

SPORT talk

Wolverine Gridders Use Hard Work Bright Ideas

If Coach Raymond "Rock" Ross and his Morris Brown College Wolverine football team don't improve this fall on their 2-7 record of last season, it won't be because of lack of practice.

Ross, who is known as one of the most innovative football coaches in the nation, is the inventor of "five-a-day" practices.

His team will meet Tuskegee Institute at Atlanta Stadium on Saturday, September 15th, at 3 p.m. in the first game of the Atlanta Gridiron Festival doubleheader. Florida A&M and North Carolina Central will follow at 8 p.m.

"I wouldn't go so far as to actually say they were five-a-day practices," Ross said recently. "Our approach is simply to gimmick to insure

conditioning. We make sure our boys do a whole lot of running."

What is a typical busy day for the Wolverine team?

"Tuesday and Wednesdays are our busiest days," Ross continued. "We hit the field at six in the morning to work on our offense. We break from eight to nine for breakfast. We're back on the field again in ten to do a lot of running. We break from 11 to three for lunch and some rest. We hit the field again at three to work on defense, and then at four-thirty we work on the weight machine. After resting a couple of hours, we finish up the day by either having a classroom session or practicing under the lights at seven."

Bed checks is at 11 p.m. Ross also has some unique

help from a spotter in the stands—his wife, Faye.

"She started by helping me critique practice and game films," he said, "and it became evident that she had a real knack for spotting little bitty things."

"Now she sends notes down to me on the sidelines during games. She lets me know when the defensive backs are coming up too fast or whatever."

Ross noted that using his wife's football knowledge has never been planned. She has simply learned a lot along the way and volunteers the

information as a situation arises.

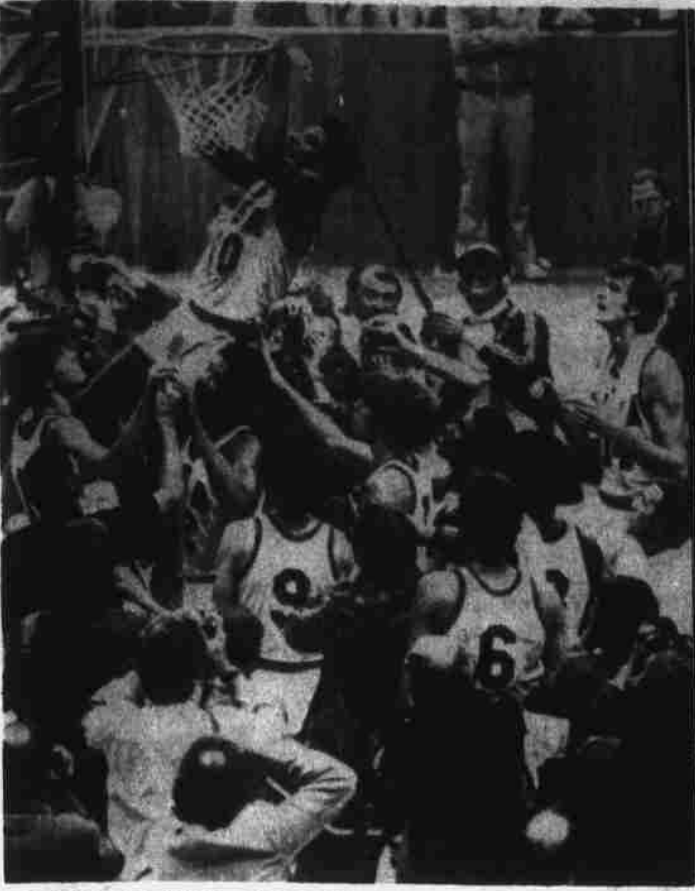
Some outstanding players to watch for on the Morris Brown team are:

Bobby Davenport—A defensive back from Atlanta's Carver High School; he has intercepted 22 passes in the last two seasons.

