

## Virginia Union

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decade for the Panthers.

Union won three in a row, over Winston-Salem, St. Paul's and Kentucky State, before a dismal offensive performance at Norfolk's Foreman Field doomed the Panthers to also-ran status for this season.

Playing with a patchwork lineup, the result of injuries, Union mustered only four first downs against Norfolk, two of which came by penalty.

"We've just got to work harder," said Taylor. "We've got to go over and over the things we're trying to do, and hope we improve."

The offense didn't improve much the next week, in an 18-14 Gold Bowl loss to arch-rival Virginia State in Petersburg. Union was shut out through three quarters in that contest before mounting a fourth-period rally.

"We're not giving up, though," said cornerback John Warren, a four-year starter from Washington, D.C. "We've got a lot of seniors; we're a close team. And a lot of us have hopes of playing pro ball. We don't want to look bad."

Still, another Union senior, asking to remain anonymous, said this:

"We're so used to winning and, after we dropped a couple, it seemed like some people lost their enthusiasm."

A pleasant, well-spoken man, Taylor remains popular around the VUU campus. But, for a school that's become accustomed to outstanding teams, mediocrity is hard to accept by the Union alumni and fans.

Unfortunately for Taylor, Bailey established standards that will be well-nigh impossible for any man to duplicate, whether his name be Bryant or Gip or Lombardi or Taylor.

Bailey's record was an incredible 106-32-4 in 13 years. His teams won five CIAA titles. One thing to keep in mind is that when Bailey left for Norfolk, he took his top two assistants -- offensive coordinator John Wright and defensive coordinator Tom Morris -- with him. The only assistants left were part-timers.

When Bailey announced his intentions of heading back home, Taylor became a quick frontrunner for the Union job. He was popular among many of the Panther veterans, who went to bat for him with the school administration.

In Taylor's two-year stint as a Union aide, he helped develop the school's first weight-lifting room and was responsible for adding some passing spice to a mostly ground-oriented, Wing-T attack.

Among the other candidates were Mel Rose, head coach at Livingstone, and Pernell Simms, the respected defensive coordinator at Virginia State.

When Taylor got the job, he indicated he would make few changes on a smooth-sailing ship. He vowed to stick with the Bailey's Wing-T, with certain modifications.

Sad to say, the Wing-T has fizzled under Taylor, due at least in part to cir-

cumstances beyond his control. First of all, the Panthers' top running back, Gary Mayo, suffered a knee injury last spring, and was lost for the season.

Also, quarterback John Johnson decided not to return for his final season of eligibility. That left Taylor

with virtually no experience at the most important position.

In the Norfolk game, Taylor shuffled three quarterbacks, with little luck.

Mayo was the first of many key offensive performers to go down with

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