



Black College All-Star Game Set for January 17

Jackson, Miss. Site of Post Season Classic

Football aficionados and pro scouts will lavish attention on 66 highly touted seniors in the first annual Sheridan Black College All-Star Game in Jackson, Miss., on January 17.

The game pits the East squad against the West in a contest considered a proving ground for talented athletes with pro aspirations.

Players from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and Independent teams east of the Mississippi River form one squad.

The other unit is comprised of athletes from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference and Regional Independents.

A pair of former NFL stars — Willie Wood and Irv Cross — who made sundry stops around the football and TV map, will plot strategy for the young apprentices.

A former star with the Green Bay Packers, Wood presently serves as coach of the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. He is the only black head coach in pro football.

Since his retirement, Cross has remained visible as a commentator for the CBS "NFL Today" show. He had a distinguished pro career with the Los Angeles Rams and Philadelphia Eagles.

In casual conversations, he admits to having pro coaching aspirations. Wood will tutor the West and Cross will coach the East. Both men are impressed by the obvious potential of players on opposing squads.

Twenty-two stars named to the prestigious Sheridan Black College All-American team provide the nucleus for the post-season classic.

Heading the list is quarterback Joe Adams of Tennessee State, rated by

Sheridan observers as the Most Valuable Player on the 1980 All-American team.

The elite star passed for 2,653 yards and 30 touchdowns as a senior to cap a fantastic career with 8,653 yards and 81 TDs. Adams will dual Grambling's Mike Williams, younger brother of Tampa Bay's signal caller, Doug. Mike revved up the attack that propelled Grambling to the National Black Championship.

Williams' transition has been radical. In a sense, he escaped from his brother's shadow through perseverance, hard work and the ability to meet competitive demands of the moment, passing for 2,116 yards and 28 TDs in 1980. His career log shows 3,734 yards and 44 TDs.

Other All-American stalwarts with the requisites of size, speed and toughness include defensive ends Jerome Tate, Alabama State and Wilbur Jackson, Alcorn State; linebackers Larry Werts, Jackson State, Ives Prince, Grambling and Angelo King, South Carolina State; defensive tackles Curtis Green, Alabama State and Mike Barber, Grambling.

Pro scouts will be awed by the versatility of defensive backs Victor Jackson, Bowie State, Robert Salters, Grambling, and Gifford Ramsey, Florida A&M and Iverson Walls, Grambling.

Impressive specimens anxious to gain acclaim on offense are running backs Robert Parham, Grambling, who bulled for 3,314 career yards; Henry Odom, South Carolina State and Edward O'Neal, Tuskegee; wide receiver Wally Wright, Mississippi Valley, and tight end Billy Mims, North Carolina A&T; tackles Lorenza Lilly, Alabama State and Don Herring, Norfolk State; guards Edwin Bailey, South Carolina State and Mike West, North Carolina A&T.



The Hit Man

DETROIT—Welterweight champion Thomas Hearns stands over Luis Primera after knocking him out in the 6th round to retain his title. UPI Photo

ICE HOCKEY AVAILABLE IN THE TRIANGLE

By Elson Armstrong Jr.

If you happen to be one of the many transplanted "Yankees" who've moved into the Triangle Area you may find that one of our shortcomings is that you can't find a live hockey game anywhere.

Well, ice lovers take heart. You can now see your favorite sport up close and in person and you don't have to leave this area to do it!

Just take I-85 west of Durham to the Daniel Boone exit in Hillsborough and there you can find an exciting brand of collegiate club hockey.

While admittedly this is not the NHL or even the best college hockey, as one spectator told me, it's the only hockey available so why not make the best of it.

The Daniel Boone Ice Rink is the home of the "ACC Club Hockey League" which consists of teams from Duke,

Carolina State, and UNC-Greensboro.

The league is a brain child of UNC student Bill Detner, a native of Connecticut, who saw the need for hockey in this area. Detner, a player for the Tar Heel team is the league Commissioner.

Recently I took the short ride to Hillsborough to see just what was going on. On this particular day Duke, the defending champion, was playing an exhibition match with Carolina last year's runners up.

Larry Fields one of the

officials told me that the game is played under amateur hockey rules, which consists of no red lines and three twenty minute periods with a running clock.

The teams are usually made up of players who are either from regions where hockey is prominent or North Carolinians who have been exposed to hockey.

The league also plays teams from Fort Bragg and they will also take part in tournaments in

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Elson's Fantastic NCAA Top 15

(Football)

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1. Georgia
2. Notre Dame
3. Florida State
4. Pittsburgh
5. Michigan
6. Oklahoma
7. Alabama
8. North Carolina
9. Baylor
10. Nebraska
11. Penn State
12. Washington
13. Brigham Young
14. UCLA
15. Southern California

Bowl Suggestions: Why don't we have bowls with such tasty names as Chili, Salad, Grape, Chicken, Bar-be-que, or Ice Cream?

Tom Rice of Jackson State is the center and Wilfredo Roseles of Alcorn is the field goal kicker.

Alternates will be announced later by All-Star Game coordinator Fred Mattingly.

Five S.C. Bulldogs to Play In All-Star Football Game

ARLINGTON, VA — Five seniors from South Carolina State's 10-1 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference team have been selected to play in the Black College All-Star game at Jackson, Miss., January 17.

The contest, sponsored by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network (SBN), a black-owned national broadcasting network, will be played at the Jackson Memorial Stadium.

Bulldog running back Chris Ragland of Indianapolis, Ind.; guard Edwin Bailey of Savannah, Ga.; tackle John Alford of Dillon, S.C.; and linebackers Angelo King, Columbia, S.C.; and Ronnie Burton, Newberry, S.C., are among 36 players making up the East squad.

Former Philadelphia Eagles Standout Irv Cross will be the head coach for the East squad while Willie Wood, ex-Green

Bay Packer standout, will guide the West Team.

Ragland, who rushed for over 1300 yards as a junior, was hampered by injuries this season but still managed 454 yards on 109 carries and scored seven touchdowns.

Bailey, earlier named to the SBN and Kodak All-American squads and the All-MEAC team, led the Bulldog blocking which netted almost 260 yards rushing per game.

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