CIAA REPORT

Hampton forgets earlier shellacking, wins CIAA

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THREE WAS A charm for Marco Stacy of Hampton University, but it proved to be another rejection for Winston-Salem State.

Stacy directed the Pirates to their first Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association football championship since 1931 with a 13-7 victory over the Rams Nov. 23. WSSU, on the other hand, had taken an impressive ninegame winning streak into the finale, but failed to win in its third consecutive CIAA title game. The Rams lost to Virginia Union 34-7 two years ago and Norfolk State 20-19 last year. Mesmerized WSSU remains winless in all four of its title-game appearances, _also losing to Elizabeth City State in

· Stacy, Hampton's senior quarterback, is a local hero. He played on Hampton High School's back-to-back state 3-A championship teams in 1980-81 before winning a scholarship

"With this I've won championships on both the state and college level," Stacy said after the Pirates staved off a last-minute Ram drive. "I can't ask for anymore than that."

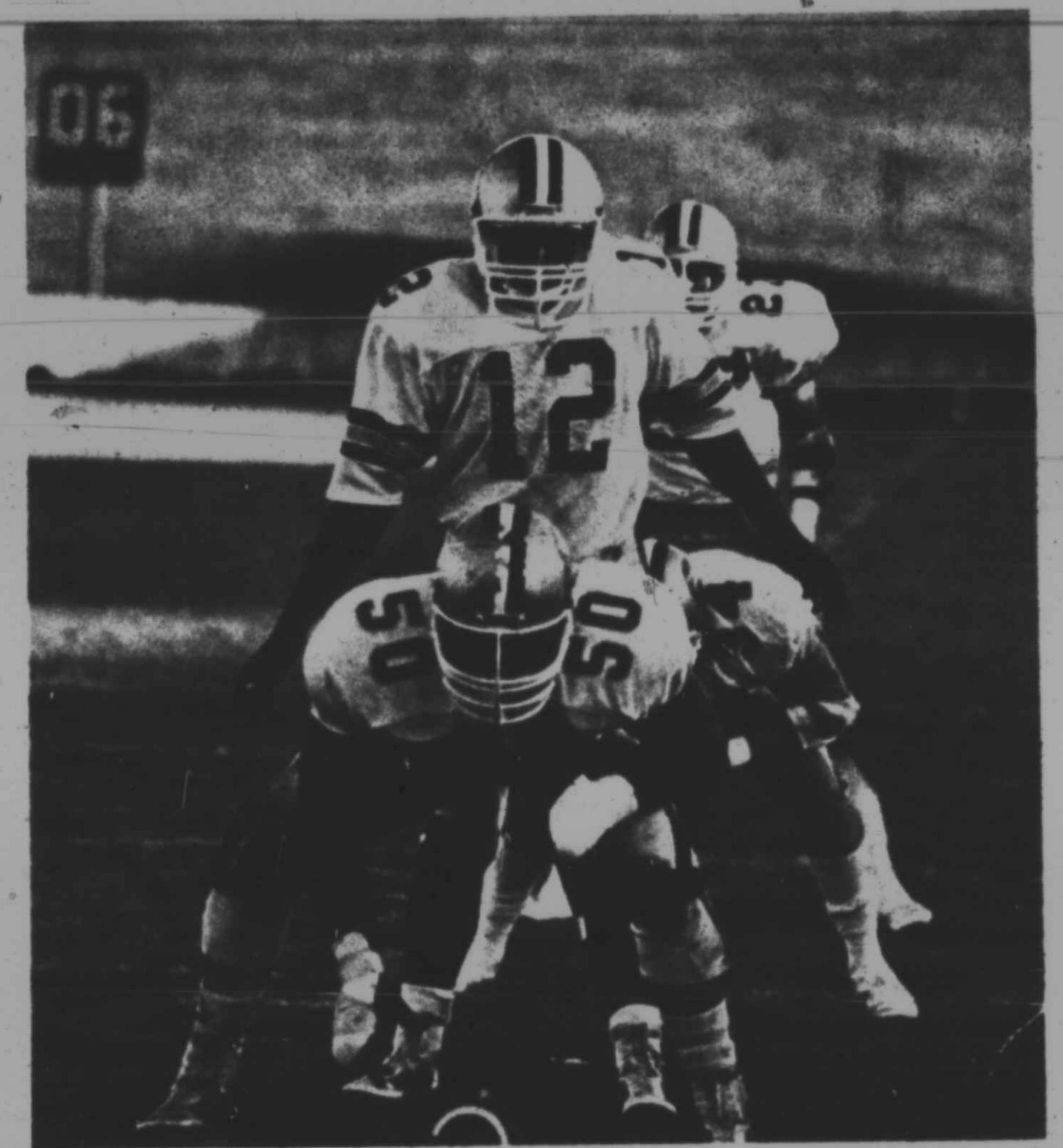
The Pirates couldn't ask for Winston-Salem to atone for a 47-13 rout by WSSU at Hampton Sept. 28. Stacy wasn't much of a factor in the

Winston-Salem knew we had to pass, outstanding execution. State, and was the championship game get anything consistent going.

yards. enough."

