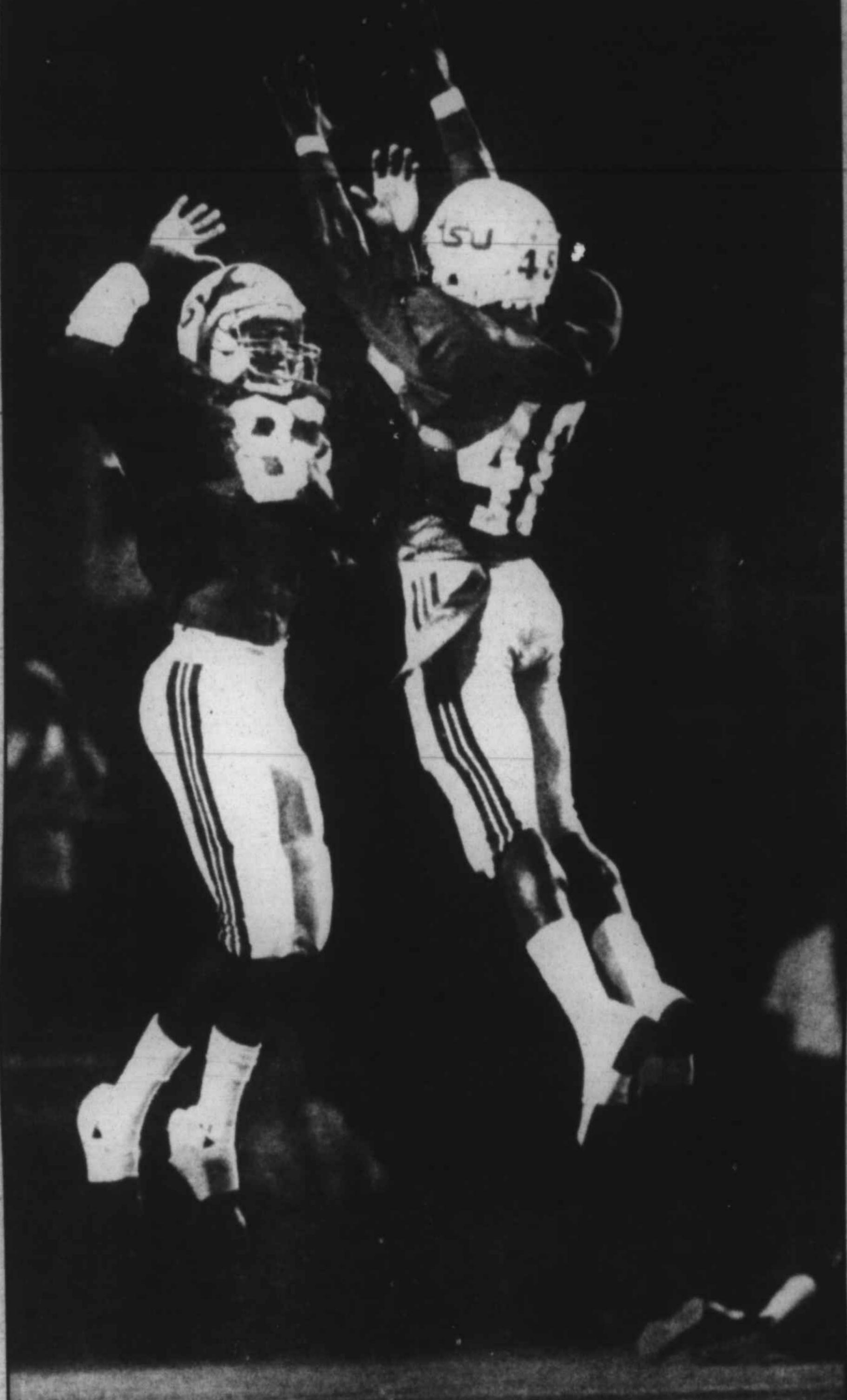
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Mud, Wet And Cheers

The Review leaves 1986 football with parting images of the season's "elements" and emotions. Clockwise from top left, Tennessee State's Steve Studdard and Bart Evans celebrate a touchdown, North Carolina Central Assistant Head Coach Robert "Stonewall" Jackson douses his fullback, Gary Leath, and Alcorn's Cedric Bush suffers a mud-drubbing by Jackson State defenders (photos by Mark Lyons, James Parker and Mark Gail).





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team is very impressive."

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Leading the Bull reserves are guards Reggie Moses and Ricky McCormick and small forward John Saunders.

Coach C.E. "Bighouse" Gaines of WINSTON-SALEM STATE (10-2, 13-6, 15-12) believes that, if his team makes it through its December schedule, it will be in good shape.

"Our schedule is very tough through December," said Gaines, who entered the season with 750 career wins. "If we can at least break even during that month, we'll be good going into the playoffs."

The Rams had hopes of recruiting football players James "Plug" Melton and Harry Giles, members of the Southern Division champion team, to fill some big holes in the program. But both elected to take a much-deserved rest after another successful season on the gridiron.

Although they will be without the extra beef in the frontcourt, the Rams " The Falcons, who so far have beaten capable of doing the job." will still have all-CIAA forward Alex- Elizabeth City 95-72 and High Point

Union's Robbins remembers Hooper ing the 1984-85 season, which ended the Panthers' 30-game winning streak.

"Hooper beat us single-handedly," said Robbins. "He did a fine job that

19 points and eight assists in a 92-77 on their freshmen to produce. win over Bowie State Dec. 3 will be and No. 2 guard Steve Hood, who had

22 points, six rebounds and four steals in that same game.

