

Sportraits

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A look below the surface of our grid team might promote a logical viewpoint for some, and a change of attitude for others. Who doesn't like to be a winner? On the other hand there are always conditions that determine the fate of any team.

Take a look at the squad of '47 which was shattered due to graduation, new scholarship requirements or other reasons. John Brown, Hubert Robinson, James Greenlee and Rudolph Roberson were among the graduating class of '46. We also lost men like Louis Randolph, Welman Britt, Leroy Ledbetter, Morland Bucker, John Pippin, Roy Lee and Edward Allen.

A single thought with reference to the above boils down to the fact that we lost 26 of 43 players from our 1946 team. Eight were first string men and seven were members of the second team. No coach can very well start from scratch each year and produce a championship team in a conference as tough as the C. I. A. A.

No one can justifiably say that the Riddickmen performed poorly in the contest with Delaware though the latter performed a little better than the Eagles.

Men of superior caliber donned the Maroon and Gray Saturday but some were players who lacked collegiate experience and men who had not worked together in a regularly scheduled contest before hand. When that problem is ironed out, focus your attention upon Albert Jones, Thomas Allen, Charles White, James Lineberger, Willie Bradshaw and Butler Taylor in the backfield. The ques-

tion mark in the line does not have so great a modification as that of the backfield. We find men like Whitfield, Moore, Hines, Woods, Lynch, Person, Mitchell, Middleton and Armour constitute quite a healthy line.

Even those who knew little or nothing about the college's athletic activities last year were familiar with the names, Bethel and Galbreath. Upper classmen keenly sensed the blow when they returned and saw both men on the casualty list.

We are destined to meet teams this year that really play football for keeps. The writer has pity for those who have lost their tiny sparks of school spirit already. Stay with the boys at least until we beat A. and T. and Shaw.

1947 SCHEDULE

October 11 — Morgan State College, New York, New York.

October 18 — Virginia State College, Durham, N. C.

October 25 — Union University, Richmond, Va.

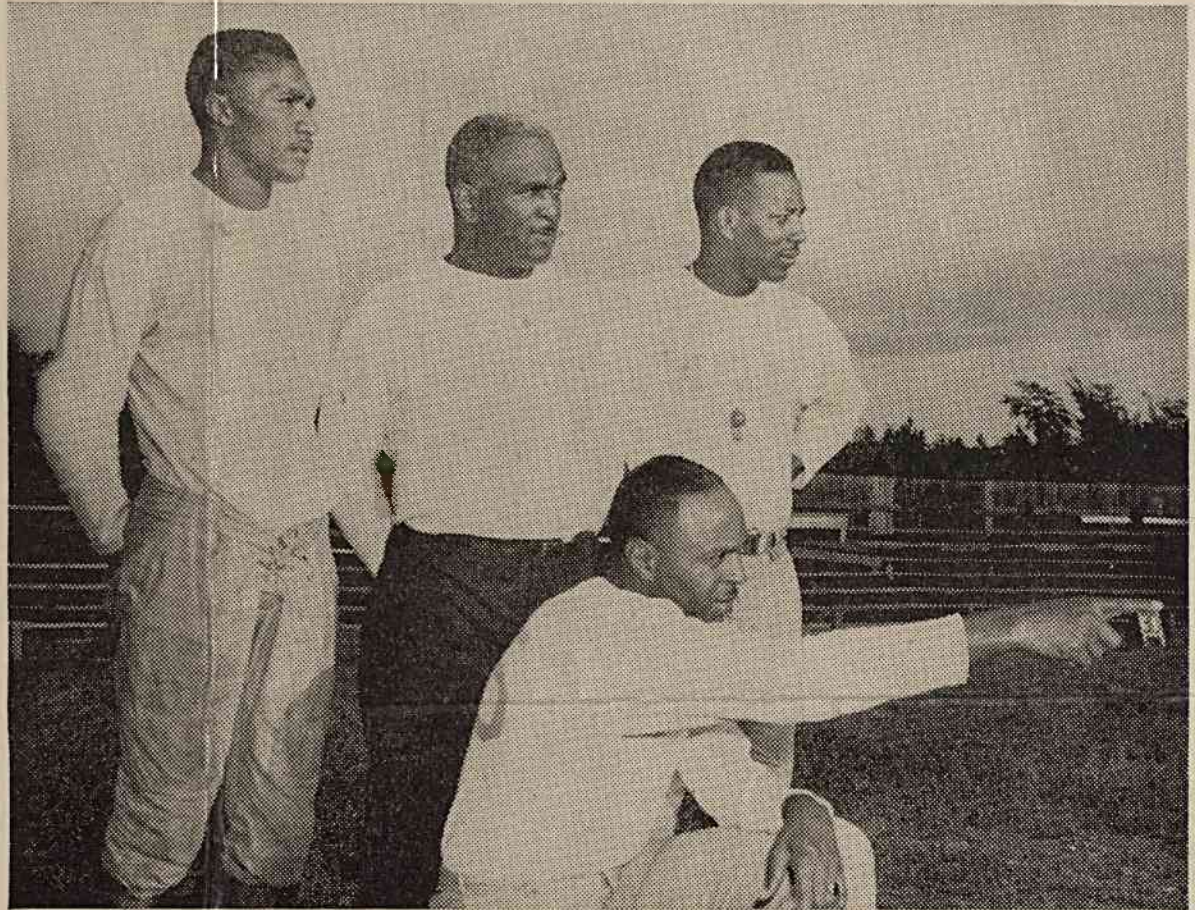
November 1 — Tennessee State College, Durham, N. C.

