

SPORTS

By JOHN McKNIGHT

Football Outlook

When the Eagles open their football season next Saturday against the Yellow Jackets of Allen University in Columbia, they will launch the football year that in our opinion will prove that "NCC ain't what she used to be."

Coach Herman H. Riddick gave the indication himself when he merely bowed his head when asked about his 1963 gridiron prospects. Though many football fans think coach Riddick is loaded and is simply putting them on with his gesture, we don't. Who else but the head coach should know better about the yearly prospects? Who is behind the scenes anymore than the head coach himself?

THE DEFENSE IS AVERAGE

Defensively, the Eagles will be their usual selves in performance. They will be going with their lightest lines since 1952, but with the abilities they have shown in pre-game scrimmages, they should overcome this deficit. Riddick's forward wall will average 210 pounds per man and he considers this rather puny. But this is not Riddick's problem; practices have witnessed that. All-American center William Hayes, guards James Nunn and Bobby Gardner and tackle James Price have shown that aggressiveness can tear down the unusual line. With these four veterans leading the forward wall with their "red-dogging" tactics, the Eagles should not yield much yardage via ground.

The only handicap apparent in the Eagle's defense is the inability of the halfbacks to stop ball carriers near the line of scrimmage. But that's a minor flaw. Captain Donald Thomas, and Mickey Daye will be the mainstays in the backfield. With their pass defense ability and with yeomen service from the likes of James Black, Connie Boykins and Bobby Asmond the Eagles' defense should be par excellent.

THE OFFENSE NEEDS CHANGE

Should the Eagles experience a losing season, they could very well point to the fact that their offense has failed to catch-up with their defense—this is from where the Eagles' trouble will stem. They will not have the brain trust of the self-confident Richard Hicks, CIAA's total offense leader last year. The quarter-back chores are Captain Thomas, a talented all-around football player. Given the needed liberation, Thomas could prove to be one of NCC's finest quarterbacks. He is an exceptionally good runner, a very capable ball handler and could prove a passing threat to any team on any given day.

Along with Thomas in the backfield will be sophomore full-back Asmond, leading ground gainer with an average of 5.2 yards per carry; halfbacks Boykins, Black, and Robert Evans. These are some of NCC's fastest backs in years.

However, the agility and speed of these backs will be hampered by the offense style in which they are used. Only Asmond is suited for the Riddick style offense.

With the exception of an occasional use of the wing-T formation, the Eagles have no other signs of the modern offense. Coach Riddick employs the offense system of the old school: Straight ahead, hard nose football. The present Eagle backs are not suited for this drab offense.

Once there was the time when NCC had the largest line in the CIAA conference; they were the best at the straight ahead football—it was easy for them to push a team under the goal posts. But this year Riddick does not have the line material for this type of offense.

Ends Aaron Martin and Oscar Williams, Tackles Robert Ferguson and Staley Keith, guards Bobby Gardner and William Holmes and All-American center Hayes, are some of the finest offensive linemen in the conference, but they will not get a chance to exhibit their prowess in the style offense Coach Riddick uses.

Just as 1963 is not 1954, the Eagles' personnel is not what it use to be. The Eagles' offense needs to be modernized. If it does not change with the times, we may be in for some long Saturday afternoons.

CAGERS' OUTLOOK BRIGHT

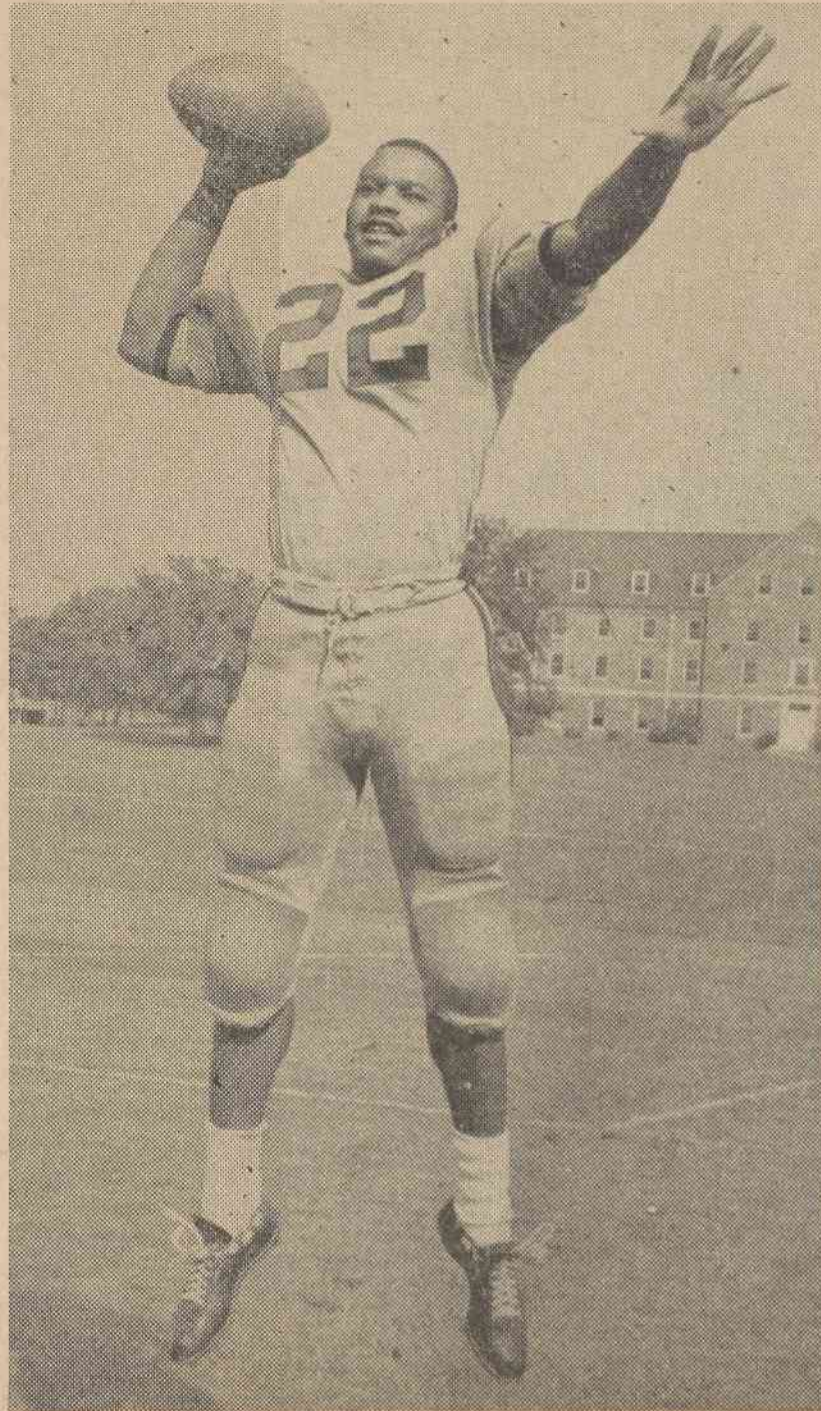
Passing by the Men's Gym the other day, we noticed most of NCC's potential basketball players trying out their wares for the coming season. Many of the old players and a few of the prospective ones looked pretty sharp for the month of September. If they keep up the sharp shooting and good ball handling they could really pull some surprises in the CIAA basketball circle this year.

