Facing their second long road trip in as many weeks, the UNCP football team was unable to dig themselves out of their 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-changing 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 Carlsson Harris returned a punt for a 55-yard touchdown.

UNCP's Josh Thornton catches a pass after being tackled by a Fairmont State defender.

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The loss was Fairmount State’s fifth in a row, moving them to 1-6 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 host 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.

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