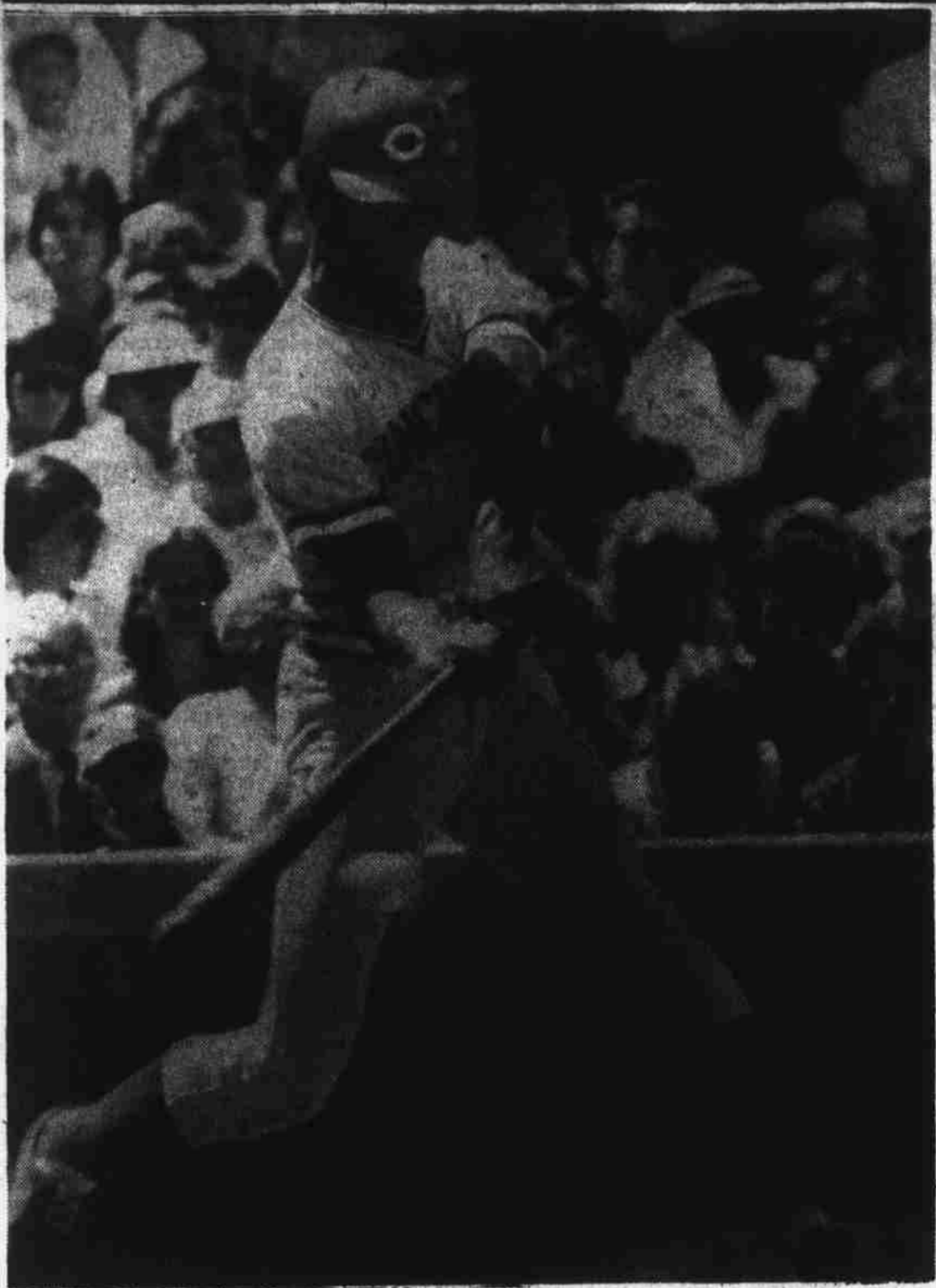


# SPORTS



**LEAGUE LEADER** - Cincinnati's George Foster is seen here in a pose familiar to fans as he belts out No. 38 in his race for the top home run hitter of this season. The Reds' slugger also heads the league in runs batted in with 108. (UPI).