As a matter of fact, this could be one of NCC's brightest teams in recent years. Experience, (two seniors, two juniors, and four sophomores), speed (quick guards), and balance (four players that average in the double figures) give the Eagles added hope for a prosperous basketball season.

A LITTLE SPICE

Congratulations to tennis ace Joe Williams for bringing prestige to the net sport here at NCC. This summer Joe captured two big events in North Carolina, the first at Greensboro's Amateur Tennis Tournament and his hometown tournament here in Durham.

NCC Eagles Face Allen U. In Opener



CAPTAIN DONALD THOMAS
... leads Eagles against Allen.

NCC's Eagles open their 1963-64 football season next Saturday when they face Allen University at Columbia, S. C.

The Eagles have won three straights from the Yellow Jackets and hold a 4-0-1 edge in the series.

Coach Herman Riddick's list of available experienced players, already cut by graduation last year, was shortened even more this week.

Riddick said that his charges are not at full strength and will not be by next Saturday because of the injuries of several key players.

"We'll definitely not be at full strength," said Riddick.

He said they will probably do without the services of fullback Bobby Asmond, who has sprained an ankle, and second string quarterback, William Reid, who twisted his knee during scrimmage. Reid's injury "will limit our passing attack," said Riddick, "however, our starting quarterback, Donald Thomas, will be available for action.

Coach George Quiett Joins NCC Staff

A former All-CIAA athlete confirmed a contract validation from another college and joined NCC's coaching staff last week as assistant football coach.

George L. Quiett, former star athlete and head football coach at Saint Augustine's College for the past two years, told an Echo reporter here that his retirement from Saint Augustine's College is valid despite rumors of his breach of contract with the college.

He said that he had not signed a contract with Saint August-

NCC-Morgan In Alumni Tilt

North Carolina College's Eagles and Morgan State College's Golden Bears open their Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association season Saturday, October 5, when they lock horns at Durham County's Stadium. Kick-off is set for 8:00 p.m.

North Carolina College's alumni will sponsor the tilt, and upwards of 7,500 fans are expected to witness the battle between the Bears, defending CIAA champions, and the Eagles.

George Nixon, president of the General Alumni Association, announced the organization's decision to sponsor the game recently. "We are particularly happy to sponsor this game between the Bears and Eagles," he said, adding, "We are anticipating a packed stadium on that date."

According to Nixon, tickets for the game will be mailed to the alumni in the near future.

Although many alumni cannot return for the game, they usually purchase tickets and give them to friends in the

area. "It is hoped that we will have that continued cooperation again this season," Nixon said.

NCC will be out to avenge the defeat suffered at the hands of the Bears in 1962. Morgan clipped the "birds" last season by a score of 14-6 in Baltimore. The victory was the springboard to the Bear's loop championship.

In thirteen meetings with the Bears, NCC has garnered five victories, with the Morgan lads taking seven, and there has been one tie.

North Carolina College's 120-piece marching band will be on hand to provide pre-game and halftime entertainment.

NCC will play three other home games during the 1963 season. On October 19, they meet Virginia State College; November 2, Shaw University in homecoming; and November 16, Virginia Union University.



GEORGE L. QUIETT

ine's for 1963-64 and "my leaving is valid."

Quiett will serve also as an assistant professor of physical education and will teach courses in physical education and in recreation.

He is a native of Baton Rouge, (See QUIETT JOINS, page 7)

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