

MEAC Football Roundup

# Howard Ties S. C. State For Lead As MEAC Race Enters Final Weeks



RON JOHNSON  
...All-MEAC Forward

FRESHMAN JAMES SPARROW  
...6'6" Guard Standout

## A&T Basketball Team Plans Blue-Gold Game Contests

By Joe Faust  
Special To The Post

Although the sound of clashing shoulder pads and helmets can be heard down on the North Carolina A&T football field, the steady pattern of coach Warren Reynolds' basketball team is making its impression around Moore's Gym.

It's basketball time again with the Aggies rated one of the top teams in the powerful Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

The Aggies will first be unveiled to the public on Saturday night when they play the first of four tentative Blue-Gold intrasquad games. The Nov. 16 contest will be played at James E. Shepard Junior High School in Durham, starting at 8 o'clock. At 7 p.m., Reynolds, who was named as MEAC "Tournament Coach" during the 1972-73 season, will conduct a clinic.

### Births

- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carter 1701 W. Blvd.....A Boy
- Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Leak 1404 Newland Rd.....A Girl
- Mr. and Mrs. John Moller 911 State St.....A Girl
- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy White 3628 Jonquil St.....A Boy

The Aggies are anxiously looking forward to dates in Lynchburg, Va., Charlotte and Greensboro.

The long wait for the indoor sports season is a welcomed one since the Aggies figure to be a top contender for MEAC laurels. Reynolds feels the enthusiasm generating throughout himself and the entire student body.

"Most coaches like to keep their practices closed to the public, but I like to see the students and the fans watch their team," Reynolds commented shortly after the Aggies began their workouts on Oct. 15. "You'll always have a tough time beating a spirited team with a spirited crowd behind them," he continued.

Besides spirit, the Aggies are tall on talent with All-MEAC forward Ron Johnson and All-American candidate Allen Spruill heading the list of returning lettermen.

Also in the Aggie camp is 6-8, 235-pound Lon Smith. Smith looks like a refugee from coach Hornsby Howell's football team but just a few glides up and down the floor and you know he's in the right place.

Smith, who is the younger brother of Los Angeles Lakers

star Blumore Smith, averaged 25 points and 18 rebounds a game during his junior college season. He will be joined on the boards by 6-10 Sinclair Corbett, who came on strong last season and is rated as one of the top pivot men in the conference.

In 6-1 co-captain Stan Parham the Aggies have the conference's most accomplished defensive performer. Parham draws the opposition's finest and consistently turns in a fine performance.

Reynolds had an excellent recruiting season, landing one of the nation's most sought after prepsters in 6-6 guard James Sparrow. A native of Brooklyn Sparrow broke all of Charley Scott's scoring records at Laurinburg Institute. The talented freshman averaged 25 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists per game in high school.

"Because of the complicated defensive patterns that we run, it will be difficult for a freshman to break into the starting lineup," Reynolds explained. "Sparrow has unlimited ability and he is adjusting to our system well."

Raymond Perry, Dexter Boone, Vince Butler, Art Blackwell and Charles Chamberlain are expected to see considerable action for the Aggies this season.

BY Earl Mason  
Special To The Post

As it has been in the previous three years, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) football race will go down to the final week of the season before a champion is declared, and before

MEAC representative in the second annual Pelican Bowl game to be played December 7th in New Orleans is selected. Four teams still have a chance to claim a piece of the title as the season enters its last two weeks of play. After action Saturday, South Caro-

### WHERE THEY PLAY

Friday, Nov. 15

N. C. Central at Howard

Saturday, Nov. 16

Delaware State at N. C. A&T  
S. C. State at Alabama A&M  
Morgan State at Central State  
Virginia Union at Livingstone  
Winston-Salem at Shaw

St. Paul's at Elizabeth City  
Norfolk State at Grambling  
Fayetteville at J. C. Smith  
Virginia St. at Tennessee St.

lina State and Howard are tied for the lead in the seven-team conference while North Carolina Central is a half game behind. Morgan State has completed its league schedule but the Bears still have a chance to claim a piece of the championship.

The big MEAC conference test this week will be played Friday night in Washington's RFL Stadium between Howard and North Carolina Central. The outcome of this contest will go a long way in helping to decide the league champion but the championship will not be decided until after games November 23rd when South Carolina State plays at Delaware State and North Carolina Central and North Carolina A&T collide in Durham at Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium.

A & T will host Delaware State Saturday afternoon in Greensboro at 1:30 while South Carolina State and Morgan State hit the road for non-league encounters. South Carolina State travels to Normal, Alabama to meet Alabama A & M at 2 o'clock and Morgan journeys to Wilberforce, Ohio to tangle with Central State.

Howard (4-1, 8-1) kept its title hopes alive by whipping Morgan State (4-2, 5-3); 30-7 Saturday in Baltimore and South Carolina State (4-1, 6-2) moved into prime contention by winning its homecoming contest against a determined Maryland-Eastern Shore (1-5, 2-6) eleven, 10-6.

In non-conference action A

& T (1-3, 4-5) fell victims to powerful Grambling, 39-16 in the Whitney Young Classic played before 31,000 in Shea Stadium while North Carolina Central (3-1, 6-2) warmed up for its contest with Howard by beating Johnson C. Smith, 21-7 in Durham Saturday night.

Delaware State (0-4, 3-4) was idle last week.

Howard, sparked by the running of Anthony Tapp and Donald Barnes, the passing of Michael Banks and a stout defense, dimmed Morgan's title hopes with its victory. The victory marked the first time a Howard football team has defeated a Morgan eleven since 1952.

South Carolina State scored 10 points in the second half but had to hold off Maryland-Eastern Shore in the dying stages. Leroy Mason kicked a 22-yard field goal and Arbie Lagroon scored on two-yard sneak before UMES came

back to score on a pass from Frankie Gregg to Selven Watts. The outcome of the game was not decided until Anthony Evans intercepted a UMES pass at the S.C. State five-yard line with 22 seconds remaining in the game to preserve the victory for the Bulldogs.

A & T carried a 10-6 lead to the dressing room at intermission but Grambling came back to score 13 points in the third quarter and 20 points in the fourth stanza. The Aggies scored on a 21-yard field goal by Dwight Nettles and on the ensuing kickoff, defensive

tackle Charley Roberts picked off a Grambling fumble in the air and raced 30 yards for a TD for A & T.

North Carolina Central unleashed a new running back in the person of Delacio Bartley

and the freshman, starting his first game, responded with 192 yards in 18 carries and scored two touchdowns on runs of 15 and 76 yards. James Smith rambled 15 yards for the other Eagle touchdown.

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