## Distractions on Gramblings Coach Eddie Robinson

By JERRY BYRD

SHREVEPORT, LA. - (SPECIAL) - Eddie Robinson is the last guy in the world you would expect to be paranoid.

Every since he left a Baton Rouge feed mill 36 years ago to follow the yellow brick road that led to Grambling and world-wide fame that transcends sports, Eddie has proclaimed a message that the American dream is alive and well.

Publicist Collie Nicholson once labelled him "Glum Eddie" because of overly-cautious pre-season appraisals, but the Grambling football coach has always been about as pessimistic as Norman Vincent Peale. Pollyanna, yes, Glum, no.

Lately, however, even Eddie Robinson has to admit that it seems like somebody is trying to get him. And he can't understand why.

The most recent example is the report of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. investigating at Grambling.

Eddie acknowledges a visit by an NCAA representative this spring. "But," he hastens to add, "that doesn't mean you are in violation. It just means somebody has reported a wrongdoing." If the investigator uncovered anything, nobody has informed Grambling about it yet.

A few weeks before that, a \$5.3 million deficit in the school's general fund resulted in the Tigers' football coach being asked a lot of questions that had nothing to do with

double-team blocks and zone pass coverage.

"We don't have anything anybody else would want," Robinson says. "But for several years, there has been adverse publicity coming out a time when we were recruiting or in spring training. I've got to be concerned when Grambling is the only school where the criticism is directed. It's like the other schools are perfect."

A few years ago, the Tigers' football team rode a bus to Baltimore for a game with Morgan State. Nowadays they charter a 747 to take both the team and band - plus whatever hitchhikers they pick up along the way - to places like Hawaii and Tokyo. Some of their problems stem from the fact that their bookkeeping hasn't kept up with the social progress.

"We don't have anything to hide," says Robinson. "We haven't wronged anybody and we try to get along with people. I'm trying to do what I believe in. But I've got my feelings and it really hurts me..."

It is also distracting, to say the least. "All I want is some freedom and peace of mind," Eddie adds.

Nobody investigated Grambling when the Tigers were playing on a stretch of Lincoln Parish sand more suitable for camels. But now that they are playing where the sun never shines (if you know of a football field that has a roof over it, the chances are good that it's on the Tigers' schedule) and challenging big-time schools for bluechip prospects, they're practically living in a goldfish bowl.

When the other state schools were integrated six or seven years ago, a few prophets of gloom predicted it would be the end of the line for Grambling. The black talent figured to be split up a dozen ways, and Grambling still isn't able to recruit the best white athletes.

Racial prejudice isn't the only reason. When prospects visit Grambling, what do the coaches show them? The 10 year old stadium that holds 18,000 spectators? The 25 year old gymnasium with a capacity of 4,000? The three

tennis courts?

A couple of years ago, Robinson and other Grambling officials thought a \$7.3 million athletic complex - including a 32,000 seat stadium and 10,000 seat Assembly Building - was within their grasp. During the campaign before his re-election Governor Edwards showed up at a Grambling game. Throughout that swing, he seemed to be a real-life Santa Claus, pulling a stadium out of his bag at one stop, a coliseum at the next, etc.

