

Sports Deal



BY BILL JOHNSON

SAY YOU SAW IT HERE...

Friends, former players and teammates will honor Eddie "Cut" McGirt, the 11th head football coach at JCSU during Homecoming here this weekend.

List this reporter among those who do not appreciate the game between JCSU and Shaw here Saturday being labeled the "Winless Bowl." In my opinion, there's nothing funny about losing. And, certainly, Wylie Harris, his coaching staff, and players deserve better recognition.

We said last week that it would be the Yankees in seven. The prediction still stands, mainly because I would like to watch the World Series a little bit longer. (This is being written on Tuesday).

Morgan State's determined defense deserve a lengthy round of applause for its superhuman performance in holding S.C. State's powerful offense to a mere 70 yards gained rushing in Baltimore last Saturday.

Led by tackle Elvis Franks and end Arthur Cook, the Bears forced nine Bulldogs fumbles, intercepted one pass and blocked two field goal attempts in achieving their "moral" victory over the nation's No. 1 small college outfit.

A burly 6-foot-6, 245-pounder, Franks was cited as the MEAC "defensive Player of the Week."

Grover Covington continues to assert himself as one of the best tackles in the CIAA. The Golden Bull standout made 13 solo tackles and six assists against Livingstone in Salisbury Saturday.

Bet you don't know that the improving Golden Bull defense has given up an average of only 87 yards in the air this year? Or that Tommie Aaron, Hank's little brother, has been hired as coach of the Atlanta Braves baseball team. He's a former Braves first baseman.

ACCOLADES OF THE WEEK- To Charles Stroman, the 6-2, 225-pound senior from Gastonia, who has been named the "Golden Bull of the Week." According to informed sources, he's one of the best blockers in the CIAA.

Did you you know that Billy Hayes and his Winston-Salem Rams will be seeking their 19th straight regular season football victory when they take the field against Elizabeth City State in Elizabeth City Saturday? Or that Fayetteville State was rated No. 1 in the CIAA and NAIA District 26 in overall defense and defense against the rush before Winston-Salem State destroyed them last week?

Eddie Robinson, one of the Nation's most famous football coaches, is approaching Alonzo Stagg's record of 314 college football coaching wins. The Grambling headman is currently ranked second among the all-time coaching greats, with 266 victories in 37 years of coaching. "Bear Bryant of Alabama has 275 triumphs and still counting.

According to the latest reports, Jim Dent earned only \$24,494 on the PGA circuit in 1978. He finished 88th among the touring pros while Lee Elder was placing 13th with an earnings of \$146,348 for the year. No other black professional placed high on the list.

Winston-Salem is this week's total offense leader in the CIAA. The Rams, who own the conference's third best defense, are averaging 346 yards running and passing per game. Their porous defense has been gored for an average of 208.2 yards an outing. Timmy Newsome, WSSU's bread-and-butter ball carrier, has slipped past LaRue Harrington of Norfolk State in the individual rushing department. Newsome, who likely will go over the 1,000-yard mark this season, has contributed 116.8 yards a contest to the Rams attack through the first five games.

The Old Crystal Ball is in immediate need for an overhaul. We missed six and tied one of 11 picks last week in a shoddy performance that would compete with the L.A. Dodgers for "Low Moments of the Year" honors. Our overall rating is now 41 correct, 15 wrong and two deadlocks.

This week we pick Johnson C. Smith to wallop Shaw in their annual homecoming encounter. Morgan State will blast Delaware State and N.C. Central will defeat UMES. S.C. State, which has been "down" for the past two weeks, will climb back on cloud nine with a win over Newberry. Winston-Salem State will have a tough time...as does everyone else...beating Elizabeth City State in Elizabeth City. Livingstone will continue to climb up the ladder in CIAA standings with a win over Fayetteville State and Hampton will get by Virginia State. Liberty Baptist will beat St. Paul's.

MEAC Cites Brown, Elvis Franks

DURHAM.—Delaware State's quarterback Andre Brown is the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's offensive player of the week for the October 14 game. The 6-1, 180 pound senior completed 53 percent of his passes against NCCU, on 10 of 19, as he directed the Hornets to their initial win this year, after going 7-4 last campaign. Brown's aerials were good for 119 yards and one touchdown.

The MEAC defensive player is Elvis Franks, a burly 6-6, 245 pound tackle for Morgan. Franks was a thorn in South Carolina State's side all through Saturday's game, as he camped in the enemy backfield, and made 10 unassisted tackles. The Doucett, Texas native was All-Conference in 1976, but was red-shirted last season. Check the ads in the Charlotte Post each week.

CIAA Football Roundup

Newsome Enjoys Biggest Day As Rams Makes Shamble Of Race

Special To The Post

The Rams remained in the number one spot in the NCAA Division II polls for the second straight week as they topped Fayetteville State University, 52-21 before 17,750 spectators for their homecoming weekend.

Dominating the Rams offense was running back, Timmy Newsome, a 6'2", 217 lbs. junior from Ahsokie, N.C. who rushed 19 times for 238 yards. He had 3 touchdowns, one touchdown was a 62 yard run from scrimmage and another TD for 42 yards. This was Newsome's biggest game of the season as he earned the CIAA Offensive Back of the Week Award.

Bill Murrell, a senior, tight end from Walnut Cove, N.C. demonstrated why he is one of the best blockers on his team as he opened up holes all day for Timmy Newsome and other teammates. Newsome singled out Murrell as the reason why he had such a big day. Murrell also caught 2 passes and picked up 18 yards in addition to his superior blocking.