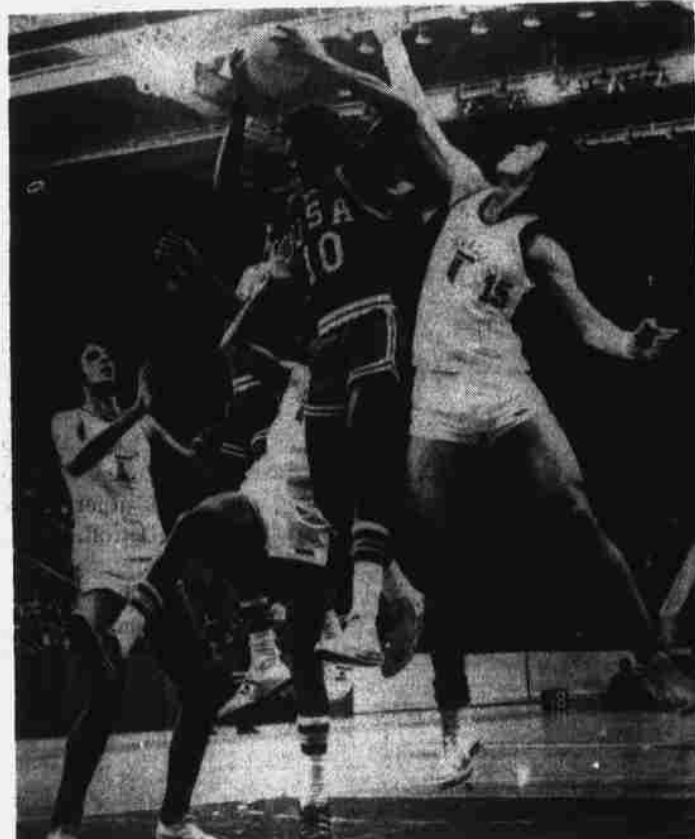
Robert Evans—Possibly the highest regarded pro prospect on the team, Evans averaged 35.2 yards per reception last season as the number one Wolverine receiver.

Elijah Thomas—One of the most outstanding players in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, he is a 6-3, 225-pound linebacker who runs the 40 yard dash in 4.9

Willie "Hoot" Smith—The outstanding running back on the team, he ran back one kick-off last season for a team record of 98 yards and went 80 for a touchdown from scrimmage in last year's Turkey Day Classic at Atlantic Stadium. He runs the hundred in 9.7 seconds.



GOLDEN BASKET—MOSCOW: David Thompson (10) of North Carolina State, is hoisted up by teammates after he sparked the U. S. A. team to a 75-67 victory over the USSR team Aug. 24th to cop a gold medal in basketball phase of the World University Games thus avenging 1st summer's Olympic defeat at Munich.



PULLS DOWN REBOUND—MOSCOW: USA's David Thompson (10) pulls down rebound away from Brazil's Roberto Correa (15) during 1st half action in 1st round finals of men's basketball during World University Games 8/23. USA won 66-60. Brazil's Fausto Giannellini is 5.

Morgan-Grumbling Clash Is Top Black College Gridiron Classic

When the New York Urban League started the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Football Classic, featuring Morgan State and Grambling College, they created the top football game in Black college circles. Not only is it the top draw among Black college, but outdraws many white college games including "bow!" games.

This year's classic will be played at New York's Yankee Stadium on Saturday, September 22nd, game time 3:00 p.m.

One of the all-time great games is the Orange Blossom Classic in Florida, featuring the Florida A and M team against a leading team in the south. The Orange Blossom is entering its 41st year, making it the granddaddy of Black college bowl games. Jake Gaither, dean of Black college coaches, retired from active duty at A

and M this week after four decades at the school.

The other top game in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is the battle between Bethune-Cookman and Florida A and M. Their traditional donnybrook usually settles the State's number one position. In recent years the Fisk University-Fort Valley State game has taken on sectional importance.

In the three year old Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference North Carolina A and T and North Carolina Central, Morgan State against Howard, and Morgan State against Maryland State have held the conference spotlight. These old CIAA teams, now in the new conference, still carry on their time-worn crusade for gridiron supremacy.

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's highlight game is a state matter... settling the question as to who is the best in Virginia, Virginia State or Virginia Union.

In the Southwest Athletic Conference, generally considered the rough-necks of Black college football, traditional warfare exists between Grambling, Alcorn, Texas Southern and Jackson State. Perhaps the biggest intersectional battle is between Tennessee State (an independent) and the Tigers of Grambling. State's only loss last year was to Grambling.

All of these games, important in their respective conference and important nationally, draw anywhere from 30,000 to 40,000 spectators. The Whitney M. Young, Jr. Classic, in its third year, has always packed 64,000 into Yankee Stadium.

In its short history, the game has attracted national attention for its great play, great drawing power and its significance in college football.



FLORIDA A&M'S JAKE GAITHER with some mementoes of his 42 years coaching.

