

FOOTBALL TRACK BASEBALL SPORTS TENNIS BASKETBALL GOLF

Basketball Tourney Undecided At MEAC Spring Meeting

DURHAM - The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Delegate Assembly held its annual three-day spring meeting in Columbia, South Carolina May 29-31 but the body composed of Presidents/Chancellors, Athletic Directors and Faculty Representatives set July 1st as its deadline date for announcing the site of its 1975-76 Basketball Tournament.

During the three-day meeting, Jim Oshust, Managing Director of the Greensboro Coliseum, made the presentation to the body for the Greensboro Coliseum to host the MEAC Tournament next year. However, the Delegate Assembly delayed its final decision until July 1st to make a decision. The Baltimore Civic Center, the site for the MEAC Tournament for the last two years, has made a proposal to the MEAC to continue to host the three-day extravaganza.

In other action by the Delegate Assembly, the body voted to cut the number of required sports

from six to four. Beginning in the 1975-76 year, the four required sports in the MEAC will be football, basketball, track and wrestling. The move was brought about to try to lick the economic pinch. Even though only four sports will be mandated, several institutions will continue to field other teams in other sports.

Maryland-Eastern Shore was striped of its 1973-74 visitation and tournament championships because numerous ineligible player violations. The Hawks tied Morgan State for the regular season basketball title in '73-74 and also won the conference tournament title in Baltimore. Morgan State was voted to become the visitation and tournament champions for the '73-74 year.

A recommendation from the conference track coaches to declare Delaware State the 1974-75 track champion was denied by the body. The group voted to not declare a track champion for this season. Howard was declared the

1974-75 baseball champion based on its regular season record against MEAC opponents. The track championships and the baseball playoffs were scheduled for Delaware State May 3-4 but were cancelled because of

inclement weather on the second day. The track coaches wanted to award the team championship based on times and distances ran in the trials. Women sports and Title IX were discussed but no

final decision was reached because league officials wanted to wait until the President's position was made known. However, companion travel for some women sports were discussed.

The body voted to sent its football champion to the Division II playoffs if selected but will continue to send a representative to the Pelican Bowl.

A recommendation by the football coaches association to increase the travel party for football players from 42 to 45 players was rejected. An amended motion to increase the squad to 44 was also denied.

The conference passed several resolutions honoring its athletes or products of MEAC institutions for their achievements. Al Attles, head coach of the Golden State Warriors and

a graduate and former basketball player at A&T, was cited for leading his team to the NBA title.

Special recognition was made of the fact 18 MEAC football players were either drafted or signed as free agents with professional football teams. Three MEAC basketball players including Marvin Webster of Morgan State drafted by the Atlanta Hawks, were cited on their recent achievement.

Officers for the 1975-76 season were installed. Officers include James Butts of North Carolina Central, president; Dr. Ken Jerkins of Morgan St.,

vice-president; Dr. J.W. Younge, NCCU, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Leon Coursey of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Chairman of the Athletic Directors; Victor Kerr of S.C. State, chairman of the Institutional Representatives and Joe Faust of A&T, chairman of the Sports Information Directors.

Five of the seven Presidents/Chancellors of institutions in the MEAC attended the meeting while the other two schools sent representatives.

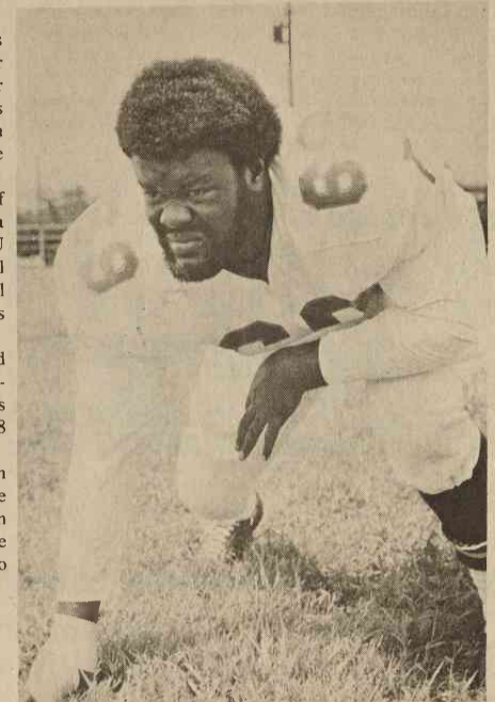
Ritter Inks With NFL Houston Oilers

FAYETTEVILLE--Fayetteville State University's Sylvester Ritter, a four-year standout linesman for Coach Ray McDougal's Broncos, has signed with the Houston Oilers of the National Football League.

Ritter, a native of Wadesboro, North Carolina and a 1975 graduate of FSU with a major in political science, said that he will report to camp this summer.

A former All-CIAA and three year All-NAIA offensive guard, Ritter stands 6'2" and weighs 268 pounds.

The erstwhile Bowman High School graduate (Wadesboro) has been working out in Fayetteville and is anticipating going to the pros and making it.



"I feel that I can make the team, began Ritter. "I have been working hard so far and I'm going to continue to do so."

Although he can go both ways, Ritter says that he has signed as an offensive guard by the professional Houston Oilers.

Ritter served as one of the tri-captains for last year's Bronco squad.

James Godwin Heads List Of 'All-Conference'

FAYETTEVILLE--Coach Ray McDougal of Fayetteville State (N.C.) University has reason to smile when the gridiron curtain rises for his Broncos this fall.

He has at least six players capable of making All-CIAA and one probable All-American "shoo-in" in speedster James Godwin.

In addition to Godwin, five other seniors given the "All-CIAA" nod by McDougal are Wayne Blythwood, wide-receiver; Jackie Simmons, 230 pound offensive guard; James Saunders, 6-4, 235 pound defensive end with 4.9 speed; Charles Boyd, 6-2, 253-pound defensive nose guard and tackle and considered best all-around player on the squad; and Reginald Broadnax, 6-5 255 pound defensive tackle.

Voted "The Most Valuable Player" by his teammates during the last Bronco campaign Godwin possesses blinding speed and brute strength. And for the second straight year he was second in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) in rushing.

This is not bad at all for a player who "just learned to play the game" during his last two years of high school.

A native of Godwin, N.C. (near Fayetteville) the versatile athlete has his eyes set on the pro ranks. Godwin is also an All-American track star.

Coached by FSU track mentor Walter Johnson, Godwin holds many records in the state and the nation for the broad jump and relay.

"James is a real dedicated athlete," says Johnson. "In fact, he is one of the most dedicated young men I've had the pleasure of being around."

A business administration major, Godwin wants

to continue his education once he completes his schooling and pursue a master's degree. However, he will invite a pro football career into his life between

despite his natural talents. He is an exceptional blocker and very quick. The pros should have a fine time scouting "Mr. Godwin" of FSU.



The 22 year old North Carolinian has the pro credentials. He cracked the opposition's line last year for a record nine touchdowns and a record 1029 yards rushing season total. And feels that he can top this production this fall easily.

Godwin, a firm and muscular 201 pounds packed on a 6-1 frame has been clocked in the 40-yard dash at 4.4 speed.

Godwin, says McDougal, is a team oriented player

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