

SPORTS

Malt's Corner

About the Coaches

Head Coach - Tom Caldwell, 11th Year

Coach Caldwell stepped up to take over the reigns of the Vikings football program in 1961 after serving as an assistant since 1953 and has compiled a 53-30, won-lost record with 3 ties. He thinks this will be one of the most interesting seasons ever, especially on offense.

Coach Caldwell enjoys the admiration and friendship of others in the coaching profession and is a real hero to his players.

Line Coach - Roy Knight, 10th year

Coach Knight is an exponent of the old school of "Blood and Guts" football, and his linemen love him for it.

Defensive Backfield - Alvin Kelly, 6th year

Coach Kelly has done a great job in the past. He stresses toughness, speed and good judgment.

Offensive Backfield - S.T. Holmes, 2nd year

Coach Holmes came to us from Booker T. Washington High, Norfolk, Virginia. He has done an outstanding job in preparing the Viking backs.

Line Coach - Ronald Leigh, 1st year

Coach Leigh is a graduate from last year's destructive defensive line and will be a big help to the linemen with emphasis on defense.

Oliver Reynolds - No. 22, 180 lbs., 5'8"

Senior Halfback "OJ" as his friends call him, led the Vikings team last year with 835 yards rushing. "OJ" also caught 13 passes for one touchdown. He is one of the toughest running backs ever to wear the blue and white. "OJ" is from Winton, North Carolina.

Lawrence Harrell - No. 12, 185 lbs., 6'1"

Senior Quarterback "Chickenman" as his teammates call him, completed 83 - 157 passes last year and twelve of them for touchdowns. He is considered to be the best in CIAA (known for the "long bomb"). "Chickenman" is from Portsmouth, Virginia and is one of the Tri-Captains.

Maurice Harrod - No. 21, 160 lbs., 6'

Senior Flanker Maurice led the Vikings Squad last year in pass receptions and was third for touchdowns scored. He is one of the most elusive and speedy wide-receivers in CIAA

("Chickenman's favorite target"). Maurice is from Washington, D. C. and one of the Tri-Captains.

Aly Khan Johnson - No. 66, 218 lbs., 6'2"

Senior Middle Line Backer

Khan is big and strong and has the credentials to be ALL-CIAA. He loves contact and likes to "lower the boom" on running backs. Aly Khan is from Williamston, N.C. and also Tri-Captain.

Issac Oliver - No. 52, 212 lbs., 6'3"

Junior Line Backer

Ike, native of Chesapeake, Virginia, has what it takes to be a BIG PLUS on the Viking Defense this year. He has good range and hits hard.

Larry Johnson - No. 65, 218 lbs., 6'2"

Junior Defensive Tackle

Larry, the younger brother of Aly Khan, should really come into his own this year. Larry is a sure tackler and agile pass rusher. He is from Williamston, North Carolina.

Leon Thomas - No. 23, 170 lbs., 6'

Junior Defensive Back

Leon has the quickness and aggressiveness to match any offensive back in CIAA. Coach Caldwell will be looking for great things from him this year. Leon is from Portsmouth, Virginia.

Darnell Johnson - No. 71, 235, 6'3"

Junior Defensive End

Darnell, a lover of physical contact, is one of the most improved linemen on the squad. He should reach his true potentials this year.

Virginia State College used a clutch fourth quarter goal line stand to hold the Elizabeth City State University just five short yards of the goal and register an opening game 20 - 14 victory Saturday. A fourth down pass interception by Tony Abrams in the end zone kept the defending CIAA champions from being upset by the young and rebuilding Vikings. This also was the first game for Elizabeth City.

Early in the first period senior quarterback Lawrence Harrell, unprotected all afternoon by a green line, was hit hard by Larry Brooks, 270 pound defensive tackle, and Ernest Harris, 250 pound guard, fumbling as he hit the turf. Ronald Harris recovered for Virginia State and they had the first break of the game. From the Vikings 24 yard line the Trojans marched to the 18 where the ECSU defense held. Robert Davis booted the Trojans into an early 3-0 lead.

Later in the period Virginia State recovered another Elizabeth City fumble deep in Viking territory, but were unable to hit the scoreboard.

But later in the period following a Viking punt Virginia State marched 69 yards for the first touchdown of the afternoon. Highlighting the drive was the passing of former Perquimans Union star Joe Winslow. Ronald Bullock took the 30-yard scoring aerial from Winslow. With the PAT Virginia State had a 10 - 0 advantage going into the second frame.

Elizabeth City came

roaring back, taking advantage of a pass interception by Aly Kahn Johnson who returned it from the 31 to the VSC 11, finally made it to the goal line. Rene Laughinghouse went the final yard on a burst up the middle. Harrell hit Lindsey Riddick for the two extra points as Elizabeth City briefly closed the gap to 10-8.

The Trojans also came fighting back as they took the kickoff and moved from their own 31 to the Elizabeth City 15. The Viking defense held though, and Davis toe put three more points on the board for VSC.

Elizabeth City got a big break following the second half kickoff as Virginia State's James Morrison fumbled on the first play from scrimmage. Harrell wasted little time as he found Riddick with a 23 - yard pass, and the fine sophomore back shook tacklers before crossing the goal with the second Elizabeth City touchdown of the afternoon. Harrell passed for the two extra points and Elizabeth City took the lead 14 - 13.

The Trojans then mounted a sustained 56 yard touchdown drive with Morrison going the final yard. Davis kicked the extra point and Virginia State once again had the advantage 20 - 14; which was the final score.

Elizabeth City apparently scored a safety near the end of the third quarter, but an official's ruling took the two points away from the Vikings.

Virginia State did not threaten again in the

game, but their defense held the Vikings off the final quarter to preserve the victory.

Aside from the loss, the Vikings lost the services of quarterback Harrell who was taken to a Petersburg hospital for observation following a leg injury.



"Freshman? Well, you can look forward to four of the happiest years of my life."

