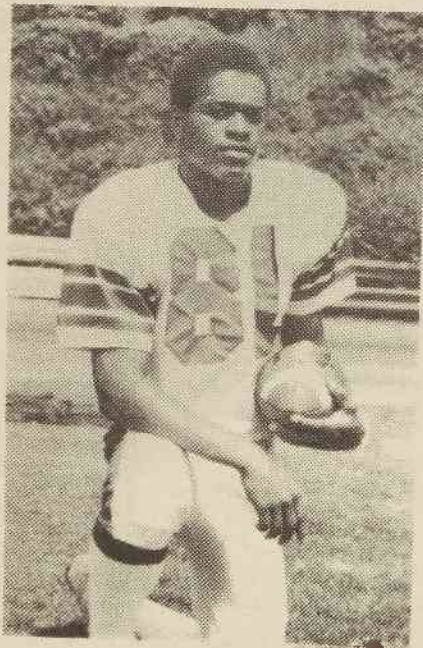


# Sports



## Ronnie Johnson; Ram Asset

By Ralph McKnight

"Making my first touchdown as a Ram was a feeling I'll never forget. It was my sophomore year at homecoming time I ran a ten yard pass reception and turned it into a 93 yard TD. The longest in the CIAA that year and the longest ever at WSSU. I felt great! The TD against A&T was a TD we needed to get rolling. I knew we needed a big play so when they called on me to help I gave them just what they wanted," stated Ronnie Johnson, a Charlottean who attended West Charlotte High School. Ronnie, a senior plans to return to Charlotte after graduation to seek a job in his major, Art. In 1981, he was named MVP in football and attended the NCAA Track & Field Championship. "My biggest achievement will be getting my B.A. degree in December of '82," stated Johnson. Wide receiver and flanker, Ronnie runs a mile every day, lifts weights and works on his weaknesses-which are few-from season to season.

"My football and track coaches have been a great help to me in keeping my body physically fit. They work me hard and I can take everything they dish out. A good player knows his sport and has confidence in himself," said Ronnie. He feels that his achievements in sports are due to the teaching of his parents. "Never give up when things are not going your way, but wait until it's your turn then make the best of it."

When asked why he decided to attend WSSU, Ronnie said "I had a chance to attend Southern Illinois, A&T, Johnson C. Smith and Elizabeth City. I didn't want to go too far from nor stay too close to home, so I narrowed my choices down to two-A&T and WSSU. Ronnie's ambition is to play pro football and to be financially well off, not rich, but living comfortably. As an athlete, Johnson has definite ideas about mixing sports and drugs. "I wouldn't play on a team with someone who uses drugs because a person cannot play up to his abilities when drugged. If you want to use drugs, then leave sports alone!" Johnson feels that WSSU has a strong chance to earn a place in the NCAA division II championship game that will be held at Charlotte's Veterans Memorial Stadium Nov. 20.

I'm not saying that we are going to win the CIAA Southern Division, but we do have as good a chance as anyone to win and we are going for it!"

# Football

## Rams Punish Aggies

The Rams assaulted the A&T Aggies before a crowd of 23,353 fans at Groves Stadium by a score of 21-7.

The Rams found out that the best way to travel is by establishing the running game by totaling 327 yards on the ground.

Michael Ferguson, a senior from Danville, Va. carried the ball 22 times for 139 yards and one TD. Thomas Turner and Michael Winbush totaled 168 yards between them.

The most exciting play of the evening came when Winbush was slightly injured and turned his job over to Greg Stokes, the Rams' "Mr. Excitement". Stokes faked the option right then pitched to wide receiver Ronnie Johnson going the other

way. Johnson scampered 40 yards down the left sideline for the TD giving the Rams a 14-0 lead.

Winbush returned to the game and directed an 80-yard scoring drive which closed the door on the Aggies.

The defense of the Rams was outstanding throughout the evening, creating Aggie turnovers. Dan Bryson, Tim Platt, and Eddie Sauls kept pressure on the Aggie quarterbacks all night. Bryson recovered a fumble, which led to a Ram score. Defensive back Dominique Jeralds picked off a pair of passes while punter Carl P. Townsend kept the "ailing" Aggies deep in their territory with booming punts throughout the game. IT AIN'T NOTHING LIKE BEATIN' THEM AGGIES!!

Oct. 2—Norfolk State—Away

Oct. 9—Livingstone—Away

Oct. 16—Fayetteville—Home

Oct. 23—Lenoir Rhyne—Homecoming

Oct. 30—J. C. Smith—Away

Nov. 6—Elizabeth City—Away

Nov. 13—Elon—Away

## bits & pieces

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#### Professional Sports:

When the 1982 NBA season starts, Moses Malone, formerly of the Houston Rockets, will wear a Philadelphia 76er uniform and earn \$1.6 million over a six year period. That is over \$13 million for six years of service.

Calvin Peete, one of few blacks on the professional golf tour, has earned over \$500,000 for six years of walking the greens.

Reggie Jackson, Dave Winfield, and Rod Carew earn more money per year than the entire Minnesota Twins of the American Baseball League.

Dallas Cowboy running-back and former Ram standout Timmy Newsome has been switched from fullback to tailback. At 6'2" tall and 235 lbs., he is one of the largest tailbacks in the NFL.

#### College Sports:

Johnson C. Smith Holden Bulls opened its 1982 football season with an impressive 28-7 thrashing of northern division power Elizabeth City State University. The Bulls will host the Rams on Saturday, October 30 in Charlotte's Memorial Stadium.

The A&T Aggies football outlook is bleak in 1982. They are expected to worsen their overall record of three wins and eight losses of a year ago.

Dallas Cowboy Executive, Gil Brandt, who should know his football, calls Reggie Collier of Southern Mississippi, the "best black" quarterback since Doug Williams.

Winston-Salem State University football team and fans are lucky to have the best band in the CIAA. Who in the world is its choreographer?



## Eagles Fly High Over Rams

The NCCU Eagles looked like Super Bowl contenders, as they pounced on the Rams 37-17, before 11,500 fans and the eastern region (ABC Television Coverage).

The Eagles jumped out to a 17-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. Gerald Fraylon, the Eagles' quarterback led a no huddle offense up and down the field like a general, while the 80 degree temperatures melted the Rams defense. They spent 40 minutes of a 60 minute game on the field, as Fraylon taunted them passing for 262-yards and four TD passes.

The game was marred by 11 turnovers (Rams 6, Eagles 5). The Rams offense was held to 41-yards in the first half as the Eagles ran off to a 20-3 halftime lead.

Greg Stokes, a junior from Henderson, N.C. who replaced Michael Winbush at quarterback, found Harold Hairston in the end zone late in the fourth quarter for a nine-yard TD pass.

Thomas Turner was the bright spot on offense as he rushed for 89-yards on nine carries. Place-kicker Calvin Boswell connected on a 42-yard FG in the second quarter for the Rams only score of the half. Carl P. Townsend opened the eyes of professional scouts as he boomed an 80-yard punt in the first half.

Eddie Sauls was the only Ram defender to have an excellent game as he got to the Eagles QB six times.

