

MEAC Football Championship to Be Decided Sat. In Greensboro

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football championship will not be decided before the final Saturday of the regular season. For the second straight year, the champion in the three-year conference will not be determined until the whistles sound ending two very important MEAC contests this Saturday.

North Carolina Central defeated Howard, 10-7 Saturday night to take over first place in the conference but the Eagles have a very important encounter in Greensboro Saturday afternoon at 1:30 against arch-rival North Carolina A&T. The Eagles must defeat A & T to win the conference title outright. South Carolina State is in second place in the conference standings with a 3-1-1 league mark but the Bulldogs have a date at home Saturday against winless Delaware State.

A loss by North Carolina Central and a win by South Carolina State over Delaware State would give the conference title to South Carolina State.

Should North Carolina Central and South Carolina State both suffer defeats, then the conference title would end up in a three-way tie between NCCU, Morgan State and Howard.

Action in the league Saturday forced the conference title to go down to the last week of the season. Last year North Carolina Central and

North Carolina A & T met in the last game of the season and the game decided the regular season champion and the Pelican Bowl representative. Both teams entered the game last year with 4-1 conference records, NCCU won the game, 9-7 on a last minute field goal by Owen Williams.

A & T is not in the title picture this season. Matter of fact, the Aggies won their first league test Saturday, defeating Delaware State. The Aggies are 1-3-1 in family competition but the Gate City eleven has everything to gain and nothing to lose this week against NCCU.

In MEAC action, A & T defeated Delaware State by the score of 27-12, South Carolina State won its sixth straight game by turning back Alabama A & M, 35-24 in the homecoming game for South Carolina State and Maryland Eastern Shore closed its season on a winning note with a shutout win over Federal City, 34-0.

Kicking specialist Tyrone Boykins kicked a 32-yard field goal early in the fourth period for North Carolina Central to break a 7-7 deadlock in a defensive struggle in Durham. James Smith rammed over from the four for NCCU first score and Warren Craddock maced 33 yards for a Howard TD in the second period.

North Carolina Central was not able to contain to Craddock, who had 198 yards rushing in 23 carries but the Eagles defensive always came up with the big play when it was necessary.

A & T's running backs Al Holland and William Medley combined for 166 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the Aggies' 27-12 win over Delaware. Holland, who scored on a four-pass from Paul McKibbins, rushed for 91 yards while Medley gained 75 yards for the afternoon and scored on a two-yard plunge as A & T snapped a four-game losing streak.

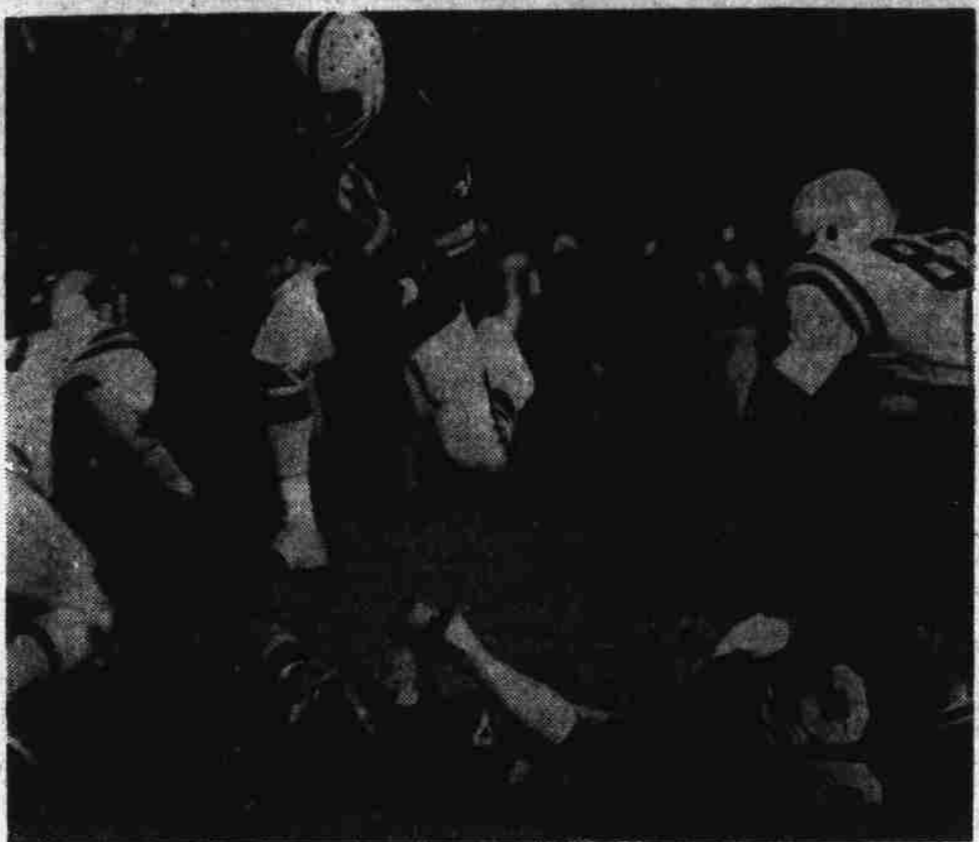
Upstart South Carolina State won its sixth straight game by defeating Alabama A & M in an offensive battle at Orangeburg, 35-24. The Bulldogs now have a record of 6-2-1 for the season. Last year South Carolina State won its first game of the year but dropped the next nine to finish the year with a 1-9 record.

