



Eagles Fall To Virginia Union Panthers

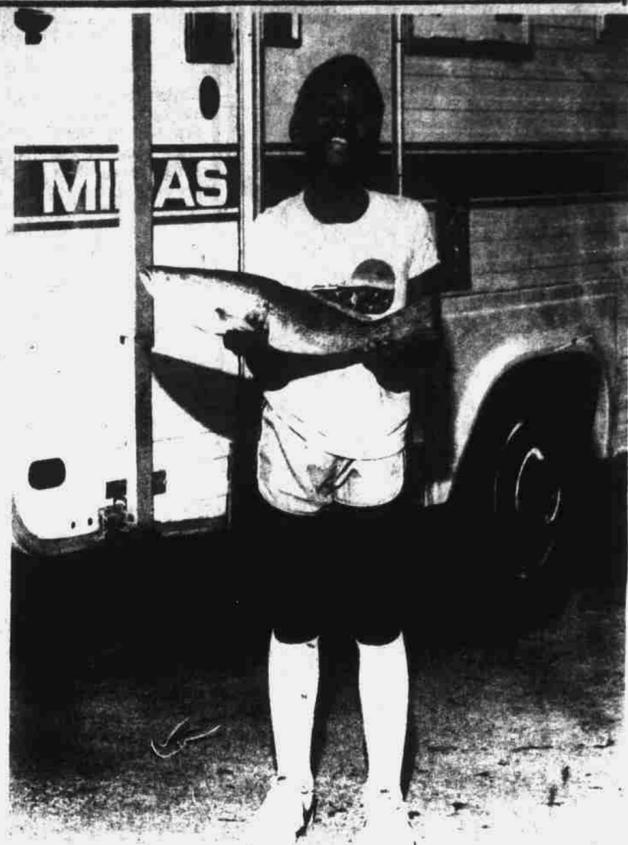
RICHMOND, VA — Two time NCAA Division II quarterfinalist Virginia Union laid claim as a team to beat in the CIAA Northern Division with a 27-7 win over defending CIAA Champion North Carolina Central. On the surface the 27-7 score would indicate a game that was not close. However, a closer look indicates that the Eagles were very generous literally giving the Panthers three touchdowns. Late in the first period the Panthers blocked a Joey Day punt that was scooped up by Little All-American William Dillon and returned 31 yards for a touchdown.

Near the end of the period, NCCU freshman quarterback Gerald Fraylon, seeing his first action of the season, had a pass picked off by Dillon at the NCCU 43. The Panthers took 9 plays and marched in the touchdown consuming 4:41 upping their count to 13-0 with 11:45 left in the first half. Marlon Cowles went over from the one. The remainder of the first half was played in Panther territory with the Eagles allowing Va. Union to only reach their 18. Down by thirteen at half, the Eagles had held the Panthers to only 11 yards rushing. The third period saw

the Panthers and Eagles trade long time-consuming scoring drives. The Panthers took the ball from their 11 with 11:39 left in the period and marched the length of the field — 89 yards in 10 plays over 5 minutes and 3 seconds. Harry Mitchell, the Panthers burly 6-0 230 fullback, went the final yard. The Eagles defense bottled up Mitchell, who rushed for 1009 yards last year, allowing him only 45 yards in 13 carries. Central retaliated with a 66 yard drive of its own. They took the ball from their 34 marching the distance in 11 plays. They scored on the first

play of the final period when freshman tailback Clifton Kersey went three yards. Joel Massey added the point after touchdown. The Eagles stopped the Panthers on downs following the ensuing touchdown. They marched from their 30 with 13:42 left in the game to the VUU 46 before punting the ball on downs with 6:32 to go. The Panthers mounted a 51 yard drive turning the ball back to the Eagles on the NCCU 22 on downs. Fraylon dropped back to pass but his pass was picked off by Clyde Williams at the 35 who raced untouched to paydirt. The Eagles amassed 10 first downs to the Panthers 9. Union, however, rack-

ed up 121 yards in 38 carries and adding 98 more through the air. Central was limited to 71 yards rushing; 43 passing. Keith Cathion led all rushers with 59 yards for the Panthers; Mitchell 45; Marlon Cowles, 41. Kersey paced the Eagles with 47 yards on 16 attempts. Fraylon, who was trapped at least eight times passing, had 32 yards. He completed 6 of 19 passes for 43 yards and was intercepted 4 times, three by Dillon. Ed Gates hit 5 of 1 passes for Va. Union for 78 yds. Interesting enough, the Eagles had the ball 31 minutes and 58 seconds against Va. Union in the loss. In the win over Livingstone, the Eagles only had the ball for 25 minutes, 33 seconds.



