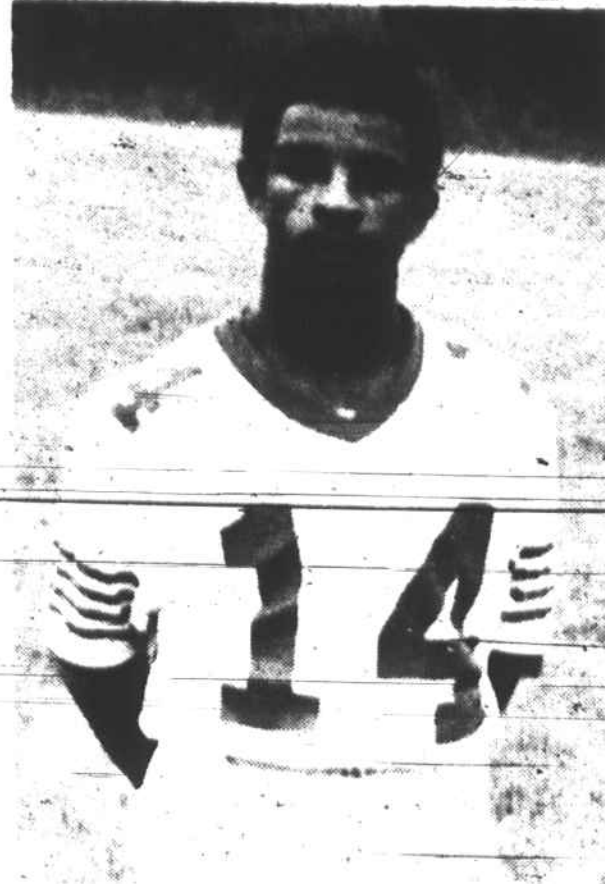
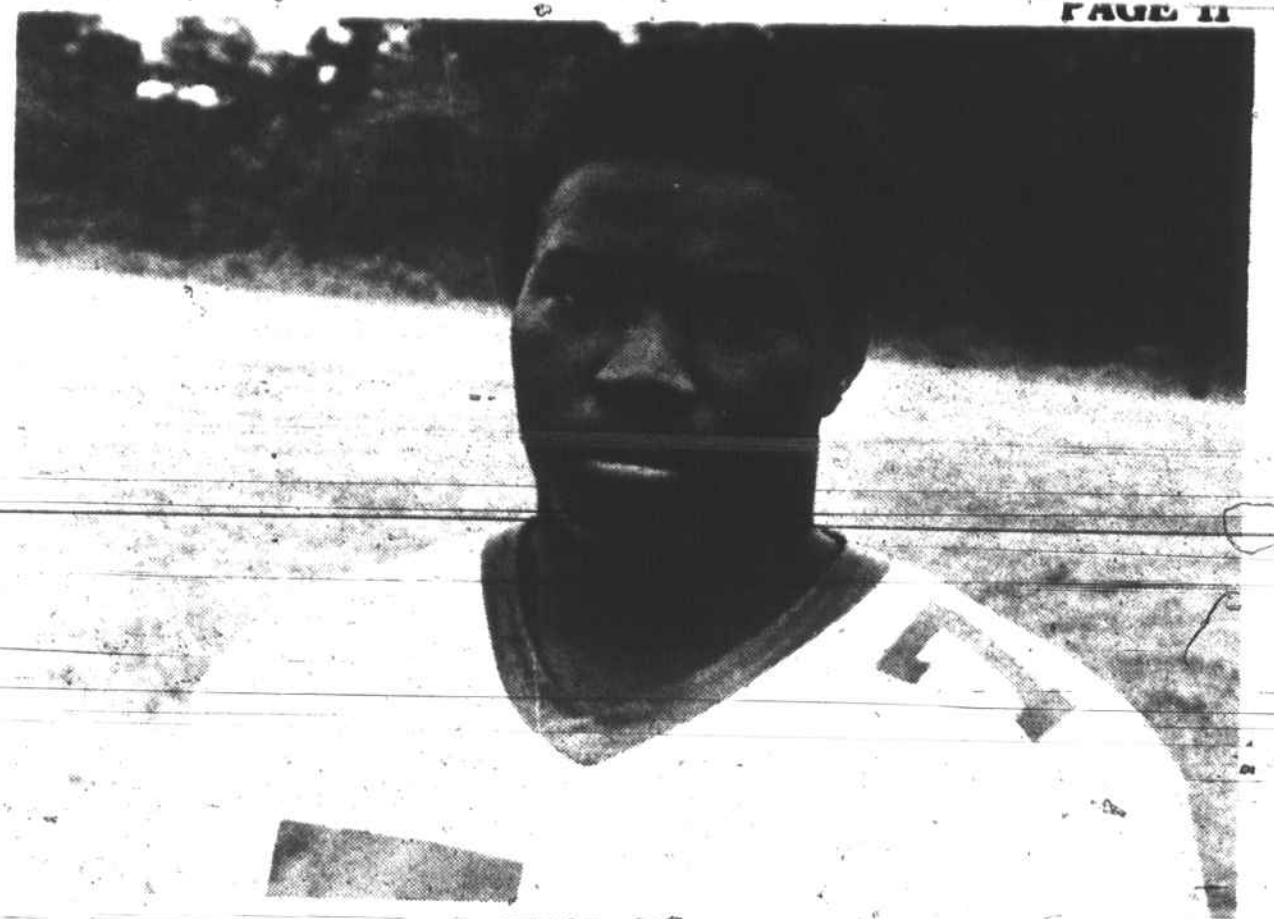