Cinderella Man "JERSEY" JOE WALCOTT

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HIM—CINDERELLA MAN. 4 TIMES HE FOUGHT FOR THE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE... 4 TIMES HE LOST... 2 WITH EZZARD CHARLES. ON JULY 16, 1951 AT PITTSBURGH'S FORBES FIELD, JOE FOUGHT CHAMP CHARLES AGAIN. TIME WAS RUNNING OUT... HE PRAVED... IN THE 7th Rd HE KOD THE CHAMP... TO BECOME THE OLDEST FIGHTER (57) TO WIN THE WORLD'S HEAVY TITLE!

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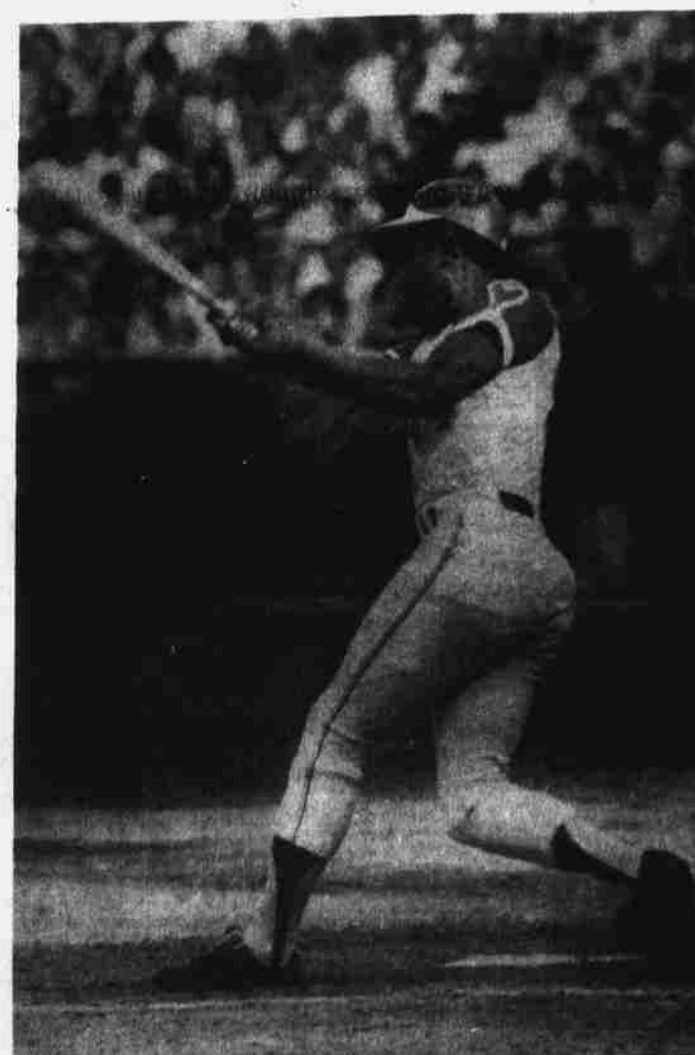
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HANK'S DAY IN SAN DIEGO—Atlanta Braves' superstar Hank Aaron (second from left) is loaded down with awards during ceremony prior to game against San Diego Padres here Sept. 4 and waits for another honor from San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson (right), who proclaimed Tuesday (Sept. 4) as Henry Aaron Day in the city. Others in photo not identified.



HANK HITS 709 COUNTDOWN 5—Hank Aaron pulled within five home runs of equaling Babe Ruth's record 714 Saturday night when he cracked his 709th career homer against the Cincinnati Reds' Jack Billingham. It was Aaron's 36th of this season.

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By the way...
by Joe Black

Letters. We get letters. We get lots and lots of letters about the various things we discuss in "BY THE WAY."

Not all the letters we get agree with us either. Not by a long shot, sometimes. And that's good. You see, I am not a preacher. Nor a teacher. I am simply Joe Black, citizen. A Black man fortunate enough to speak up and speak out, and reach thousands of people through the press and broadcast media.

Still, I am only a single voice, trying to remind you and me and all of us how important it is to constantly re-examine our attitudes and solutions to Black problems.

I have been labeled a "Tom" by some, because I don't relate to racism as strongly as some think I should. My answer to that is simply that I deeply believe in the importance of uniting people of good will more than I do dwelling on those things that divide them.

I don't believe that rap sessions like "BY THE WAY" have to be filled with hatred, profanity, and despair to jog our minds, our sensitivities, and our sensibilities.

I do hope, though, that when I communicate my way, more and more of us will give just a little more honest thought to what we are all doing—what we can do—to more realistically solve more of the problems facing the Black community.

If we get letters because of it—even those that disagree with what we say—we must be doing something right.

At least, someone out there is reading and thinking.

Joe Black
Vice President
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