

SPORTS

Where Are You Now...



Satchel Paige

After many years in the Negro leagues, he started with the Cleveland Indians in 1946 at age 42. In 6 seasons with the Indians, St. Louis Browns and Kansas City A's, he won 28, lost 31 and struck out 290. Now 70, he's the pitching coach for the Tulsa Oilers.

1977 North Carolina Central University Football Outlook

"We will once again be very competitive," says Coach Willie S. Smith. "We lost six key performers and their replacements will be crucial to our successful season. We lost two first team All-MEAC selections in tackle Darius Helton and safety Louis Breden and a second team selection in defensive tackle Bobby Miller. Also Joe Ballard, a District 29 All-NAIA selection and Charles Romnes, a fleet-footed cornerback, will be sorely missed."

The Eagles are rebounding from their 2-4 MEAC record and 6-5 overall record and are expected to improve. They return nine starters from their offensive unit that averaged 282.7 yards in total offense and 189.3 yards rush-

ing. Leading the offensive brigade will be senior quarterback Charles Armwood. Armwood, a slender lad from Baltimore, Md, relieved Ricky Moore at the helm last year. He completed 75 of 156 passes for 889 yards and 7 touchdowns. He enjoyed his best day as an Eagle as he hit 12 of 21 passes for 164 yards against Alcorn State as the Eagles narrowly lost 23-17 in Lorman, Miss. Armwood will once again look to his favorite receivers - tight end Joseph Mack, wide receiver Reginald Smith and split end Maurice Bassett. Mack, a first team All-MEAC tight end, caught 30 passes for 337 yards. Smith had 25 catches for 275 yards and 3 touchdowns and Bassett had 15

catches for 243 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Armwood will have a cadre of backs to hand the pigskin. Senior fullback James Lawrence was the leading ballcarrier with 549 yards in 141 attempts for 6 tds. Senior fullback Carl Cheek was second with 367 yards in 87 carries for 1 touchdown. Reginald Smith had 332 yards in 61 attempts for 2 tds; Delasio Bartley had 247 yards in 51 carries for 2 tds; and Melvin Crawley had 218 yards in 73 carries.

Lawrence rushed for 130 yards against Winston-Salem and had 112 yards and 3 touchdowns against Howard and 98 yards against Elizabeth City.

Cheek picked up 165 yards in 30 attempts against Virginia State. Bartley rushed for 118 yards in 13 attempts against Winston-Salem. Spearheading the offensive charge will be a veteran line minus Helton and guard Nathan Morrow.

Anthony Price, a strapping 6-2, 270 tackle, will vie for conference honors this year. He will be joined by another conference aspirant guard Reginald Holmes and center Anthony Griffin.

Defensively, the Eagles will return 7 starters from last year. Tyrone Boykin and Thomas Gilmer will spearhead the defensive line. They will miss four year starters -

