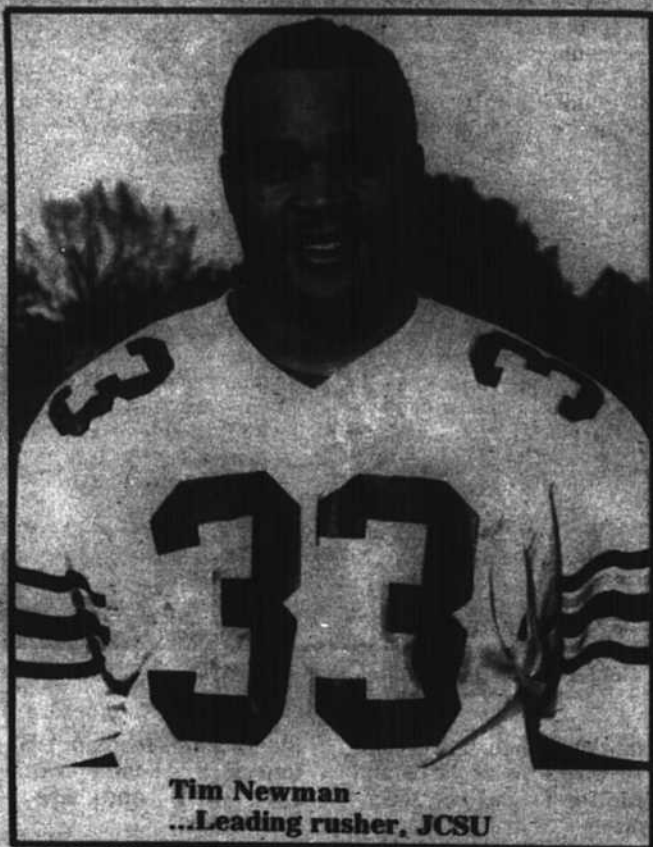


# Spartans Off To Fast Start In '86

Coach Willard Bailey will try to get his Norfolk State Spartans off to a fast start in 1986 after suffering through one of his worst seasons ever. After winning five of their first six games, the Spartans dropped three of their last four to finish at 6-4 last season ending Bailey's string of four straight CIAA titles and six straight NCAA post-season appearances.

With 56 of 70 letter-winners and 12 of 22 starters back from that team, the Spartans should again be favorites to win the 1986 CIAA crown and rank among the nation's top 10 NCAA Division II teams.

The top nine rushers from last year are all back, including sophomores Ken Dickens and Tony Graves who ranked 1-2 with 531 yards and 340 yards, respectively, and averaged 4.5 and 5.3 yards per carry. Each had five touchdowns and Graves, who also plays on the special teams, blocked four kicks



**Tim Newman**  
...Leading rusher, JCSU

and returned one for a touchdown. Fonzo Wiggins,

Derrick Vance and Tyrone Barlow are also back. Barlow is also an outstanding receiver ranking second a year ago with 21 grabs for 369 yards and three touchdowns. Clarence Brock, a tight end, had 16 catches for 283 and three touchdowns and Dickens had eight for 126. While starting quarterback Willie Gillus is gone, Bailey has three holdovers from last year ready to tackle his potent Wing-T offense.

But while the offense managed 29.0 points a game last year, it was the defense which caused problems late in the year. Ironically, the rushing de-

fense was the nation's best allowing only 50.9 yards a game on the ground while the pass defense yielded 194.3, it was the big play which was the Spartans' undoing.

Sixteen of the 21 touchdowns given up by the Spartans in 1985 were for 65 yards or more, an almost unbelievable statistic. But Bailey plans to halt that. The secondary will be improved with the return of Fred Bryant and Kevin Burton and linebackers James Stallings and Frank Smith will bolster both the run and the pass defense.

The running game will be tough for foes with the return of ends Ted Bates and Johnny Washington, who were 1-2 in quarterback sacks with 20 for 194 yards in losses between them. Both are potential All-Americans. Bailey's 15-year mark of 122-38-4 is a .756 winning percentage that ranks third best nationally among Division II coaches and after last year's fallout, he expects his troops to return to the top this time around.



Plenty of backfields will be in motion during the CIAA's 1986 Football season.

## NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY 1986 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
September 6	St. Paul's	Lawrenceville, VA	7:30
September 13	Fayetteville State	Norfolk, VA	7:00
September 20	Johnson C. Smith	Charlotte, NC	7:30
September 27	Elizabeth City State	Norfolk, VA	2:30
October 4	Open		
October 11	N.C. Central	Norfolk, VA	1:30
October 18	Hampton University	Hampton, VA	1:30
October 25	Virginia Union	Norfolk, VA	1:30
November 1	Howard (DC) +	Norfolk, VA	1:30
November 8	Virginia State	Norfolk, VA	1:30
November 15	Bloomsburg St. (PA)	Norfolk, VA	1:30

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