

Fayetteville State University Football Outlook

In recent years, it seems as though there has been an unwritten rule concerning the F.S.U. Football team. It's supposed to struggle in the early going and then as the season progresses become a good football team. Two years ago, the Broncos shook off an 0-3 start to finish 6-4-1 overall and 5-2-1 in the CIAA, good enough for a share of second place in the conference. Last year the Broncos, with a 70 man roster made up of 45 freshmen, 12 juniors, 15 sophmores, and 8 seniors, rebounded from an 0-3-1 start to win four of their last five contests and finished 4-4-1 overall and a very respectable 4-3-1 in the CIAA.

This year F.S.U. has a new Coach. Tom Morris, a nine year veteran of CIAA wars (six years as head coach at St. Paul's and three years as head coach at Virginia State), replaced Raymond McDougal. "Mac has left a good foundation", states the first year mentor, "we hope to continue to improve upon it and work toward building a championship team".

While Coach Morris hasn't been able to recruit as heavy as he would like, the expected return of 40 lettermen leads to optimism for the upcoming season. "We have a few kids with game experience returning", says Morris, "more importantly I believe we can keep them here for their full four years which will strengthen the program. All in all, I'd say depending on how fast they can catch on to my system and come to know what I expect of them we could have a good year and go on from there."

The strength of the 1980 squad is again expected to be the defense. Last year the Broncos only gave up 140.6 yards per contest. Only one starter on the defensive line was lost to graduation as Barney Mason (6-5, 234), Ernest Hawkins (6-1, 270) and Kenneth Tillman (6-3, 265) return. The linebacking corps though small could be one of the best groups in the conference. Ronnie Oats who led the team in tackles returns after a splendid sophomore year and Jerry Davis (5-11, 207) should make the loss of team captain Anthony Freeman bearable. The defensive backfield is solid with steady Ernest Hackney (5-10, 182) and All-CIAA, All-NAIA, and Honorable Mention Little All-American performer Ike Hall (6-2, 178) leading the way. The kicking game is expected to be strong with Sportswriters Association (SA) All-CIAA punter Bertie Wadford coming off his best year and William Houston handling the kicking.

For the Broncos to go anywhere this year Coach Morris must find a way to juice up what can be described at best, a sputtering offense. All-CIAA and Honorable Mention Little All-American performer Willie Gray is gone from the offensive line due to graduation. An effective replacement must be found if the "veer" offense which Coach Morris plans to run is to be effective. The backfield is expected to consist of Maverick Jackson (302 yds.), Issac Tensley (241 yds. 5 TD's), Arthur Becton and Quarterback Roy Oliver. When Oliver decides to pass he can throw to SA All-CIAA receiver Ron Guion or an excellent tightend tandem of Johnny Burns (6-3, 210) and Anthony Hooks (6-5, 200).



F.S.U.'s Outstanding Cadet

Beverly D. Edge, English major at F.S.U., was the only person to obtain a perfect evaluation during the ROTC Summer Training Camp at Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

Ms. Edge, served as Cadet Group Commander during the last phase of the training as well as Madam President of the Dining-In.

ROTC Offers Experience

by Franklin D. Elliott

Air Force ROTC Detachment 607 is the largest organization F.S.U.'s campus has, numbering over 180 students. It is an organization where one gains leadership and managerial experience which can make him or her a valuable asset to any public or private firm, business, or company.

Management is not only taught at the advanced levels (ARS 311 & 312) of the aerospace program, but an opportunity to put what is taught into practical experience is also provided. The Cadet Group Commander leads and manages all the Cadets enrolled in the ROTC Program. The two squadron commanders command fifty Cadets each, and the (4) flight commanders supervise twenty-five Cadets each. What other campus organization or educational department at this institution offers an opportunity for a student to gain and experience?

Detachment 607 encompasses a broad section of the University's student population, thus it gives itself a miniature reflection of the University at large. Whatever one's area of study may be, he or she can always find a way to put it to use in the corps.

Student Editorial

Dear Students:

For those of you who have not seen the flyer going around concerning the student editorial, here it is.

Any students who are interested in submitting an editorial to the Voice, please contact Brenda Bethea at the following location(s). Smith Hall-Phone 486-1451; or the Newspaper Office in the Student Center. Any of the other members of the newspaper staff would be willing to aid you.

Thank you in advance. Any issue that you would like to express or anything you would like to contribute, please feel at liberty to do so in the next issue of the Voice.

Addressers wanted immediately! Work at home, no experience necessary; excellent pay. Write: National Service; 9041 Mansfield; Suite 2004; Shreveport, LA 71118.

The Big World Of Little Ronald Guion

by Martin VAn Gillard, Jr.

Most people look to find football players to be real big or at least bigger than Ronald Guion. Guion is a 5'5" split end. Guion inherited his shortness from his mother and father. His father is 5'8" and his mother is 5'6". Guion has a nickname that most people think goes with his size. His nickname is "Nat." Guion says that he got this name from the first three letters of his middle name, "Nathaniel." While attending Fayetteville State University, Guion has received high honors, such as, Best Offensive Player of the year. Player of the Game Twice, All CIAA, and Most Valuable Player. Guion also stated that his greatest accomplishment has been being selected All CIAA and that his goal for this year is to be selected All American. After talking to Guion for several hours, he came out and said that Mr. White showed him the fundamentals. He's giving a lot of the credit for his success to Mr. White. When asked, "How do you feel being the shortest player on the team?" he replied, "I really hate it, I really do."

Guion says that he never lets being short affect his everyday life. He says that there are lots of advantages in being short, but there are just too many disadvantages. When asked "Is being short an advantage or disadvantage when it comes to ladies," Guion stated "Only the tall ladies complain, I get no complaints at all from short ladies."

Guion says that he always wished that he was tall. He says that he would just love to be tall so he could go into the gym and dunk on someone. He said he would love to do it on Jeff Ballard. He also thinks that being tall would help his football game tremendously.

These are Guion's words when he was asked to give some words of wisdom to the short or little athletes, "No matter what sport you're playing, never give up, keep a strong mind and body and you'll be successful."

Coaches Outlook

Thomas R. Morris, Head
Coach

"I really don't know what to tell people about what to expect from F.S.U. this year. This is an untested ball club. There is talent out there, but we won't know really. Rather, I won't know until after we've played at least two ball games exactly where we are as far as talent. It's there, No question about it.

Jeff Ballard, Ike Hall, Stephen Sims can play. It's how soon we will jell into a football team. Football teams are not put together by just throwing kids together and all of a sudden you have a football program. I think it takes a certain amount of teaching; a certain amount of cooperation on everyone's part at this institution to make it go the way it should.

The program itself is excellent. Coach McDougal did a good job with the kids, because we're playing with an awful lot of his kids. We're moving some people around; playing them in positions in which McDougal did play them last year. We're playing them in some ways that they didn't play last year, too. So, that's why I can't really say, in terms of predictions, as to what we will do and what we won't do. It depends on the Fort Bragg game. This will give us some idea of what we will have to do from Saturday on in order to come up with the type of season we think we should have."

Speak Up! Broncos

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