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Rolling Along

A new outfit that continues to just roll, roll along is BLACK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION, better known as BET. The outfit received a big shot in the arm recently when Phillips Petroleum became a major sponsor. The company will present Most Valuable Player awards during this season's basketball telecasts, which begin next month ... BET, by the way, is the nation's only black cable television satellite network providing black oriented entertainment and sports programming to cable households across the country. If BET isn't offered in your area, check with your cable system ... First basketball game on BET will be Dec. 12, and will match South Carolina State against powerful Alcorn ...

Biggest black college football game in a while matched Grambling against South Carolina State. Grambling won the big game, 26-3, dropping S.C. State's record to 10-1. Grambling went to 9-1 with the win. Loss was particularly brutal for S.C. State, since the Bulldogs could have wrapped up a Division I-AA playoff berth with a win ... Grambling went behind a big-play offense. Quarterback MIKE WILLIAMS, brother of Tampa Bay's Dog, fired three touchdown passes, including scoring tosses of 80 and 8 yards to JERRY GORDON ... Williams passes 40 yards to TRUMAINE JOHNSON for another score, and ROBERT PARHAM ran 32 yards for another Tiger score ...

Top black college running back in Division I-AA? This year it's Gregory James, the bullish one from Alcorn. Through nine games, he had 986 yards and five touchdowns. He was averaging 109.6 yards per game, and seemed a safe bet to top the 1,000-yard mark ... Grambling's Mike Williams continues to lead all I-AA passers. He's passed for 1,934 yards. "I don't know if Williams will get drafted," said one college coach, "but he should."

Some say soccer, not football, is the big sport at Howard. Maybe there's something to that. The school's sports information director, Donny Tuck, covers soccer, and lets an assistant take care of the football ... So far this year, Howard is ranked 11th nationally in soccer ... Bison, who have won a couple of national championships in soccer, are anxious for this year's playoffs to begin ...

Black College Tidbits

More Football

From the Still-No-Word Department: Folks were whispering recently that Delaware State Coach Charles Henderson was in danger of being dismissed from his football coaching position, but so far, there's been no word from the Delaware State administration. And Howard University seems reluctant to act on charges brought against football coach Floyd Keith. Several players charged that Keith had physically abused them. Keith has got the Bison off to a 5-2 start, their best beginning in years ...

Grambling finished second in final Division I-AA football poll, with South Carolina State tied for third. Both were hoping for spots in the playoffs. Black college coaches figure they've got to stop knocking each other off in the race for the I-AA playoffs. Every year, it seems, Alcorn will knock off Jackson State or Florida A&M will knock out Southern or Grambling will knock out South Carolina State. "What we've got to start doing," said Rattlers' Coach Rudy Hubbard, "is start playing some of these white schools, two or three every year. Then we can start knocking some of them off."

Toughest schedules in black college basketball this year go to Alcorn and Delaware State. Besides its usually tough Southwestern Athletic Conference schedule, Alcorn plays in the Indiana Classic, in the All-College Tournament, and also has games with Toledo, St. Louis and Dayton. Delaware State has South Alabama, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, East Carolina, Boston University and a tough Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference slate ...

Longest name in black college basketball? How about Morgan State's Yarharbrough Roberts? And what does Mr. Roberts like most about college ball? "It's very exciting to travel and win big games on the road," he says.

More from the They-Said-It Department: Alabama State's Kevin Loder, on one of his best moments as a college player: "After we had moved back to No. 1 in the (Division 2) poll and coming home from Northern Kentucky, we walked into a gym packed with Alabama State fans chanting 'We're No. 1.' We knew we were and that was a great feeling, too."

Rumors were floating recently that said Bethune-Cookman Coach Bobby Frazier wouldn't be back next year if his Wildcats didn't beat arch-rival Florida A&M on Nov. 29. If the Wildcats fire Frazier, which I think is unlikely, it'll mark the second time a Bethune coach was dismissed because of not beating FAMU. Andy Hinson was let go in 1978 after losing to the Rattlers ...

by Barry Cooper

Henderson Against The Wall

Putting it kindly, these have not been the best of times for Coach Charles Henderson and his Delaware State football team.

The young Hornets wrapped up their season recently, losing to Florida A&M, 57-9. Two weeks before taking on the Rattlers, Delaware State had been trounced by Portland State, 105-0.

So, finishing the year with a 2-9 record and a 57-9 defeat doesn't make things too comfortable on the home front. In other words, Henderson could be in a lot of hot water.

"I don't know if I'll be back next year," Henderson said after the loss to FAMU.

Henderson has reason to worry. When the Hornets lost to Portland State by that horrendous margin, Dover, Del. went up in arms. Phones all over campus lit up, with callers wanting to know what in the world had happened. It didn't help matters any that the Portland players and coaches accused Delaware State of being "unprepared." Now, some folks are calling for Henderson's dismissal.

"Our coaches are on a year-to-year contract," said a Delaware State official, "and they're reviewed every year."

That's bad news for the likeable Henderson. What he needs right now is the security of a long-term contract.

"If I had to change anything," he was saying, "I guess I would have been

more of a son-of-a-bitch this year. I would have been that way with the team, administration, everything. Maybe we wouldn't have had a winning season, but ..."

