

By James Cuthbertson

Prep Chatter



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Congratulations to the North Mecklenburg Vikings who placed four of its runners in the top 10 enabling the Vikings to capture the Tri-County Conference cross country championship at McAlpine Greenway Park.

North won the title in the five kilometer (3.1 mile) race with 29 points followed by East Gaston 46, West Mecklenburg 78, West Charlotte 86, and Harding 120.

The boys' individual crown was captured by Steve Rigsbee who ran the race in a time of 16:45. Steve Segar of North finished second with 17:09. Wry Youngblood of North finished third with 17:36.

The West Mecklenburg girls beat North Mecklenburg, 25-31, to win the girls' title.

Missy Willis of North Mecklenburg won the individual title in 20:24. Jenny DeCann and Paige Quinn of West Mecklenburg finished with 20:36 and 21:37, respectively.

Congratulations to the Charlotte Latin girls' tennis team who won their fifth straight girls' independent schools tennis title in Winston-Salem at Salem Academy.

Latin won the title with 21 points, beating rival Charlotte Country Day which had 14.

Winning flight championships for Latin were Tameka Watson at number two, Amy Mullis at number three, Kelly Bailey at number four and Janet Brown at number six.

Country Day's Janie Berryhill won the number five spot.

The Latin team of Mullis and Bailey won the second flight doubles and Julie Lerner and Berryhill of Country Day won the flight three doubles.

Congratulations to the East Mecklenburg Eagles' cross country team. The Eagles won the boys' division of the Southwestern 4A Conference track meet at McAlpine Greenway.

The Eagles finished with 51 points to beat South Mecklenburg's 59 and Independence's 89.

Bill Salmon of South Mecklenburg was the leading runner with a time of 16:12.

In the girls' race, the Eagles won again, beating South 36 and Myers Park's 75.

East's Jamie Oxendine took top individual honors with a time of 20:36.

Nori Sie of South Mecklenburg defeated Susan Stanley of Myers Park, 7-6, 6-2, in the finals of the NC 3A-4A tennis regional at Davidson College to advance to the North Carolina state championships.

Also advancing were Stanley, Patti Wilson of Concord and Sabine Emig of East Mecklenburg.

Doubles winners were Hani Sie and Diane Pennabene of South Mecklenburg. The runner-ups were teammates Michelle Hearn and Laura Marshall.

Congratulations to South Mecklenburg's soccer team. The Sabres are the new Southwestern 4A Conference champions. Don Fairley scored three goals to lead the Sabres over Garinger, 6-1, and the championship.

Congratulations to Charlotte Catholic's soccer team. The Cougars finished the Piedmont Conference with a 10-0 record as they beat Concord.

Olympic field goal kicker Gary Newcombe is quite a phenomena. He scored two goals to lead his soccer team over Crest, 3-1. He has been alternating between football and soccer with his longest field goal registering at 36 yards.

The going gets tough and the tough get going during the playoffs.

Our best bets have some tough games coming up. Independence is at home against West Charlotte. Ashbrook is at East Burke or Hickory.

In the Tri-County action, the Harding Rams host Kannapolis, Winston-Salem Parkland, South Rowan or North Davidson.

The second place team, West Charlotte, goes on the road to visit Independence.

THE RANKINGS

1. Harding - You have to give it to those Westside boys. They dedicated this season to Carl Williams who had the tragic accident at the East-West All-Star game in Greensboro and all I have to say, Carl, is, "I wish you had been here. You would have loved the Harding Rams of 1985."

2. West Charlotte - The Lions forgot to growl for the last two minutes of the Harding game, but they should let out some primal screams in the playoffs. Now it should be their turn.

3. Ashbrook - Unfortunately for Charlotte, the Green Wave has awakened and they will be tough next year with the standout Junior Hall.

4. East Mecklenburg - The Sun rises in the East and the Eagles could be heard from again loudly.

5. Independence - The Pats beat Ashbrook and that was very important. Harry Fuller, Greg Clifton and Jeff Robbins - what a trio!

6. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings are back on their winning ways. They had a great season.

7. South Mecklenburg - How could anyone forget the phenomenal Roman Phifer - outside linebacker, tight end, kicker, punter? He does it all.

8. Olympic - The Trojans took Independence to the limit a couple of weeks ago and played a good game at Crest.

9. Crest - The Chargers have a great defense.

10. Myers Park - Alvin Blakeney is a pleasure to watch.

11. West Mecklenburg - Derrick McGowan had a fantastic year.

12. Catholic - The Cougars are being railroaded out of the Rocky River Conference. Success breeds enemies.

13. Country Day - It looks like another independent title is in the wings.

14. Hunter Huss - The Huskies did not have it this year.

15. East Gaston - The Warriors' welcome to big time 4A was a rude one.

16. Providence Day - Keep up the good work, Reggie Clark.

Here Saturday Afternoon

Golden Bulls End Season With Fayetteville State

By James Cuthbertson
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The Johnson C. Smith University Golden Bulls have had an up and down season in 1985, but with the exception of a 38-0 blowout at Norfolk State, they have been in position to win every game they have played.

