

ECSC Meets Norfolk in Gridiron Opener

On Saturday afternoon, September 24th, at 2:00 p.m., Frank D. Lawrence Stadium in Portsmouth, Va. will be the battle ground when the improved Vikings of Elizabeth City State College clash head-on with the Spartans of Norfolk State College in the 1966 grid opener. This CIAA contest will begin to unveil in reality the recent announcement by Robert L. Vaughan, athletic director, that the Vikings will play a slate of eight games during the 1966 football season.

The season opener against Norfolk will give the Spartans a chance to even the series competition between the two institutions since 1952 at seven games each, since the contest will be staged virtually in the Spartans own backyard. Last year Norfolk nipped the freshman dominated Viking squad, 19-6, at Elizabeth City.

Coach Tom Caldwell's squad, in another rebuilding year, will play only two home games this year, Vaughan indicated. They are against St. Paul's College on October 22nd., at 7:30 p.m., and on November 5th the Vikings will meet Delaware State College for the first time in the annual Homecoming classic.

If the statement that the Vikings play better on the road when the chips are down is true, then the Elizabeth City State gridders will have six chances to prove it. Beginning on September 24th at Portsmouth and ending on November 12th against Livingstone's College, in Charlotte, Coach Caldwell's team will be determined to not only prove the statement, but better last year's 3-5-0 won-lost-tied record.

Included among the road contests is the October 8th invitation to the Annual Fish Bowl Classic in Portsmouth, Va., against the Panthers of Virginia Union University. Undoubtedly, students, alumni, and friends of Elizabeth City State will journey to Portsmouth to see this thrilling gridiron battle since the Vikings have yet to lose a Fish Bowl encounter and Virginia Union has yet to lose to Elizabeth City.

To do the job the veteran mentor of five years as head coach will have only 18 lettermen returning on August 31st. This contingent of experienced players will be joined by 22 new recruits for opening practice on September 1st. Only 23 days remain before the confident Vikings set sail to meet Norfolk in the grid opener and the other opponents who follow.

GRADUATE RESIGNS ECSC POSITION TO BECOME COACH

Eugene Thompson, '66 graduate of ECSC, who has been serving as resident director of Butler Hall, has resigned this position to accept a post as athletic director and football and basketball coach at Southwestern High School, Windsor.

Thompson, Physical Education major, is from Newport News, Va. He was a member of the tennis and football teams. For one year he was a member of THE COMPASS staff.

"I anticipate an interesting season," said Thompson. "One thing which I am looking forward to is facing my ex-teammate, Elwood Williams, who is also football coach."

Williams, '64 graduate, is head football coach at W. S. Creecy High School, Rich Square. Rich Square and Southwestern meet on the gridiron September 9.



Sylvester Bynum



Calvin Webster



Johnnie Walton



R. Eugene Snipes

Meet the Viking Nucleus

Every team, no matter how great or small, is best identified by its nucleus. Consequently, when one speaks of, say, the Chicago Bears of the NFL, the names of Bill Wade, Gale Sayers, Dick Bukus, and Benny McRae immediately come to mind because the defensive and offensive strategy of the Bears rotates around those players. In short, find a team without a nucleus, and you will discover a coach who is looking for a job and the empty bench.

This is true of the Elizabeth City State College Vikings. With only about 18 lettermen returning this year Coach Tom Caldwell needs someone whom he can depend on to inspire and challenge the remaining members of the squad and shoulder the ruggedness of this year's eight-game slate.

The nucleus of the 1966 edition of the Elizabeth City State College Vikings' Football squad will be led by Captain SYLVESTER BYNUM of Chapel Hill. The big, 200lb., 6'-3" senior end, is huge enough to command respect from his fellow team mates as well as from players of the opposition. Defensively it doesn't matter which end Bynum is assigned to hold down because his strength and ability to pursue enable him to cover the forward wall from end-to-end. Offensively, Sylvester's hands, movements, and blocking performances make him the NUCLEUS

OF THE NUCLEUS.

