

NFL REPORT

Sheridan Announces 'All Time Black Team'

It has often been said that if you could put all the great black college players on the same team, you would have one heck of a lineup. Imagine Grambling's Doug Williams as quarterback, Jackson State's Walter Payton and Grambling's Tank Younger at running back, along with wide receivers John Stallworth of Alabama A&M and Jerry Rice of Mississippi Valley. Now, that would be some offense to contend with. Who could possibly defend all those stars?

But Sheridan Broadcasting Network is allowing us to at least dream about the

this team probably would win the Super Bowl, too.

Williams, arguably the greatest quarterback ever to play for a black college, would have a huge offensive line anchored by Art Shell (Maryland State), Rayfield Wright (Fort Valley State), Jackie Slater (Jackson State), Larry Little (Bethune-Cookman), and Ernie Barnes (North Carolina Central).

That offense would be able to do anything - throw deep, run between the tackles, use the run-and-shoot whatever. Chances are that gargantuan offensive line would crush the opposition every time.

It's likely that the only defense that could handle that offense would be the defensive unit picked for the 100-year, all-time black college team.

This defensive line would be frightening, with these men forming a brick wall up front in a 3-4 alignment: Grambling's Willie Davis, Tennessee State's Ed "Too Tall" Jones and South Carolina State's Deacon Jones. The enemy offenses would need a

squadron of running backs to weather the pounding they would take from Jones and Co. And the quarterbacks would frequently find themselves in a prone position.

The defensive line would be backed by one of the greatest line-backer corps ever.

Arkansas A&M's LC Greenwood, Jackson State's Robert Brazille, South Carolina State's Henry Carson and Morgan State's Willie Lanier would stand ready to pounce on an enemy runner would dared sneak past the front line.

In the backfield would be defensive backs Mel Blount (Southern), Lem Barney (Jackson State), Donnie Shell (South Carolina State) and Everson Walls (Grambling). Not many receivers would get past that bunch.

Sheridan formed the team to honor the 100th year of black college football. Jones, still an active supporter of black college athletics, was the keynote speaker during a banquet in Baltimore to honor the team.

All-Time Black Team

Name	School
• Doug Williams	Grambling
• Walter Payton	Grambling
• Tank Younger	Alabama A & M
• John Stallworth	Alabama S & M
• Jerry Rice	Mississippi Valley
• Art Shell	Maryland State
• Rayfield Wright	Fort Valley State
• Jackie Slater	Jackson State
• Larry Little	Bethune-Cookman
• Ernie Barnes	North Carolina Central
• Willie Davis	Grambling
• Ed "Too Tall" Jones	Tennessee State
• Deacon Jones	South Carolina State
• L.C. Greenwood	Arkansas A & M
• Robert Brazille	Jackson State
• Henry Carson	South Carolina State
• Willie Lanier	Morgan State
• Mel Blount	Southern
• Lem Barney	Jackson State
• Donnie Shell	South Carolina State
• Everson Walls	Grambling

Of course, it will never happen.

possibility. The network has honored William Payton, Younger and other black college stars by naming them to its 100-year, all-time black college team. "There isn't any question about the quality of talent that the black college produced over the years," Sheridan's Charlie Neal said recently. That's an understatement. Sheridan's all-time team would be the most dominant in college football and because all the players went on to play in the NFL,

FAMU Recruiters Shut Out

Did the loss of assistant coach Kent Schoolfield hurt Florida A&M's football this year? That's a question some fans were asking after the Rattlers failed to sign a player from talent-rich South Florida on the first binding signing day.

FAMU, after the larger schools signed the players they wanted, generally has had its pick of the top talent in South Florida. But not this year. On the first binding signing day in February, when virtually all of the top players made final commitments, FAMU found itself shut out of Dade and Broward counties. Miami and Fort Lauderdale are among the cities located in those counties.

Schofield, the Rattlers' offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator, left after the season to become an assistant at Temple. He was one of FAMU's chief recruiters in South Florida.

"After Schoolfield pulled out, it kind of hurt them," said Earnest Perkins, head coach at Edison High in South Florida. "We haven't heard from them since Kent left." Schoolfield's departure diminished the Rattlers' chances of signing Edison defensive lineman Chad Shaker (6-3, 220).

The Rattlers were beaten in South Florida by Albany State, which signed six players from Dade county. Shakers was one of them.

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