The Bulls are doomed to finish fifth in the CIAA Southern Division, but some games that have followers thinking of next year were narrow losses to powerhouses Hampton, 10-6; Livingstone, 19-17; Winston-Salem State, 14-6; before losing, 41-28, to N.C. Central.

These are all teams that are in contention for the CIAA championship game.

Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Charlotte Memorial Stadium, the Bulls close out their season and coach Horace Small says they will be in there fighting like they have all season.

"Our team will never give up," he said. "We are going to fight to the end. We have seen some promising signs this year."

Anthony Linyard returned two interceptions for 57 yards against NCCU.

One of these promising signs in the Johnson C. Smith University defense that ranks sixth in the 12-team CIAA and the rushing defense that ranks fourth behind Norfolk State, Virginia Union, and Hampton in the CIAA and eight in the nation.

The Bulls are giving up 21.7 points per game primarily because of a pass defense that is young and inexperienced.

Some of the standouts, defensive-



DeCar Brown
.....Defensive tackle

ly have been DeCar Brown with 21 tackles, Jerome McCoy with 33 tackles, John Logan with 30 tackles, Ronald Jones with 14 tackles, Jackie Wilkes with 13 tackles, Willie Harris with 27 tackles and Craig Warren with 54 tackles.

Also, Billy Banks with 59 tackles, Ondra Nolan with 23 tacklers, Anthony Byers with 35 tackles, Mustafa Shaeed with 16 tackles, Marvin Sharpe with 22 tackles, James Branch with 10 tackles, and Horace Jackson with 16 tackles.

The Bruisers on the squad are Brown with 10 unassisted tackles, McCoy with nine, Logan 15, Harris 13, Warren 23, Banks 23, Nolan 11, Byers 21, and Shaeed nine.

Defensively the Golden Bulls are intact.

The Fayetteville State Broncos have beaten Bowie State, 42-0, and Livingstone, 17-7.



Anthony Linyard
.....Cornerback

Their losses are to North Carolina Central, 19-6; Norfolk State, 34-14; North Carolina A&T, 35-0; Winston-Salem State, 17-17; and Elizabeth City, 24-14.

The Bulls had a respectable 14-6 loss at Winston-Salem State.

Gary Moore is the leading running back for Fayetteville State. He will be in the backfield. He is averaging 33.9 yards per game and has one touchdown.

Jerome Morgan is the quarterback for Fayetteville State. He has completed 82 of 222 passes for 1,004 yards and an average of 143.4 per game. He is hitting at a 36 percent clip.

The leading receiver is Moses Ford with 36 catches and 404 yards. He has two touchdowns.

Moore is the leading kickoff returner for the Broncos with 13.8 per return and Mark Fisher is the



Horace Jackson
.....Defensive back

leading punt returner with 10.1 per return.

The Broncos have a good punter in Aaron Lewis. He has punted 53 times for 2,158 yards and a 41.5 average. He leads the CIAA in that category.

Tim Newman is the top rusher for the Bulls having scored two touchdowns and has run for 385 yards. He is averaging 45.6 per game.

Leon Shipp is the leading receiver with 19 catches and 199 yards.

Mike Swain is fifth in the CIAA in kickoff returns with an average of 14.2.

Defensively, the Broncos have some rugged men in Otis Ransaw who has 51 tackles; Charles Harris 50; Dewayne Kinston 39; Phillip Julius 36; and Randy Ladson 26.

Look for a knock down, drag out when the Bulls take the field Saturday against the Broncos of Fayetteville State. They will lock horns.

Harding's Kenny Stevenson Named "Player Of The Week"

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When Harding quarterback Anthony Houston cocks his arm and searches for his receivers, you can bet that one of them will be 11th grader Kenny Stevenson.

Stevenson, 5'7", and 150 pounds, is a speedster who has caught 35 passes for 445 yards this season. That's an average of 12.7 yards per catch or the equivalent of a first down every time he gets his hands on the ball.

He caught his first touchdown pass of 18 yards in Harding's 33-14 win over North. He caught a nine-yarder for a touchdown when the Rams beat Crest, 21-2.

He caught a 10-yard pass to beat West Mecklenburg.

Stevenson had to be convinced to try out for the team. His mother,

Rosa Stevenson, encouraged him by saying that if he was interested, he should give it a shot.

The Rams finished their season with a 6-0 Tri-County and a 10-0 overall record by beating East Gaston, 33-7. Anthony Houston passed for 270 yards in that one and Stevenson was one of his best targets.

This was Harding's first perfect season in 31 years.

Hats off to Kenny Stevenson, this week's Charlotte Post "Player of the Week" for helping to make that accomplishment.

Other standouts were:

Reggie Clark of Providence Day ran for 173 yards on 15 carries to lead Providence Day over Patterson School, 32-0. He scored four touchdowns.

David Hall of Charlotte Latin had

15 tackles as the Hawks lost to Country Day.

Derrick McGowan of West Mecklenburg had 133 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns to lead

West over North, 28-19.

Kenny Patterson of West Charlotte had two touchdowns as the Lions finished 9-1 overall.

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