Maryland-Eastern Shore finished the season with a 4-5 record with the shutout win over Federal City in a non-conference game. In the conference UMES completed the year with a 2-4 mark.

In addition to the two conference games this weekend which will decide the conference champion, Morgan State plays at home against Virginia State. Maryland-Eastern Shore and Howard have completed their seasons.

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FIELD GOAL SINKS HOWARD BISON, EAGLES SEEK TITLE

Tyrone Boykins' 32-yard field goal kicked North Carolina Central right into the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship picture Saturday night as the Eagles subdued Howard 10-7 in cold, wind-swept County Stadium.

After Boykins' boot with 12:15 left in the game, the Eagles knew then they must overcome N.C. A&T this week in Greensboro to clinch a second straight MEAC crown. A loss to A & T and a win by South Carolina State over Maryland-Eastern Shore would give the Bulldogs the crown.

The 7,165 cold fans saw the Eagles strike when fullback James Smith barreled his way into the end zone from four yard out. Boykins kicked the conversion for a 7-0 lead with 1:18 left in the opening quarter.

Howard's only score came with 5:37 remaining in the second period when running back Warren Craddock dashed in from 33 yards out. Julius Gamble's conversion tied the game at 7-7.

The Eagles put together their best effort of the year both offensively and defensively.

It was a patient, conservative offense and a persistent defense that turned back several Bison threats.

"It was our best game of the

season," said a jubilant Willie Smith. "Every man was concentrating on doing his job, and they did it."

"Our offense didn't do anything fancy because we didn't want it. We just wanted a ball control game and we got it."

"As for the defense, Terry Evans, Bubba Smith, David Plummer, Sam Jones and Herman Gravett did an outstanding job."

The Eagles had trouble stopping Howard's Craddock on the draw play, but Smith said his team's defense was trying "to keep their offense squeezed inside." NCCU's did the job of containing everyone, but Craddock, who rushed for 198 yards in 23 carries.

"We knew that Craddock was a good runner but we tried to concentrate our effort on stopping the short runs. He had some good gainers, but fortunately none of them did any real damage except for his touchdown, which came on a quick-trap play."

But the feared duo of Michael Banks-to-Eddie Richardson was contained, thanks to a good defensive effort.

Banks was only able to hit Richardson three times, netting 35 yards.

It was Gravett's recovery of Banks' fumble at the Howard 27 which set up Smith's touchdown. The TD march was aided by a 10-yard run by Nathaniel Glenn and a 12-yard dash by Smith.

Another defensive gem by Jones resulted in blocking Gamble's attempted field goal and Plummer recovered at the 13.

