



CIAA Coaches Are Confident But Still Pick Virginia

(Second in Pre-season Football Preview. Next the Area High Schools) By Elson Armstrong Jr. It didn't take long for area sportswriters gathered recently at Durham's Downtowner Motel to discover that this year's confab of CIAA football would be vastly different than a year ago. In 1981, the CIAA gridiron mentors used the crying towel approach to avoid giving any hints of their plans or their player talent to rival schools. In 1982, Ed Wyche, the Hampton Institute mentor threw the gauntlet when he proclaimed "We are going for No. 1, we feel as though we've paid our dues. We challenge any

CIAA school!" If that wasn't enough for rival teams to tuck on their locker room bulletin boards, Wyche added, "When we come, we will be ready to play. We are a confident bunch of people!" With Wyche spouting confidence as one major theme, Bill Hayes of Winston-Salem State added the other when he said: "A few years ago when we played at certain places, I've got to admit that there were some schools that didn't have much pride in their programs. That's all changed, every where you go now the players, coaches, and fans let you know that they're proud of their teams and schools." Pride and confidence

indeed were the main themes of this year's preseason media day. A poll of the coaches revealed that Virginia Union, which defeated N.C. Central in the league's championship game in Charlotte last season, is again favored to win all the marbles. Union is also favored to repeat as CIAA Northern Champions. The coaches picked Winston-Salem State to return to its 1970's glory and dethrone N.C. Central for the CIAA's Southern Championship. Most local and national media are picking Central to repeat as southern champs. Willard Bailey the highly successful head man at Virginia Union



MILWAUKEE—Oakland A's Rickey Henderson broke Lou Brock's record of 118 steals. Henderson stole four bases against Milwaukee bring his total to 122.UPI Photo

"Los Angeles Raiders" It Just Doesn't Seem Right!

By Elson Armstrong, Jr. While viewing my first 1982 NFL exhibition game on the tube a couple of weeks ago, I kept thinking: "Los Angeles Raiders." The two names, like a bad marriage, just don't seem to fit. For sure the Raiders were those same silver (white) and black uniforms, but this team representing anyplace other than Oakland seems a sacrilege! Make no mistake, the Raiders are not one of my favorite teams. As a Steeler fan I've seen times that to say I hated the Raiders (especially from 1972-77) was putting it quite mildly. Why then should I care where this distasteful (in my opinion) bunch plays their brawling brand of football? My concern is for the city of Oakland, Calif. (pop. 400,000). This modest sized city, by California standards, made the Raiders one of pro sports' most successful franchises. Now that it seems the injunctions and lawsuits have been settled, Al Davis, the Raiders' owner can now move his team 400-miles south to L.A. This is Davis' legal right, but what about the city of Oakland? Its football team notwithstanding, I've always had a soft spot in my heart for the city of Oakland. It is a city that is often downgraded by Californians. When you think of visiting the golden state, you immediately think of San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, but never Oakland. Oakland, which lies on the east side of the bay from the more glamorous San Francisco, is not a hub for the jet seters. It's a clean tough, working-class town. Oakland in many ways is like Pittsburgh and when their respective beloved football teams battle for AFC supremacy in the 1970's, I felt that both teams more than adequately represented the rough and tumble, no nonsense characters of their home base cities. The people of Oakland nursed the Raiders from the infancy when after one year in San Francisco where they were ignored, they were welcomed in the east bay where they played on a high school field. In 1966, Oaklanders proudly presented their heroes a new 54,000-seat stadium, the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum. The Raiders thrived here, they made the playoffs each year (until 1978) and in 1969, 70, 73, 74, and 75, the Raiders played in the AFC Championship Game each time losing to the eventual Super Bowl Champions. In 1977, the Raiders made it to the Super Bowl but lost. While the rest of the nation screamed "choke," the people of Oakland continued to buy all available Raider tickets and treat their team like kings. Finally in 1977, the Raiders got to and won the elusive Super Bowl Title and all seemed right in the city that may have been in San Francisco's shadow but at the time could scream across the bay, "Hey, S.F. how many titles have your teams won?" The Raiders unexpectedly won the Super Bowl again after the 1980 season but this time it was known that Al Davis wanted to move south to the more lucrative market in L.A. In the past year, it's all happened much to the horror of Oakland fans. The Raiders now represent LA and if that wasn't enough the hated city of San Francisco's team is the defending Super Bowl Champions. The moderate sized city of Oakland has lost its major source of pride. Sure the city still has the A's in baseball and the Warriors of the NBA but Oakland's first love was its football team. The Raiders put Oakland on the map. My concern for Oakland goes back to my concern for the medium sized cities of this nation. Since I'm a native of a medium sized city (Durham, N.C.) I've always rooted for teams from cities that are too big to be small towns and too small to be a megalopolis. I loved it in the early 1960's when the Green Bay Packers used to beat the New York Giants for the NFL Title. I was ecstatic when the Steelers beat teams from Dallas and Los Angeles on Super Sunday. I'm just waiting for the day when Atlanta can boast of a world championship team. Sure cities like Durham, Raleigh, Fresno, and Oakland are not the equivalents of Los Angeles, New York, or San Francisco (and most of us are glad that they are not!) but just because we are smaller, the "big boys" have no right to rob us of our pride. You know it would serve Al Davis and his LA Raiders right if they went 0-16 this season and we'll see just how much his new found city's fans will stay loyal the way they did in Oakland not too long ago.

