



BOBBY CREMINS IS NUMBER ONE
While ACC fans await the end of a dismal football season and argue over how good Duke and State are going to be or how low UNC will finish, I think the ACC's top story is in Atlanta, which is why I chose to go there for my first column.

You can't say enough for the job Bobby Cremins has done at Georgia Tech. Tech is not an easy school to recruit to. It has a very limited curriculum for non-engineers, and it is tough academically. Besides, the team had a very decided loser image just a couple of years ago. But Cremins has changed all that. Georgia Tech now has five starters back from last year's team that went 6-8 in the conference with many of those losses by just a point or two. He has two near-seven footers on the frontline, John Salley and Yvonne Josef, and another excellent looking freshman the same size, Antoine Ford. In the backcourt he has all-conference Mark Price and ACC rookie-of-the-year Bruce Dalrymple, along with a capable, proven replacement, Craig Neal. At the swing position there is Scott Petway, and a couple of 6'7" newcomers, Duane Ferrell—who is probably the smoothest, most talented player in the ACC—and Bud Adams, who has to be one of the ACC's best outside shooters. How soon will Ferrell and Adams be able to blend their talents in with the rest of the team? (It isn't easy for a freshman to do well when there are a lot of confident, proven veterans around.) Will Craig Neal keep doing his best if he is not a starter? And what problems will occur if a veteran (Petway) is replaced in the starting lineup by a freshman? There are Cremins' main problems, along with the consistency and foul trouble of his big men.

Certainly Georgia Tech seems to have all the ingredients of a winner, not least of which is Cremins' unique rapport with his players. Within minutes he is a little boy who loves the game, he is a New Yorker 'talkin hoops,' and a tough-minded coach demanding perfection. Often he seems almost too friendly with his players, too casual. At times, this forces him and his assistants to bark at players to run between drills or to "hurry up" after getting a drink. Most coaches in the ACC have set ways of dealing with these between times ("Always sprint from one drill to another" is an easy enough command) but the relaxed atmosphere of the Cremins' practice may pay some dividends throughout the course of the long, intense, pressurized ACC season. At one point in a practice, after a tiring drill, the next drill was held up while John Salley tied his shoe. "Oh c'mon," Cremins yelled out, disgusted, "I'm too old for that trick. Tie your shoe when you're tired," he said sarcastically. But it doesn't become a confrontation. Cremins gets away with being almost too easy, maybe because he has a special sense of what is really important, and he doesn't get bogged down in trivia. In a very real sense, he has everyone's respect so much that he seems not to need to see minor displays of it in these "little things" that other coaches so often emphasize the importance of.

During practice, Cremins seems to see everything at once, as one thing after another absorbs his complete attention. Constantly he is reminding his team, "Do you think we can beat Carolina with THAT? You think you can do THAT against Duke?" The mixture of informality and intensity is unlike any other in the ACC.

"Let's count how many layups we can make in 90 seconds," Cremins said with boyish enthusiasm, making a game out of a passing-conditioning drill. Then throughout the drill he yelled commands, "hit the outside shoulder, keep your elbows about your waist, show your palms." At the end, he was again the boy, asked the student manager, "How many baskets there? How many here? 27 and 24? Okay, add 'em up." He wasn't being humorous. New Yorkers don't pause in the middle of their basketball to add up 27 and 24. You have to carry a one in an addition problem like that, and that's why you have student managers! Cremins was back on the court starting something new, never even waiting for the 51. That made-up game was already forgotten. The ones ahead are not.

During practice there is really only one thing on Cremins' mind. When I congratulated him for the great job he has done at Tech, he was quick to say, "But we aren't THERE yet." There, number one, is where he wants to be.

"The Future" he yelled to me once, pointing during a drill to his eight year old son who had walked into the gym. But he was already busy correcting an error on the court by the time I had a chance to acknowledge him — and I couldn't help but get the feeling that, for Tech, the future is now.

Blue Devil Team Plans Game Here

The Duke University Blue Devils, picked by many as favorites in the ACC championship race this season, will hold an intersquad basketball scrimmage at the Warren County High School Gym next month.

Warren Athletic Director Bob Ross confirmed this morning that the Blue Devils, who list as their "sixth man" David Henderson, former WCHS standout, are scheduled to play at Warren County High School on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The game, one of Duke's blue-white games, will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Ross said future details of the game will be available shortly.



