

# Union Stops Rams Win Streak At 3

by Sam Davis

WSSU, riding high after a 3-0 start was trounced by an inspired Virginia Union team 40-7 in Richmond, Virginia. The Rams, battered and bruised after defeating NCCU, had a long night as the Panthers took advantage of untimely WSSU miscues.

Union was not to be denied victory in the contest as they worked their Wing T offense to perfection. The Panthers running game, coupled with Rams fumbles were the major factors in their game.

Union was coming off a 14-4 defeat at Hampton which shocked the Panthers. Coach Willard Bailey of Union said his players were determined to take the loss out on someone.

"We had five starters and against Hampton," said Bailey. "The team that took the field against Hampton, was not a typical Virginia Union football team. We knew going into the game that Winston-Salem State was a strong team, so we really worked hard in practice."

Two of the injured Panthers, Gary Mayo and Carl Bland were pre-season All-CIAA picks. Both were healthy for the Rams and put on strong performances. Mayo, a 200 lb. Pullback with speed and quickness blitzed the Rams with a 193 yards rushing, 3 touchdown game. In addition, Mayo caught a pass for 30 yards on a play that really broke the Rams back.

On third down the Rams had Union substitute quarterback Sandy McDonald corralled for a sack. However, as he was falling, McDonald flipped a short pass to Mayo who eluded several Rams defenders taking the ball to the Rams 12 yard line. Mayo scored on the very next play to put Union on top 12-0. The P.A.T. was a bizarre play that gave the Panthers two more points at 14-0. On the play, McDonald threw a pass into the arms of Dominic Jerals, but the ball bounced out of his grasp into the midsection of Union's Sam Grooms who held on for the 2 points.

The only hurrah for the Rams came in the second quarter when Karlton Watson found his favorite target, James Watson behind the Union secondary. Karlton Watson threw a strike to James Watson who took the ball in stride at the Panthers 40 yard line and sprinted untouched to the end zone. The play covered 75 yards, by far the Rams longest play of the season.

Despite the lop-sided score, the Rams did have their moments in the game. Again, the Rams front line of Danny Moore, Jonathan Nimmons, Alvin Powell, April Pou and Tommy Crews all played well. The Rams were able to move the ball on the ground, but the 4 fumbles WSSU made were too much to overcome.

The Rams were also without the services of their leading rusher, "Truck" Turner. Danny Hayes filled in admirably for Turner, but Hayes' 2 fumbles really cost WSSU. Also missing from the Rams line-up was halfback Alex Cowen. Cowen, still nursing a battered knee, missed his second game in a row.

Coach Bill Hayes of WSSU said the loss would serve as a learning experience. "When

you're on a winning streak, it's easy to stick your chest out too far. Sometimes a good butt-whipping in a game that doesn't mean anything can help."

The game does not count as a conference game, so the Rams conference 1-0 mark remained intact. The Rams are now 3-1 overall.

## SWAC Heads All-American List

MISSION, Kan.—In spite of having its most skilled performers ignored until 1962, the Southwestern Athletic Conference ranks second nationally in the number of first-team all-Americans developed in NCAA Division I-AA.

The list, compiled by the NCAA Statistics Service, includes 50 SWAC first-team selections who made either the Associated Press Little all-America, American Football Coaches Association divisional teams below I-A, started in 1967, Associated Press I-AA teams initiated in 1979 or AFCA squads inaugurated in 1982.

The list does not include players named to prestigious Pittsburgh Courier and Chicago Defender Black college all-American honor teams or A.B. Williamson Mid-Bracket all-American squads.

In the NCAA break-down,

SWAC schools trail only the Big Sky Conference with 54 all-American choices in 60 seasons. The Ohio Valley Conference ranks third with 42 selections in 49 years.

All players from the SWAC were cited during the last 23 years. The Associated Press did not consider players from historical Black schools for all-America consideration until 1961.

Grambling leads the list with 20 first-teamers followed by Alcorn State (10); Jackson State (8); Southern (4); Texas Southern (2); Prairie View (2) and Miss. Valley State (1).

The NCAA noted that the first Grambling star was Junious "Buck" Buchanan in 1962.

"Such players as all-pro Willie Davis, captain of the 10-0 1955 team, Tank Younger and Ernie Ladd never made the Associated press team," the NCAA pointed out.

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