



CHRONICLE SPORTS

Rams Face Calif. Team In Playoff

Bill Hayes got the word Sunday in two ways. First, he was chosen as the CIAA's coach of the year for the second straight time by the league sportswriters and secondly, and probably most importantly, to the coach of the nation's number one Division II football team, he learned that his Rams will face California Poly State at 1:00 Saturday in the first round of the NCAA playoffs at Bowman Gray Stadium. Cal-Poly located in San Luis Obispo, halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco is a member of the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA). Cal-Poly is one of only two schools in the conference that still field football teams. The school of approximately 15,000 finished an 8-2 season Saturday by beating Boise State, a I-AA school 7-3.

Cal-Poly finished 8th in the NCAA final poll losing only to Northern Colorado and fourth ranked California-Davis 29-22. In addition to beating Boise State the Mustangs also topped I-AA Portland State and I-A schools Fresno State and Fullerton State.

Cal-Poly features a fine passing attack led by junior quarterback Craig Johnston who has passed for 1,278 yards this season. Johnston, however, suffered a sprained knee early in last week's game and is questionable for Saturday's showdown. If he can't go freshman Lloyd Nelson will likely take his place. Nelson completed 6 of 10 passes for 60 yards against Boise.

Hayes got a chance to look

at at least one potential Ram opponent Saturday journeying to Anniston, Ala. to scout Jacksonville State. "They were very impressive," said Hayes of the team that will oppose Delaware this Saturday for the right to meet the Rams-Cal-Poly winner in second round action. "They gave a clinic on how to throw the football."

Jacksonville played in last year's championship game losing to Lehigh 33-0.

Cal Poly will be making their second NCAA post season appearance. They lost to North Dakota 38-21 in the 1972 Camellia Bowl. The Mustangs are coached by Joe Harper who has posted an 11 year record of 76-31-3.

Hayes' Rams will be making their first ever appearance in the NCAA playoffs. Last year they took an 11-0 record into the Gold Bowl, but were defeated by South Carolina State. That represents the team's only loss in their last 22 games.

On the whole, Coach Hayes thinks that this year's team might be a little bit better than last year's. A look back at the season's statistics indicate why Hayes thinks so highly of the '78 Rams.

In 10 games, only 2 teams (Livingstone and Fayetteville) scored more than 1 TD. The Ram defense played the last 11 quarters of the season without allowing a score of any kind. The Big Red Wall held all opponents to 817 yards rushing the entire season; that's 81.7 yards per game and an average gain of 2.2 yards per rush.



Alfonzo Moore and teammates celebrate Sertoma Bowl victory.

Moore Scores 4 TD's

By Robert Eller Sports Editor

Alfonzo "Chuckie" Moore rushed for 218 yards and four touchdowns in four first half carries Saturday, leading the Salvation Army Boys' Club Pee Wee Indians to a 36-6 drubbing of the Runnemedede, New Jersey Owls in the 11-12 year old Pop Warner League football Sertoma Bowl Game.

Moore set the tone for the game on the Boys Club first play from scrimmage. The Owls, which had not lost a game since October of '75, took the opening kickoff and were limited to three yards in three rushes. On fourth down the Indians were called for roughing the kicker, the first of 15 penalties for a total of 155 yards that were called against them.

Three more Owl runs netted three more yards and Marlon Cain recovered a fumble at the Indian 39 on fourth down. On first-and-10 Moore swept left end, shook off two would be tacklers, and rambled 61 yards for the score with 6:38 left in the opening quarter.

The Owls picked up eight yards in three plays after the ensuing kickoff but got a first down when a clip was called on the punt. Four plays later the swarming Indian defense caused another fumble. This time Roderick Hairston recovered at the Club's 34 yard line.

After a run lost 1 yard and a holding penalty left them with a 2 and 24 at their own 19, Moore swept left again outrunning all tacklers for an 81 yard score. Cain ran for the two point conversion and the Indians led 14-0 at the 2:01 mark of the first quarter.