Warren County defenders pursue a North Edgecombe ball carrier during a junior varsity game played here last Thursday night. The undefeated visitors North Edgecombe continued their win streak by scoring on a pass play on the last play of the first half to take a hotly contested 6-0 decision.

North Edgecombe has only a non-conference tie with Northampton East to blemish their perfect record. The loss was the second of the year for Coach John Coleman's charges, who will travel to Northampton East on Thursday night for a non-conference bout. (Staff Photo)

Spotlight Falls On Warren Coaches During Special Day Of Recognition

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

Victory belonged to all the coaches in the state's high schools on Friday, October 19, as the N. C. High School Athletic Association sponsored Coaches Day. Charles Adams, president of the association, announced the special observance.

The state organization, which is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations, seeks to serve the professional needs of persons who coach interscholastic athletics throughout the state, and Friday was designated as a time for commending their efforts toward bettering the schools' athletic programs.

Warren County Schools athletic director, Bob Ross, praised 11 local coaches for their dedication and service. A 1971 graduate of N. C. State University in Raleigh with a degree in science education, Ross has seven years of coaching experience in the county system. The Vance County native and his wife, the former Kay Barrett of Littleton, and their two-year-old son Daley reside in Littleton.

Warren County High School Eagles' head football coach, Bill Frazier, returned in 1971 to work in the school system in which he had as a high school student lettered in football, basketball and baseball. Frazier's overall football record of 153-57-8 attests to his qualification for seven turns as Coach of the Year. He has coached eight conference championship teams, and his most recent accolade was his selection as assistant coach of the East-West All-Star game in 1984.

Frazier is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, which he attended on a baseball scholarship after having spent two years at Chowan College in Murfreesboro on football and baseball scholarships. He is married to the former Besty Frazier of Afton, and they have two sons, Richard, a sophomore at East Carolina University in Greenville, and Kirk, a junior at Warren County High School.

A second Warren County native and three-sport letterman in the county's school system is James Howell, coach of football, varsity basketball and track at Warren County High. To his credit are a state championship, a district championship, and five conference championships in basketball. These accomplishments obviously have contributed to his being named Coach of the Year four times and State Coach of the Year in 1982.

An honor graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, Howell lettered in football in college. He is married to the former Eva Grandy of Chesapeake, Va., and they have two children, 16-year-old Holly and 14-year-old James, Jr.

Before joining the football staff of the Eagles two years ago, Coach John Coleman spent two years coaching football at John Graham Middle School and prior to that, coached football and basketball at Hawkins Junior High School for 12 years. A Warren County native, Coleman graduated from John Graham High School, where he played football, basketball and baseball, earning all-conference honors in football and basketball, and all-East in football.

Coleman received a B.S. degree in health and physical education from East Carolina University, from which he graduated in 1969. He and his wife, the former Elaine Gibson of Whiteville, and their daughters, Emmy Lou, 13 and Mary Parker, 7, live in Warrenton.

Warren County High's junior varsity basketball and girls' softball coach, McCain Brown, is another Warren County returnee and former standout in high school athletics. He earned all-conference and all-East in football in 1970 and all-conference in basketball in 1970. His high school participation contributed to his own coaching experiences, which included time at Williamston and Gumberry before his assignment in Warren County.

Brown graduated from A&T State University in Greensboro in 1975 with a B.S. degree in health and physical education. He and his wife, the former Joan Talley of Warrenton, have a four-year-old daughter, Adrian Monique.

Also on the coaching staff at the county's high school is Floyd M. Shaw. A graduate of North Warren High School, Shaw was invited in 1983 to assist with the Eagles' football program. He serves as assistant to Coach Coleman with the junior varsity football team and also coaches the girls' basketball team.

At Norlina Middle School, three teachers, two of whom coach at Warren County High, shared the limelight on Coaches Day. Mrs. Cheryl Ward, volleyball coach at the high school, is seventh and eighth grade health and physical education teacher

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Teams At A Glance

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

North Edgecombe 20, Warren County 12
Southeast Halifax 17, Northwest Halifax 14
Northampton West 13, Northampton East 0
Smithfield, Va. 52, Weldon 6

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Northampton East at Warren County
North Edgecombe at Weldon
Northampton West at Northwest Halifax
Roanoke Rapids at Southeast Halifax

ROANOKE RIVER CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	Conf.	All
Southeast Halifax	4-0	5-2
North Edgecombe	2-1	4-3
Northampton East	2-1	3-4
Warren County	2-2	3-4
Weldon	1-2	2-5
Northampton West	1-3	4-4
Northwest Halifax	0-3	2-5

Eagles Defeated In Final Minutes

North Edgecombe scored with less than four minutes remaining in the game Friday night to break a 12-12 deadlock and hand visiting Warren County its second Roanoke River Conference loss of the season, 20-12.

