

Eagles Thwarted 15-6 In Opener

By Douglas Gills

The Yellow Jackets of Allen University came from behind to clip the wings of NCC's hopeful Eagles before 6,000 spectators here at O'Kelly Field on September 24.

It was the initial game of the young, '66 season for the proud Eagles, as they played on even ground with the Allen eleven for three quarters before a punt return and an interception turned into scores for the Palmetto State gridders.

Allen scored all 15 of its points in the final section to pull the victory out of the Eagle's nest.

It was a defensive battle for almost three quarters before the Eagles, capitalizing on a fumble in Allen's end zone scored. Thomas Cameron, 200 pound junior from Durham pounced on Allen's quarterback, Leroy Davis' fumble to put the home-sters ahead. Davis who had dropped back to pass, was hit hard by Jerome Gautt and Sam Sinclair. The point after conversion attempt by Frank Bullock was blocked by the Jacket's massive tackle Bill Stewart.

Playing through a game of marked penalties on both sides, the Eagles' 6-0 lead began to look insurmountable until the Allen gridders struck for three scores in the last five minutes which was prolonged while the game officials stepped off 269 yards in penalties.

Allen's 9-6 sprinter, Otis Grey, put the Yellow Jackets back in the game by dashing 70 yards down the far side line as the hopless Eagles fell by his wayside. Allen missed its punt and the score was deadlocked 6-6 during the final minutes of the fourth period.

Then all hell broke loose, as the Eagles were forced to punt from deep in their territory. The ball rolled dead at the Eagles 36. Davis opened the series of downs by hitting Larry Chester on a 14-yard pass play; but he was unable to connect on his next three passes and the Yellow Jackets were forced to kick. And they did. R. Kelly, their specialist, booted a 28-yard field goal squarely between the uprights. The score—9-6.

Any hopes of an Eagles comeback were annihilated when Henry Thompson intercepted the second Eagles misthrow and galloped 20 yards to the end zone with two minutes remaining.

Freshman quarterback, Herman Mathews ignited most of the offensive movement hitting on 4 of 12 passes for 61 yards for the Eagles who were held to minus 45 rushing while on the other hand, Allen had 116 yards rushing and 98 yards through the air.

The Eagles played an exceptional defensive game in spite of the statistics. It was the inability of the offense to keep the ball moving.

Outstanding defensive play was turned in by Sonney Gibbs, Robert Blackman (2 interceptions), Bill Shorphire and Herman Byrd.

Coach Steven's men will have to wait another play to win a game without moving the ball. The Eagles were hurt more by this inability to capitalize on opportunities than by their own mistakes. It is the hope of the entire school that the Eagles will avert catastrophe and go on to have a successful season.

The Eagles will travel to Baltimore to be entertained by Morgan State College in their first CIAA contest on the first of October. Best Wishes, Eagles!

Officers Hit

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The chamber includes: Charles Miller III, president; Patricia A. Washington, vice-president; Bertha Arnette Avery, representative; Delores Benton, secretary; Harvey Davidson, treasurer; and Carl Enoch, representative cabinet member.

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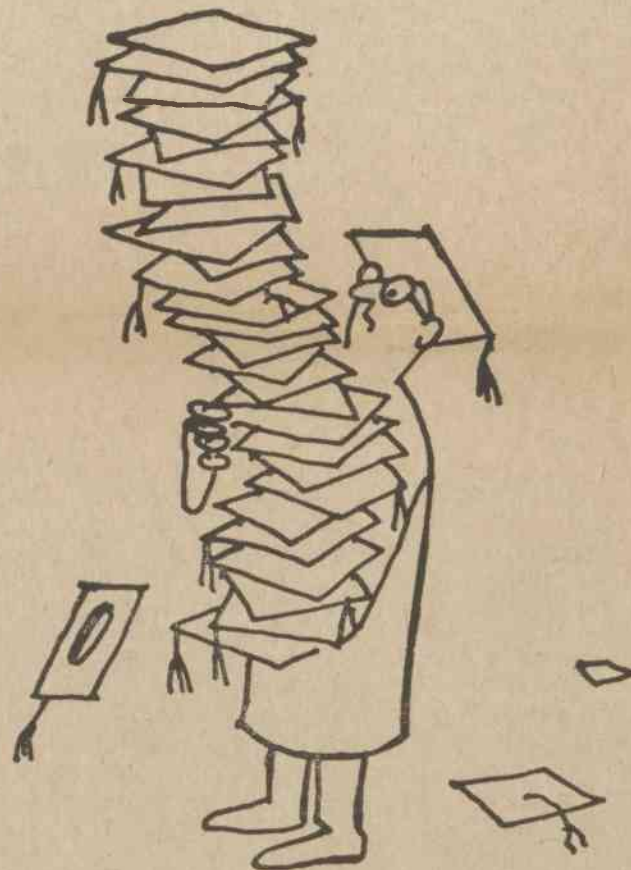
- OCT. 8—Kentucky State
- OCT. 22—Maryland State (*Homecoming*)
- Nov. 5—J. C. Smith
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