



Second Time Around Fatal for NCCU Eagles

Elson Rates The NFL Cities

It seems as if everybody likes to rate something in the world of sports so yours truly decided why not rate the cities of the NFL; I'll admit that I haven't visited all of these metropolises but since I majored in Geography in college I think I know something about the characteristics of all of these places that harbor teams in the NFL, this rating is not in any order it's just luck of the draw.

Buffalo: It's good that the Bills are winning again, can you imagine living in such a lousy city that's also a loser in football? Yuk!

New England: This team belongs to an entire region, most of it is gorgeous but as far as I'm concerned they should drop a bomb on bigotted Boston!

Baltimore: I think they've already dropped the bomb here!

Miami: The sun shines, the palm trees sway, it's my king of town, except I'm a Steller fan, don't like the Dolphins!

New York: America's most boastful city, need I remind them that us so-called small town hicks bailed them out when they went broke! The song says "New York, New York" I say let it "sink, sink" off the face of the earth!

Cleveland: Can you imagine spending a vacation here? If so then you should shoot yourself!

Houston: Another town I would just love to live in, only thing, I couldn't display my Steeler pennants (and live!).

Pittsburgh: I love their football team but the weather (winter is just too

long) and their pot holed streets have got to go!

Cincinnati: They say this is America's biggest small town, I can't think of any reason to go there!

San Diego: I hear tell it's a beautiful town, too many Marines and Sailors, for me!

Oakland: I feel sorry for people who live here, they're always overshadowed by San Francisco, on top of that I HATE the Raiders!

Kansas City: It just happens to be there!

Seattle: Despite what you hear the people who live there aren't webbed footed, it's beautiful but too far north.

Philadelphia: In answer to Tug McGraw I say take this city and stick it!

Dallas: The home of "America's Team," I could live here I just love those "cool summers" they have and those cheer leaders.

St. Louis: You've Got to be kidding!

Washington: This is where the politicians and the Redskins make their homes, I can't stand either of them!

Detroit: Any city that gave us the Supremes with Diana Ross and the Temptations can't be all bad, but it's not that good either.

Green Bay: Summer is nice here, all two weeks of it.

Tampa Bay: Hey, another one of my towns, it's hot, sticky, and they have torandos, let me pack my bags now.

Chicago: I wish the wind would blow this disaster area into Lake Michigan.

Missesota: A great place to visit but don't go there to watch the Vikings play unless you want to be dull-ed to sleep.

Atlanta: Hey, the party town of the southeast, an oversized Durham-Raleigh, but we have the Bulls they "only" have the Braves (and the Falcons).

Los Angeles: This is where the Bandwagon was invented these "fans" always love you when they win but drop you when they lose, it's not really a part of America, let the Iranians have it.

San Francisco: The only "real" city in California, despite what they say it's o.k. to call it "Frisco," that's right Frisco, Frisco, Frisco.

New Orleans: Sorry Atlanta, this is where partying was invented, they even have swinging funerals here, forget the Squints, let's get to Bourbon Street.

In the future I'll rate the ACC campuses.

Durhamites Scoreless In Gold Bowl Debut

RICHMOND, VA — N. C. A&T handed North Carolina Central a 37-0 beating in Gold Bowl IV before 3,400 fans. The Aggies closed out their best season in history at 9-3 while the Eagles, who enjoyed their first winning season since 1976, fell to 7-5.

The Aggies marched 78 yards on the opening drive with quarterback William Watson going the final yard. Cleotis Johnson had a 70 yard Gold Bowl run setting the stage for Watson's run. In the second period, the Aggies marched 83 yards

with a 43 yard touchdown pass from Watson to Billy Mims climaxing the drive at 14:26.

Central got to the A&T 4 but a Ken Pugh fumble throtted the drive.

The Aggies capitalized on two Carl Sanders muffs of punts in the third period to increase their lead. Frank Carr caught a 10 yard pass from Roland Myers and Charlie Sutton had a 1 yard run for touchdowns. Senior quarterback Charles Yuille was tackled for a safety giving the Aggies 16 third period points.

Johnson climaxed the scoring in a 3 yard run in the final stanza.

The Aggies rushed for 291 yards and passed for 103 more while holding the Eagles to only 11 yards rushing and 186 passing.

Johnson led all ball-carriers with 112 yards in 12 carries. Watson, the MVP of the game, had 25 yards rushing and completed 4 of 6 passes for 93 yards and one touchdown.

Yuille completed 7 of 14 passes for 116 yards and Sanders had 6 receptions for 100 yards.

