

Ram Report

Rams host Trojans in opener

Following are brief sketches of Winston-Salem State's probable starters for Saturday night's game with Virginia State:

Defense

Derrick Beasley - Senior strong safety, 6-3, 205, Detroit (Cody High School). Beasley was the CIAA Defensive Player of the Year last season, leading the team with 97 tackles. He also had four interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns. An all-America candidate and NFL prospect, Beasley had a brother play football at Division I-AA black college power Tennessee State.

Anthony Blaylock - Junior cornerback, 5-11, 190, Garner (Garner). Blaylock was an all-CIAA selection as a sophomore. He led the team with 15 pass breakups and was CIAA Defensive Player of the Week in the 46-14 win over North Carolina Central.

Raymond Puryear - Junior cornerback, 6-0, 170, Montclair, N.J. (Montclair). Puryear had three interceptions, and 10 breakups last season.

Donald Franks - Sophomore free safety, 6-0, 205, Tarboro (Tarboro). Franks came to WSSU as a wide receiver, but has been converted to a defensive back to replace the departed Bruce Dunlap.

Mark Wallace - Junior "Brut" linebacker, 6-2, 220, Waynesville (Tuscola). Wallace somehow missed all-conference honors last season despite being second on the team with 92 tackles. Wallace, who had four interceptions and returned one for a touchdown, is a preseason all-conference selection. He also recovered a blocked punt for a touchdown.

"Marky" was the CIAA Defensive Back of the Week for his efforts (six solo tackles, four assists and an interception) in the 12-7 win over Howard University. He will miss the first five weeks of the season with a broken hand.

Johnny Cole - Senior "Mike" linebacker, 6-3, 205, Charlotte (South Mecklenburg). Cole, an all-CIAA choice, had 56 tackles, including 12 for losses. Cole, who played on a state 4-A champion at South Meck, has only been in six losses in the last five years.

Charles Ikard - Freshman "Zip" linebacker, 6-0, 210, Hickory (Hickory). Ikard was redshirted last season.

Jeff Kelley - Junior lineman, 6-2, 235, Charlotte (West Mecklenburg). Kelley was the sixth leading tackler on the squad last season with 55, including 12 for losses. He also recovered three fumbles.

Donald Evans - Senior lineman, 6-2, 242, Raleigh (Athens Drive). Evans played halfback most of his first three years, moving to defense late last season. Coach Bill Hayes calls him an NFL prospect because he has a good combination of size and speed.

Willie Jones - Freshman lineman, 6-3, 240, Spartanburg, S.C. (Spartanburg). Jones came to preseason practice with football on his mind and has earned a starting berth.

Roy Phillips - Junior lineman, 6-2, 240, transfer from Butler Junior College. Phillips is expected to take one of the tackle slots vacated by the departed Robert Clark and Dwayne Jackson.

Offense

Bobby Junior - Sophomore quarterback, 6-2, 185, Charlotte (Olympic). Junior became the starting quarterback in the sixth game last season, after alternating with Dana



Fullback Leonardo Horn was the Rams' No. 2 rusher last season (photo by James Parker).

Walker for several games. He finished with 45 completions in 117 attempts, good for six touchdowns. Walker's experience (he's a senior) and leadership should get him some playing time, too.

Leonardo Horn - Senior fullback, 6-0, 205, Winston-Salem (East Forsyth). Horn, being billed as an all-America, was second on the team in rushing last year with 485 yards. He comes from a family of athletes; his brother Fernando was a high school all-America last year.

Lonnie Pulley - Junior halfback, 5-11, 210, Laurens, S.C. (District 55). The Rams' best rusher last season, finishing with 524 yards for an average of six yards per carry. Another all-America candidate.

Calvin Handsome - Junior halfback, 5-9, 185, Tarboro (Tarboro). Averaged almost five yards a carry. Fastest player on the team with 4.25 speed in the 40-yard dash. Friend of Washington Redskin running back Kelvin Bryant.

Masha Paul - Senior wide receiver, 5-11, 180, Detroit (Central). Paul is the Rams' deep threat, averaging 22.6 yards a reception last season. Known as a flashy dresser.

Harry Giles - Junior tight end, 6-5, 220, Suffolk, Va. (Kenedy). Giles averaged 21.9 yards per catch and had three touchdowns. Animal on the boards for the Rams' basketball team.

James "Plug" Melton - Freshman tackle, 6-6, 270, Norfolk, Va. (Washington). Melton's size has given him a good shot at making the starting lineup or playing a lot. He was an all-stater and led Booker T. Washington to back-to-back state titles in basketball.

