

Panthers goal: Sweep second half of season

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in our own little groove and that's what we did," said tight end Michael Gaines.

"We just worked hard and we wanted it and finished everything that we do. It's a sigh of relief. We have to keep on working."

When wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson scored the first Panther touchdown of the night, it seemed to energize the defense and special teams for the rest of the night. But will it carry over?

Steve Smith thinks so. "In the second half of the season, we're 1-0," he said.

"We played better in the second half than we have all year," Johnson said.

Unlike the last game the Panthers played at Bank of America where Dallas scored 25 unanswered points in the second half, they kept the pressure on defensively and made plays on offense.

Cornerback Ken Lucas said, "You have to be focused for every challenge and we were very focused this week. Anytime you win a game, it doesn't matter how you win it, it gives you confidence going into the next game. Hopefully we can build on this."

Lucas added that the Panthers are made up to come out in the second half of the season and play harder.

"Maybe that's how we're wired. We're not a team that when people expect us to do well we start off fast," Lucas said. "Once our back is against the wall you'll see our best begin to come out."

But the Panthers aren't perfect.

They aren't running the ball efficiently, which is what made Carolina nearly unstoppable in the past. Running back DeShaun Foster is averaging about 2 yards per carry, though he did have one big run in the second half for 13 yards against Tampa Bay.

Foster said the Panthers are trying to get back to that hard running team that they have been.

"That's what we preach around here," he said. "We want to get back to the way we play ball."

The win against the Bucs gives Carolina a second place tie with Atlanta, a game behind division leader New Orleans.

On Sunday, the Panthers face St. Louis at 1 p.m.

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(11-0, 8-0) and East Division winner Elizabeth City State (9-2, 7-1) earned bids to the Division II playoffs. That left JCSU, Virginia

Union (7-3, 5-2) and Bowie State (5-5, 3-4). The Bulls beat Union head to head.

"The most compelling thing is going 7-3 and we beat

Virginia Union," McNeill said. Those two variables (gave us a better chance."

The Bulls also get a chance to end the season on a high note. After losing the regular-season finale 52-7 at N.C. Central, Smith has another opportunity at an eight-win season, which was last accomplished in 1975.

"No one wants to lose their last game, whether it's a blowout or one point," McNeill said. "You want to go all out and leave it on the

field. Winning the Pioneer Bowl would be a great way to go out."

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Broadway's light shines brightly

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happening in the ACC, well it just ain't happening, baby.

That's not racism as much as it is elitism.

Broadway could do the same at, say, Grand Valley State, one of the top D-II teams in the nation, and it wouldn't matter. Oh, he might get a few whiffs as an assistant somewhere but HNIC (Head Negro In Charge)? Uh uh.

It was amusing to read that some NCCU folks were asking all Triangle football fans to come out and support the Eagles in their quest for a perfect season. They meant well, but they were wasting their breath.

Did you check out the response by a student government president at one of the

ACC schools in the local paper. He said he didn't even know what NCCU's record was and — if you read between the lines — didn't care.

You honestly expect them to be happy that some D-II school is stealing an ounce of their thunder in the media?

Broadway was asked during his weekly Tuesday press luncheon at the Chicken Hut if he felt any empathy for the down season the three ACC schools were having.

"I do feel for (Duke coach) Ted Roof because he's a good guy," he said. "I also care about my alma mater."

He was too diplomatic. Why should he give a kiddy about the troubles of coaches with three times his athletic budget, twice the staff and mil-

lion-dollar facilities? You think anybody called him after his first year when the Eagles went 4-6?

And caring about your alma mater is not the same as rooting for them, especially when the head coach put you in the unemployment line.

No, Broadway won't be getting any head coaching jobs in this area any time soon, but don't get your celebration party ready just yet Eaglesites. Broadway can still leave, especially since his contract has yet to be renewed.

He is one hot commodity and not every AD out there has a clogged nose.

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JCSU tips off with pair of classics

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Victory Christian star Jerry Hollis — has already earned a starting berth. The backcourt of point guard Jerome Givens and preseason all-CIAA pick Maurice Hooper return as starters, and David Sanders, a key reserve at center last season, moves into the starting lineup. With so many new faces in new places, the Bulls have two days to make an immediate impression in a field that includes CIAA rival St. Paul's and WVAC champion West Virginia State.

"You get a chance to duplicate your good efforts or duplicate your bad efforts when you play back to back games," Joyner said. "It's a

good opportunity to measure where we are.

JCSU's women will also host a basketball tournament at Brayboy this weekend.

The Queen City Classic field includes Belmont Abbey against Wingate at 2 p.m. Friday and Smith vs. cross-town rival Queens at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and good for all four games.

"Eight dollars for both tournaments," Joyner said. "It's the best deal in town."

The Golden Bulls women are preseason favorites to win the CIAA West Division and return four starters, including guard Ashley Chase and Brittany Sumpter.

Riddick earns volleyball honors

FROM STAFF REPORTERS

Johnson C. Smith outside hitter Desirae Riddick has been named to the Daktronics Atlantic Region volleyball second team.

Riddick, a senior from Misawa, Japan, finished her career as the Golden Bulls' all-time leader in kills with 1,320. She was also named all-CIAA and all-tournament. Riddick and N.C. Central's Shari Matthews were the only CIAA athletes named all-region.

ESPN The Magazine named Riddick to the academic all-District 3 team, making her the only CIAA player to earn the honor. A business management major, Riddick has a 3.75 grade point average and will graduate in May.

J.C. Smith men's and women's tennis coach

James Cuthbertson has been named a campus recreation sectional award winner by U.S. Tennis Association/Intercollegiate Tennis Association.



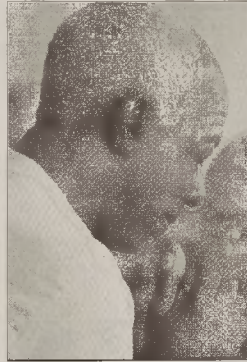
Cuthbertson

Cuthbertson earned the honor for the southern region for his work in implementing recreational tennis programs on campus to grow participation in the sport. The awards program covers more than 2,000 coaches in the NCAA's three divisions, NAIA and junior and community colleges.

The Eastside Cleveland Browns and Eastside Ohio State Buckeyes each completed 8-0 regular seasons in the Charlotte Youth Football League.

Players on the first-year teams range in age from 7-12.

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