



## FSU Bronco Gridders Open Camp August 15

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**FAYETTEVILLE** — Amiable second-year Fayetteville Stat University football coach William "Bill" Head will blow his whistle officially signalling the opening of the '82 campaign for the Bronco gridders August 15.

According to Bronco officials, approximately 95 candidates are expected in the camp for fall drills.

Coach Head, formerly of Morris Brown College, took over the Bronco reins late last summer and finished his first Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) season with a 2-5 league mark and 3-6 overall.

Ironically, he opens the season this year with Morris Brown as the Broncos' first opponent in a non-conference inter-sectional clash September 4, in Atlanta.

"We're looking at 1982 with very high optimism," commented the former defensive coach at Morris Brown College.

The Bronco-men lost All-CIAA punter Bertie Wadford (40-yard average per game), but Coach Head has some strong veterans returning to provide a solid nucleus for the coming campaign.

Defensively, nine starters return to the Bronco fold headed by All-CIAA candidate Barney Mason, a 6-4, 220 pound defensive end from Fort Meyers, Florida.

At defensive tackle are seniors Kevin Martin, a 6-2, 212-pounder from Georgetown, S.C. and Sam Gantt, 6-4, 220 pounds from Englewood, N.J. who led the squad last season



COACH HEAD

with seven quarterback sacks.

At linebacker spots are Reginald Montgomery and Terry Stills. Joe Byrd, a senior from Belle Glade, Florida and Jerome German, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., lead the returnees in the defensive backfield.

German, appears to be the "main man" in the Bronco secondary with three aerial thefts, 86 yards returned, and scored two touchdowns defensively for the Bronco club last year to lead in this category.

Kendrick Sims and Ronald McIntyre round out the defensive backfield. Sims, a native of West Palm Beach, Florida, led the Broncos in tackles with 40 and fumble recoveries with four. Quincy Dickens, Charles Harris, John Kinlock, or Greg Darlins complete the probable defensive lineman lineup.

Only eight starters return offensively from last year's team headed by 5-10, 185 pound senior running back Reggie Williams of Jacksonville, Florida.

The Sunshine State native, hampered by injuries most of his career at FSU, is hoping for a great closing out year as

the Bronco's chief ball carrier.

Last season Williams led the Broncos by carrying the ball 102 times for 482 yards and one touchdown in only seven games. Williams is considered the "heart and soul" of the Bronco backfield and has been labeled as one of the "gutsiest" players in the Bronco fold.

It's a toss-up apparently at the signal-calling slot for the Bronco-men. Quarterback duties will either fall on red-shirted Walter Seldon, a 5-11, 165-pounder from Dayton, Ohio or Sylvester Robinson, who saw considerable action at the position last year. Robinson is a 6-1, 180 pound sophomore from Decatur, Georgia.

Anchoring the offensive line will be center Steve Armstrong, a 5-10, 190 pounder from Richmond, Virginia, who will be flanked by 6-1, 220 pound junior Freddie Garrett of Belle Glade, Florida and 5-9, 230-pound newcomer Melvin McNeil, a Wagram, N.C. product.

All-CIAA candidate Tyrone Kelly, 6-2, 235 pounds from Columbia, S.C. and Charles Lovelace, 6-2, 228 pounder from Fayetteville should fill out the tackle spots.

Paul Leger and Victor Boston, a newcomer, will be battling for the starting position at tight end.

Steve Gilliam, "Mr. Consistency", will fill the slot spot having caught seven passes for 86 yards and one TD. Martin Johnson will handle split end chores.

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## Durham Tennis Any/Everyone?

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

With a hot Sunday afternoon sun sinking slowly westward, Jerry Harper banged the green tennis ball across the net on the N.C. Central tennis court. On the other side, Novice Johnson eagerly slapped the ball back, initiating a friendly volley.