Jerry Maynard - Sophomore tackle, 6-4, 280, Reidsville (Reidsville). Backup to starter Darryl Page last season.

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The Matchup

The Game: Virginia State at Winston-Salem State.

When: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Where: Bowman Gray Stadium (18,000 capacity).

1985 Records: Virginia State, 4-5-1; Winston-Salem State, 9-2-0.

Coaches: VSU's George Moody is 19-30-1 in five seasons; WSSU's Bill Hayes, 73-33-2 in 10 seasons.

Alignments: VSU, wing-T and multiple 50; WSSU, wing-T and 60.

Personnel: VSU, HB Von Allen (91-455, 2 TDs in 1985), Kickoff Returner Daniel Boynton (11 for 22-yard average), OL Darryl Brown (6-5, 290), DB Kevin Hall (5 interceptions); WSSU, FB Leonardo Horn (93-485 4 TDs), HB Lonnie Pulley (87-524 6 TDs), SS Derrick Beasley (97 tackles, eight interceptions), CB Bruce Dunlap (five interceptions), LB Johnny Cole (56 tackles, 12 for losses).

Injuries: VSU, WR Kim Pride (ankle sprain, doubtful); WSSU, LB Mark Wallace (broken hand, out five weeks), OG James Melton (sprained ankle, probable).

Last Year's Game: The Trojans shocked the Rams 17-7 on a sweltering, humid day in Ettrick, Va. In the first half, VSU linebacker Ike Lowery stole a shovel pass from WSSU quarterback Dana Walker and raced 51 yards for the game's first touchdown.

After a 22-yard Wayne Hardy field goal put the Trojans up 10-0 early in the fourth quarter, Ram linebacker Johnny Coles

intercepted a Sam Taylor pass and returned it to the VSU 41-yard line. The Rams marched methodically downfield and fullback Ed Byers scored with 6:29 left in the game.

In VSU's next drive, Taylor overcame a furious third-and-four rush to connect with Anthony Hamilton for a first down. Taylor's three-yard bootleg with 1:55 left put the game out of reach.

The Forecast: Virginia State thought it was headed for a championship season after the win over Winston-Salem State last year. But it wasn't to be, for the Trojans finished with a losing record. Yet, they were in every game, except a 23-0 season-ending loss to eventual CIAA champion Hampton. Their average score per game was a 13-13 tie.

The Rams did a lot of growing after that loss, going on a nine-game winning streak that propelled them into their third straight CIAA Championship Game.

The Trojans lost 11 starters from last season's team, compared to 12 for the Rams.

It looks like a close contest, especially since it's a season opener. WSSU may have more incentive because of last year's loss at VSU. Yet, the Rams cannot afford to be looking forward to their game next week at arch-rival North Carolina A&T.

WSSU's defense and running game should control matters when push comes to shove.

Predicted Score: Winston-Salem State 21, Virginia State 10.

BLACK COLLEGE STANDINGS

1985 MEAC		
Northern Division	Conference	All
*Hampton	6-1-0	10-2-0
Norfolk State	5-2-0	6-4-0
Elizabeth City State	4-3-0	6-4-0
Virginia Union	4-3-0	6-4-0
Virginia State	3-3-1	4-5-1
St. Paul's	0-7-0	2-8-0

1985 MEAC		
Southern Division	Conference	All
Winston-Salem State	6-1-0	9-2-0
Livingstone	5-2-0	7-3-0
North Carolina Central	4-3-0	4-6-0
Fayetteville State	3-3-1	4-5-1
Johnson C. Smith	1-6-0	1-9-0
Bowie State	0-7-0	0-10-0

*conference champion

1985 CIAA		
Conference	All	
x-Delaware State	4-0-6 9-2-0	
Bethune-Cookman	3-1-0 6-4-0	
South Carolina State	2-2-0 5-6-0	
North Carolina A&T	1-3-0 6-5-0	
Howard University	0-4-0 4-7-0	
*Morgan State	0-11-0	

x-conference champion
*ineligible for MEAC Title

MEAC Results
Delaware State 21, Southern University 14

SWAC Results
Jackson State 49, N.C. Central 37

SIAC Results
Tennessee State 28, Morris Brown 0

CIAA Schedule
Virginia State at Winston-Salem State 7 p.m.; Livingstone at North Carolina Central; Johnson C. Smith at Hampton University; North Carolina A&T at Fayetteville State; Bowie State at Savannah State; Elizabeth City State at UDC; Norfolk State at St. Paul's; Morgan State at Virginia Union.

