

Warriors scrimmage Eagles

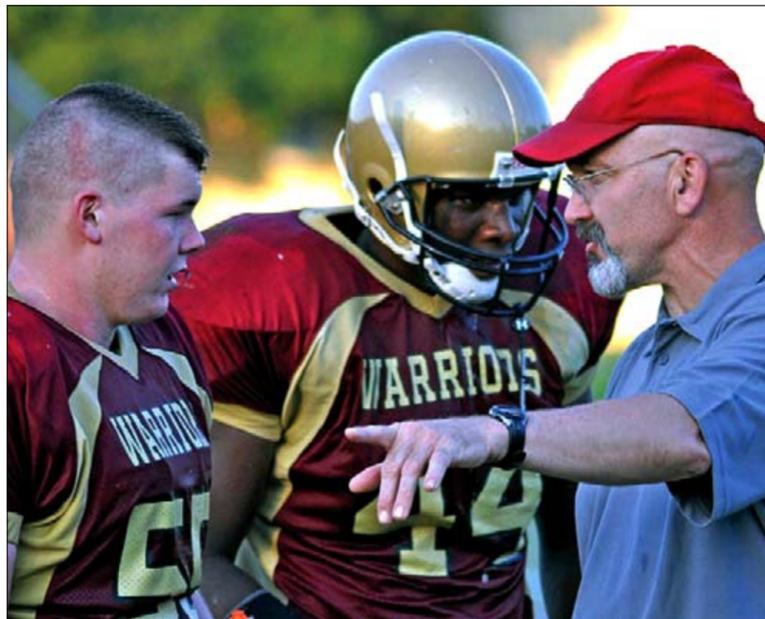
in final test before season start



The Quantico Warriors line-up for a group photo after a successful scrimmage Friday evening.



Players take a knee and steady themselves on their helmets during halftime, listening to a pep-talk.



During a timeout Coach John Hubert fine tunes two of his players.

The Quantico Middle/High School Warriors prepared for the start of the season Friday evening with a scrimmage game against the Fredericksburg Christian School Eagles at the high school football field here.

"The goal of a scrimmage is to make personnel adjustments, [and] see who's best suited for certain positions," said head coach John Hubert before the game. "We also hope to fine tune our offensive game plan for our first real game."

The Warrior's first game is tomorrow at 6 p.m. against Massanutten Military Academy.

Personnel adjustments are important to the team because, as a school for military children, there is a high turnover rate for students. According to Hubert, only 10 of the 24 team members are returning from the previous year.

"We're lucky to have a kid more than two years," Hubert said. "We can't get too far into teaching. We have to stick to the fundamentals to give ourselves an opportunity for success."

While the team's fundamentals may be untested, its teamwork is strong according to Hubert. "Teamwork is very important. It's everything. If the team starts to fall apart, that's it. These kids, they work hard for one another."

Proof of their team spirit was shown at the scrimmage, where every team member was present, including those on crutches and in casts who couldn't play because of injuries.

