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Down East Viking Football Classic game, festivities return to Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount, N.C. – The return of the Down East Viking Football Classic will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Rocky Mount Sports Complex. This year’s Classic will feature host Elizabeth City State University against CIAA rival Fayetteville State University. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no CIAA football teams played during the 2020 season. The two teams played in the DEVFC in 2019, with Fayetteville State easing to a 55-12 victory. This season’s game will serve as the season-opener for both schools.

Tickets are available for \$25 by visiting the Booker T. Washington Community Center (727 Pennsylvania Ave.) from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays. Online purchases can be made via <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/2067634/24th-annual-down-east-viking-football-classic-elizabeth-city-rocky-mount-sports-complex-elizabeth-city-state-university>. Tickets will also be available onsite the day of the game. Those who are wishing to tailgate must reserve a spot by visiting the Booker T. Washington Community Center from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays-Fridays. Tailgating spots are \$90, while RV spots are \$110. Those wishing to tailgate must purchase a ticket to the game.

The Down East Viking Football Classic will continue its tradition of extending activities outside of gameday. Elizabeth City State will hold the Down East Viking Football Classic Golf Challenge at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 3 at the Belmont Lake Golf Club. Registration is required. The day will also feature the school’s admissions department taking visits to local area high schools as well as a 5 p.m. athletic banquet that will be held at the Rocky Mount Event Center.

For more information about the Down East Viking Football Classic and festivities, call the Elizabeth City State University ticket office at 252-335-3578 or contact the city of Rocky Mount Parks and Recreation Department at 972-1151.

About Rocky Mount

The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City

on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community toward a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit www.rockymountnc.gov for news and updates.

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