Defensive guard, Jerome McDaniel, a senior from Infield, N.C. earned the CIAA Defensive Lineman of the Week Award for his efforts in assisting the Rams to its 7th season victory. He had 3 quarterback sacks; 12 tackles, 10 unassisted and 2 assisted, with 5 tackles in the backfield alone. He scored 10 points-after-touchdown and a 35 yard field goal.

Defensive back, Spergeon Thompson, a 6'0", 178 lbs. junior from Goldsboro, N.C. intercepted another pass to keep his 1 per game record intact. He is tied for second place in the NCAA, Division II schools for his number of interceptions. In addition, he broke up 2 key passes which helped to keep the Broncos passing average to a minimum.

Rookie, Andrew Sharpe, a 5'4", 148 lbs. running back and return specialist had a tremendous day. He rushed 5 times for 43 yards; had 3 punts returns for 88 yards, his longest run was for 40 yards; and 1 kickoff return for 16

yards. Sharpe is described as "an exciting player who causes the spectators to stand up and cheer for more."

Assistant Football Coach, Floyd Griffin, the Rams offensive backfield coach must be commended again this week for his offensive units' efforts in gaining over 500 yards rushing against the Broncos.

Head Football Coach Billy Hayes is to be applauded and congratulated for the fine showing his team has exhibited the entire season. His fine coaching methods are evident as his team dominates the conference, not only in the standings, but in the rushing offense, total offense and in scoring offense.

Fayetteville State made a valiant effort against the Rams, but with the excitement of homecoming, the top CIAA contenders position at stake and the NCAA Division II standing, the Rams

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Meadows, a sophomore from Spartanburg, S.C. came into the game when the Bears were behind, 8 to 7, to spark the team for the victory. He had 6 completions out of 17 attempts and 98 yards passing for 1 touchdown. He was the Offensive Player of the Game CIAA Rookie of the Week and the Defensive Player of the Game, Jay Thomas, a weak safety from Detroit, Mich. had 1 interception for 1-touchdown; another 27 yard interception return; 5 punt returns for 58 yards; and 7 unassisted tackles.

Offensive tackle, Floyd Pittman from Newport News, Va., was instrumental in giving good pass protection and blocking for the Bears' quarterbacks. Most of the rushing yardage took place on his side of the field.

Lonnie Jordan, a defensive lineman from Newport News, Va., had 2 quarterback sacks, 1 pass knockdown, 1 fumble recovery and 9 tackles.

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They lost by a touchdown and provided a good game before a crowd of 4,100 fans in Salisbury.

Rookie, defensive linebacker Sidney Scott, a 6'2", 190 lbs. freshman from Atlantic City, N.J. had 4 solos, 5 assists; 1 interception; and 2 pass break ups. Teammate Grover Covington, a senior 6'2", 220 lbs., defensive lineman from Charlotte, N.C. had 13 unassisted tackles, 6 assists, 1 pass break up and 2 quarterback sacks.

Edward Johnson, an offensive back from Allendale, S.C. carried the ball 9 times for 92 yards and 1 touchdown.

Cal. Gill, a sophomore, quarterback-punter for the Bulls, still leads the conference in individual punting total. He has punted 46 times for 1,819 yards and averages 39.5 yards.

Virginia Union played a rainy, muddy game against Rhode Island University, who is rated no. 10. Division IAA. Strictly a defensive game, the Panthers gave up only 1 field goal for the loss.

Rhode Island had 2 other attempts for field goals, 31 and

26 yard attempts, but were stopped by the Panthers.

The defense also stopped Rhode Island twice at the goal line to keep them from scoring. With 7 minutes and 10 seconds left in the 4th quarter, Rhode Island capitalized on a fumble recovery at the 22 yard line which set up the winning field goal.

The Panthers, who are top rushers, could not get any cuts or leverage due to the muddy conditions. They could not get any good field positions, but made extra ordinary attempts at holding down Rhode Island.

A practically penalty free game, with the exception of the 15 that Virginia Union received, the spectators saw an excellent defensive unit at work.

Quarterback, Garfield Mizelle was still out with an injury received in the game against Winston-Salem and the Panthers back up quarterback, Curtis Brandon, was also injured in the game against Elizabeth City.

Young freshman, quarterback, Ricky Johnson from Richmond, Va. did an excellent job under the conditions.

W. Charlotte Celebrates 40th Homecoming

by Sherleen McKay Post Staff Writer

West Charlotte High School will be celebrating their Homecoming in conjunction with the School's 40th Anniversary on Friday, October 20, according to John W. Love, Jr., a junior and co-president of the Student Body.

The celebration which was coordinated by the Student Executive Council, the highest student governing body at West Charlotte has been in effect this entire week.

The theme of the Anniversary, "A Touch of Class," takes the students on a tour of the last five decades. From Monday through Friday beginning with the '30's respectively, students were taken back to the music and trivia of the times. A member from the Executive Council gave historical data concerning West Charlotte. Myrtle Rice is Advisor to the Council.

A reception for the football team and a bonfire were the main features of Wednesday night. The celebration sparked Friday off with a pep rally and a homecoming carnival during the fourth and fifth periods.

An Alumni Reception will be held on Friday evening in the Student Lobby for all Alumni. The reception seeks to inform the Alumni of West Charlotte's achievements. A guest book will be available to be signed. The reception will extend to the first hour of the disco.

The Homecoming parade will begin line-up at the Johnson C. Smith University at 6:15 p.m. The parade will commence at 6:45 p.m. down Beatties Ford Road to West Charlotte.

The Homecoming game between West Charlotte and Garinger High will begin at 8 p.m. During half-time activities, they will play musical renditions of "The Way We Were," "You Light Up My Life" and one other selection. The queen and her attendants will also be recognized.

A disco has been planned from 10-12 p.m. following the game. Plans are still tentative. For a confirmed place, contact the school.

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