

Hayes, Aggies To Undergo Rebuilding Season

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After serving 12 years at Winston-Salem State, where he successfully masterminded a 89-40-2 record, William "Bill" Hayes has traveled some 26 miles east on I-40 to restore an A&T Aggie program, which last season lost

from a year ago, Connell "Sweetness" Maynor, took his magic to Aggeland he must watch from the sidelines this season due to NCAA rules. But the Aggies have a fine quarterback in junior Hilton Winstead (5-11, 198). Winstead was the only player to pass

the 1987 campaign. Junior Noisette Smith could wind up in the tailback slot. Coach Hayes is known for playing freshman and sophomores, so don't be surprised if a completely unknown player emerges as the Aggies top runner.

Senior wide receiver

averaged 40 yards per kick last season. Sophomore Quintas Gatson made 24 of 28 extra points and booted two of six field goals last season. Hayes may find someone else to relieve Gatson of these duties, but the "nifty one" will return punts this season where he averaged 27

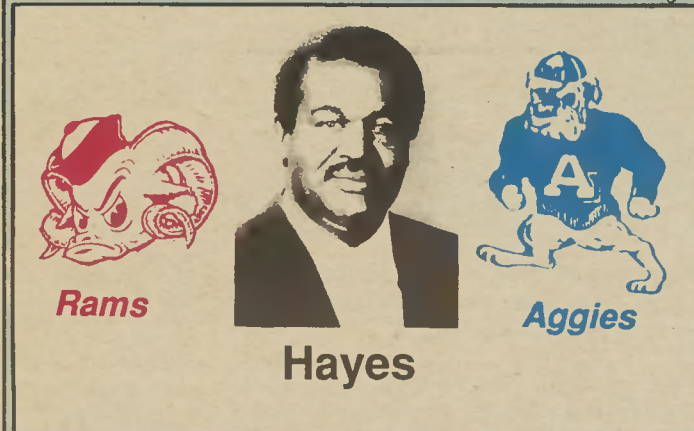
Ausbrooks and Grey Borders are probable starters, along with Chris McCarroll.

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will be, without a doubt, the strong hold of the Aggies team.

The defensive backfield is also a strong group for the Aggies. Senior Brian Bowden (6-0, 200) and corners Rod Hatton and Joe Summerset give the Aggies talent and experience in the secondary.



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Junior Graig Holmway (6-4, 265) is the lone Aggie returning start on the defensive front. Seniors Mark

season and ended with 114 tackles to his credit. Three seniors in Rawle Burnett, Mike Mobley and Demont Vann make this a unit to be watched. They

Bowden averaged five tackles per outing last season. Quintas Gatson could move into the vacant spot, with Brett Badget and Mike Reives on his heels.

it's ace (Alan Hooker), its coach (Mo Forte) and eight of eleven football games. Hayes brings impressive credentials from WSSU, where he won three CIAA Championships and five Southern Division titles.

Coach Hayes may need to look at this old scrapbooks this year

(other than Hooker) within the last four seasons. Winstead completed 21 of 50 passes for 281 yards and a touchdown last season. Other QB's include senior Dedrick Barber, Terrell Moore and Anthony Parker.

The Aggies backfield will also suffer due to the loss of Stoney Polite

Maurice Sowell is the only full-time offensive starter returning for the Aggies. Sowell hauled in 41 receptions for 592 yards last season, with two going for TD's. Senior Deneal McNair could balance the Aggies air attack. Rod Brunson, Ken Sandiford, and Malcolm Dixon will get closer looks in the upcoming season.

The tight end spot is wide open this season. Junior Jack Sharpe (6-4, 205), Willie Gallop and Chauncy Simmons will vie for this spot.

The Aggies will be looking to seniors Myron Mulcare (6-1, 270), Barry London, juniors Kevin Williams, Ralph Dowe, John Allen and Bryan Nance to fill the vacancies and lead runnigbacks in Hayes' wing-t offense. David Landis and Charlotte, N.C. native, Eric Crump (6-4, 277) are sophomore candidates.

George Hunter and Derrick Morgan will battle for the punting chores this season. In 50 attempts Morgan averaged just 32 yards a boot. Hunter, who had only seven tries,

Aggies - Rams Clash

More Than Just a Game

For years the folks in Greensboro and Winston-Salem have gotten fired up over the North Carolina A&T - Winston-Salem rivalry. No matter what the sport, there's been a lot of clamor over the rivalry.

This year there's even more to the fight between neighbors. After all, the Aggies have Bill Hayes leading them. And it wasn't five months ago that Hayes was leading the WSSU troops. The backdrop for this game should be enough to make it one of the more notable games in the series between the school.

The Rams didn't like the Aggies from the start (and vice-versa). Now many of the Ram faithful think that the smug 'ol Aggies have stolen away the best coach WSSU ever had.

But what about the players? Many of them looked up to Hayes as a father figure. He recruited most of them personally and helped them mature from teenagers into young men. Certainly they'll have mixed emotions as they gaze across Aggie Stadium and see Hayes dressed in blue and gold. That more than anything will likely give the Rams another incentive. They were drilled by Hayes to always give 100 per-

cent.

Let us not forget about Pete Richardson, the Rams' first year mentor. Richardson stood in the background for nine years as an assistant before finally getting his shot as a head coach. Will he have the confidence to take it to Hayes and his Aggies?

After the opening kick, all the hype will disappear. The game should come down to the athletes on the field. WSSU is well-stocked with experienced veterans, while

A&T has some big holes to fill on offense and defense. While the two will share a lot terminology and look a lot alike on both sides of the field, there should be an obvious difference. Hayes would probably be the first to admit that his program is in its first year and has to start from scratch this season.

Undoubtedly, Hayes will miss WSSU after seeing his former squad. As the season progresses he'll get used to the Aggies and they'll also come to know him. But for awhile Hayes will look down the sideline and wonder what he could've done with "his" personnel.



because he has taken a program which is low on experience, talent and morale. The Aggies return only one offensive starter and four defensive starters from last years squad.

Although W.S.S.U. freshman sensation

and Juan Jackson. Hayes will start the hunt by looking at senior Keith Mathis (5-10, 210) who rushed for 211 yards and a T.D. on 44 carries. He is the only Aggies running-back returning who has seen any action during

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