Quarterback Cliff Smith engineered a final drive for North Edgecombe, firing a 29-yard pass to Donald Whitaker before he sent Kelvin Davis over on a run of less than a yard with the go-ahead touchdown. Smith then ran over the two-point conversion.

Warren County's Eagles, who had the better of the statistical battle, drew first blood when Oakley Green, subbing for the injured Derrick Davenport, rambled 31 yards for a first-quarter score that, following the failure of a conversion attempt, left the visitors with a 6-0 advantage.

With less than 10 seconds remaining in the first half, Smith hit William Sutton on a 45-yard scoring pass to knot the score. A point-after kick attempt was blocked by the Eagles.

The two teams traded touchdowns in the third quarter, with Anthony Russell firing an eight-yard pass to Wayne Durham to put the Eagles on the scoreboard for a second time. A high snap from center spoiled an extra point kick attempt.

North Edgecombe countered on a 25-yard scoring pass from Smith to Sutton, and again the Eagle defenders managed to block at PAT kick.

For the night, Warren

For Conservation Use

Ducks Banquet Raises \$6,000

The cause of North American waterfowl was given an added boost last Wednesday night when the Warren County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited raised more than \$6,000 to be spent directly on waterfowl conservation.

The \$6,000 represented profit from DU's third annual Warren County banquet, held this year for the first time at the Warrenton Country Club.

Bill Davis, chairman of the event, said he was highly pleased with the turnout at this year's fundraiser.

"It is nice to know that 80 cents out of every dollar we netted will be funnelled directly into wetland habitat restoration programs in Canada, where 70 percent of this continent's ducks and geese are produced."

Davis and treasurer Jack Harris congratulated and thanked business firms and others

who donated time and merchandise to guarantee the banquet's success.

Jay Andrews won the main door prize, a rocking chair donated by Warrenton Furniture Exchange. Howard Jones won the main raffle prize, a shotgun provided by Ducks Unlimited.

Davis said yesterday that members of the planning committee were delighted by the success of this year's banquet, and that a meeting will be held shortly in order to elect officers to plan next year's fund raising affair.

Dangerous Delicacy

Japanese fugu, also known as puffer, blowfish, swellfish, or globe-fish, is perhaps the world's most deadly fish. In the past 10 years the toxin, concentrated in the fish's liver, ovaries, and intestines, has claimed nearly 200 lives in Japan, states National Geographic. But the Japanese continue to eat the delicacy.

Warren Academy Schedule Given

Warren Academy basketball coach Dickie Williams this week released the schedule which the academy varsity and junior varsity boys and girls teams will play during the 1984-85 season.

The season will begin for all four teams at home on Nov. 20 when they meet Tarboro Edgecombe. The regular season will end Feb. 5, with the N.C. Athletic Conference varsity tournament to be held at Warren Academy Feb. 11-15 and the jayvee tournament to be held at N.E.W. Academy Feb. 20-22.

Junior varsity teams will play on the same dates as the varsity teams except for games against Redwood and Roanoke Christian. Only the girls varsity team will see action against St. Mary's College.

The full schedule for the Warrior clubs is as follows:

Nov. 20	.....	T.E.A.
Nov. 27	.....	At T.E.A.
Nov. 30	.....	Redwood
Dec. 4	.....	N.E.W.
Dec. 7	.....	At Hobgood
Dec. 11	.....	At N.E.W.
Dec. 14	.....	Hobgood
Dec. 19	.....	At Halifax
Jan. 4	.....	At Redwood
Jan. 8	.....	Northeast
Jan. 11	.....	At Roanoke Christian
Jan. 15	.....	At Enfield
Jan. 17	At St. Mary's College
Jan. 22	Halifax
Jan. 29	At Northeast
Feb. 1	Roanoke Christian
Feb. 5	Enfield



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