Early in the fourth quarter NCCU's Dwight Pettiford recovered a fumble at Howard's 22. Meekins' punt bounced off Greg Butler's foot and Pettiford pounced on it. Three plays later, after no successful offensive drive, Boykins kicked for the three-pointer.

When Howard seemed to mount an offensive drive, the Eagle defenders came to the rescue. Late in the fourth period, Banks passed to Richardson for 13 yards, putting the ball on Central's 18. But the pressuring defense caused Craddock to fumble at the 15. Then on Howard's next-to-last possession, Jones and Smith sacked Banks for 26 yards in two successive plays. And on the final possession Plummer broke up a pass intended for tight end Joseph Jones.

Central also had some potential scoring drives stopped early in the game. One march was halted when Clifton Herring's pass was picked off by Nowell Fuller in midfield. The pass, intended for Roderick Hodges, hit the Central receiver in the chest, bounced out, and fell into Fuller's hands.

Then, after Central's

Franklin Tate blocked a Howard punt at the Eagles' 20, Herring dropped back to pass

Pelican Bowl Game Off For This Season

The second annual Pelican Bowl football game originally scheduled to be played in New Orleans, Louisiana December 1 matching the conference champion of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) against the winner of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) has been cancelled for this year because of conflicts according to an announcement made here recently from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference of which Dr. L. T. Walker is commissioner.

The reasons given for the postponement of the post season game this year were (1) a December 1 conflict at Sugar Bowl Stadium in New Orleans where the LSU-Tulane game was moved back to the stadium again this season for the second straight year, (2) the refusal of the NCAA to sanction the game because officials from the MEAC-SWAC failed to appear before the body in person to present an application for the sanctioning of the game, (3) the MEAC officials were unwilling to shift the site of the game into one of the cities of its member institutions at this late date.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference had no reluctance at all about playing the game even though the NCAA failed to sanction the game. However,

and Norman Wheeler jarred the ball loose. Defensive end Glenn Davis recovered for the Bison at the 34, but Banks fumbled on the next play at the 27 and Gravett recovered for the Eagles.



A WELL PLACED HAND on Houston's Ed Batogowski provides the unwilling assist for Connie Hawkins as he makes the first dunk of his career as a Los Angeles Laker. Acquired from Phoenix in exchange for Keith Erickson and a second-round draft choice, Hawkins helped the Lakers sink the Houston Rockets, 106-93, Nov. 4th.

The SWAC Council of Presidents was a little reluctant about playing the game.

Last minute medical reasons prevented a representative from the MEAC-SWAC from attending the NCAA meeting of the Extra Events Committee to present an application for the Pelican Bowl this year. The failure of the NCAA to consider this fact upset officials of both the MEAC and SWAC.

According to Andy Brown, commissioner of the SWAC, the Pelican Bowl game will be played in New Orleans next

year at the Sugar Bowl or at the Super Dome if they are back on building schedule.

The first Pelican Bowl game was switched from Baton Rouge, La. last year because of campus unrest at Southern University to Durham, at the Wallace Wade Stadium on the Duke campus. Gambling defeated North Carolina Central by the score of 56-6 in that game.

Alabama's 21.7 million acres of forests grossed producers an estimated \$83 million in 1972, up \$14 million from 1971's \$69 million.

McQueen And Samuels Weeks Offensive Stars

Frank McQueen of Morgan State and Benjamin Samuels of South Carolina State have been named offensive players of the week in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

McQueen, 6-4, 245-pound junior offensive tackle from Baltimore, Md., was singled out as offensive lineman of the week for his outstanding job of blocking in Morgan's 27-7 upset win over previously unbeaten Howard. Sparked by the blocking of McQueen and the other Morgan offensive linemen, the Bears were able to gain 258 yards rushing against Howard, a team which before the Morgan game had given up only 545 yards in eight games against the rush.