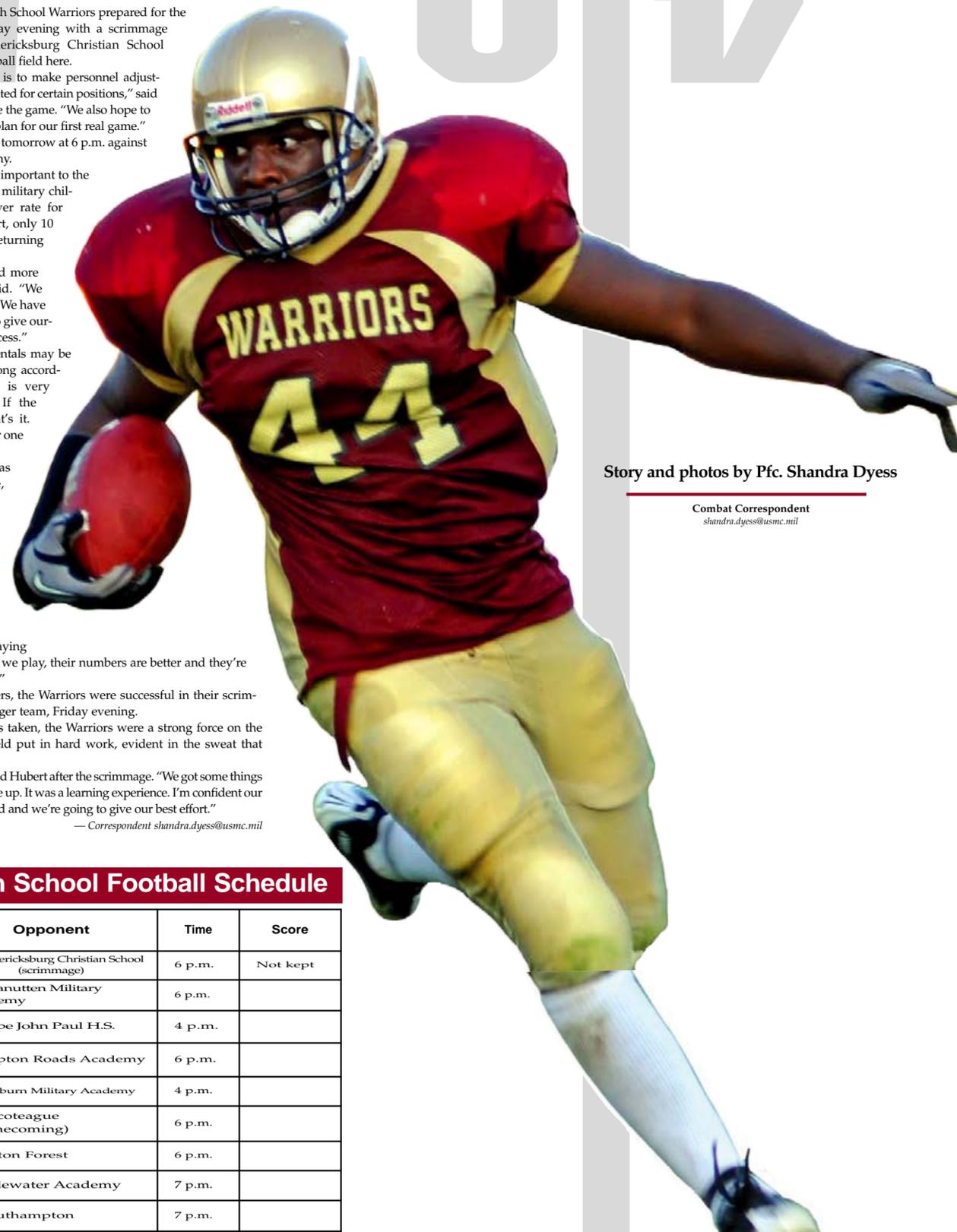
The small size of the team is one of the greatest challenges according to Hubert. "The same 11 guys playing offense are also playing defense. The other teams that we play, their numbers are better and they're able to rest their players a bit."

Despite their small numbers, the Warriors were successful in their scrimmage against the Eagles, a larger team, Friday evening.

While no official score was taken, the Warriors were a strong force on the field. Every player on the field put in hard work, evident in the sweat that dripped from their faces.

"We accomplished a lot," said Hubert after the scrimmage. "We got some things working that we needed to tune up. It was a learning experience. I'm confident our guys are going to train real hard and we're going to give our best effort."

— Correspondent shandra.dyess@usmc.mil



Story and photos by Pfc. Shandra Dyess

Combat Correspondent
shandra.dyess@usmc.mil

Quantico High School Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Score
Friday, Aug. 27	Fredericksburg Christian School (scrimmage)	6 p.m.	Not kept
Friday, Sept. 3	Massanutten Military Academy	6 p.m.	
Friday, Sept. 10	@ Pope John Paul H.S.	4 p.m.	
Friday, Sept. 17	Hampton Roads Academy	6 p.m.	
Friday, Sept. 24	@ Fishburn Military Academy	4 p.m.	
Friday, Oct. 1	Chincoteague (Homecoming)	6 p.m.	
Friday, Oct. 8	Kenston Forest	6 p.m.	
Friday, Oct. 15	@ Tidewater Academy	7 p.m.	
Friday, Oct. 22	@ Southampton	7 p.m.	
Friday, Oct. 29	Rappahannock County H.S.	6 p.m.	
Friday, Nov. 12	State semifinals @ Higher Seed	TBA	
Friday, Nov. 19	State final @ Higher Seed	TBA	

No. 44, fullback Rodderick, 17, scampers around the end of the offensive line during the scrimmage.