

EAGLES HOLD SLIGHT EDGE IN MOST PIGSKIN SERIES

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The annual phenomenon called football has once again engulfed the NCC campus. The 1965 Eagles should exemplify the "courageous fight" which has become traditional of NCC teams. Though past performance is not necessarily a barometer for future success, let us take a brief trip into the past and review the outcome of previous contests.

Maryland State, an Eagle opponent since 1952, has subdued the Eagles seven times as compared to three NCC victories; there have been three ties. The other Eagles' rival from the

Chesapeake Bay area, Morgan State, has manhandled the Eagles eight times, while falling prey to them six. A loss has yet to blemish the perfect NCC record against St. Augustine College of Raleigh. This year's homecoming opponent, Shaw University, has been devoured by the Eagles 21 times while managing to emerge victorious only eight times.

The intensity of the 29-year rivalry between NCC and Virginia State College is iterated by the results of their contest: ten victories for "State" and 11 for NCC. Virginia's other representative, Virginia Union University, an opponent since 1929, has fallen before the Eagles seven times while gaining victory five times.

Allen University's seven games with NCC has produced no better than one tie for the men from Columbia, South Carolina.

A ten-year moratorium will end when Johnson C. Smith renews a gridiron acquaintance with the Eagles that began in 1929. Including the last contest in 1954, the Eagles hold a 14-6 edge with two contests ending in a tie.

It would belabor the obvious to say that North Carolina A & T College is "The Rival." This 33-year-old Thanksgiving Day Classic has seen the Eagles maintain a slight edge. In 1947 the Eagles blanked the Aggies 17-0. In 1948 a 6-6 tie was the

result. The 50's ran the Aggies travel "victory road" frequently. Last year the Aggies triumphed 20-0 adding another "Eagle feather" to their cap. This year will find the Classic in Greensboro, November 25th.

As the new season presents itself, our young team can use all the encouragement and support it can get. Therefore, let each of us proudly assume his responsibility in putting the Eagle back in his nest or a championship squad by attending each game and enthusiastically supporting our team.

Frosh May Solve NCC QB Problem

Coach James Stevens expressed optimism concerning his squad after their showing in the practice scrimmage against Winston-Salem State Teacher College. One glaring deficiency which showed up during the first three weeks of practice was the absence of a seasoned signal-caller.

Both NCC's 1964 starting quarterback and the substitute were cut from the roster for academic failure, and the coach had to choose from two freshmen to fill the field general's spot.

The newcomers are Fred Baldwin (6-1, 193), from Chapel Hill's Lincoln High School, and Terry Cole (5-9 156), from East St. Louis High School, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Baldwin, the coach indicates, "is very promising. Although he did not play in a 4-A league, he shows promise of developing into a fine signal-caller. He's a triple threat; he kicks, runs, and passes."

Cole, the first Negro to quarterback at the predominantly white East St. Louis High School, according to Stevens, "has quick, sure hands, and is a good ball handler." His team won the city championship in 1963 and 1964.

Cole is relatively small-sized for competition in Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association circles. So is Colon Oliver, "a tough performer" who works at halfback and will be available to fill in at quarterback if needed. "Although he's small in size," he makes it up with heart."



NCC QUARTERBACKS—Either Fred Baldwin, left, or Terry Cole will be the starting quarterback for the North Carolina College Eagles this season. Both are freshmen, and NCC Coach James Stevens is waiting to evaluate the team's first game before making a choice.

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