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Prep Standouts

Woodley, Rhett Honored As "Players Of The Week"

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This week's Charlotte Post Football "Players of the Week" are among the cream of this year's gridiron crop.

Olympic High School Senior John Gregory Rhett, nicknamed "GREG", and North Mecklenburg Senior Lewis Woodley ran circles around their opponents Friday night.

Tailback Rhett is the 17-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Rhett of 641 Echo Cove Lane. Defensive Tackle and tight end Woodley, is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodley of 9448 Feldbank Drive.

Last Friday, five foot eleven inch 170-pound Rhett running from the tailback position of the Olympic I formation rushed for 45 yards and ran a 94 yard kickoff return back for a touchdown breaking his own 89 yard school record set against Woodley's North team earlier in the season.

It was a 17 to 14 Trojan victory, the team's first of the season and its first ever over South Mecklenburg.

At the other end of the county, six foot two inch 210 pound Woodley scooped the ball at the West Charlotte six, raced for one touchdown and grabbed a loose ball on the Lions 19 after Sherwood Rankin forced Lion Quarterback Bobby Hanes to fumble for another leading the Vikings to their fourth straight (31 to 7) victory, three in the conference, and second place in the Southwestern 4-A conference behind East's Eagles.

Rhett played junior offensive guard for Quail Hollow Junior High in the eighth and ninth grades and halfback at South in the 10th. A change in boundaries sent him to Olympic in the 11th and 12th.

His secret? "You have to pick the right holes," said the star who thinks Olympic has a good chance to finish high in the league.

"But every team keys on me," he smiled.

Woodley has played his present position for five years, at Ranson and on North's varsity.

He was All-County in 1974 and feels that his "North team should go undefeated."

"Studying and listening to the radio," are the favorite hobbies of Rhett who wants to major in Psychology in college with an ambition of being a professional football player or a social worker and considers "The Exorcist" as the best book he has read. "The movie was kind of upsetting however," he said.

Rhett's biggest sports thrill was breaking his own kickoff return record while Woodley's was being named defensive lineman of the year for the Vikings in 1974.

The potential Shrine Bowl candidate, Woodley, lists Too-Tall Jones of the Dallas Cowboys as his favorite pro star and admires his parents more than anyone because they en-



Lewis Woodley
...North's defensive terror

courage his sporting endeavors.

O. J. Simpson is Rhett's favorite star because "to me he is about the best back to be produced since Jim Brown."

When he's not running track, he runs the 100 in 9.9 and long jumps at 22 feet eight inches, or serving as captain of the football team, Rhett serves as a member of Olympic's Senior Executive Council "planning activities for his senior class."

Woodley wrestles, he was 16-4 last year, throws the shot put during track season and drives Bus 416 to Huntersville Elementary School.

Other stars last weekend were:

North's sensational halfback Grover Rivens who rushed for 98 yards in keeping his two touchdowns per game average intact.

North halfback Francis Forney rushed for 97 yards in eight carries scoring once.

West Charlotte halfback David Wawmer rushed for 93



John Gregory Rhett
...Olympic speedstar

yards and one touchdown in the Lion's 31 to 7 defeat.

Chuck Barcliff, Garinger fullback, scored two touchdowns and rushed for 180 yards in Garinger's 14 to 0 victory over Independence.

North tackle, Sherwood Rankin forced Lion's quarterback Bobby Hanes to fumble on the Lion 19 and Lewis Woodley grabbed the loose ball for a touchdown.

Steve Hopper, South, ran a 36 yard fumble recovery back for one of the two Sabre touchdowns.

Olympic sophomore, quarterback, Rocky White engineered his team's first victory with good passing and short yardage runs that resulted in first down after first down.

Wiley Fox, Olympic, kicked two extra points and a 33 yard field goal and caught a touchdown pass for 11 of Olympic's points.

Anthony Bonapart, South, scored South's second touchdown.

Moore, Jackson Win MEAC Defensive Honors

Durham -- Bobby Moore and Bruce Jackson of South Carolina State have been named defensive "players of the

week" in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference by the Sports Information Directors in the conference.

Moore was honored as the defensive lineman of the week

and Jackson was cited as the defensive back of the week for leading the Bulldogs to a 27-0 win over Howard Saturday afternoon.

fumbles, both of which led to scores for S. C. State.

Jackson, a 5-10, 165-pound sophomore, had six unassisted tackles including one which saved a touchdown and another in the Howard backfield. The Columbia, S. C. native also assisted on two tackles and had one interception.

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Since this is being written prior to Tuesday night's heavyweight championship fight, it seems to us that it would be an excellent idea to sign the jilted boyfriend to fight the great one next.

Three weeks ago none of the experts around the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association would give a counterfeit buck for Johnson C. Smith's chances in the conference's football championship race this season. Now, would you believe the Golden Bulls are chasing Norfolk State for the conference top spot, only a few percentage points in back of Livingstone and Virginia Union?

It would appear that the only thing that's going to stop North Mecklenburg's football team this fall will be graduation. The College scouts, who droll easily anyway, are raving over several of the Vikings, including Grover Rivens, Lewis Woodley, Donnie Hall and Sherwood Rankin.

We didn't fully realize just how good Matt Snorton was until Saturday night. The substitute announcer on the Hornets broadcast just didn't cut it.

The gambling people - those who chose to hawk their bread on wild guesses rather than earn it at the two bucks a day going rate, are laying their cash on Johnson C. Smith against North Carolina A&T in that big one in Greensboro Saturday night.

Henry Aaron, who may be the next Black to get a job as manager of a major league baseball club, has gone to bat for aging Blacks. In doing so, the Hammer hit a homerun for mankind, urging the President and the unions across the country to build jobs, and life quality for the Black aged.

We've been told that sports fans across the city are missing a real treat by not attending the Plaza Juniors "Mighty Mites" football games on Saturday. Little Kenny Cuthbertson is already being placed in such great company as Haywood Stevenson, Jimmy Kirkpatrick and Cleatus Horton, recognized as the greatest football players ever to trot out on a local gridiron.

Cuthbertson averaged slightly more than 20 yards per carry in gaining 183 yards with only nine trips last week. He's racked 11 touchdowns in his first three games. He hasn't peaked yet, local observers say.

Sinclair Colbert and Raymond Perry have been selected as captains of the North Carolina A&T State University basketball team. Colbert is a 6'10" senior, Perry is a 6'0" guard.

South Carolina State, Florida A&M and Johnson C. Smith slipped the ole crystal ball a micky with surprised victories last week, thus lowering our guess-pert batting average to .812 with 13 rights and only 3 misses in 16 games this season.

This week we like Fayetteville to Maul Morehouse, Norfolk State to whip Winston-Salem State and Shaw to bounce back against Knoxville. Hampton should continue to make life miserable for Elizabeth City. It's foolhardy to make a selection in a rivalry as intense as Johnson C. Smith and A&T, but here goes. It will be the Aggies by a close margin. Morgan will take Central and Alcorn will edge S. C. State and Howard will stop Florida A&M. Delaware State will have an easy time Maryland-ES.

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