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Eagles Must Prevent Mistakes Saturday Against WSSU

By B. Dawson
N.C. Central University's football team will try to eliminate costly mistakes in order to beat Winston-Salem State University's football team Saturday, according to Eagle head football coach Henry Lattimore.

The Eagles will be in very good shape against the Rams. Both teams experienced defeat last week and a CIAA

southern division win for Central would boost its standing at 2-0. NCCU will be Winston-Salem's first conference opponent for the 1981 season. Freshman Gerald

Aggie head football coach Jim McKinley said after the game that he considered Pitts one of the best at his position in the MEAC. McKinley called Pitts "a tremendous athlete and competitor".

Winston-Salem will host N.C. Central University Saturday and NCA&T will play host to S.C. State.

Fraylon will start at quarterback for Central's no-huddle offense. Freshman John Kersey will open at fullback beside 6'2" 230 lb. junior running back Benjamin Tate. Tate averaged 4.7 yards per carry last season.

The Eagles offensive linemen average over 240 lbs. Central's interior linemen must control the Rams' two monster

linebackers. They're against," but added that "Central is prepared to stop WSSU's offensive attack." Defensively, Eagle All-CIAA linebackers Chris McKinstry and Louis McIver will face WSSU's veer offensive attack spearheaded by Ram QB Karlton Watson.

Coach Lattimore said "the veer offense is very difficult to defend

To beat the Winston-Salem Rams, the Eagles squad must avoid mistakes and penalties and "we must play very consistent football", says Lattimore.

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NCA&T Aggie running back Anthony Means (20) about to be stopped by Winston-Salem's Ronald Bethune (20), Steve Gilmore (80), Albert Redd (67) and Adrian Jerald (9), in last Saturday's contest which ended: A&T 21, Winston-Salem 7. Photo by Dawson

Dawson's Sports Briefs

Henry Lattimore...head football coach at NCCU, coached the 1980 team which defeated WSSU 42-21. The Eagles and Rams will battle Saturday....**Jim McKinley**, A&T Aggie head coach, said, "S.C. State's team depth" will hurt many of the Bulldogs' opponents in 1981....**N.C. State's** freshman running back from Lexington, **Joe McIntosh** was selected ACC Rookie of the Week. He gained 221 yards rushing against Wake Forest at Groves Stadium....**NCCU-WSSU** overall record is 11-3....**Larry Williams** will referee the 60th Annual Southeastern Tennis Tournament September 18, 19, 20 in Durham.

Aggies Open New Stadium With Win

By B. Dawson
GREENSBORO — North Carolina A&T's junior runningback Waymon Pitts scored two touchdowns and Senior Charlie Sutton added another score to lead the Aggies to a 21-14 season opener win over Winston-Salem State Rams last Saturday.

Pitts, who rushed for 136 yards on 30 carries, scored TD's from two and one yards. Sutton totaled 104 yards rushing on 20 carries against the Rams. His TD run was from 19 yards out.

The Aggies jumped out to a 14-0 first quarter lead. A&T missed a 35-yard field goal attempt with 3:45 remaining in the second quarter. Neither team scored points during the third quarter.

In the fourth period, after Pitts' one-yard run TD that pushed the Aggies ahead 21-0, Ram sophomore running back Alex Cowans scored Winston-Salem's first

touchdown with 9:17 remaining in the football game. Cowans' TD made the score 21-7. Winston-Salem State forced the Aggies to punt on the next series, and the Rams began a rally which was stopped cold after their final touchdown. Second year Ram QB Karlton Watson's 13-yard pass to Cowans with 6:45 left in the contest brought Winston-Salem closer at 21-14.

With only 1:45, the Rams again forced the Aggies to punt the football after three downs, before the sellout crowd of approximately 20,000.

Rams QB Watson, using a combination of passing and running, managed to move the Rams to the Aggies' 14-yard line. With no time outs left, Winston-Salem failed to get into the Aggie end zone for a score in four pass attempts, and was forced to turn the ball over to A&T with only :41 left in the game.



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