

# Finally a winner, JCSU goes for second straight

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on, something last year's squad couldn't do.

"The important thing is the victory," said defensive end D.J. Haynesworth. "Words can't express how we feel as a team and a coaching staff. I'm so proud of everybody."



Belton

"After two and a half years, we just got the monkey off our back," McNeill said. "It's so great to know that these guys know they can win a football game. (Senior receiver) Marquis Belton has won only one football game in his whole career. Now he's won two."

Smith's reserves came up big for several starters who weren't cleared to play academically. The offense, which averaged 10 points a game last year, exceeded that on the Bulls' first two possessions.

"We've got a lot of work to do," McNeill said. "They had the ball pretty much the whole quarter. We had the ball for three series the whole second half. We've got some improving to do."

Smith got all its points in the first half, amassing 279 of the Bulls' 344 yards in the first 30 minutes. Starting quarterback Carlton Richardson ran 67 yards for a touchdown and completed 7-of-10 passes for 117 yards, while backup Donja Goodson hit Belton on a 56-yard pass for a score. Backup tailback Kevin Allen, subbing for projected starter Marco Kirven, ran for 61 yards on 19 carries and a 2-

yard score.

"We knew we could beat (Edward Waters)," said Belton, who was named CIAA receiver of the week after catching six passes for 159 yards. "We game-planned all week but this is just a start. We've still got a long way to go. We'll start preparing for Glenville State."



Williams

Defensively, Smith's conversion to a 3-4 scheme worked well, and the defense came up with the big plays at the right time, capped by free safety Steve Williams' deflection of Kamau Leitner's fourth-down pass at Smith's 25 with 1 minute, 31 seconds left.

"We worked hard as a defense," said Haynesworth, who had five tackles and half a sack. "The whole first half we dominated, the second half we got tired, but we got the win." Haynesworth "is able to use his talent a little more" in the 3-4, McNeill said. "You can get doubled a lot, but you can get freed a lot."

McNeill also praised the outside linebackers, especially Fred Williams, a junior transfer from Southeast Missouri State who led Smith with 15 tackles, including three for losses. He was named national defensive player of the week by D2Football.com.

"From what I've seen, Fred Williams played an outstanding game at linebacker," McNeill said, but "we've got a long way to go and we've got to keep working and make sure we stay on top."

## PANTHERS

### Diggs' absence temporary

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Thursday's preseason game, and thinks there's a chance he could play in the season opener Sept. 10 against Atlanta.

"I'm hoping, but we're just taking it day-to-day," said Diggs, who sat out Sunday's practice.



Diggs

It was a day of good news for Carolina, as starters Steve Smith, Kris Mangum and Dan Morgan all returned to

practice after missing time with injuries.

Things looked bad when Diggs went down in a heap after getting tangled up with a Miami player on the line of scrimmage during a punt in the first quarter Thursday. Diggs stayed on the ground for several minutes and was eventually put on a cart and taken to the locker room. He was on crutches and wearing a large knee brace after the game.

It was uncomfortably similar to last October when Diggs, then playing for Green Bay, sprained his MCL against Carolina and missed five games.

"I knew just from the feeling that it wasn't as bad," said Diggs, who also sprained his MCL in training camp last year and missed the first two regular season games. "I knew right away in that game last year what had happened. The other night was totally different, just a

different feel."

But it still made him nervous. Diggs, who signed with Carolina in the offseason, appeared to have beaten Keith Adams and rookie James Anderson for the starting outside linebacker spot vacated when Will Witherspoon signed with St. Louis. After Diggs went down, Adams played with the first team against the Dolphins.

"I wasn't beating myself up, but I was pretty upset," said Diggs. "It was really frustrating sitting on the sideline with the expectations that I had. It shocked me more than anything."

Diggs isn't sure when he'll be able to return to practice. He only did some push ups on the sideline Sunday.

Morgan, the Panthers' starting middle linebacker, returned to practice after sitting out Thursday's exhibition game. Fox had only said that Morgan was "dinged up" in the win over Jacksonville Aug. 19. Morgan said he had a cut on his face and did not suffer a concussion.

"I could have played if it was (the regular season)," said Morgan. "I'm out here practicing this week and I'm just getting ready for Atlanta."

The Panthers also welcomed back two offensive starters. Smith practiced after missing most of last week with an ingrown toenail. That was after he missed 17 days of training camp with a strained left hamstring.

Mangum, who missed all but the first couple of days of camp with plantar fasciitis in his left foot, also worked out.

"We were cautious with both of them," coach John Fox said. "They've both been on the shelf for a while, and they made it through pretty good."

It's possible both players could play in today's exhibition finale at Pittsburgh.

The team must be down to the regular season limit of 53 players by Saturday.



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## GOLF

### Hamilton wins Par Busters tournament

Chris Hamilton won the Par Busters tournament Aug. 19-20 at Crystal Creek Golf Course in Pineville.

Hamilton won the championship flight with a two-round total of 143, topping Mike Wallace in a playoff. Harold Varner III finished third at 147.

• The pairing of James Boulter and Robert Evans won the Revolution summer 2-man captain's choice at Revolution Park July 30.

Boulter and Evans combined for a score of 59, three strokes better than Flight A rivals Richard Degree and James Black. Bobby Ellis and Don Palmer also carded a 62 to finish third.

• The foursome of Dennis Summers, Curtis Baxter, Jake Massey and Don Palmer won the Greater Gethsemane AME Zion tournament at Olde Sycamore Aug. 24.

The quartet finished with a score of 57, two shots in front of Tim Beamer, Doug Beamer, Matt Strickland and Bernard Parker.

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