

# A Look At The Broncos

BY Marion Crowe

This year's edition of the Broncos will mark coach William "Bill" Head's third as head coach of the Broncos and he is looking for some good results. However, Coach Head is a man who believes in facing the

Intercollegiate Athletic Association Northern Division, Guilford College and West Chester of Pennsylvania. Not only must the Broncos be prepared physically for one of the toughest schedules in the



Bronco Otis Ransaw (99) applying pressure to Morris Brown Quarterback in the Broncos 13-10 loss. (Photo by John Henderson)

truth. Gone is Reggie Williams, the team leading rusher last season and Quincy Dickens, the backbone of the Broncos' defense. For the past two years, the Broncos have been in a rebuilding program. Unfortunately, what everyone thought would be a banner year is not going to be very pleasant as far as the Broncos' fans are concerned.

Plagued with academic and other internal problems, the corps of veterans the coaching staff were expecting are gone. Missing are Curtis Jacobs, Marthy Blue and twenty other veterans. Coach Head and staff, consisting of William Spencer, George Williams, Robert Pulliam, Marshall Blackshear and Joe Byrd, will have to depend upon untested freshmen and upperclassmen who saw little action last year. "Everyone will be after us," Coach Head said. "Not in the sense most teams go after a championship team. They (the teams) see us as a break in their schedule. But we have a few surprises for them this year," he added.

This year's schedule is the toughest the Broncos will face in many years. Added to this year's schedule are Hampton Institute, a premiere power of the Central

Southern Division, they must also be prepared mentally. Despite the maturity and seasoning of quarterbacks Sylvester Robinson and Kevin Wardlaw and other players at skill positions, the Broncos will have a hard time improving their schedule from last season.

However, the coaching staff and the team have an optimistic approach to the season. "The defense is not going to get a chance to play much this year," said Coach Joe Byrd, who comes to the Broncos after playing defensive back last year. "I believe our offense will control the ball and set the tempo of the game."

The offensive line is led by 252 pound right guard and co-captain Tyron Kelley, a second team All CIAA selection last year. On the line with Kelley are tackles Charles Lovelace and Walter Wallace, guard Melvin McNeil and center Steave Armstrong.

Coach Head will be depending on Charles Harris, Co-captain Kendrick Simms and Marty Ricks along with linebacker Kenneth McRae to carry the defense. The Broncos feel they have the right people to get the job done this year, but it will take more than bright moments for them to have an impressive year.

# Harriers Open Season

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In recent time trials held early this month revealed that Aubrey Streeter, David Oliver, Christopher Williams, Travis Davis and Darrell Stewart are the outstanding prospects for the Bronco's Cross Country team this season. Also vying for positions on the squad, according to first year coach Jake Ford, are Edwin Moore, Jack Mickle, Tonja Jones and Cliff Duncan.

The Bronco's trackmen have six meets slated this season. In their first meet against the Eagles from North Carolina Central, the Broncos posted a 24-31 win (low score win meet). Leading runner for the Broncos was Aubrey Streeter who finished first with a time of 21:45 for the five mile course. The four other Broncos who finished in the standing were David Oliver, second place, time, 21:45; Travid Adams, third, time, 23:23; Christopher Williams, seventh, time, 24:11 and Darrell Stewart, ninth, time, 25:21.

On September 21, the Broncos hosted Methodist College and posted a 17-35 victory. Aubrey Streeter again led the Bronco runners across the tape with a time of 21:13 for the five mile run. Also posting good time were in the dual meet were David Oliver, second, 21:51; Edwin Moore, third, 21:56; Christopher Williams, fifth, 23:17 and Travis Adams with a time of 23:34 for sixth place.

The Bronco runners traveled to the Capital City Saturday, September 24 to participate in a meet against Saint Augustine's College, North Carolina A & T, North Carolina Central and Shaw

University. Pacing the runners to a third place finish was Aubrey Streeter with a time of 27:00 for the course. Other runners posting point placing times were Jacobs Mickle, 28:18; Christopher Williams, 29:44; Travis Adams, 29:45 and Darrell Stewart, 30:25.

At press time the Broncos Cross Country team schedule was not available.



Broncos runners David Oliver, Aubrey Streeter and Tonjua Jones taking an early lead against Methodist College.

# Broncos Offense Fails

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The Broncos played defense Saturday, September 10 and still they lost to defending CIAA champion Virginia Union University Panthers 21-14. But defense does not win games. Eight times the Panthers got within ten yards and failed to score. Of the eight times, four times the home team were held at the one yard line or less by Otis Ransaw, and the Broncos' defense rose to the occasion and stopped Adrian Wright and his Panthers short. Ransaw charged through the Panthers offensive unit for three quarterback sacks, recovered one fumble, made six unassisted tackles and two assisted tackles. His performance left little doubt that he would be named CIAA Defensive Player of the Week.

However, the same cannot be said of the Broncos' offensive unit although they did have moments of glory. All of the Panthers points came on miscues by the Broncos offensive unit.

The Panthers first score came on a bad snap that caused Terry Greene's running punt to go out of bound at the Broncos 10 yard line. Three plays later, Panthers' quarterback John Johnson scored from the one yard line. Ronald Copeland added the extra point for a 7-0 Panther lead.

The Broncos scored their first touchdown with 13:32 left in the second quarter on a miscue by the Panthers offensive unit. John Johnson fumbled a snap from center and Bronco Kevin Brown recovered the ball on Virginia Union's 19. Two plays later Kevin Wardlaw hit Leverene Cole with a 19 yard touchdown pass. Carl Daniels extra point attempt was blocked and the Panthers lead 7-6. With 2:45 left in the half, Virginia

Union's Johnson again scored on a one yard play. Copeland kicked the extra point to give the Panthers a 14-6 halftime lead.

The Panthers increased their lead with 3:40 remaining in the third period when Panthers John Warren intercepted Sylvester Robinson's pass at the Broncos 12 and returned it to the 29. An unsportsmanlike conduct on the Broncos' coaching staff and a holding penalty put the ball on the Panthers 10 yard line. Four plays later, running back Adrian Wright scored from the one yard line and Copeland kicked the extra point.

The Broncos next touchdown came with 4:59 in the final period as Dwayne Parker climaxed a 70 yard dive with a 12 yard touchdown run. Moses Ford ran the ball in for a two point conversion making the score 21-14. With 1:21 remaining, Kendrick Simms intercepted Panther John Johnson's pass on the Panthers two yard line and returned it 98 yards for what appeared to be the tying score. However, a clipping penalty returned the ball to the one. One play later Panther Moses Henderson recovered a fumble by Sylvester Robinson but the Bronco defense prevented the Panther from scoring.

The Broncos got its final chance for victory with :21 seconds remaining in the game when Charles "Big Hands" Harris recovered a Panther fumble at Virginia Union 40. Sylvester Robinson ran for 15 yards putting the ball on the 35. Robinson failed to find a receiver opened on the next play. With :09, John Warren again intercepted a Robinson pass and the Panthers ran out the clock to take the victory.

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