defeated the Vikings 41-28.

"So many people had counted us out and didn't think that we could play with other schools in the city and I was just happy that our kids stepped it up and played hard," said Rodney McKoy, Walkertown head coach.

Big plays set the tone early for the Wolfpack and once they seized momentum, they never relinquished it. Walkertown jumped out to a 15-0 lead utilizing the passing game. Wolfpack quarterback Marque Hall found Jerimih McIntyre for the first score, late in the opening period and hit Sean Brown for his second touchdown pass of the first half early in the second quarter.

McKoy said he wanted to find some openings in the passing game that could put his players in space with the opportunity to make plays, and that's exactly what they did.

"I got to take my hat off to coach (Bernard) Williams, because they had a



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North Forsyth's Zh'nari Cuthrell (56) wraps up the Walkertown ball carrier.

good scheme, but we felt like we could take advantage of some plays in the passing game and we did," said McKoy. "So, I was just happy to come over here and get this win."

The game looked to be getting out of hand early when the Wolfpack were driving for their third score of the game, but fumbled and it was recovered by North Forsyth. Several plays later, Vikings quarterback Deshaun Jones scored on a quarterback keeper to close the gap to 15-6 after the failed two-point conversion.

Walkertown answered right back with a touchdown of their own on their next possession. Right before the end of the half, Hall hit Brown on a pass down the seam and Brown did the rest by scoring his second touchdown of the game.

The Wolfpack running

game, led by Brown and Will Slater, has been very effective the first couple of ballgames this season. McKoy figured the Vikings would want to stop their running game and used this to his advantage.

"The biggest thing is they are going to put everybody up there in the box to stop our running game, so we figured we got to be able to open it up and pass the ball some because they are going to be man to man," McKoy said. "We had a good plan and a good scheme, and we made some really big plays in the passing game early and it got us off to a good start and then we started running the ball well once we thought they got a little tired."

Walkertown held a 22-6 lead at the half, but the Vikings still had a lot of fight in them. Coming out of intermission, Jones

found Chance Lyons for a touchdown that made the score 22-14 midway through the third quarter.

The momentum looked like it was swinging toward the Vikings, but once again the Wolfpack had an answer. Mr. Versatility, Sean Brown, received the ensuing kickoff and returned it for a 90-yard touchdown, his third of the day. Brown did it all Friday night by running and receiving, as well as in the return game.

"He can play, and I am happy he is on our team," McKoy said about Brown. "He is one of those guys that you can bottle him up a couple of times, but at some point, he is going to make something happen in the game. He played well and had a couple of touchdowns."

The toughness and fortitude instilled in the Viking players by their coaching staff was evident in the second half. Instead of tucking their tails and giving up, the Vikings continued to press on, even when down by multiple touchdowns.

"I tell them that we are a family and to keep playing," said Vikings head coach, Bernard Williams, about why his team never gives up. "The ballgame is not over until you see the triple zeros on the score-

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Motto Athletics Player of the Week



Sean Brown

Running back, Walkertown High School

Sophomore sensation Sean Brown played a major role in the Walkertown Wolfpack's 41-28 victory over North Forsyth last Friday. Brown accounted for three touchdowns, including a spectacular 90-yard touchdown run that kept the Wolfpack in control of the game just as the Vikings looked to make things interesting in the third quarter.



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