

Braves retain Two Rivers Cup

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Kennedy finished with 115 yards rushing, including a five-yard touchdown in the third quarter before his explosive 50-yard dash to the end zone in the fourth quarter. Add in 27 receiving yards to finish with 142 all-purpose yards, and Kennedy had himself a fine game.

“Our theme for this year is ‘leave no doubt,’ and that’s what I did. I left no doubt; every play I gave it my best,” Kennedy said after the game.

Fellow senior Keith Gore also had an impact game, finishing with 53 rushing yards and a five yard touchdown to open the Braves second half scoring and up the lead to 14-0.

Late into the fourth

quarter, coach Shinnick was able to get some younger players into the game, and freshman running back Elliott Powell made the most of his opportunity, finishing with five carries for 48 yards, capped off by his 14-yard touchdown to complete the game’s scoring.

“To be able to get some guys about 10-12 plays, and for one of those to be a touchdown drive, that’s fantastic,” Shinnick said about getting his backups and younger players into the game.

UNCP travels to play St. Paul’s next weekend before playing at another regional rival, Wingate, on Sept. 18. The Braves return home on Sept. 25 to take on Carson-Newman during Parents’ Weekend.



FSU Chancellor Dr. James A. Anderson, left, UNCP Chancellor Dr. Kyle R. Carter and U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre walk to midfield for the pre-game coin toss. Photo by Nick Faulkner



Justin Bullard goes for a tackle in the backfield. Photo by Gabrielle Lovor



UNCP running back Rashon Kennedy dives into the end zone for a touchdown. Photo by Nick Phillips



Braves captains Corey Smith, left, Josh Throckmorton, Adrian Williams and J.T. McCoy walk out for the coin toss. Photo by Nick Faulkner