Barbour, OT
6'3" 240 SR.



McClory, QB
5-11", 170, Sr.



Phifer, C
6'3", 260, Sr.

CIAA Looks For Grid Year In 1974

RICHMOND, VA. — With eleven teams all saying that they will have an improved squad during the 1974 season, football will be very good for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Virginia Union University is the defending champions and Coach Willard Bailey's Panthers will not give up the crown without a fight.

Three teams will have new head coaches — Norfolk State College, Virginia State College and Hampton Institute. The names of the new grid chiefs are familiar ones within the CIAA. J.D. Marshall, former head coach and athletic director at Livingstone College and more recently on the grid staff at Johnson C. Smith University, takes over the reins of the Virginia State College Trojans. Dr. Walter Lovett, former grid chief at Virginia State College, is the new football taskmaster at Hampton Institute. William "Dick Price, a member of the Norfolk State College grid staff and more renowned as the track mentor of the Spartans moves up as acting head coach at Norfolk State College.

Perhaps it is significant to note that the Hampton Institute athletic program is on the upswing and the appointment of Lovett is another step in bringing the Pirates back to gridiron respectability. Lovett took a sagging program at Virginia State College and turned it around in a very short span and won two CIAA grid championships.

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY—Winston-Salem State University should return to their 1972 form this season. The Rams suffered a lot of close losses last year and injuries to key personnel did not help.

Defensive stalwart Bennie Barbour, 6-3, 230 pound middle guard; returns to lead the Rams. Barber had one of his finest seasons last year, making the mythical All-CIAA team for the second year in a row.

Quarterback Londell McClory returns to lead the offense. McClory has always ranked among the conference offensive

leaders and last year he was adequate but not outstanding. McClory had 97 completions last year with 10 touchdown passes and he will have to find another favorite target as James Davis split end, has completed his football eligibility.

Center Curtis Phifer is big and strong which is why the Rams are able to go down the middle of the field. The Rams have a good kicker in Lowery Fraizer.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY—Coach Jesse Clements is optimistic after one season at the Shaw University helm. The Bears were very tough in the latter part of the season and Clements feel that a lot of this will carry over.

The Bears will have to find replacements for Alfred Minus, and Willie Frasier, defensive stalwarts and for the Vergil Shamberger, offensive running back.