November 8 — Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

November 15 — West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va.

November 27 — Shaw University, Durham, N. C.

December 6 — A. and T. College, Durham, N. C.



Shown watching the 1947 N. C. C. football squad during a practice session are the members of the versatile coaching staff. Kneeling is head coach, Herman Riddick. Standing are George Mack, assistant line coach; E. C. Turner, backfield coach and Leroy T. Walker, line coach. —(Photo by Stanback)

DELAWARE STATE EDGES N. C. EAGLES

BY ELAINE MOORE
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The North Carolina College Eagles were turned back by a score of 7-0 at the hands of Delaware State, one of the strong contenders for the 1947 C. I. A. A. championship, in their first game of the season at O'Kelly Stadium here Saturday, September 27.

Delaware's combination of the "T" formation and single wing was bogged down by a rugged Eagle defense; however their spread formation caused the Eagles a great deal of trouble. Plays coming from the spread formation accounted for most of Delaware's yardage and the advancing of the ball from their own 20 to the Eagle's 10. At this point, late in the second quarter, Hutchinson Hart of Delaware picked up Claude Epps' fumble and ran around his own left end for the lone rally of the game. David Harmon's conversion was good.

In the final phase of the fourth quarter, Thomas "Red" Allen intercepted a pass on his own five and returned it to the Delaware 20 before being stopped. The Eagles advanced the ball to the ten for a first down, but lost the ball on downs on the four yard line.

Delaware kicked from here on their own second down. Charles "Spike" White, who did a good job of carrying the ball all afternoon, received the ball at the mid-field stripe, circled into his own territory, picked up blockers and left would-be tacklers standing in their tracks. He was stopped on Delaware's twenty yard line.

Butler Taylor completed a pass to Whitfield on the ten where he was stopped as the game ended.

GAMES TO BE BROADCAST

Our publicity department has arranged for three of our home football games to be broadcast this year. It is definite that the homecoming game against Tennessee State A. and I. College will be broadcast November 1 from Durham Athletic Park as will the game against A. and T. College, December 6 at O'Kelly Field.

Tentative arrangements have been made to air the contest against Virginia State College here October 18.

THE SCORE AND ELAINE MOORE



It was exactly two years ago, September 27, that Delaware State defeated a green North Carolina College team in the first game of the 1945 season. However, in spite of that 13-12 defeat, this same green, all-freshmen team came within one point of capturing the CIAA championship for that year.

Practically every sportswriter on the "big three" newspapers predicted defeat after defeat for the Eagles, but all of their predictions went up into thin air that season. Coach Herman Riddick's freshman squad played heads up ball throughout the 1945 season.

I am aware that the Eagles defeated Delaware 32-6 in 1946, and that was because a competent coaching staff made that green timber pay off after a little maturity. Well we have almost the same set-up this year. Newcomers make up approximately 90 per cent of the Eagles' 1947 squad and these freshmen must become ad-

justed to playing college football.

In view of these factors what will the Eagles do this year? Here's hoping that our opening loss to Delaware is going to be the same good omen that it was in 1945. The Eagles are slated to wake up and dazzle the entire conference with their rejuvenated offensive.

Butler Taylor was hot in the Delaware game, completing 2 out of three attempted passes. Lafayette managed to complete only 1 out of 8.

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CARL GALBREATH

Carl Galbreath, stellar halfback and all-CIAA halfback for two years was shelved with an injury he sustained early in the season. His absence from the Eagle backfield was missed greatly in the first game. He is expected to come around however shortly to burn up the gridiron and help toss a monkey wrench in the plans of many teams who expect to defeat North Carolina College.