Top Black Gridiron Talent to See Action In All-Star Classic January 17

By Collie J. Nicholson JACKSON, MI. -The West squad has corraled a vintage blend of football talent for the Sheridan Black College All-Star Game in Jackson on January 17.

Platitudes for Coach Willie Wood's troops revolve around the highly skilled talents of quarterback Williams, a mammoth line and a talented corps of receivers.

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seasons with the G-Men. He faces the ultimate test in the All-Star game.

The reason? Joe Adams of Tenn. State, the East field commander, is as adept at cramming footballs down enemy throats as any quarterback in the country. An exceptional thrower, rated a high draft choice, Adams passed for 8,653 career yards and touchdowns, offering testimony that the East attack will not develop a

The Grambling signal-

caller passed for 3,734

yards and 44 TDs in four

case of the blahs. For the West squad, Williams is the man with the midas touch. The West also has a number of other dangerous

weapons at its disposal. In fact, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference,

Southwestern Athletic and area Independents 13 schools from six states - have bequeathed plenty of ammunition for the match-up against players from schools east of the Mississippi River.

The East will be coached by Irv Cross. popular CBS commentator for "The NFL Today" show, who is anxious to prove that he is equally adept manipulating football talent.

With nine All-Americans and 13 allconference performers available, coach Wood's big task is to find a way to iron out wrinkles in his pass-oriented arsenal.

A positive thinker with an abundance of intestinal fortitude, the Toronto Argonauts' head coach has outlined his option attack and discussed various passing concepts and situations for quarterbacks and receivers.

The West blueprint calls for hard work, discipline, execution and, most importantly, the utilization of each player to the utmost.

cited about his wellbalanced offensive trench corps.

It has spectacular talent at several key posi-tions, "The situation is pretty well set for us," the coach said after studying his roster.

The availability of top receivers like Wally Wright, Miss. Valley State; Gregory Ander-Alabama State; Buster Barnett, Jackson State and Ed Campbell, Grambling, assurance that the air attack will perk along at a high rate of efficiency.

East Squad Tenn. State's quarterback Joe Adams, a renowned practitioner of the art of throwing a football, heads the list of seniors invited to the first annual Sheridan Black College All-Star Game.

Adams is the catalyst for the East Squad in a

Johnson C. Smith

Livingstone College

match-up against the West for the encounter at Memorial Stadium.

Mike Williams, the West quarterback from Grambling is almost equally conspicuous.

Their proclivity for attacking through the air offers a guarantee that customers will remain away from exits until the final horn.

The All-Star game promises to offer a true gauge of the strength of black college teams east and west of the Mississippi river.

Pro aspirants from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and area independents make up the East Squad.

Irv Cross, a star on the CBS "NFL Today" show and a former pro star with Philadelphia and Los Angeles, has the responsibility of welding the East into a cohesive unit.

Adams' fine football mind and keen football instincts have established the East as an early favorite.

He has remarkable audacity, poise and faith in himself.

Williams' Grambling teammates responded to his direction by winning the 1980 National Black College Championship. The complete East

squad: Offense: QB-Joe "747" Adams, 6-3, 195, Tenn. State; Ronald Wilson, 6-1, 180, Howard U.

RB-Arrington Jones, 6-1, 232, Winston-Salem; Waymon Pitts, 5-6, 170, NCA&T; Henry Odom, 5-11, 190, SC State; Archie Jones, 6-1, 195, FAMU.

WR-Anthony Smith, 6-5, 197, Hampton; Charles Brown, 5-11, 180, SC State; Mike Holston, 6-3, 195, Morgan.

TE-Billy Mims, 6-5, 227, NCA&T; Johnny High, 6-4, 227, Norfolk State.

OG-Gary Smith, 5-11, 233, NCCU; Clifton Britt, 6-3, 246, NCA&T; Lidell LeSane, 6-1, 215, St. Pauls.

OT-Edwin Bailey, 6-4, 255, SC State

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