MEAC Schedule
North Carolina A&T at Fayetteville State; South Carolina State at Furman; Delaware State at Boston University; Morgan State at Virginia Union; Maine at Howard.

SWAC Schedule
Jackson State at Alabama State; Stephen F. Austin at Alcorn State; Alabama A&M at Mississippi Valley State; Texas Southern at Texas A&I; Prairie View at McNeese State.

SIAC Schedule
Morris Brown at Clark; Lane at Tennessee-Martin; Tuskegee at Florida A&M; Bowie State at Savannah State.

Ohio Valley Conference
Middle Tennessee State at Tennessee State.



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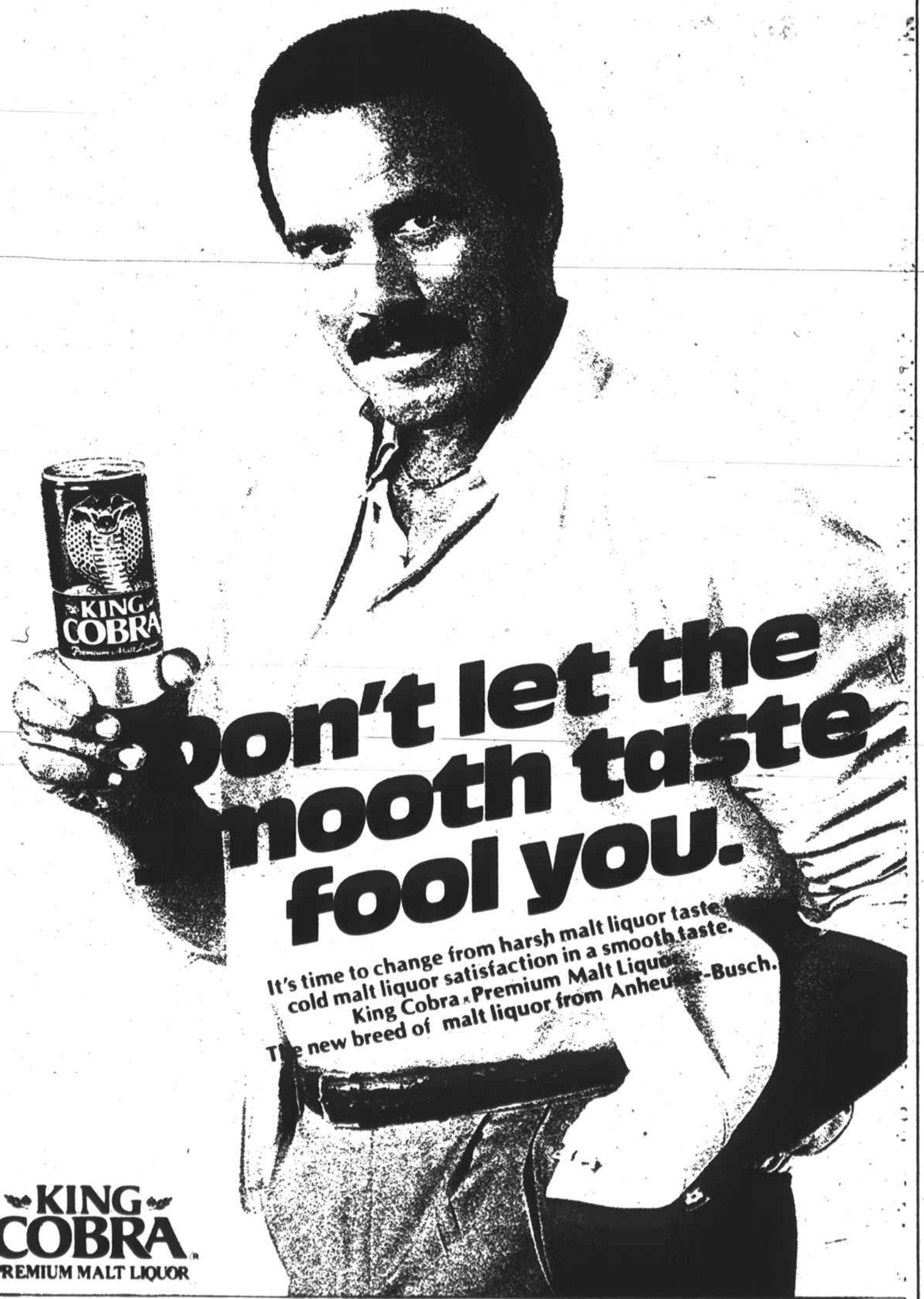
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