**Braves run out of time looking for comeback**

The Braves would get no closer, however, as they came up empty in their next three possessions, highlighted by Daniels’ fumble inside the Wingate 35-yard line. 

On Wingate’s next possession following the fumble, Woods broke free for a 58-yard touchdown run with just over five minutes to go in the game. With the run, Woods became Wingate’s all-time leading rusher.

UNCP mounted another touchdown drive, as Smith completed 9-of-10 pass attempts on a drive that ended with an 8-yard touchdown to Throckmorton to pull the Braves within five after the extra point.

Instead of attempting an outside kick, Shinnick and the coaching staff gambled on the idea they could stop the Wingate offense with less than two minutes to go and while only having two timeouts left.

Haffly’s nine-yard quarter-back-keeper for a first down two plays later sealed the game for Wingate.

With the loss, the Braves drop to 1-3 all-time against Wingate.

After their two game road trip, the Braves now return home for a Sept. 25 Parents’ Weekend matchup against Carson-Newman.

Last season, UNCP lost a 35-22 contest to Carson-Newman in Jefferson City, Tenn., in the team’s first meeting.

“It doesn’t feel good right now, but we’ll get home and rest, and wake up to a new day and get ready for Carson-Newman,” Caylon Hann said on the way to the locker room after the game.

**Stiffening defense**

Defensively, the Braves totaled five sacks of St. Paul’s Miller-Colon as they held the St. Paul’s offense to 243 total yards in the game.

Redshirt senior and 2008 all-Americans Caylon Hann picked off two passes for his third multi-interception game with the Braves while also adding 38 return yards on kickoff and punt returns in the game.

“I thought the defense played very well,” UNCP head coach Pete Shinnick said.

“We gave up some long returns and gave them good field position on one of their touchdowns, but we got after their quarterback extremely well. Obviously, I am pleased with how things turned out. Offensively, St. Paul’s really crowded the box on us and we were able to hit some deep passes and get the scoring done that way,” Shinnick added.

UNCP got on the board early, going 59 yards on just eight plays, being capped off by Gere’s touchdown from one yard out. Smith connected with Joe Burnett for a 53-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter and added a 6-yard touchdown pass to Te’vell Williams in the second quarter to give the Braves the 21-0 halftime lead.

After St. Paul’s came out and scored midway through the third quarter, UNCP stretched their lead with a 12-play, 59-yard drive that was highlighted by Daniels’ first touchdown, a one-yard plunge.

St. Paul’s again cut into the lead on its ensuing drive, converting a 4th-and-