On a hill opposite the courts, a small group of people watched. Harper, not one to miss a bragging opportunity, yells to a friend in the crowd: "Hey, Skip, I'm ready for you, you can't take me Skip!"

At that very moment, Harper backhanded a serve wide of the mark, and Skip yells: "Ah, if that's the best you can do you're in trouble!" Everyone laughs.

Later during a break in the action, Harper and Johnson, both rising seniors at NCCU, explain that they are spending a hot afternoon practicing for a NCCU tennis class they're enrolled in this summer.

Ms. Johnson says she registered for the class because she believes tennis is fun and great exercise as well.

Harper agrees and adds: "My sister has been playing tennis for a long time and she always beats me. She talks a lot of junk and I've got to remedy that!"

Ms. Johnson and Harper, both Durham natives, are part of an American tennis boom that began in the 1960's and continues to grow.

Tennis once thought of as a sport of the rich, has now spread far and wide and sometimes in Durham, there are not enough public or private courts to satisfy the demand.

The Durham tennis explosion shows no signs of slowing down, therefore several new public and private courts may be needed to satisfy the demand.

Because Durham is snuggled in the heart of the Sunbelt where reasonable weather permits year-round tennis.

You can find people and balls bouncing around local courts almost anytime you check.

A former resident of Pittsburgh, who moved to Durham five years ago, said: "I don't think North Carolinians realize just how good their weather is. I can play tennis in the dead of winter in Durham. That's unheard of in northern states."

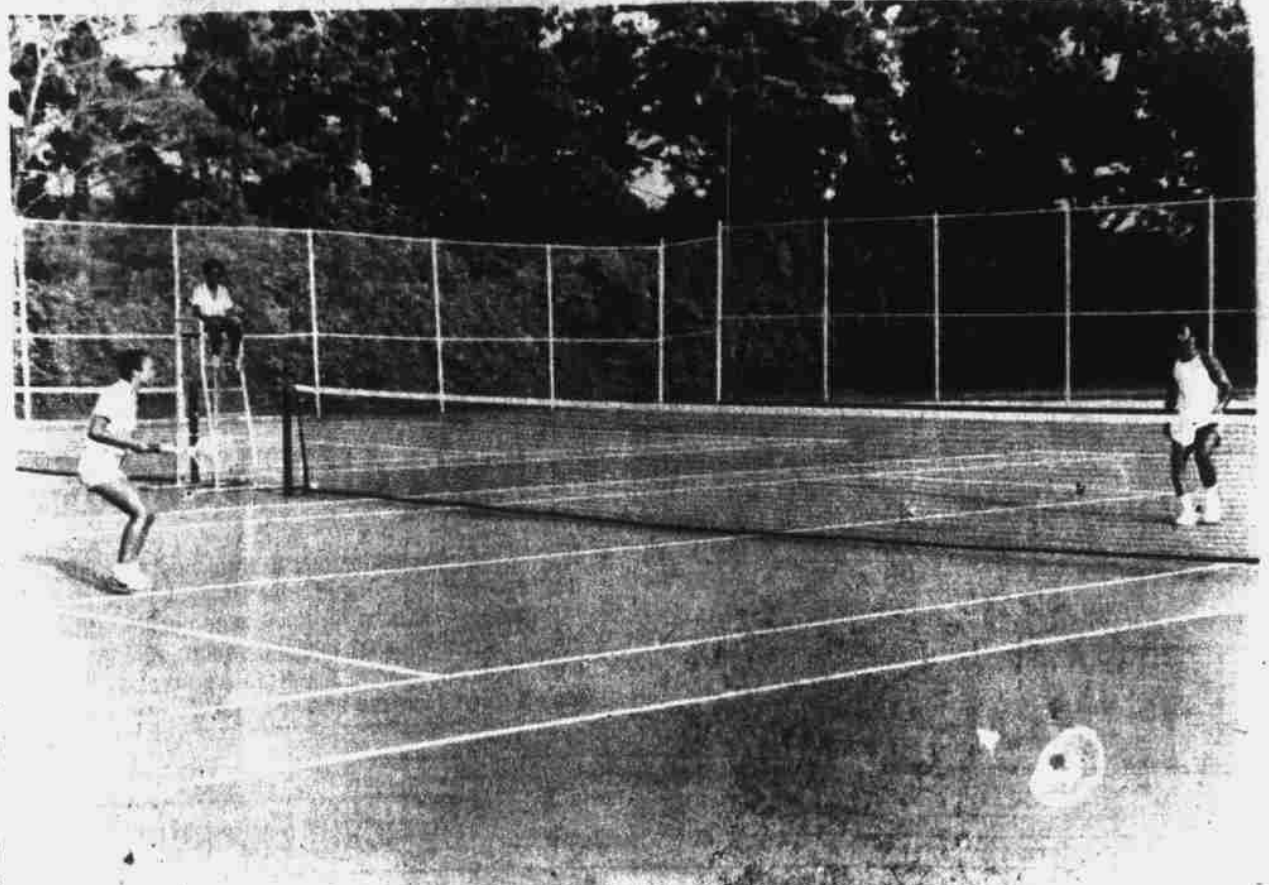
Durham's public tennis courts are operated by the City Recreation Department. According to Ms. Angela Joines, a recreation department official, Durham has 72 tennis courts, most of which have lights. Players pay a reservation fee from April 13-September 30 to use the city courts. The fee is 50¢ per hour/per person for singles and doubles. Players who live outside of Durham pay an additional 25¢.