Henderson's voice trailed off. The strain of a 2-9 season -- make that a miserable 2-9 season -- was starting to show.

"No, I'm not fed up to here," he said, referring to an area above his neck. Constructive criticism never hurt anything. I'll never forget my last year (at FAMU) with (Rattlers' Coach Hubbard) Rudy. We went 6-5 and Rudy took a lot of criticism. Well, the next year, he went 11-0 and won the national (black college) championship. So a lot of times, you can take things and turn them around."

Henderson, who played at FAMU and graduated from the school in 1969, said he started a youth movement this year in an attempt to get the Hornets back on track.

He explained that the "upperclassmen just weren't getting the job done." So Henderson and some of his assistant coaches hit the recruiting trail with a vengeance.

When the job was complete, Henderson and Co. had come up with some fine prospects. Today, 38 of the Hornets' top 45 players are freshmen.

"Last year, we were 4-5-1," Henderson said of his first year as the Hornets' coach. "We graduated our entire offensive line. This year, the oldest kid we've

got on our line of scrimmage is only 18. We're a young club.

"But I think this (youth) was the way to go. My attitude was to work on it, build on it."

That embarrassing loss to Portland State might have destroyed some of Henderson's building efforts, or at least hampered them a little.

"The Portland State game was a nightmare," Henderson recalled. "Portland is a team that tends to pour it on once they get you down."

"They were leading 72-0 in the third quarter and were still passing. In fact, they only ran the ball 18 times the whole game."

Despite the loss to Portland, all has not been bad for the Hornets this year. As Henderson says, "up is the only way for us to go."

"We are basically a freshman ball club," he said. "At one time or another, we have had 18 injuries to players we were counting on. And at Delaware State, once you get past the front line people, it really becomes a struggle."

"We are a growing team

with a program that is developing well. The team has a good attitude and we tend to rally around each other than rely on individual stars."

Once those freshmen turn into sophomores, and then juniors, well Delaware State could find itself transformed into one of black college football's top teams. There are some GOOD players on the team.

Running backs Johnny Rowe and Anthony Beamon are speeders who can score from anywhere on the field. Rowe broke open Delaware State's game with Central State of Ohio, when he ran for a 73-yard touchdown. Delaware State won that game. Rowe finished the season with 467 yards, while Beamon had 326.

On defense, the Hornets have fine players in safety Tim King and linebacker Floyd Thompson.

Now, if the Delaware State administration would just give Henderson a couple more years. With the youth program the coach has installed, the wins could just be a few more years down the road.

It would be a shame if Henderson weren't around.



Kevin McCray



Therman Greene

Rams Take Early Basketball Victories

Kevin McCray and Therman Greene scored a total of 87 points as the WSSU Rams turned back Bowie State College and St. Augustine's College in the Thanksgiving Classic played last Friday and Saturday in the C.E. Gaines Center.

McCray displayed his skill in dribbling in protecting one and two-point Ram leads in the closing seconds of both contests.

Bowie went down 75 to 71 and St. Augustine's bowed 77 to 74 in games that were closely fought from beginning to end. After a poor game against Bowie, Therman Greene, another protege of Cleo Hill's came to life against the Falcons, scoring 27 points to go with McCray's 23.

The tournament win surprised everybody except

the Rams, themselves, as all pre-season polls and discussion have just about "buried" the hopes for even a respectable season. The two victories will not cause any over-confidence, for the Rams still don't have the height needed to match their opponents. However, the two wins make every Ram supporter very, very happy.

The Rams go against Winthrop College in a charity doubleheader in Charlotte, Friday night in the Charlotte Coliseum. Johnson C. Smith will play Benedict College in the nightcap affair.

"Bighouse" Gaines will likely continue experimenting with his starting line-up and freshman ballplayers. The biggest prize during last week's Classics was the

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Howard Soccer

The Howard soccer team, making its first NCAA playoff appearance since 1976, dropped a disheartening 2-1 nail-biter to William & Mary in last Tuesday's South Atlantic Region championship game.

The game, which was originally scheduled for Monday but was postponed because of heavy rains, almost had the spectators waiting until Wednesday for the final outcome after a deadlock forced the game to go into four overtimes.

Howard scored five minutes into the contest on a shot from the left side by forward Jacques Ladouceur assisted by Bancroft Gordon. The Indians came back to tie the game eight minutes into the second half when Paul Wise took a feed from Mark Gardiner and drilled it into the upper right net.

The two teams battled to a stalemate through the remaining 37 minutes of regulation time and through four 15-minute, sudden-death overtime periods. Howard, which had defeated William & Mary 4-2 two and a half weeks earlier, lost 4-2 on penalty shots. The Bison outshot

the Indians 23-11 in the contest, missing countless scoring opportunities.

"I am not upset," said Coach Lincoln Phillips, "just disappointed. We are a better team than William & Mary. We had our chances but just did not capitalize on them; our better players missed shots that they ordinarily make. I feel especially bad for our seniors."

Howard concluded the season 9-2-2.

Forsyth Tech SGA

The Student Government Association of Forsyth Tech will be collecting food, clothing and toys for their annual "Christmas for the Needy" program.

Contributions will be accepted at the Parkway Building of Forsyth Tech, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway, until 5 p.m., December 19. Boxes will be prepared from the collection and distributed to identified needy families in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County area.

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