Sharing the responsibilities of leadership in charging and blocking from the vicious forward wall will be Elizabeth City's **CELVIN WEBSTER**. A product of P. W. Moore High School, Webster received starting assignments during his freshman year of wearing the blue and white of the Vikings. Now a junior, the rugged guard-tackle alternate stands at 6'-1" and weighs a bulky 235lbs. Calvin's bulling strength, agility, speed, and ability to diagnose plays make him run neck-to-neck with Bynum for All-CIAA recognition. Having worked all summer in the hot sun on construction jobs has made Webster harder and meaner than usual. If there will be anybody in the opponents backfield besides their own backs, it should be Webster. No doubt the offensive assignment against him will call for two-against-one. Realizing that a good, strong

defense is almost nothing without an equally as effective offense, Coach Tom Caldwell was able to secure another product of P. W. Moore High School in the person of Elizabeth City's **JOHNNY B. WALTON**. The freshman sensation stunned the CIAA last year as he received starting assignments to run and toss against the giants of the conference. An excellent ball handler, strategy mixer, and passer, Walton finished the season as the team's top passer and total offense leader to rate high among the signal-callers of the league. By working along with Webster on construction jobs this summer Walton has added strength to his lanky 6'-1" frame which tipped the scales for 160lbs. during last year. Knowing that the defensive linemen will be charging hard to stop him, Johnny is determined to be cooler, quicker, brainier, and more accurate as he directs the team

from the helm. The hopes of Caldwell's running and passing game, which figure to be better than last year's, rest squarely in the mind and on the arms of Walton.

A quarterback, regardless of how good he may be in passing, needs a good reliable target to hit. That target must be quick, deceptive, and able to out-manuever the defensive secondary. In addition, it must be able to catch and pick up extra yards after the ball has been caught. Raleigh's **E. EUGENE SNIPES** fits every bit of the above requirements. Alternating between end and wingback, Snipes' pass catching determination was something to behold last year as he led the team in that department to rank high among receivers of the CIAA. The 185lb. back-end alternate moves into his final year with eyes set on All-CIAA honors and professional recognition. Nothing can stop Eugene Snipes but Eugene Snipes, himself. Should this not happen, the Walton to Snipes combination presents a problem for the opposition.

1966 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
September 24	Norfolk State College	Portsmouth, Va.	2:00 p.m.
October 8	Winston-Salem State	Winston-Salem	2:00 p.m.
October 8	Virginia Union Univ. (FISH BOWL CLASSIC)	Portsmouth, Va.	8:00 p.m.
October 15	Shaw University	Raleigh	2:00 p.m.
October 22	St. Paul's College	Elizabeth City	7:30 p.m.
October 29	Fayetteville State	Fayetteville	1:30 p.m.
November 5	Delaware State College (HOMECOMING CLASSIC)	Elizabeth City	1:30 p.m.
November 12	Livingstone's College	Charlotte	2:00 p.m.

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Attention Freshmen

Things you should Learn About Our Own Football Team and Athletics in General.

Name of College	Elizabeth City State College
Name of Team	Vikings
Colors	Blue and White
Record (1965)	Won - Lost - Tied (3) (5) (0)
Members Of (Conferences)	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)
Former Member of, and	Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (EIAC) Champions Five Times
Director of Athletics	Robert L. Vaughan
Football Coach	Thomas Caldwell
Assistants	John Turpin, Jr. (Backfield) Alvin T. Kelly (Backfield) Roy F. Knight (Line, L. N. Stallworth (Scout)
Team Captain	Sylvester Bynum '67
Other Varsity Sports	Basketball Wrestling Track Tennis

Several Vikings Return

It is not known at the moment whether all of the named football players from last years' squad will return for practice and participation during the 1966 season. Nevertheless, the college family, alumni and friends take this opportunity to welcome you back to the Viking camp with the assurance that each of us will do our utmost to make this a victorious campaign.

- Johnnie B. Walton..... Sophomore..Quarterback...Elizabeth City
- Henry Rhoulahc..... Senior Quarterback...Windsor
- David Lyons Sophomore.. Halfback..... Lexington
- Eddie Bland Senior Halfback Lawrenceville, Va.
- Charles Singleton Junior Halfback Summerville, S. C.
- Levon Little..... Junior..... End Greenville
- Carl Witherspoon Sophomore.. Halfback..... Lexington
- Ennie Eugene Snipes, Senior Back-End Raleigh
- Willie Stewart..... Sophomore..Center Washington, D. C.
- Curtis Elder Senior Guard Lawrenceville, Va.
- Otis Wylie Sophomore..Guard..... Chester, S. C.
- Geroge Mizzell..... Junior Guard Edenton
- Elizia Barco Sophomore ..Tackle..... Elizabeth City
- Thaxton Etheridge..... Junior..... Guard..... Elizabeth City
- Samuel Jeter..... Junior..... Tackle..... Chester, S. C.
- Celvin Webster Junior..... Guard-Tackle..Elizabeth City
- James Griffin..... Senior..... Tackle-End....Chicago, Ill.
- Raymond Davis..... Junior..... End Louisburg, Va.
- Robert Spencer..... Sophomore..End..... Charlotte
- Lincoln Bond Junior..... End Windsor
- Sylvester Bynum Senior End-Captain...Chapel Hill
- Bobby Ware Junior End Greenwood, S. C.

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