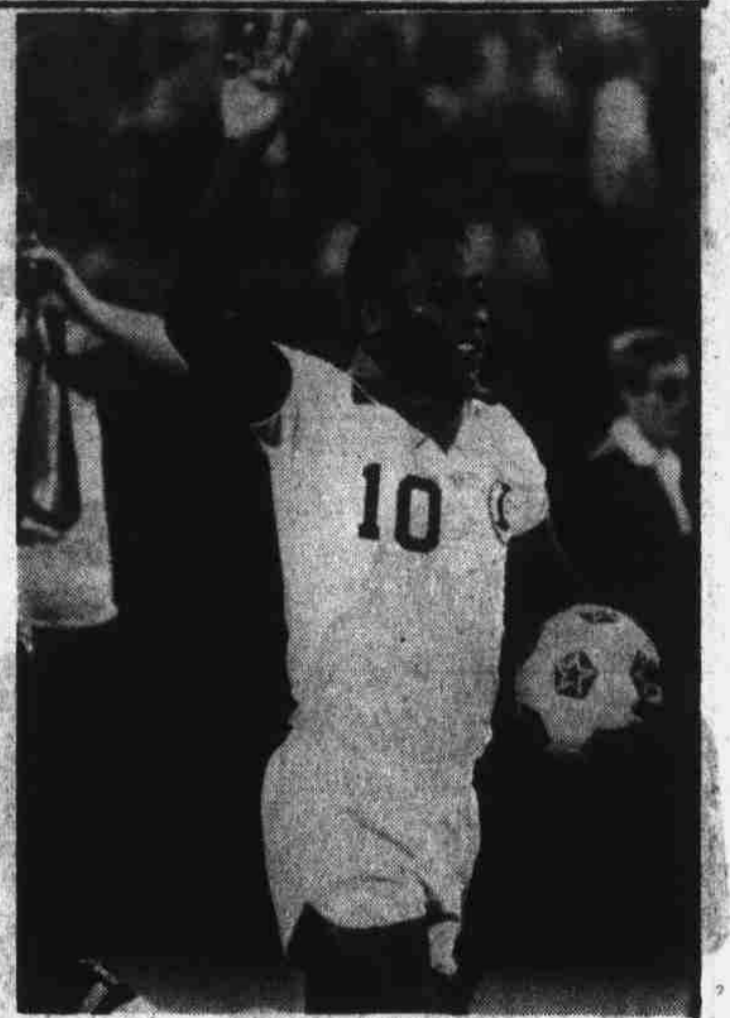
But Grambling's bid for an athletic complex was thrown for a loss when somebody found out that the entire college budget was \$5.3 million in arrears.

Like the first Moses, Eddie Robinson may have to view the Promised Land from the other side of Jordan - if he sees it at all.

The special session of the legislature may come up with something this month. But because of white backlash reaction to the deficit, earmarking money for Grambling probably isn't politically smart at this time.

Still, Robinson accentuates the positive.

"The name of my game



**PELE WITH BALL** - Pelé, with a ball under his arm and a smile on his face, waves to the crowd of 57,828 at Giant's Stadium as he runs onto field during game with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. In danger of playing the final game of his legendary career, Pelé scored two second-half goals in the NASL playoff game as he led the Cosmos to a 3-0 victory over Tampa Bay. (UPI).

is competing," he says. "I'm gonna compete." Instead of complaining about the facilities Grambling doesn't have, Robinson shows prospects a global schedule. He also shows them a well-traveled road to professional football. Eddie knows where these kids are coming from, because he has been there when things were a lot worse. He shows them what they want to see: a way out.



**PRETTY FAIR BABYSITTER** - Muhammad Ali amuses his 13 month old daughter Hana, at press conference at the Cafe Royal. Ali, in London for the premiere of "The Greatest" the film of his life, was left holding the baby, because his wife went out shopping, and the babysitter was sick, so he took Hana along to the press conference. (UPI).

### AGGIE PERSPECTIVES

**HEAD COACH MCKINLEY:** "I have won many games 40 to 30 (score), and I have had 50 to 40 games. Everybody will leave the stadium after we have won one of those kind of games, and they will bring 10 more fans with them the next week saying 'you haven't seen anything until you've seen A&T play.' That's what we want them to leave the stadium saying."

**ELLSWORTH TURNER, QUARTERBACK:** "It's going to be hard to stop our passing and running game. I am going to try to be the best leader I can be, on the field and off."

**RON SCOTT, FULLBACK:** "We will work as hard as we can to come up with a good season. Our experiences should help us quite a bit."

**COY HOLLAND, DEFENSIVE TACKLE:** "I look to the season game by game, one at a time. We are now getting ready for Winston-Salem."

### NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY 1977 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
Sept. 3	Winston-Salem	7:00 p.m.	Home
Sept. 10	OPEN		
Sept. 17	South Carolina State	7:30 p.m.	Away
Sept. 24	Bethune-Cookman	7:30 p.m.	Away
Oct. 1	Johnson C. Smith	1:00 p.m.	Home
Oct. 8	Norfolk State	2:00 p.m.	Away
Oct. 15	Univ. Maryland, E. S.	1:00 p.m.	Home
<b>(HOMECOMING)</b>			
Oct. 22	Howard University	1:00 p.m.	Home
Oct. 29	Morgan States	1:30 p.m.	Away
Nov. 5	E. Michigan Univ.	1:00 p.m.	Home
Nov. 12	Delaware State	2:00 p.m.	Away
Nov. 19	N. C. Central Univ.	1:00 p.m.	Home

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Jim McKinley

Athletic Director  
Cal Irvin

Sports Publicist:  
Joe Faust

### Where Are You Now?



**Joe Louis**

"The Brown Bomber" was the undefeated world heavyweight champ, 1937-1949. He won 68 and lost 3 fights in his career. He was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1954. Now 62, he is doing public relations work for a Las Vegas hotel.