Durham courts are supervised by an attendant between April and September, according to Ms. Joines.

"During the other months there are no attendants," she said, "but the public can still use the courts."

For more information on Durham tennis, a free brochure is available at the Recreation Department in City Hall in downtown Durham. This brochure also contains a map with the location of the city's tennis courts.

Tennis has been big with Durham blacks for a long time.



TENNIS—Two of Durham's many tennis players square off on the NCCU courts. They are practicing for the "final exam" of their tennis class. They are part of the ever-growing popularity of tennis in Durham.

There was the heyday of the Algonquin Tennis Club (1930's and '40's) under the leadership of the late Mrs. Bessie Whitted, which spawned a goodly number of better than average players. Althea Gibson was among the nationally known players who played there during visits to Durham.

Durham was one of the first cities in the nation where blacks began playing tennis in large numbers — largely due to the influence of the late Carl "Bear" Easterling, Hillside High School's basketball and tennis coach. Easterling coached at Hillside from the 1950s to the early 1970's.

He built powerhouse tennis teams during his era and Hillside won just about every state team tennis title from 1953 to 1967.

A major reason that blacks in Durham began to take up tennis was that Durham was one of a handful of cities where blacks had courts to play on.

For years, there have been courts at Hillside High School, Hillside Park, and at North Carolina Central University.

When racial barriers began to crumble in public parks across the South in the 60's, this opened the door for more black tennis players in Durham, because now they could use the facilities at Forest Hills, Duke Park, Morreene Road, etc.

Durham also produced several blacks who did quite well on the national

tennis scene by participating on the U.S. Junior Davis Cup teams.

Bonnie Logan, Michael Ruffin, Curtis "Sudie" Brown, Ben Page, and John Lucas, Jr., are a few of Durham's black tennis stars. They were all tutored by coach Easterling.

Most Durhamites who play tennis are not searching for stardom. They love the sport because it provides great competitive exercise.

Bobby Moore, the attendant at Hillside Courts, says, "Our facility has four lighted courts. It's a concrete surface. We usually get about 10 to 12 regular players each evening, including many adults who didn't know until recent-

ly that our courts have lights. We're now getting them to come out after work."

Most Durham courts, such as the ones at Hillside and Forest Hills, also have programs to teach youngsters the fundamentals of tennis.

Most clubs reserve courts for league and tournament play.

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