Two plays after the next kickoff the Club defense forced yet another fumble and Hairston again pounced on the loose ball at the w124. Five plays later Moore ran 5 yards for his third score of the day. A pass attempt for the two point conversion failed, leaving the score 20-0 with 8:46 left before the half.

With the aid of 23 yards in penalties the Owls moved to the Indians 15 on their next series but were thrown for a 6 yard loss of fourth and 12 at the 15. Taking over at their 21, the Club ran three plays before calling on Moore on fourth and 3 from the 28. He promptly responded by galloping 72 yards untouched for his fourth touchdown in four rushes. Carlos Gantt got the call for the conversion attempt but fumbled just short of the goal. An alert Rory Wynn fell on the ball in the endzone and the Indians took the 28-0 lead to the dressing room.

Moore carried the ball for only 6 yards in his first second half carry but went to work again the next time he got the ball passing 67 yards to Harold Hairston for an apparent touchdown only to have it called back by a holding penalty.

After a scoreless third quarter the owls finally got on the scoreboard with 5:38 left in the game. Butch Higginbotham recovered an Indian fumble at the Club 20 yard line. With the aid of a pass interference call and three offsides penalties they scored on a two yard run by Bobby Wall to avert the shutout. Wall was thrown for a six yard loss on the conversion attempt.

The Club set the final margin when Fernando Horn ran 8 yards with an interception and quarterback Charles Alston bulled over for the conversion with 56 seconds remaining.

Coach Joe Pete Adams, whose team lost in last year's Sertoma Bowl game, heaped praise on his team in post game remarks. "All the kids did - a great job today, blocking, tackling, and playing heads up and

Moore was super just as he has been all season. The four touchdowns today gave him 24 for the season. We came into the game without our first string quarterback Brian Howard, our right halfback Johnathan McCravery, and slotback David Mills. "Alston had never started a game at quarterback, but I told him he had to do it and he really came through. We stuck to our game plan, went straight at them and when they tried to stop that we sent Moore outside. m They have a good team and would fare well in our league, but our kids were really psyched up. used all of them today. I didn't want to run the score up," said Adams.

Another games the Tiny Packers beat River Park (Ill.) Orange Crush 22-0. The Tiny Vikings topped High Ridge (Ill.) 16-8, and the Manchester, New Hampshire Vikings got the visitors only win.

Black on Sports

Robert Eller Sports Editor

Despite the injuries that occur in sports competition the most hazardous position on a football, baseball, basketball, hockey, or whatever team, is always the coach. He is the man everyone looks to when the team is not winning yet he must share the praise when his team is on top.

It is not unusual for a team to change coaches every other year now. In fact, a change every year is the tradition in some places.

Still it saddens the heart to see a great player given the reins of a struggling team and a nice vote of confidence by the owner and general manager one day and a few weeks later find another "sucker" standing in the same place getting the same vote of confidence.

Black coaches are a rarity in professional sports and when two of them get the ax in one week its hard to simply call it the breaks of the game. That's what happened last week when the New York Knicks fired former star center Willis Reed and the Boston Celtics dismissed Tom Saunders.

Both were super players in their careers bringing championships to their respective teams. Saunders was a defensive demon on numerous Celtic championship squads and Reed brought New York their only two NBA crowns when he played center for them in 1970 and 73.

Both were the epitome of team play and unselfishness during their careers, but were unable to instill that same sort of intensity in their teams. Reed led the Knicks to 43-39 record last season and a playoff berth, but was 6-8 this season, after getting what he demanded during the off season. "a dominating center."

Willis was without Earl Monroe who was in a contract squabble with the club and had been without Bob McAdoo in early season games. But he was at odds with Spencer Haywood and had created friction between

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"IN YOUR EYES," goes Ram guard David Harold against center Mike Robinson as they engage in a little brotherly competition during the Red-White game last Saturday. The Reds won the game. See story page 14.

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