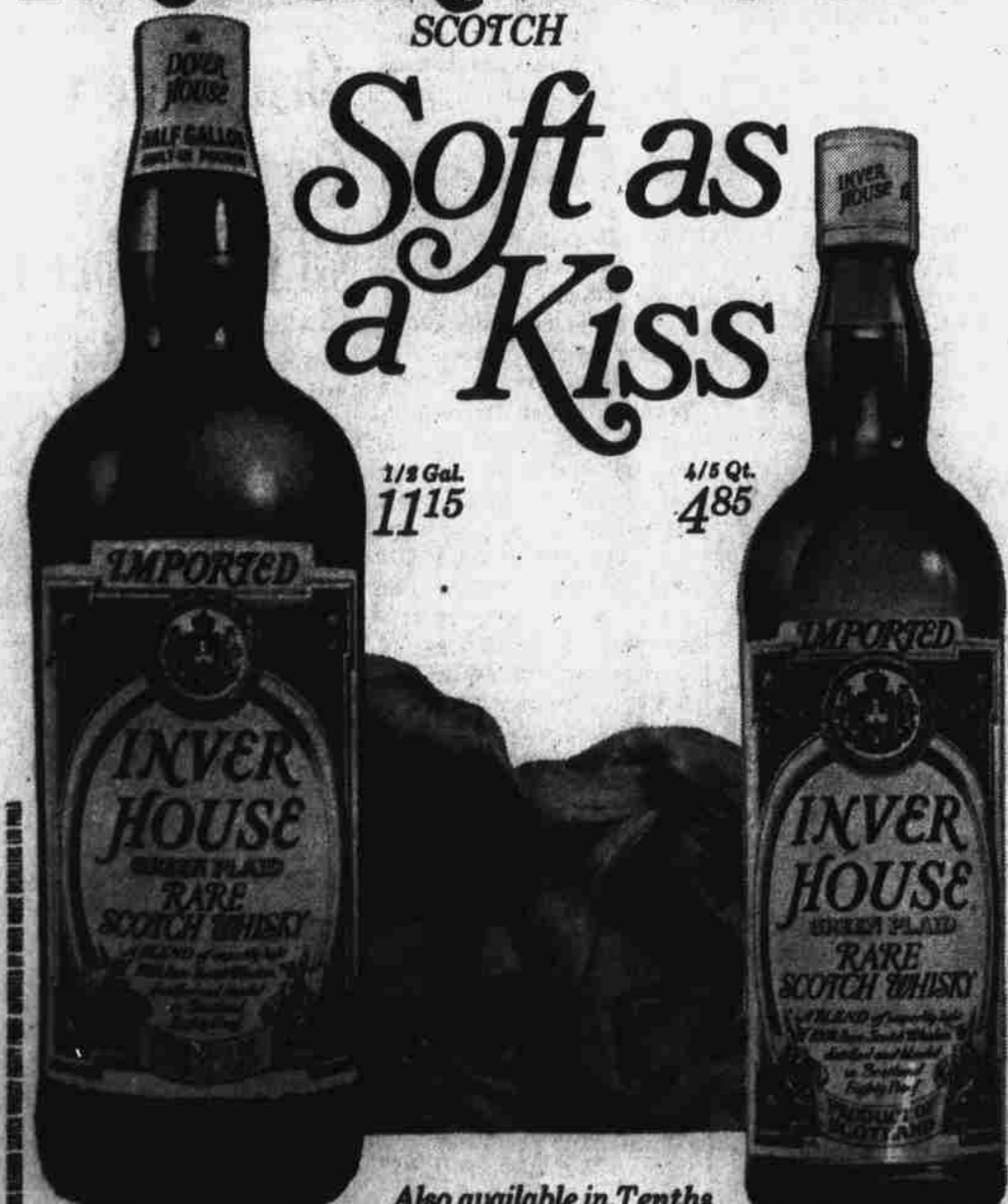
Samuels, named offensive back of the week for the first time this season, ran for two touchdowns and passed for another in leading South Carolina State to its fifth straight win, a 30-7 victory over Maryland-Eastern Shore. The 6-3, 210-pound senior from Portsmouth, Virginia

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