mixed both confidence and pride when he approached the podium. "We are where everyone else wants to be and it feels good to be at the mountain top. When you get where we are you realize that all the hard work was worth it. Now we have to begin anew, we've got to travel that long hard road to No. 1 again and that's what we intend to do." Several coaches took the realistic approach when assessing their season's prospectus. Mel Rose of Livingstone said "At our place football is for fun, we insist on placing education first, we tell our kids that they must and will graduate." Dan Anroluk, the CIAA's rookie head coach and the first white head football coach in the league said of his Saint Paul's team outlook: "We emphasize team orientation. We have no super stars. We will show up on game day."

Henry Lattimore of NCCU said "our goal is to win football games but we play them one at a time. Right now the only game on our schedule as far as I'm concerned is at Livingstone (Sept. 4) we will worry about the others as they come." The media day was sponsored in part by the Seattle Sea Hawks of the NFL. CIAA Commissioner Bob Moorman used the podium to warn CIAA players of the dangers of talking to agents during their collegiate eligibility. "Listen to your coaches. These agents will tell you that they have your best interest at heart instead of your coaches. This is not true," he said. "If you sign anything with these agents you could cause your team to forfeit games." If CIAA grid predictions hold true then Durham football fans, particularly those who

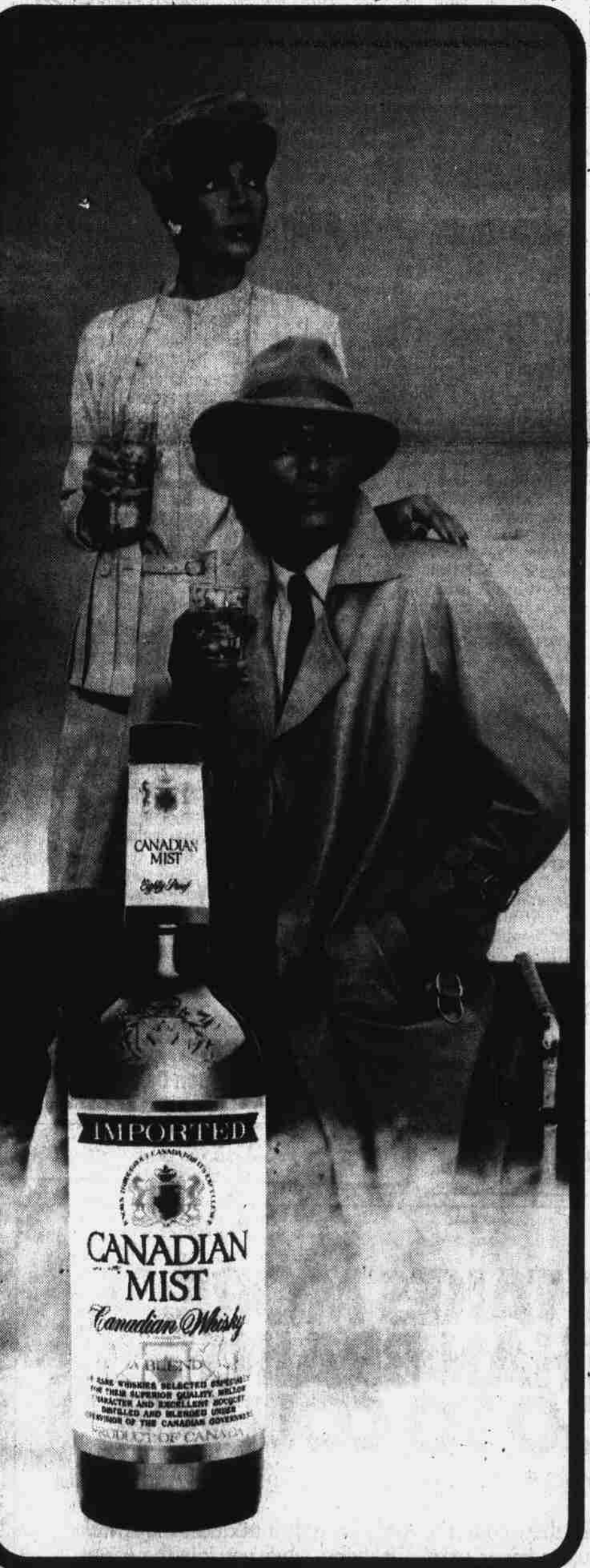
