

UNCP throttles Fairmont State

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Powell scored from nine yards out after the Braves were set up inside the 10 yard line following Boykin's interception.

Junior Travis Daniels, still nursing an injury that kept him out of last week's game, played in the second half and scored the game's final points on a two-yard touchdown run at the end of the third quarter.

The loss was Fairmont State's fifth in a row, moving them to 2-5 overall. The Falcons finished with just 66 first half yards, as Damon Waters led the team with 15 carries for 64 yards.

The Braves, 5-2 after the win, have two important games in the next two weeks. First they are at Winston-Salem State University on Oct. 23 during the Rams' homecoming before returning home to host Concord on Oct. 30 as UNCP celebrates its homecoming.



Members of the Braves' defense swarm towards Fairmont State quarterback Logan Moore as Moore looks to pass.

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UNCP's Josh Throckmorton lays out to haul in a reception during the second half of action against Fairmont State.

Photo by Gabrielle Lover



Braves' defensive back Kellen Rankin celebrates as teammate A.C. Boykin (#2) recovers a Fairmont State fumble on Oct. 16.

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Slow start dooms Braves in Florida

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Facing their second long road trip in as many weeks, the UNCP football team was unable to dig themselves out of its second-straight first half deficit as they dropped a 26-13 game against Webber International on Oct. 9 in Florida.

A week earlier against Glenville State, the Braves scored 21 points in the fourth quarter for the comeback win, but facing a similar situation against Webber International, their magic ran out.

After cutting the deficit to 19-13 with 6:40 to play, UNCP quarterback Cory Smith was intercepted by Webber International's

Beau Barnes who took it back for a touchdown to end the Braves' rally and give Webber International the upset over the 17th-ranked Braves.

Webber International jumped out to their halftime advantage by playing stellar defense, holding the Braves to -8 yards in the first two quarters. Webber International finished the game giving up a total of only 138 yards to UNCP.

Penalty Flags

UNCP did not help themselves out either. They amassed 121 penalty yards in the game, with 67 yards of penalties in the first half.

Smith finished the game with 116 passing yards on a 16-for-30 performance, marked by the game-chang-



Braves' quarterback Cory Smith threw for 116 yards on a 16-for-30 passing day in UNCP's loss to Webber International on Oct. 9.

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Despite finishing with three catches for 30 yards, Cody Harrington and the rest of the Braves' offense was unable to complete the comeback against Webber International.

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ing interception. Senior Keith Gore paced the Braves on the ground, totaling 71 rushing yards on 18 carries.

Spreading the ball around

Eight different receivers finished with catches in the game, led by redshirt-senior St. Anthony Lloyd with four catches for 37 yards.

Redshirt sophomore Cody Harrington finished with 30 yards receiving on three catches.

Webber International picked up 128 passing yards and a touchdown from quarterback Torrance

Moise, while Moise also added 96 yards rushing to the cause.

After having their first possession stall, Webber International used a UNCP miscue on the punt attempt to regain the ball at the UNCP 15-yard line. Two plays later, Moise connected for a 25-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring before adding two more scores to take the 19-0 lead into the halftime break.

The Braves finally got on the scoreboard early in the fourth quarter when senior Caylon Hann returned a punt for a 55-yard touch-

down.

UNCP further cut the Webber International lead at the 6:40 mark in the final frame when Smith connected with redshirt sophomore Dom Whittington for a 21-yard touchdown pass. It was Whittington's first collegiate touchdown.

The Braves had the chance to turn the tide moments later when senior James Alexander forced and recovered a fumble to give UNCP the ball on their own 35-yard line. Smith's pass on the opening play of the drive was intercepted by Barnes for the touchdown.