A Tribute

to
Carl Easterling: 1907 - 1980

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

Coach Carl Easterling was a super star in every sense of the word to the people associated with Durham's Hillside High School. He was a winner.

On Monday, December 8, 1980, this giant of a man collapsed and died while walking on the track at Shepard Junior High School.

For many of Durham's black sportsmen and women, his death is a great loss. I first began to follow "Bear" Easterling's Hillside teams as a junior high youngster in 1962. During most of Easterling's reign, Hillside, because of segregation, competed in the North Carolina Negro High School Athletic Association. Consequently, many of his early accomplishments were probably not covered by the major media. Easterling never showed any outward bitterness about this. He continued, like clockwork, to turn out winners.

Easterling, who coached HHS's basketball and tennis teams, achieved some of his greatest successes during my three years at Hillside (1964-67).

In 1965, he fielded what many consider his greatest cage team. After a mid-season slump, the Hornets jelled and swept to the State 4-A Championship. Hillside made seemingly impossible comebacks in both the district and state title games to bring home the big trophies. Easterling was the NCNHSAA 4-A Coach of the Year in 1965.

In 1966, employing a running-gunning offense and a tremendous full court press, the Hornets set some offense records that still stand in North Carolina High School annals such as: most points by a team in one game - 147; first N.C. High School team to average over 100 points for an entire season (105 ppg); and, most points ever scored in a N.C. High School post season tournament - 128.

That 1966 Hillside powerhouse finished second in the state.

During my senior year, 1967, we all figured that the HHS cage glory years were behind us due to heavy graduation losses, but Easterling rallied his charges to a 19-6 record and barely lost the State 4-A Title to powerful Raleigh-Eggon (the pre-season favorite) in overtime.

Easterling tennis teams swept every black team title from 1953 to 1960. He also won team tennis championships in 1966 and 1967.

The mark of a truly successful coach is one who is willing to stand by unpopular decisions. Easterling faced this during 1968-69 when a dissention-racked Hillside club was consistently getting clobbered on the court. In the middle of the season, Easterling cut most of the starters. Most of us thought that "Bear" had flipped, but the old coach showed us as he took this team to fourth in the state during the last year of the all-black league.

"Bear" coached such tennis greats as Bonnie Logan, Michael Ruffin, J.D. Lewis, Jr., from Raleigh and Richmond's Arthur Ashe.

When Hillside integrated in 1970, Easterling still fielded winning cage teams. His last team in 1972 won the District Seven title and featured current NBA star, John Lucas, Jr.

Yes, Coach Easterling was a giant in Durham. He will be sorely missed. He leaves an important legacy.

To further honor this great man, I suggest that we start a Carl Easterling Scholarship Fund. Men like "Bear" Easterling come seldom in a life time.

Littlejohn Resigns as Grid Coach

SALISBURY — Andrew Littlejohn, three year head football coach at Livingstone College, resigned this recently ending weeks of speculation on his future. (Littlejohn

resigned on December 5, 1980.)

Littlejohn informed Livingstone president, Dr. George Shipman in a letter that he would end his tenure at the school.

Littlejohn announced no immediate plans.

Just five weeks ago Littlejohn said that he had not even contemplated resigning. Athletic Director, Joe Robinson, said at that time that the school was not considering firing the coach, but that a routine evaluation would take place at the end of the season.

Shipman said that Littlejohn had not been pressured to resign and that the evaluation process had just begun.

"We knew that we had to evaluate the football program, but we didn't know the outcome of the evaluation," Shipman said. "In the process of our evaluation, I guess he (Littlejohn) saw fit to submit his resignation."

No successor was named but Shipman said a search for one would begin immediately.

Littlejohn said in his letter to Shipman this morning that he had resigned "for personal reasons, and I feel that the position I am taking is in the best interest of all concerned."

Shipman replied with a letter, dispatched recently, accepting the resignation. Littlejohn will remain on the faculty until the end of the school year.

"We thank you for your service rendered Livingstone College during the period of your employment year, and we extend to you best wishes for your new endeavors in

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1980-81 BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

With the loss of consensus All-America Ricky Mahorn (27.6 ppg and 15.6 rpg) to the Washington Bullets, Hampton Institute coach Hank Ford knew he had to find a replacement for the 6'10" center.

So Ford came up with University of Southern Cal transfer, Leonel Marquetti and suddenly Pirate fans are talking about another twenty-win season. Marquetti was named to virtually every

high school All-America team and averaged 7.2 points for the Trojans last year. The 6-7, 210 pound junior has a measured vertical jump of 42 inches (the same as David Thompson) and Ford expects Marquetti to earn a starting position.