Clements is counting on defensive and Freddie Ryans to lead the Bears front four. Ryans, 6-2, 230 lbs., has class written all over him and should have a fine year.

On offense, Shaw will be counting on running back James Jones to lead the victory surge. Jones established himself as one of the toughest competitors in the league last season.

Shaw has a host of freshmen and sophomores they will have to be ready this season.

SAINT PAUL'S COLLEGE—Saint Paul's won a football game last season and for the Tigers this represented a major success. It is more indicative of the great effort that Coach Pernel Sims is making to turn the Saint Paul's football program up.

All-VCEA center Hubert Smart returns to anchor the offensive forward wall. Smart has the great knack for moving out the opposition with force and this will make him a candidate for many post season honors.

The Tigers' middle will be fortified with the return of quarterback Bryan Oatman. Oatman is a fine passer and has great faking ability. Ricky

Bacote, Mike Coleman and Larry Freeman will provide adequate support on offense. The defense will get support from William Crockett, Stanley Stephens and Willie Page.

Saint Paul's has 22-veterans returning and this experience should help the Tigers to add more wins to victory column.

HAMPTON INSTITUTE-- Coach Walter Lovett is the first to admit that this will be rebuilding year for the Hampton Institute Pirates. Of course, observers know that Lovett has very little patience and if they mark his great rebuilding job at Virginia State, he'll have winner at Hampton in his first year.

Lovett has some good veteran talent to work with and he will make the most of it. For starters, the flashy T.C. Logan returns and he should come into his own with a good blocking front wall. Other returnees include fullback Adolph Hawkins and speedster David Walters.

Defensively, the Pirates had the biggest front four in college football last year. However, they lack experience and should be tough this year. These include tackle Kenneth Norris, guard Earl Womack, guard Donald McLaurin and guard Elwood Griffin. The defensive secondary will be led by Sam Taylor.

Lovett is going to look a lot at the first year men he recruited and by the middle of the season, this Pirate aggregation should bear serious watching.

VIRGINIA UNION University will have five returnees who made the mythical All-CIAA team last season and this has to be a very good nucleus to start with. Included in the group are Larry Roberts, running back; Frank McCray, defensive safety; Larry Reed, defensive end; Vincent Eley, linebacker and Richard Macon, defensive tackle.

The Panthers posted a fine 9-1 overall mark last season and were undefeated in nine league games Coach Bailey will have more than thirty players on hand with experience.

Roberts, a 5-11, 185-pound speedster was the league's best

rusher with 989 yards during the 1973 campaign.

Virginia Union University finished among the top teams in rushing offense, passing defense, rushing defense and total defense. These are the kinds of statistics that make winning combinations and Coach Willard Bailey appears to have a fine nucleus to keep this intact.

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE — The big bad Bears surprised a number of their opponents last

season and Coach Baxter Holmon said that it was no fluke and the Livingstone College will be tough this year.

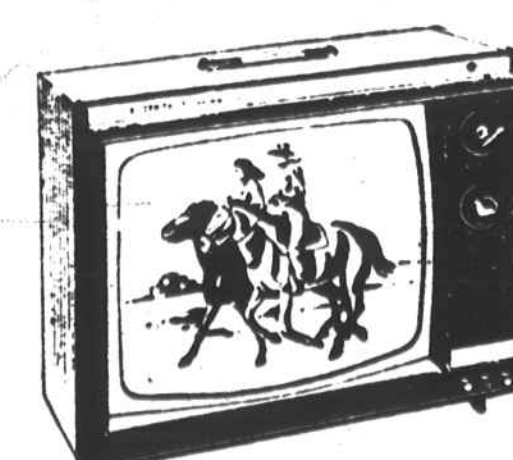
Coach Holman's charges used a rock solid defense to record a 7-2-1 overall record as they led the league in Rushing defense allowing opponents only 47.5 yards per game, passing defense allowing only 63 completions in ten games for a 67.4 yard game average and led the league in total defense with a sturdy 114.9 average.



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