## A&T Unveils '77 Football Program

By LARRY BARBER

The Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro unveiled its 1977 football program, after a staffing overhaul following last season. A new head Coach Jim McKinley was installed, and brought his assistants with him. McKinley coached at Central State last year.

Coach McKinley says confidently and seriously, that he wants an 11-0 record. Although he only worked with his veterans last spring, and glimpsed the freshmen, who came in on the twelfth, McKinley anticipates a near perfect season. He said he was an offensive coach, and plans to pass more than the average college squads. "Our basic philosophy about football would be that we are an offensive football team. Our goal is to put points on the board. I emphasize that because I am one of the real small minority of college football coaches who feels like that. Most college coaches will say how their defense comes first. I'll be completely candid with you, our offense comes first," McKinley flatly stated.

### VEER OFFENSE

They will use a version of the veer with various

quarterback options. A&T also will operate from the straight drop back pocket - passing attack, sending two wide receivers much like the professionals. McKinley, thinks he had a quality quarterback in Ellsworth Turner, who can engineer his offense. He feels that Turner is one of the top quarterbacks in the country. The coach said, "Ellsworth is a very fine athlete, he has a good head on his shoulders, and he reads defenses well." McKinley believes in taking advantage of available resources. He expressed, "It will be silly for us to say we must be able to run the ball, when we have a quarterback with a great arm. With Turner out there, we would like to pass 20 to 25 times per game. We will average only about five plays a game where we won't have two wide receivers. This complements Turner's passing game much better. It helps our running game, because it takes people out of our running lanes." The coach added, "The passing attack is strictly a pro attack. We drop back to pass using pro reads and keys. Ellsworth is a natural at picking up reads,

and I think a lot of people are going to be surprised at how many yards he is going to pick up by the run."

### PROBLEM AREAS

McKinley went on to say "We have two problems areas. One is the depth factor, and it will depend on how good our freshmen are, and how quickly they respond to our football. The other problem is the new coaching staff itself. The fact that we are new, changes were made on both platoons and it takes a little time to get a smooth operation.

Freshmen who look promising are so far, Billy Mims, a tight end from Florida; Pat Louis and Mike Calloway, offensive linemen, Gary Green linebacker, and another linebacker named Ramsey Mins, who stands 6-4 and weighs about 200 pounds, has good hands and might start. Returning players on defense who coaches expect a lot are, Coy Holland and George Small both moving from the offensive line, and

Don McCall from Los Angeles, a defensive back, who was considered the best in the city. Don is not a first year player, but this makes his first term at A&T. On offense besides Turner, there will be Ron Scott and Glen Holland, running backs and receivers Allan Thomas and Bruce Black. McKinley admitted that Scott and Holland would be his starting backs if the season started now. "Ron will carry the ball more per game than he ever dreamed. We think he is an outstanding back. He doesn't have the exceptional speed but is big and strong, and in the veer that is what you have to have. We think Holland has the speed to go to the outside, and we are looking forward to it," beamed the coach.

The team started serious practice Monday in preparation for their initial encounter on September 3. They will meet Winston-Salem State Rams in Greensboro at 7 p.m.



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### 1977 Home Football Schedule

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Oct. 1 Morgan State  
Oct. 15 Delaware State (Homecoming)  
Oct. 29 South Carolina State  
Nov. 12 Howard University  
All Home Games start at 1:30 p.m. in O'Kelly Stadium

### 1977-78 Home Basketball Schedule

Nov. 30 Shaw University  
Dec. 6 Winston-Salem State  
Jan. 13 Maryland-Eastern Shore  
Jan. 14 Delaware State  
Jan. 16 S. C. State  
Jan. 30 Virginia State  
Feb. 10 Howard University  
Feb. 11 Morgan State  
Feb. 14 N. C. A & T State  
Feb. 15 Virginia Union  
All Home Games start at 7:30 p.m. in R. L. McDougald Gymnasium

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