follow N.C. Central, will get a first hand look at all of the CIAA contenders (except Hampton). On successive weekends NCCU faces Virginia Union (Sept. 11) and Winston-Salem State (Sept. 18) in Durham. The Eagles also play dangerous Elizabeth City State in Durham (Oct. 23). On the road the Eagles face Norfolk State (Oct. 9). In another show of pride, CIAA officials pointed out that the league contains the NCAA Division II No. 1 (percentage-wise) football coach (Willard Bailey, Virginia Union) and the all time winningest basketball coach ("Big House" Gaines, Winston-Salem State). Union's Bailey brought the house down when he said, "They say that in Richmond there are two black institutions, one is the state then. We represent the other one!"

FSU Grid Boss Prepares For "Homecoming" Game

By John B. Henderson FSU Sports Information Director FAYETTEVILLE — William "Bill" Head, second-year skipper of the Fayetteville State University Bronco football squad, will kick-off

the 1982 football season September 4 at Morris Brown College in Atlanta. It will be sort of a "homecoming" for Coach Head, a former defensive coach at Mor-

ris Brown College. "Of course, I would like nothing better than starting off the season on a winning note," said the likeable second-year skipper of Fayetteville (Continued on Page 7)




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NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY 1982 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 4	Livingstone College	Salisbury, NC	7:30
Sept. 11	VIRGINIA UNION	Durham, NC	1:30
Sept. 18	WINSTON-SALEM STATE	DURHAM, NC	1:30
Oct. 2	Fayetteville State	Fayetteville, NC	7:30
Oct. 9	Norfolk State	Norfolk, VA	1:30
Oct. 16	Morgan State	Baltimore, MD	1:30
Oct. 23	ELIZABETH CITY	DURHAM, NC	1:30
Oct. 30	Bowie State	Bowie, MD	1:30
Nov. 6	JOHNSON C. SMITH (HOMECOMING)	DURHAM, NC	1:30
Nov. 13	N. C. A&T STATE	DURHAM, NC	1:30
Nov. 20	CIAA Championship		

All home games are played at NCCU's O'Kelly Stadium. Henry C. Lattimore, Head Football Coach & Athletic Director