The Rams, off to a 3-1 start, will Terry Nance, 6-8 freshman Antonio from last season's performance. Jones and 6-7 center Gary Cromartie. But it remains to be seen whether Gaines can notch a fifth straight division championship. The competition appears much stiffer this season.

Coach Harvey Heartley of ST. AUGUSTINE'S (6-6, 10-9, 13-12) and forward Thomas McDaniels. Yet, sophomore center Robert Walker, a believes that nothing less than ag- NCCU will miss the inside play of 6-8 Liberia native who's averaged 14 gressive play and desire will lead the Falcons to a winning season.

"We've got to be strong on defense, score well and be just plain hungry," Heartley said.

Heartley is hoping for a season of

play under the boards this year."

play. Hooper averaged 23 points last Union 87-79, are back with three personnel.

and center Jimmy Dillard. The going to be tremendous." newcomers include guards Tony The Broncos, who dropped their Brown, Clarence Legget and Shawn opener to tough Paine College 69-61, McDaniels.

Hooper will get most of his help (8-4, 12-7, 14-12) Coach Michael Ber- McKinney and Anthony Williams and from point guard Charlie Spell, whose nard said that his Eagles are counting center Al Capers.

typical of his production this season, the core of our team," Bernard said. Corley will strive for a successful "But we need our new people to come season with a youth movement that in- patrol the boards for the Bears.

in and produce because they have an cludes two freshmen and two

Bernard also said that the Eagles are also get plenty of help from 6-5 senior striving for significant improvement

"We're trying to do better," the coach said. "If we're going to do what former early in the season, averaging we want to do, we've got to."

Thompson, Wayne Howell and Cleo steals a game. Hill, along with center Leon Williams Willie Jennette, who averaged 22.5 points and seven rebounds, freshman points and 8.4 rebounds last year.

3-16, 6-17), under new Coach Jeff points). Jones, is looking forward to climbing out of the divisional cellar.

strong rebounding from his frontcourt. "We're going to have a great games with Union and one with Nor-"Our frontline is back intact," season," said Jones, a former Wichita folk State. Heartley said. "It's been kind of weak State assistant who replaced Jake in the past, but we're looking for better Ford. "We were able to recruit some Haskins is also leaning heavily on his extremely talented young men who are newcomers.

"We've got some great players and a

are back with guards Miles Clark and NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL William Green, forwards Kenny

"We have four starters and they're lost all of its starters, but Coach David

important role in our personnel." sophomores to go with junior Charles

Armstrong, a Gastonia, N.C., product (as are James Worthy and Sleepy Floyd) has been the Bears' top per-17 points. Freshman point guard Frank The Eagles return guards Kevin Stewart has added 15 points and six

The frontcourt includes 6-6 Marvin Parker (11 points) and FAYETTEVILLE STATE (2-10, sophomore Sylvester Bowens (10

> Corley's team played a rugged earlyseason schedule that included two

SHAW (2-10, 4-15, 7-17) Coach Ray

"We have 11 freshmen and one Although his team is not as tall as he sophomore on our team," said ander Hooper to turn to for the inside College 85-80 and lost to Virginia would like, Jones is pleased with his Haskins, who was a highly successful coach in Brooklyn.

The team offers one consolation, Among the returnees are forwards fine group of freshmen," he said. however. Haskins said that though the from a shot he took at the buzzer, dur- Darryl Johnson and Randall Mounts "Once we bring it all together, they're the Bears are young, they can run with any team in the league.

> "We're inexperienced but very quick," said Haskins, a former Shaw guard himself. "As time goes by, we're going to develop into a fine team."

Lone veteran Dexter Price is back at LIVINGSTONE (5-7, 8-11, 13-15) guard, accompanied by newcomers Mark Brown and Anthony Jones in the backcourt. Center Herbert Allyne will

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while Ball earned a spot on the con- ing season seems predetermined in ference's all-rookie team.

The only starters back are 6-2 Vincent Garlick (eight points) and 6-2 (5-24) will face a rebuilding year under curacy. Tracy Wilson (seven points and eight

MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE rookie Coach Steve Williams, a former rebounds). With 6-7 Jonathon White Florida State assistant. The Hawks lost

second in the league in blocked shots, being the Hornets' tallest player, a los- their top scorer (Donnell Boney) and big brothers in Division I, including who must improve his shooting ac-

The Hawks once again play several 85-54.

will look to Marvin Blye to take over Cleveland State, Maryland, Wake the scoring leadership. The only other Forest and Miami. Last season, they starter back is 6-8 Darek Robinson, lost to Clemson, South Carolina, Cleveland State, Wake Forest, Maryland, Miami, Akron and Evansville by an average score of

COMMENTARY

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thought it was a good way to see how It has some merit. You don't need six That's not worth any amount of siphoned off, the major powers are or seven of them, though. You don't money. want to get your brains beat in every The ironic thing about this scenario That's what basketball has come to. time."

leave a team shellshocked and thinking couldn't get on their schedules. Now perhaps the buying and selling of your team would react. It's a good test. it couldn't win even at hopscotch. that their pool of talent has been

is that when black schools had teams The down side to that reasoning is that were capable of competing with practice is all bad. Considering the Roscoe Nance is a sportswriter for that 35- and 40-point defeats could most of the major powers, they financial status of many schools, USA Today.

welcoming them like lost family.

Again, that's not to say that the

games has become a necessary evil if black schools are to survive.

Slavery was a necessary evil, too,

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