Undaunted, Hampton noseguard Stacy, who earned a reputation as an Hard work wasn't the only thing record (9-2) among college football Ike Readon, the CIAA's most likely outstanding option quarterback at that paid off for the Pirates. They coaches in North Carolina. National Football League draftee next Hampton High, demonstrated those made one major offensive adjustment, June, told Winston-Salem State Coach decision-making skills in the second according to Stacy, and it opened the whose team finished 10-2 after the loss Bill Hayes that the Pirates and Rams game with WSSU. He engineered three run for Painter. would meet again.

"I told Coach Hayes we'll see him 7-0 on their first drive. not 34 points better than we were." WSSU's Hayes agreed.



Local hero Stacy, behind center, (photo by James Parker).

first-half lead and never looked back. flat," the Ram coach said. "We had game-winner on a five-yard run on the ly to the Groves Stadium turf. Two "I didn't start that game," Stacy had the week off and they were coming third play of the fourth quarter, finish- more passes followed and each failed.

scoring drives after the Rams went up "We watched a lot of films on them team would lose a physical game with

Pirates' noisy locker room at Winston- Painter was Stacy's choice among the we were in a strong formation, they Freeman said. "We were worried Salem's Groves Stadium. "When they options of the Pirate veer offense. The tended to shade strong. We really had about them running those people in came down there and beat us like that, Norfolk, Va., product, who was the them outnumbered going to the weak and out of there, and wearing our peoit just wasn't our game. But they were CIAA's only 1,000-yard rusher this side and we took advantage of it." ple down. But it didn't happen. Our season, raced for 108 tough yards on In a game he had predicted to be a guys hung in there and played real 25 carries on a drenched Groves knockdown, drag-out fight, Hayes well."

when we scored on our first possession. tum shift after Ed Byers plunged one ter group of guys. In that game, the Rams, behind the But we did not play with the same yard for WSSU's only touchdown with "Every time I lose it is the most

Angelo Spruill and Mark Wallace, the close total-yard statistics show. But away from them after that drive," the cept defeat." limited the Pirate offense to 153 total we did not move the ball consistently Pirate junior said. "We knew we Despite the heartbreaking setback,

and we felt we could run weak on WSSU.

came away with the impression that Hampton won the battle in the tren-

> "Our strength is running backs and defensive backs," he said. "Without Danny Moore (three-time all-CIAA center out for the season with an ankle injury), our offensive line was relatively inexperienced. We're concentrating our recruiting efforts on linemen."

Last year, the Rams nearly pulled out the CIAA title game, but Tyrone Smith hit the upright on a 37-yard field goal attempt in the last 20 seconds. They had a chance again this year.

While Smith paced nervously on the sidelines, Anthony Blaylock and Bruce Dunlap deflected a punt by freshman Thomas Walker, whose 60-yarder in the first half was instrumental in keeping WSSU bottled up most of the afternoon. Walker's last punt carried only 16 yards, to the Hampton 45.

Three plays later at the Pirate 17; freshman quarterback Bobby Junior, who had alternated with junior Dana Walker throughout the fruitless second and third quarters, lofted a pass to tight end Harry Giles in the right corner of the end zone. Giles, who caught a pair of touchdown passes on specially designed plays at Livingstone the week before, had a step on cornerback Blake Anderson. The spiralling ball reached Giles at the same time Anderson's hands pushed the receiver's legs. Giles, a Suffolk, Va., native and an excellent basketball player, grasped the ball first game, in which WSSU built a 21-0 "In the first game, Hampton was Stadium track. Painter, who scored the momentarily. But it bounded harmless-

said after he led HU to a 212-192 edge off a real big game against Virginia ed the season with Hampton's single- "It just slipped away again," Hayes in total offense in the title contest. Union (a 31-0 win). They were suc- season record of 1,271 yards, counting said. "We had to establish the running "When he (Coach Fred Freeman) put cessful, but got banged up a good bit. his 111-yard effort in a 38-28 NCAA game early. We were in poor field posime in, we were 21 points down. We had a great game plan and had Division II playoff loss to Bloomsburg tion most of the game and we couldn't

so they went into the prevent. We tried "So people expected the second MVP." "No one wanted this game more to score points quick and weren't suc- game to be the same way, especially He said he sensed a distinct momen- than I did, but I couldn't ask for a bet-

outstanding defensive play of strong degree of efficiency. We never gave up 9:28 left in the opening quarter. frustrating loss I've ever had. Every safety Derrick Beasley and linebackers and our offense could move the ball, as "We wanted to take the momentum loss is equally frustrating. I never ac-

would have to work hard."

