

# Sports Beat

with Bill Johnson



## Tops CIAA Game

# Virginia State Faces Elizabeth City State

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The annual blood battle between Elizabeth City State and Virginia State College headlines the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's football schedule this weekend.

Each team has played once this season. Virginia State mauled Delaware State, 21-0, while Elizabeth City was losing, 10-0, to North Carolina A&T State.

Another battle that is getting more than its share of attention is the renewal of the bitter rivalry between Johnson C. Smith and Virginia Union University which will be staged at Memorial Stadium here Saturday night.



QUARTERBACK CRAIG SILLS  
...Top Broncos Offensive Threat

It will be the opening contest of the season for Virginia Union, a team that is expected to strongly contest Virginia State for the Northern Division title. Johnson C. Smith edged The University of Maryland, Eastern Shores, 19-13, here last week.

Other games on the card pit Norfolk State against Fayetteville State in an afternoon game at Fayetteville, Livingstone against Federal City in Washington, D.C. Saturday night, Winston-Salem against Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va., and Bridgewater against St. Paul's in Lawrenceville, Va.

All are conference games except the Bridgewater - St. Paul's tilt.

Virginia State showed class in its victory over Delaware as the defense returned two interceptions for touchdowns. Bob Jones raced 32 yards for a score with the first of his two interceptions and Chris Arnold picked off a Delaware pass and galloped 45 yards for the second TD.

Mike Gibson ran for 90 yards with 18 carries to top a Golden Bull ground attack which penetrated the Hawks' defense for 145 yards. JCSU added 211 passing for 356 yards total offense.

The Panthers will be led by quarterback Alphonso Taylor, back Lofell Williams and cornerback Damon Dreher. Dreher and Williams were All-CIAA performers a year ago.

Winston-Salem State, which dropped a 21-13 heart-breaker to North Carolina Central in its opener a week ago, will attempt to get its first win on the books against the improving Pirates of Hampton Institute.

Hampton is beginning the season with a questionable outfit paced by defensive stars Winfield Lewis, and Sammie Taylor and offensive standouts Reginald Jones, T.C. Logan and Adolph Hawkins and speedster David Waiter.

However, Cleo Wallace has one of the loop's most prolific scoring attacks built around quarterback Londell McClary, running backs James Cornell Davis, and Marvin Morrison. Wallace also has top defenders in Eddie Gregg and Bennie Barbour.

Highly-rated Norfolk State will make its debut against the Broncos of Fayetteville State with 24 lettermen from last year's strong team.

Coach Robert Ledbetter will test Fayetteville's pass-oriented attack with one of the league's strongest defenses, paced by Bob Colbert, Roger Nance, Eddie London and Kenny Ferguson.

Coach Raymond McDougal's team, which barely slipped by Federal City, 21-13, last week, is expected to improve this week. Seasoned quarterback Craig Sills has great receivers in Clarence Pointer and William Smith, Charles Perry, James Glasson and Johnny Highsmith.

WHEN THEY PLAY  
Saturday, Sept. 15  
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**SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....**  
A first impression of the Johnson C. Smith University is that the Golden Bulls will have to undergo considerable improvement before they assume championship class.

Eddie McGirt's crew, committed more than their share of errors here Saturday night during the mistake-prone contest with non-league rival University of Maryland on the Eastern Shores. They didn't look sharp nor did they take advantage of the numerous mistakes the Hawks also made.

The Golden Bulls will win more than their share of games this year, simply because McGirt has an overpowering squad with such stickouts as Billy Corbett, Arthur Hardy and Otis Jones showing exceptional promise.

**BET YOU DIDN' T KNOW THAT** - Professional Basketball league's officials go through pre-season training. A 21-man contingent is currently working out at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisc. under the watchful eye of John P. Nucatola, supervisor of officials. This would be an excellent idea for officials in the CIAA and the MEAC to follow.

The surest place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm.

Pro football scouts are appraising the rugged defensive forward wall of Grambling as "the best in college football." The honor goes to 255-pound Ezil Bibbs, 256-pound Gary Johnson, 256-pound Robert Barber and 269-pound Jesse O'Neal ... James-Harris, former Grambling great, likely will become the first black quarterback with the Los Angeles Rams professional football team. Harris had a 14 for 22 night with his aerials against the Miami Dolphins week before last and apparently clinched the backup job behind John Hadl.

Married men may have better halves but bachelors have better quarters.

The football experts who rated Howard University among the top 10 Black college football teams should immediately consult a head specialist ... Credit Ohio State among the major college football teams with a Black starting at the vital quarterback post.

Versatile Cornelius Greene has a better-than-average chance of becoming the school's first black at the position. He's a 6-foot, 168-pound sophomore.

People who reach the end of their road are often surprised by what is not there.

Hornsby Howell of A&T thinks he has one of the top pro prospects in the country in Carl Collins, his giant 6-4, 250-pound defensive end. Collins averaged 6.4 unassisted tackles in 1972, and his coach expects that he'll improve on that performance this season.

Coach William "Pete" Bennett of Virginia State may have the tallest quarterback in college ranks. He's Russell Seaton of Highland Park, Mich., a gifted young freshman who goes 6-feet, 11-inches up in the air.

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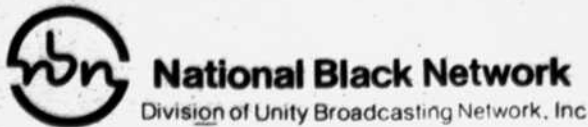
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