



Sports

NCCU "Roller Coaster Clashes With Virginia Union's "Express"

By Elson Armstrong
Can a roller coaster outrun an express? The answer, of course, depends largely on the track, and if NCCU's track is any indication, the express-Virginia Union — is going to run away with the contest.

The contest, of course, is the CIAA championship game in Charlotte Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

For the record, two teams are scheduled to play for the CIAA football championship in Charlotte's Veterans Memorial Stadium, but in reality there could be "three" teams there.

First, there's Virginia Union, the defending CIAA champion, a team with an 8-2 season record, and sporting only more relapse all season, an unexpected loss to Morgan State. Virginia Union's other loss came at the hands of the Eagles early in the season.

they could also take the team that slipped up on Elizabeth City State and lost 16-6; the team that never got untracked against Norfolk State and lost 14-9, and the team that really hit the bottom of the track last week when they fizzled offensively and lost to A&T State 13-7.

So the question in Charlotte boils down to will Union stick to its successful formula — which it probably will — and will Central continue its wishy-washy, fumble-riddled ways on offense — and there's no indication that it won't.

NCCU head coach Henry "Hank" Lattimore said he hopes Central doesn't take certain opponents lightly.

"I can't really explain what happened to us against A&T," he said. "I have never believed that it was a coach's job to get teams up. They know what need to be done, but for some reason we weren't sharp at all against A&T."

One thing that might have happened is that one of Lattimore's fears came true. The team might have been looking beyond the Aggies to the championship game with Union.

"I think that throughout the season when I've had bad games, it's been because I've taken a team too lightly," said Eagle quarterback Gerald Fraylon candidly during an interview prior to the A&T game. "But when I meet the really good teams, I play a little harder and try to come up with something, anything, to win."

In Charlotte Saturday, Fraylon and company will need all of that — something, anything — not only to win, but just to stay in the game.

Union pounded Central 45-7 in last year's championship game.

It seems that if Central is to have a chance of winning the CIAA championship Saturday at least two important things must happen:

One, the defense must remain the rock hard stalwart it has been practically all season.

Going into the A&T game, Central's defense had allowed less than 200 yards a game, and has a presentable record for sacking quarterbacks.

But Central's offensive statistics read almost like a mirror reflection of the defensive stats, but all in the wrong direction.

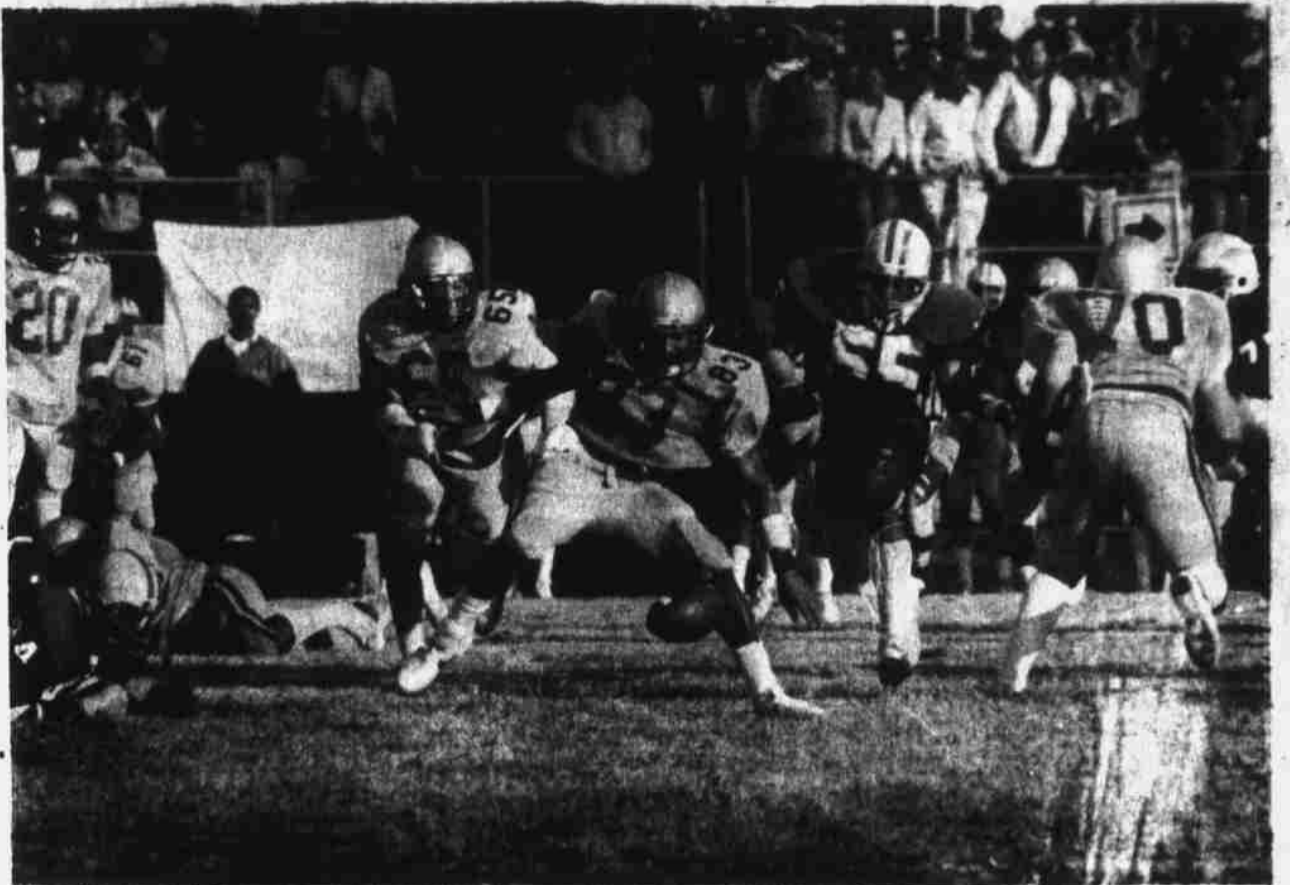
For example, whereas the defense has allowed only an average of three yards net offense, the Eagles have only gained