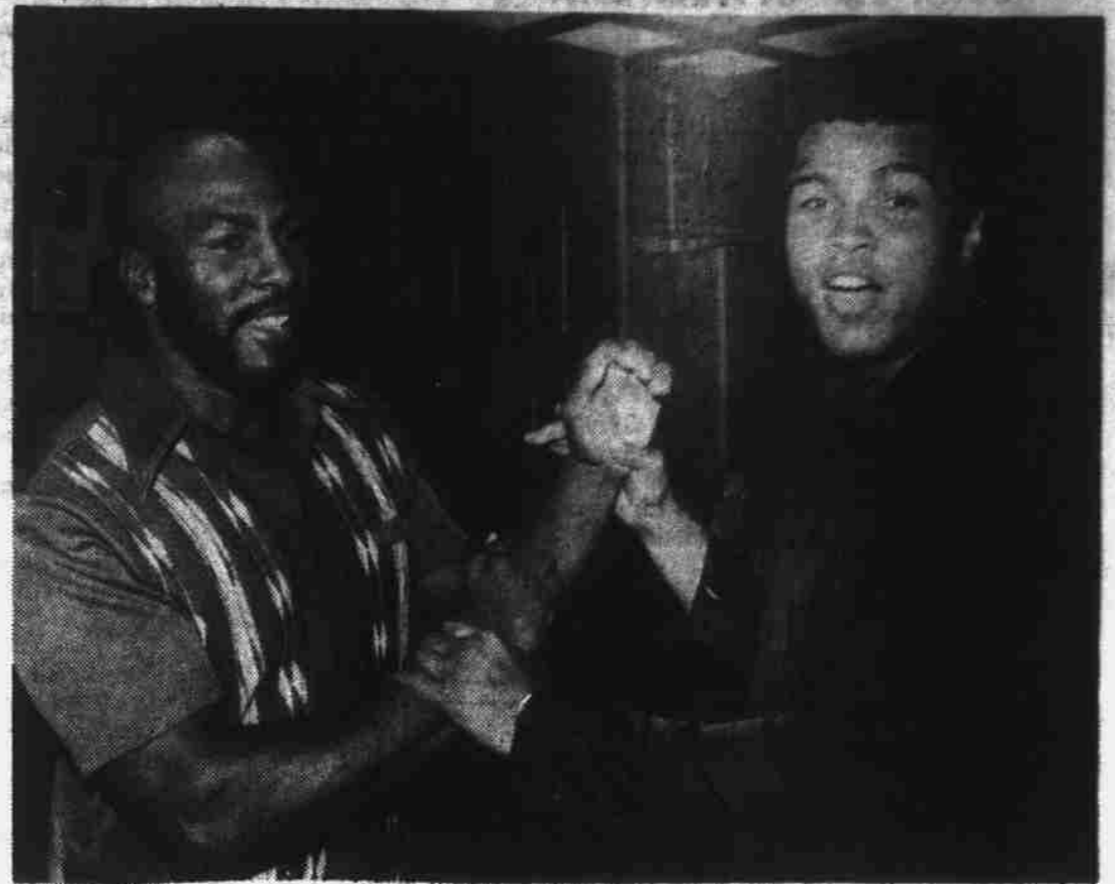
Bobby Miller and Joseph Ballard at tackles. Ricky Mozineo, Kenneth Ramsey, Randal Evans and Leroy Jordan will vie for the two slots on the forward wall.

The Linebacker corps of Chris Smith, Leroy Higgins, Walt Odom and Thomas Lancaster will return intact. will receive support from Robert Bailey and Aaron Sinclair.

Cornerback Ray Irby will be the only starting deep back returning. Reginald Little, Reginald Doby, David Ritchey, along with incoming freshmen will shore up the secondary.

Linebackers Odom, Higgins, and Lancaster, finished second, fourth and fifth respectively. Odom had 34 unassisted and 64 assisted tackles and 1 fumble recovery. Higgins had 56 assisted and 26 unassisted tackles while Lancaster had 31 unassisted and 37 assisted tackles and 2 fumble recoveries. Higgins had two interceptions, Odom 1 and Lancaster 3.

Eric Hines, the first team All-MEAC punter, averaged 37.4 yards on 71 punts. He kicked 5 of 8 field goals and won the A&T game as his 32 yard field goal split the uprights as the clock expired. He kicked 21 of 25 extra points.



MIX IT UP - Challenger Earnie Shavers and heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali (r) "mix it up" at a luncheon in New York recently announcing their title bout at Madison Square Garden on September 29. It will be Ali's 19th title defense and Shaver's first attempt at 15 rounds. (UPI)

Ali Cancels Show

GOTEBORG, SWEDEN - World heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali cancelled a two-day visit to this Swedish west coast city last Monday, a local amateur boxing club organizing the trip announced.

Ali, who is now on a European tour to promote the move "The Greatest" reportedly asked for an additional \$20,000 before he was scheduled to work out for an hour in the city's amusement park, Liseberg.