Hayes finished the year with the best

to Bloomsburg, had worried that his

again," Readon remembered in the More often than not, tailback Carl them," the quarterback said. "When "They bring so many backs,"

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Clark's Yvonne Owens: Just call her 'Moses'

By CRAIG T. GREENLEE Special To The Review

Yvonnie Owens, the all-America basketball player, is busy working up a sweat. She sprints back and forth across the free throw line, picking up loose balls and putting up shots repeatedly as if she's in an NBA Hot Shot Contest.

The scene is very similar to the Nike television commercial that features Moses Malone of the Philadelphia 76ers. Watching Owens go through the looking at the Malone commercial remind us that both have a lot in common. Both play center for their teams. Both are very physical. Both are wide bodies. In most cases, their respective teams' success depends on how well they perform. Owens used her nation in scoring and rebounding in the they can't contain me because I can NCAA's Division II. She averaged 25.6 points and 16.2 rebounds a game

Where the two differ, however, is

At her height, Owens faces taller people in the pivot every time she takes the court. Yet, she always gets her points and rebounds. One reason for that, she says, is that opponents think she's slow because of her height and build. "But I'm three times quicker than I look," she adds.

Mike Mosley, the Clark women's coach, agrees. "You won't believe her first step," he says. "It's better than most men I've seen. She's an unusual ball player. We're lucky to have her."

Owens' sturdiness is evident when drills in the Clark College gym and you look at her. She won't tell how much she weighs. "I'll let you guess," she says with a smile and a wink.

When Clark gets the ball in the paint to Owens, her quickness and tenacity are all too apparent. "My game is inside," she says. "Once I get the ball down low, I can do what I want and a quickness and physical style to lead the lot of opponents get upset. They know score when I get ready."

Lady Moses failed to make a basketball team on her first try-out as a sixthgrader. Determined that she would

"I knew I could accomplish a lot if I didn't come down with an injury. Last season made me realize that I was capable of playing with some of the best in the country. It just goes to show that you can do anything you set your mind to do."

16 in the Division II playoffs.

sively. "I kept missing shots, kept get- tempts to nullify her game. A usual shoot the long jumper, too," she says. reign in scoring and rebounding this ting the ball back and putting it up until I made the shot," she says. "That's "bowed" in the head, stomach and
til I made the shot," she says. "That's "bowed" in the head, stomach and "bowed" in the head, stowach and "bowed" in when they started calling me Moses other bodily parts. Some opponents when they started calling me Moses other bodily parts. Some opponents better than the last, says Owens She better than the last, says Owens She

played ball in the backyard using an the European circuit is a definite work. If I improve at the free throw life." old bicycle rim for a basket that was possibility for Owens. Several agents nailed to a tree. "My brothers gave me have made inquiries, according to have a problem doing it." a hard time when I was little," Owens Mosley. With her speed and Yvonnie Owens found out a lot Craig T. Greenlee is executive editor of explains. "They made me pay when I roughhouse style, she has a solid op- about herself as a basketball player last American Illustrated Magazine in wanted to play."

that Owens is only 5-71/2. But she uses play the next year, Owens returned to tals from sunrise to sunset.

an SIAC title last year and was a major on the fine points of rebounding. "She makes it in Europe, she won't be a didn't come down with an injury," she reason the Pantherettes were the only worked me constantly," Owens says. center. The forward position is fine says. "Last season made me realize

which she had an awful night offen- employed a variety of tactics in at- the big guard position before, so I can Look for Owens to continue her

portunity to earn considerable cash. season.

opponents down during the course of a that summer, working on fundamen- Yvonne Owens: "I've been Moses all my life" (photo by Graig T.

all-black team to make it to the Final "I did a lot of work on learning how to with her. That was her position in high that I was capable of playing with some box people out." school and in community college of the best in the country. It just goes Surprisingly, few people on the before she came to Clark. Being an off to show that you can do anything you Ironically, Owens was nicknamed Clark campus know of Owens' ex- guard wouldn't take her out of her set your mind to do." "Moses" last season during a game in ploits. But opponents do, and they've game, either, she feels. "I've played

have even resorted to stepping on her have even resorted to stepping on her envisions averaging 30 points and 20 has the body that makes it opponents to get around her. The Clark all-America learned to use "I do take a lot of punishment, even it means is that I have to have four her body on a basketball court by playthough I don't play dirty ball," Owens

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Women's professional basketball on work. If I improve at the free throw work. If I improve at the free throw work.

The 21-year old senior led Clark to middle-school coach) with tutoring her Owens also is aware that, if she "I knew I could accomplish a lot if I