

Riddick Views '64 Grid Outlook

Previewing the 1964 football season, Coach Herman H. Riddick of the North Carolina College Eagles predicts his major problem will be "developing ends and quarterbacks. If all expected centers, guards, and tackles return," he says, "we should have average strength in those positions."

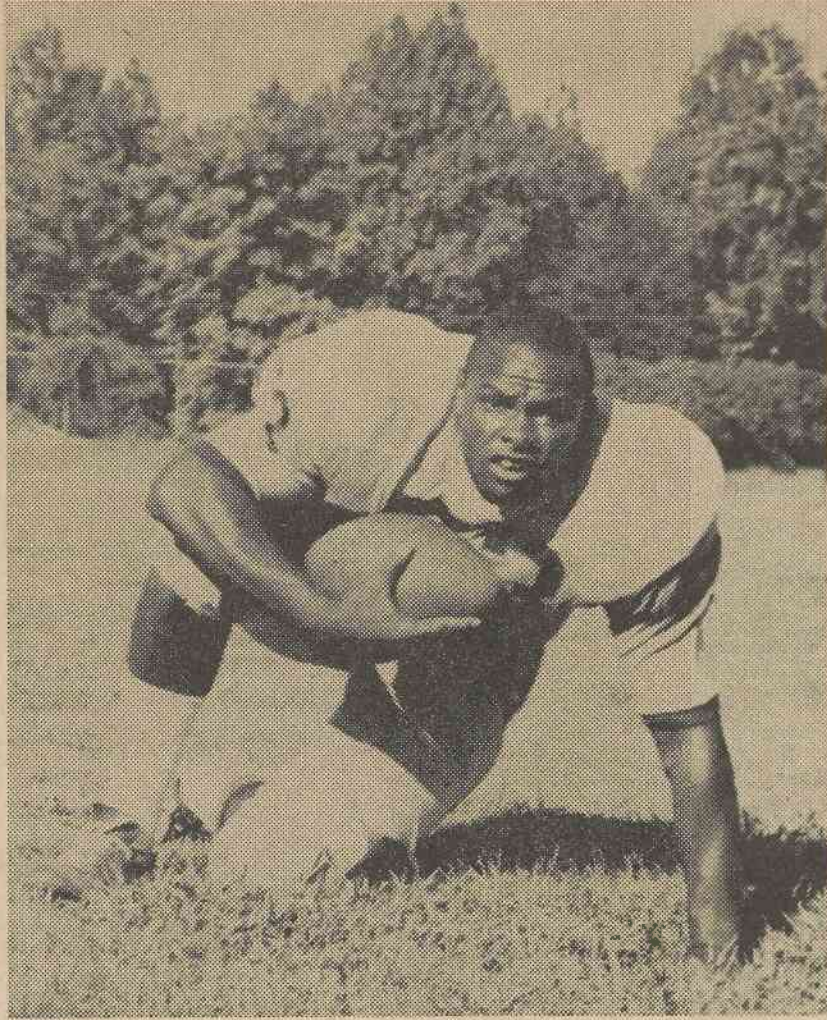
Donald Thomas and Aaron Martin, his 1963 quarterbacks, were lost through graduation, in addition to such stand-out players as end Oscar Williams and half-back Robert Currington.

Riddick who piloted the Eagles to a 6-1-0 CIAA record, an 8-1-0 overall tally, and the CIAA championship in 1963, lost 14 seniors and four others. He will field a predominantly sophomore team this year, with a wealth of promise but little experience.

Among returnees expected to see plenty of action are Bobby Asmond, James Price, Robert Ferguson, Billy Shropshire, and Herman Byrd. The halfback spot left vacant by Currington will be hard to fill, in addition to the quarterback's post. Both Currington, a Durham native, and the multi-talented Martin, of New Bern, are now with professional teams.

Currington has signed a contract with the Buffalo Bills of the American Football League, Eastern Division. Martin has joined the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League, Western Conference.

Punting is expected to be good—if 1963 CIAA punt leader Shropshire keeps his form—said Riddick, who is beginning his twentieth year as head mentor of his alma mater's grid squad. He has amassed a record at NCC of 108-51-11.



SAMUEL DURANT—A second team all-CIAA selection last year Samuel Durant is back for what he hopes is a better season. The 6', 220-pound guard was converted from a center. The Rocky Mount native is a junior.

Durant Chosen 'Echo Linesman'

Sam Durant, "All CIAA" Linesman, has been chosen by this corner as the "Echo Linesman of the Month". Sam a Junior, Physical Education Major from, Rocky Mount, N. C., came to NCC as center from Booker T. Washington High School. However, because of his tremendous size, strength and speed, the coaching staff of NCC football team moved Durant to guard. This move has proven to be quite successful.

Sam, a quiet-mannered student on campus, has proven that off the field a gentleman

and scholar is expected of a man, but on the field a terror and demon is necessary.

When asked if he thought the Eagles would win the championship this year he said, "Sure, but the most important thing is the morale of the club." He went on to say that "our quarterbacks are young but if our line gives them the necessary protection no one in this conference or any conference should beat us."

Congratulations, Sam. Keep on pushing!

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NCC Intramural Sports Criticized

By Charles Clinton
Intramural Sports at NCC should be abolished for the simple reason that there is no official head of this organization. In the past years the male students have had a wonderful time but the officials have failed to do their part.

The male intramural head is Dr. Ross Townes who treats the participants with little encouragement. He feels that he shouldn't take an active part in these activities. His attitude is

such that many of the students hate to take an active part for fear of verbal embarrassment.

Another thing, in the most active of intramural sports, basketball, things are so irregular that the time for playing the particular games is not understood; the quarters are not pre-arranged; and the officials for the games are not pre-selected.

So, until some remedies are made, this corner feels that all intramural activities for males should be discontinued.

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