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column in last week's *Garner News* urging that Morgan be used as a receiver. "He's been hurt and we haven't been able to get him much practice time on offense, but we want to get him in the game more often."

**The Hokie pokey**

Virginia Tech-bound Josh Oglesby, who sat out the Riverside game due to injury, was held out of Garner's first offensive series due to missed practice time. But as the second quarter got under way, Oglesby checked in and the Trojan offense kept purring.

A little over two minutes into the period, he got his first carry, bolting for 13 yards and a first down at the Bengals' 39. That worked so well, Oglesby got the call on the next play, too. This time he went the distance, busting through a gap in the line and outrunning the Fuquay secondary for a touchdown. A bad snap on the point-after try left the score at 13-7.

The future Hokie struck again late in the quarter. This time, the Trojans came out of a time-out facing fourth-and-2 from the Bengals' 43. Smith called for the power-running Oglesby to follow fullback Nick Williams for the first down.

**Trojan football stat leaders****RUSHING**

Player	att	yds	td
Josh Oglesby	64	554	10
Chris Culliver	32	256	2
Reginald Bowens	16	88	1
Corey Williams	12	45	0
Tony Morgan	10	44	1
Others	40	5	1
<b>Garner</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>15</b>
Opponents	193	592	5

**RECEIVING**

Player	rec	yds	td
Willie Bunting	10	83	0
Booker Nunley	4	76	1
Tony Morgan	3	54	1
Reginald Bowens	1	11	0
Cedric Sneed	1	10	0
B.G. Howell	2	9	0
Chris Culliver	2	5	0
Nick Williams	1	5	0
<b>Garner</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>2</b>
Opponents	40	524	5

**PASSING**

Player	c-a-i	yds	td
Kameron Smith	21-36-1	245	2
B.G. Howell	3-9-1	8	0
<b>Garner</b>	<b>24-45-2</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>2</b>
Opponents	40-82-5	524	5

stats are unofficial

**GNRC Football Standings**

Team	Conference Games				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
East Wake	0	0	0	0	4	0	121	26
Garner	0	0	0	0	4	1	144	69
SE Raleigh	0	0	0	0	3	2	126	59
Smithfield-Selma	0	0	0	0	2	3	106	136
Knightdale	0	0	0	0	2	3	68	123
West Johnston	0	0	0	0	0	4	66	143
Clayton	0	0	0	0	0	5	31	122

To be assured of a playoff berth, a team must win four games, including one conference game, and not finish last in the conference.

**Last Week's Results**  
Garner 25, Fuquay-Varina 21  
East Wake 41, Enloe 14  
Triton 48, Smithfield-Selma 20  
Hoggard 18, SE Raleigh 13  
Wake Forest 36, Knightdale 7  
South Johnston 21, Clayton 13  
West Johnston (open)

**This Week's Games**  
Clayton at Garner  
SE Raleigh at West Johnston  
Smithfield-Selma at East Wake  
Knightdale (open)

That's what happened, but then Oglesby got by the Fuquay linebackers and took it to the house with 1:55 to play in the first half. The senior tailback ended the quarter with 101 yards on just six carries, and the Trojans now led 19-7.

**Eye of the Tiger**

This is where Fuquay-Varina teams of the past usually folded against the Trojans. Not this one, however.

With less than two minutes left in the first half, the Bengal Tigers clawed their way down the field on the strength of Baker's accurate passing and cool under fire. A couple of costly penalties on Garner pushed the Fuquay offense even closer, until the Bengals had a first down on the Trojans' 12 with just four seconds left in the half. Here, Baker called Fuquay's final time-out to set up one shot at the end zone.

It turned out to be all the shot they needed. Baker fired a bullet for the tall, rangy Black, who grabbed it just inside the goal line as the halftime buzzer sounded. Brandt made the point-after to pull his team within 19-14.

Fuquay continued its forward momentum as the second half got under way. Garner got the ball first, but the Bengal defense threw Oglesby for a 17-yard loss on the Trojans' first play from scrimmage. Carlile had to punt from deep in his own territory, and Baker set up shop for Fuquay from the 50.

Garner's defense fought hard to save its imperiled lead, but to no avail. Black made two receptions for key first downs, and after the Trojans made a stand in the shadow of their goal line, Baker swung the ball to Josh Quinn on a jailbreak screen for a touchdown. Brandt converted again for a 21-19 Fuquay-Varina lead.

Garner failed to get a first down in the second half until the next-to-last play of the third quarter.

**The Trojans rally**

With 8:41 remaining, Garner started its winning drive from its 47. Hard running by Oglesby and Williams moved the Trojans across midfield, and Smith, having his best day ever throwing the ball, hit Justin Nunery for 12 yards and a first down. As time ran under seven minutes, Oglesby rumbled to the 1, where he was forced out of bounds. The Bengals held for two plays, but on third-and-goal, last year's Greater Neuse Offensive Player of the Year got into the end zone. A pass for two points failed, but with the score now 25-21, only a touchdown could deliver an upset for the Bengals.

**History repeating itself**

Just as Riverside had done the week before, Fuquay-Varina embarked on its final offensive series determined to steal victory from Garner's clutches, while leaving no time for a response. And just like last



GN Photo by Ken Hall

Garner's Trey Grissom (3) hauls down Fuquay-Varina quarterback Chris Baker (12) for a 15-yard loss with 1:28 remaining in the game. Grissom's sack secured the victory.

week, the Trojans' defense was worn out. They fought hard, but soon three first downs were in the book and the Bengals were threatening.

Another jailbreak screen netted 10 yards and a first down at the Garner 39 as time ran under three minutes to play. A Trojan linebacker barely made the tackle, and on the next play Fuquay running back Zach Powell slammed into the gut for six more yards. On second down, defenders Grissom and Darwin Williams broke up a Baker pass that also could have beaten the Trojans. A three-yard run by Mixon made it fourth-and-1 from the 30.

Baker lined his team up and tried to draw Garner's hard-charging defense offside with a hard count, which he had already done twice before. For a moment, it appeared as if he had. But the Trojans' defensive linemen protested, arguing that a Fuquay lineman had flinched first.

After a brief conference, the referees agreed. Instead of piling a first down, Baker had drawn his own team offside, and now it was fourth-and-6 from the 35, with 88 seconds left in the game.

After a time-out, Grissom,

who had left the game twice in the fourth quarter due to cramps, limped back on the field with his equally fatigued teammates, looking to make one last stop. The Bengal center hiked the ball to Baker..

**Victory**

...and Grissom closed on him like a man possessed, racing in unblocked and bolting past Fuquay fullback Quinn before he knew what had happened.

Baker backed up for 15 yards, but there was no escape. At the midfield stripe, Grissom grabbed the Bengal quarterback and sent him to the Trojan Stadium turf.

"I saw the formation they were running, and I knew they were passing," said Grissom. "I could tell that they couldn't block me the way they were lined up, and I got past the fullback to get at the quarterback. Thank God I got him."

In last year's overtime victory over East Wake, Grissom made a similar read, busting through the line nearly uncheck to block an extra point and give the Trojans a 16-15 victory.

"I'm just glad I've been able to make the plays," he said.

The Bengals still had two time-outs remaining, but

Oglesby was able to pick up a first down and Garner ran out the clock.

**Trojans next week**

Garner opens conference play at home on Friday night, facing old rival Clayton High School. The Comets, who lost 19 starters from last year's 4-A quarterfinalists, have struggled with a young team and are off to an 0-5 start.

The game is Garner's Homecoming contest, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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