The Pirates return four starters from last year's 21-10 team that won the NAIA District 19 crown and made an appearance in the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas Ci-

solid, too. In addition to Hines, the CIAA's Rookie of the Year last season, outside gunner Dave Sippio, a 6-4 senior who averaged 9.9 points per game last year, is back.

In all, six lettermen return from last year's team including sixth man Tony Washington. The 6-4 sophomore accumulated playing time at both forward and guard and has looked impressive in the preseason workouts. Sophomore Wayne Spencer, out much of last year with knee injuries, is capable.

In addition, Ford has recruited heavily in preparing to defend the NAIA District title. Everett (6-7, Newark, N.J.), LeGrant Williams (6-6, Norfolk, Va.), Ron Blake (6-3, Easton, Md.) and Alphonso Godwin (6-2, Smithfield, Va.) will join transfers Jake Jordan (6-5) and Gerald Moore (6-8).

But matching the record of the last three years (1977-78: 24-7; 1978-79: 24-6; 1979-80: 21-10) won't be easy.

"It won't be as easy as it was last year," Ford admits. "All we did last year was work the ball in to Mahorn and let him do his magic. This season we are going to have to work a little harder for our points."

Ford knows what he is talking about. The three time NAIA District 19 Coach of the Year arrived on the scene after Hampton had suffered through ten straight losing seasons.



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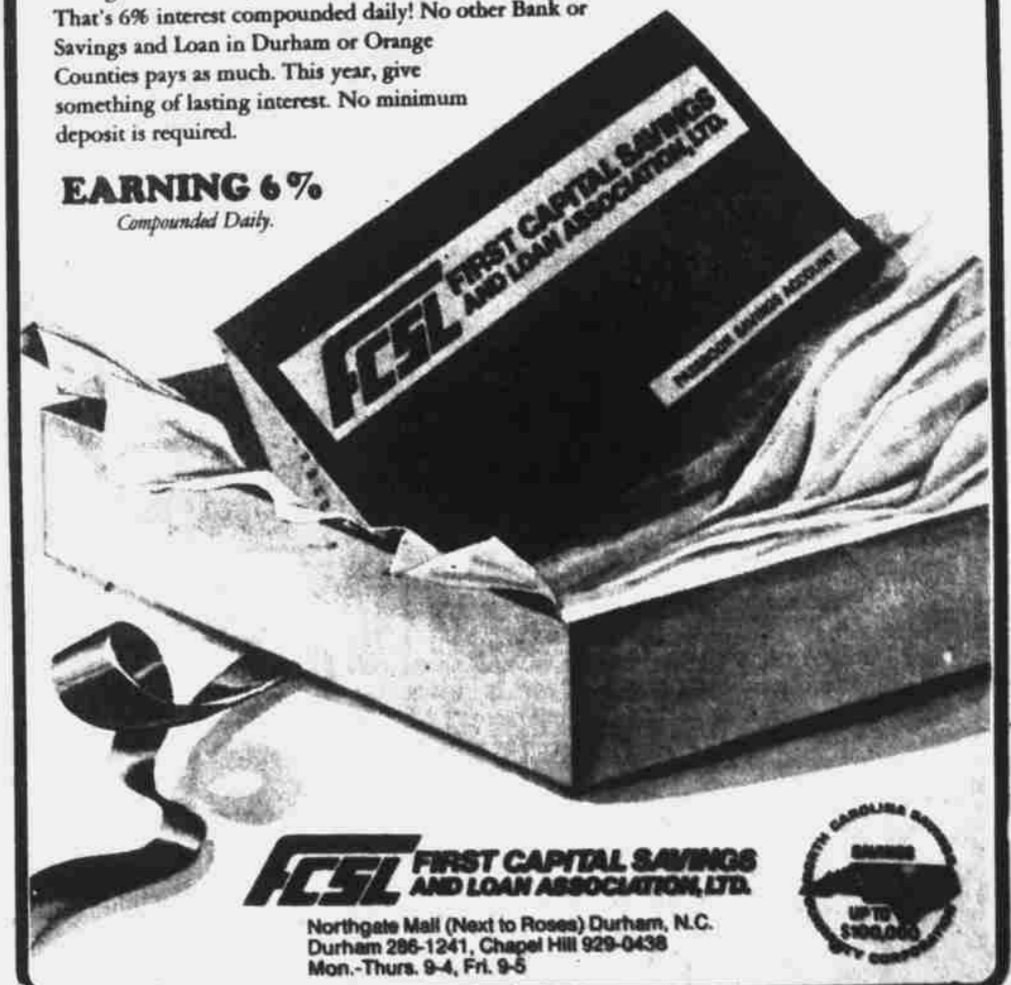
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