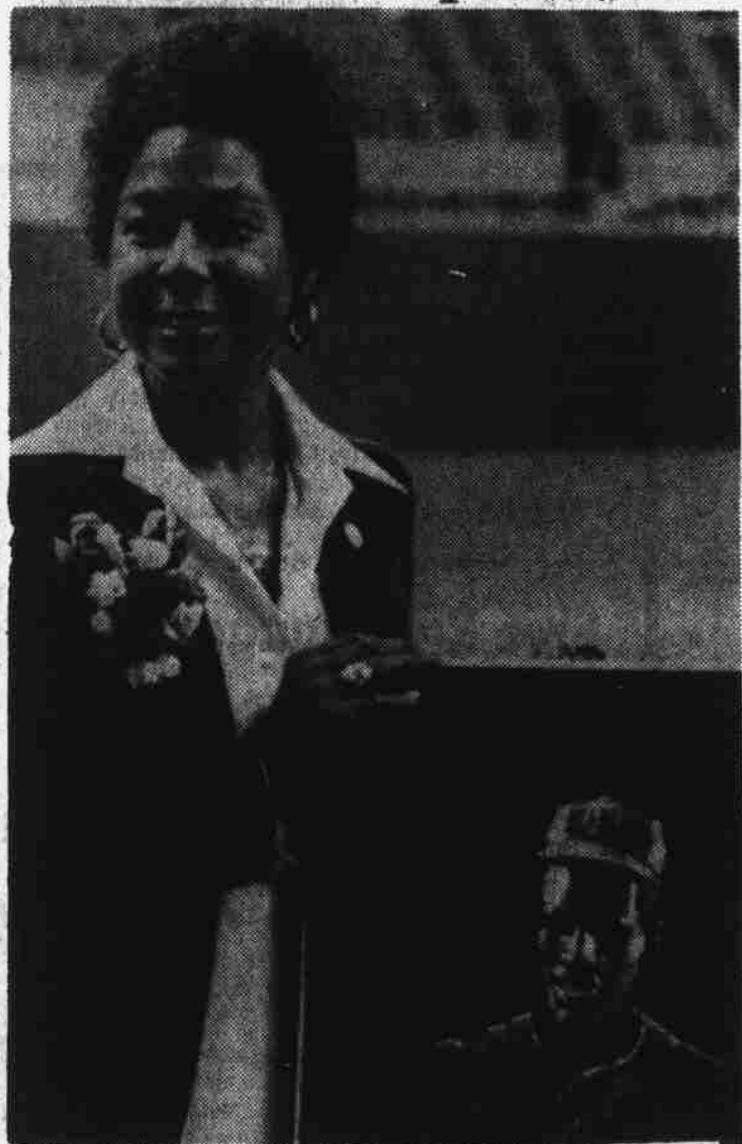
CENTRAL APPOINTS SILVA AD

North Carolina Central University has named Frank Silva as its new athletic director, said Assistant to the Chancellor Alec Rivera Monday.

Silva, who will be leaving an administrative position with the University of the District of Columbia will replace interim Athletic Director James Stevens, who came out of retirement last summer after Joe Alston resigned.

Alston left after a controversy over the head basketball coaching position. It was announced that Alston would replace Sterlin Holt, then that Holt would be retained. Holt stayed and Alston returned to private business.

Silva is a graduate of Howard University. He served as head basketball coach at the District of Columbia Teacher's College before the school became D. C. University.



JACKIE IN BRONZE - Rachel Robinson, widow of the late Jackie Robinson, unveils a bronze plaque in memory of her husband at the Olympic Stadium prior to the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Montreal Expos in Montreal. (UPI)

Ninety Expected

Fifth year NCCU coach Willie S. Smith expects 90 players to come to the NCCU campus Monday, August 15th in preparation for the 1977 football season. Sixteen starters are expected as the Eagles will begin two-day practices on August 16th and continue until August 28th when they will have one daily practice.

Coach Willie S. Smith has compiled a 25-15-3 record in his four previous seasons and this year should once again be a winner for the venerable mentor.

Eagles Season Tickets Now Are Available

Season tickets for the 1977 NCCU Home Football Schedule can be obtained by writing: Office of Sports Information, P. O. Box 19521, Durham, N. C. 27707; or calling 683-6312 or 683-6102.

The Eagles are looking for their fifth winning season under the youthful tutelage of Willie S. Smith.

Cowboys' Tony Dorsett Sidelined With Knee Injury

THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF. - Tony Dorsett, the Dallas Cowboy's No. 1 draft choice, will be held out of contact work, for the next week to ten days and will

not play in Saturday's pre-season game in Seattle, Coach Tom Landry has announced.

The Heisman Trophy winner from Pittsburgh aggravated a bruised left knee in Dallas' 34-14, preseason opening victory over San Diego.

"We decided that the best way to get Tony back to 100 per cent was to make sure he didn't get the knee hit again for at least a week," Landry said.

"I feel certain that with the running and conditioning work he will be doing during that period, the problem should be completely cleared up," added Landry.

Dorsett carried seven times for 26 yards and caught a pass for 15 yards last Saturday in playing less than one quarter. He first injured the knee in a scrimmage against San Diego on July 21.



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