4.3. The defense has only allowed a shade shy of 13 yards per completed pass, while the Eagle offense has averaged just a shade over 17 yards per completed pass. The defense has been stung by touchdown passes only eight times, but then the offense has scored only nine touchdowns through the air. And that brings us to the second thing that must happen if Central is to win.

The offense must put some points, and lots of them, on the board.

According to early season predictions, Central had the "horses" to score a lot. Gerald Fraylon the quarterback came into the season highly heralded, and it

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FUMBLING AWAY THE GAME — This fumble aptly depicts the problems Central's Eagles had this past Saturday in their game with arch rival A&T State. The Eagles lost 13-7, recording their third loss of the season.

Photo by Mayfield

NCCU's Eagles To Fly High In 1982-83?

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.
During the CIAA Media Day for basketball, an official from a rival school said this about NCCU in basketball: "Well, you know how things are at Central. They get off during football season, but when it's time for basketball, things are mighty quiet on that campus."

Perhaps NCCU will have reason to make noise beyond football this season. Hopes are high in the Eagle camp for a successful season. With eleven veteran players returning — including four starters — plus the return of highly touted David Binion (his younger brother, Joe, plays for NCA&T), Coach Jesse Clements has reason to smile over the Eagles' prospects for

the coming season.

"We're really optimistic. We're really encouraged by the attitude of our players. We think that we have the talent to be a real good team," Clements said. "This squad has potentially the most depth of any team since I've been here."

Clements says that he is not really in favor of the 30-second clock that the CIAA will operate under this season. "I think that it takes away from the strategy of the game. The fans will probably like it because it will make for a faster game."

Just like other leagues, the 30-second clock will be turned off during the final four minutes of the contest. "If we're holding to a slim lead during the closing minutes, then I will pro-

bably go to a delay game such as the four corners. The fans may not like it, but I believe that if you can hold on the ball, then you can keep them from scoring."

Other star players returning for NCCU — both of last year's leading scorers — are Charles Murphy and Darrell Evans.

Clements added, "I think that we will be able to score with any one that we play. We've got to concentrate on defense. If we can get back down the floor after taking a shot quick enough, then we can play a pressure defense or go into a zone."

Clements said that possible weaknesses for the Eagles are defense and discipline. "By discipline, I mean that

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Since then, however, Union has at times looked just awesome. For example, they destroyed Norfolk State 51-0 several weeks ago, and just last week demolished Elizabeth City State 43-0.

Central, on the other hand, could take either "one of two teams" to Charlotte.

They could take the early season crew that looked like a sure-fire champion when they came from an 18-0 deficit in September to beat Virginia Union 26-25.

But unfortunately,

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Men's high series: 636-Willie Finch, 550-Jim Dyer, 543-Linwood Taylor.

Others: 502-Priscilla Malloy, 212 and 513-James S. Harrington, 203-Ronald Miller, 200-Jarius Wilson, 530-Clifton Parker, 527-Ken Snipes, 524-Charles Parker, 520-Frank Hanes, 502-Bill Little.

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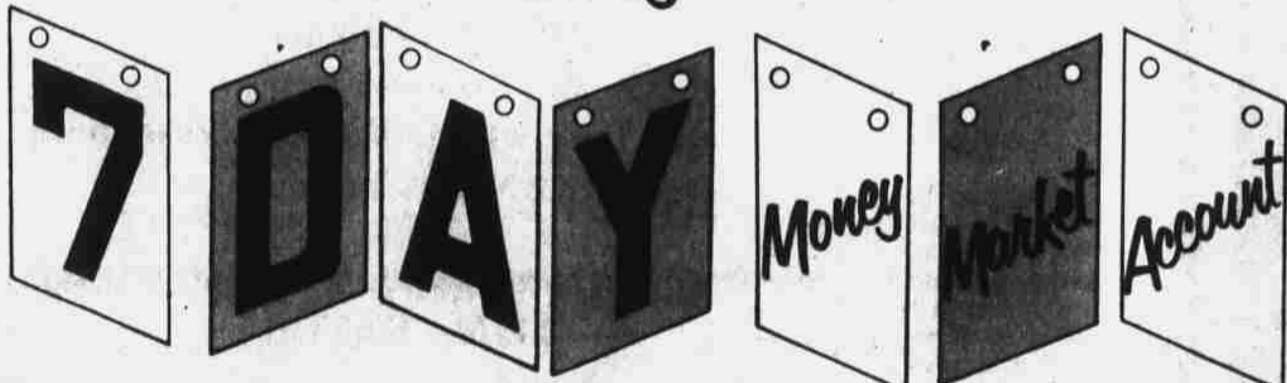
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GOING TO THE HOOP — Darnell Evans, No. 12, lays in two points in last Friday's Maroon and Gray game at Central's gym, giving the public its first look at the Eagles' '82 basketball team. Charles Murphy, No. 44, looks on.

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