

#### SCS, Fla. A&M Picked To **Lead MEAC Conference**

By Elson Armstrong, Jr. GREENSBORO — The Bulldogs and the Rattlers will battle this season for the league crown in the Mideastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

This is the assessment of MEAC coaches and sportswriters who attended the annual Media Day luncheon. The luncheon was in the Dowdy Administration Building on the campus of A&T State University, and it provided the coaches and sportswriters with a forum to discuss predictions for the coming

football season. While the coaches agreed that the Bulldogs of South Carolina State and the Rattlers of Florida A&M will probably wind up battling for the league championship, they also concluded that the league is relatively balanced for

this season. Bill Davis who led the S.C. State Bulldogs to outstanding 10-1 and 10-3 seasons for the past two years said that this year, as in the past, he recruited for size.

"Some of our players are so big," Davis said with a smile, "that you'll need a flashlight and a lunch to get around them."

Davis said his team will use a pro set on offense and he's looking for a number two quarterback. In the past

vanced to the semi-finals players are more ex- ing in players that we of the NCAA Division perienced this year."

I-AA playoffs last year said that he recruits the same type and caliber of players that Clemson and South Carolina do.

"Once a high school in and said that he had a player who couldn't play Carolina so I thought they he could play for you," Davis described, not interested because I go for the same type players that the big schools in this state go balanced race.

Rudy Hubbard of Florida A&M echoed Florida media always ask

man at Delaware State new scholarship players. said "In our area many Last season the Aggies fans have heard of S.C. Conference Bethune-Cookman of hold our own against since 1976. Division One teams."

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Floyd Howard University said that he hopes that the Bison are ready to break out of the middle of the pack. He also said that South Carolina called me he wasn't going to go out saying that the Bison would be the league's for Clemson or South best team thus providing ammunition for his opponents.

Allen Rosenburg "I told him that I was stood in for Bethune-Cookman's Bobby Frazier and he likewise forecast a competitive,

Mo Forte of N.C. is the only A&T "rookie" head coach in similar sentiments. The the MEAC this season. Forte seems to be in-Florida or Florida State heriting a program that who the "Blue Chip" has a major rebuilding players are in Florida," job this fall. "Right now Hubbard said, "but they we really don't know never ask me. I'm not how many of our procomplaining about the spective recruits will quality of players that we show up until they recruit." register for school. I Joe Purzycki the head- think we will have 12

Last season the Aggies were picked to challenge State and Florida A&M S.C. State for league but they don't know honors. Instead due to a much about the calibre variety of problems A&T of other teams in our was a big flop and plumleague. Last year Rhode meted to an 0-5 league Island of the Yankee slate (3-8 overall) which played was topped off by a 35-7 trouncing by bitter rival the MEAC in Miami and North Carolina Central were beaten 41-6. I think of the CIAA, A&T's that shows that we can first loss to the Eagles

Forte who was a former Duke assistant Pursycki said that his coach knows that Aggie think can help us beat



BULLDOGS' HENRY ODOM LOOKS FOR RUNNING ROOM

#### Howard Football Staff Makes Changes

WASHINGTON, DC Howard football coach Floyd Keith has made three personnel State, and one year at changes in preparation Oregon, where he coachfor the 1982 season.

Joe Taylor, who joined the Bison staff in March as running backs coach, has been elevated to the position of defensive coordinator. He repaices Carl Angelo, who left to assume a similar postion at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Taylor, a native of Washington, D.C., came to Howard from Virginia Union University, where he served two years as offensive coordinator.

Assuming the offen-sive backfield slot will be recently hired Bob Owens, a veteran of 12 years of coaching in college and high school

the top team(s) in this league."

It may be a long first season for Coach Forte. The Aggies presently have a squad of 40-players compared to 75 at most other league schools.

The media vote for the coming season was: 1. S.C. State, 2. Florida A&M, 3. Howard, 4. Bethune-Cookman, 5. Delawre State, and N.C.

The coaches voted Florida A&M as the League favorite.

#### athletics. His coaching background includes three years at Portland

season. this fall is Tom Seward,

former team captain of per. the 1978 NCAA Division Mason also talks former team captain of II Champions, Eastern about his "new" posi-Illinois. Seward will tion in the Bronco defenthe receivers last ason.

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#### **Barney Mason Wants** To Give Best Effort

By John B. Henderson Sports Information

Director FSU FAYETTEVILLE Fayetteville University All-CIAA candidate Barney Mason talks rather quietly about the coming Bronco season and his role a defensive end.

Off the field, the 6-3, 230-pound senior physical education major from Fort Meyers, Florida is a very gentle, soft-spoken young man whose ambition is to work with handicapped children in a recreational or institutional setting.

"I've been working hard this summer with weights and I've been doing a lot of running,' said Mason who was injured last season in practice and played in only three games.

Mason has had an "up and down" career at FSU but second-year "Bill" Head coach knows that he has a strong leader tremendous player in the Barney person of Mason. "We will be depending

on Barney this season along with other veterans on the unit to improve our record (3-6 last year) over last season," said the amiable Bronco skip-



past I've been playing the weak side. I think I'll like the switch, he said.

I want to play aggressively since this my last year. I really want to go all out."

Barney / Mason is a team person and believes that his personal goals should never shadow team complishments.

"I feel that our squad has improved this year and we should have a good year," said Mason whose mother teaches second-graders Florida.

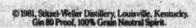
Mason says that he would like a crack at pro ball but that he would also settle for a teaching career. "My mom in-spired me by allowing me to help with her class and I was quite impressed with this level of teaching." CIAA op-

# Jackie Robinson

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y,-Mrs. Rachael Robinson, widow of baseball immortal Jackie Robinson, joins in the applause as the new stamp honoring the black pioneer is formally introduced to the public. Robinson, the first Negro to play in the major leagues, paved the way for the fine blacks athletes which followed in his footsteps.

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