

Aggies Victorious Over Eagles

Defensive back Joseph Harrell's scamper into the end zone after a blocked punt recovery was the Eagles lone score as they succumbed to A & T State University 21-6 in the thirty-eighth annual Thanksgiving Classic.

The Aggies victory made them sole possessor of second place in the CIAA and permanent possessors of Bull-Eagle II, the trophy given to the team that wins three out of five Classics. The Gate City chargers got on the scoreboard midway the first quarter as a result of a fumble by Eagle quarterback Herman Matthews. Three plays later Aggie fullback Thomas Blue scored the games' first six points.

The Eagles took the ensuing kickoff and drove down to the Aggies 21-yard line before the match was halted on downs.

A & T took over from there and ate up most of the time in the second quarter with a steady ground attack. Quarterback Stanley Jacobs threw a 42-yard pass play completion to Pearson to put the ball on NCC's 43. From there Richard Armstrong carried the ball seven times, moving the ball down to the Eagles' six-yard mark.

The Aggies gained one yard in three times and called fourth and goal from the six, NCC was called for a pass interference penalty on its one yard line.

It took the Aggies four more attempts before they were finally able to cross the goal line as NCC's Harold Beatty, Gerome Garnett and Lonnie Paige led the spirited Eagles' defensive charge; however, Jacobs tallied on a quarterback sneak from the one-foot line. Eric Cox added his second point after

touchdown to give the visitors a 14-0 lead.

A & T made an effort to put more points on the scoreboard in the waning minutes of the first half.

Jacobs fired a perfect strike to Pearson on a down and out pattern that saw the crowd come to their feet as the speedy Pearson made a spectacular grab, moving the ball from the Aggies' 23 to the Eagles' 15. The march was halted as NCC's defense stiffened.

When it seemed as if the Eagles would break the ice in the second half following a Ganett recovery of a Blue fumble, Pearson took the kickoff on the Aggies' next possession and got excellent blocking from the right side of the line. He got a bone crushing block from Willie Wright on the 25 as he sailed untouched the rest of the way. Cox added the PAT to make the score 21-0.

The Eagles drove the Aggies deep in their territory starting the fourth quarter. A & T took control at its 31 and when Jacobs dropped back to punt, the line of scrimmage was the 15.

On Jacobs attempted punt, Harrell scooped the ball up on the A & T seven and raved into the end zone to give the Eagles their only score of the day. Terry Cole's attempted pass for the two-point conversion failed as the ball was intercepted in the end zone.

The remaining minutes of the contest were spent changing possession of the ball as the Aggies' and the Eagles' offense sputtered time and time again.

The Eagles' Lonnie Paige was voted the Most Valuable Player. Pearson copped the same honor for the Aggies.

Eagles, Dragons Open Season

The North Carolina College Eagles of the hardwood opened the 1968-69 season by a 95-63 non-conference win over the Fort Bragg Dragons, November 30, at the Pope Air Force Base Field House.

Ronald McCrimmon scored six of the ten straight points for the Eagles during a three minute midway the first half to lift the Eagles from a one-point deficit to a nine-point advantage.

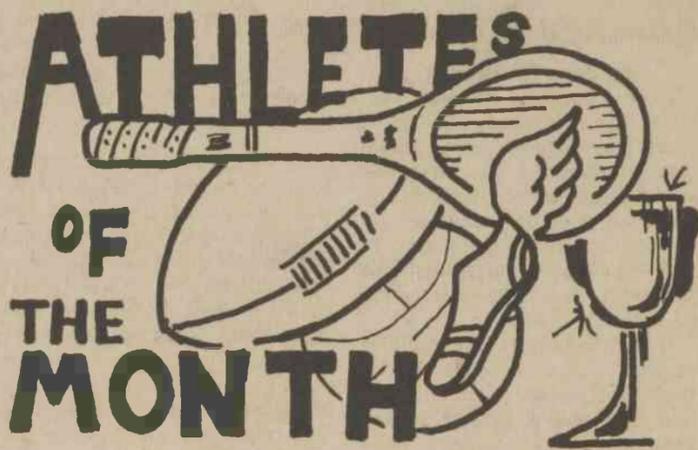
The Eagles jumped off to a quick 5-0 lead after two minutes before Fort Bragg rallied to take a 9-8 lead with 15:40 showing on the clock. Coach Brown called a time out at this point and during the next three minutes, the Eagles scored 10 straight points while holding the Dragons scoreless to take a 18-9 lead with 12:30 left in the initial half.

By the time the halftime gun had sounded the Eagles led 49-24. For the first half, the Eagles shot 45.6 per cent as compared with 20 per cent for the Dragons. NCC collected 20 of 44 field goals in the first 20 minutes while Fort Bragg was able to make only nine of 45 shots from the floor.

Five players scored in double figures for the Eagles with Steve Humphrey leading the way with 20 points. Robert Byrd, the 6-8 freshman who starred for Fort Bragg last season, chipped in 19 markers while Joseph Pridgen added 15 and McCrimmon and Dennis Robinson each tossed in a dozen.

Bob Bowman was the top scorer for the Dragons with 18 points. Willie Sinclair, who was a starter and co-captain for NCC two years ago, scored five points for the Dragons.

For the game, NCC shot 50 per cent, collecting 39 of 78 field goals while the Dragons made 28 of 92 from the floor. The Eagles held a slight 59-52 lead in individual rebounds with Pridgen leading the way with 12 followed by Humphrey with 11.



By LESTEE PERRY, JR.

As a result of his fine play against the Fort Bragg Dragons, the Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls and the Shaw University Bears, Joseph Pridgen has been tapped as North Carolina College's Athlete of the Month.

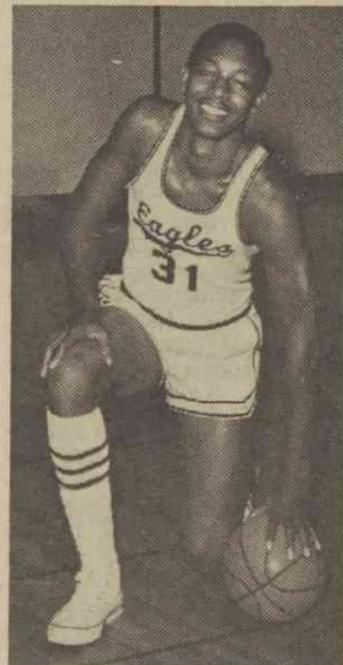
The 6' 6" forward from Wilmington, N.C. had scored a total of 51 points and snared 44 rebounds at the time of this writing. (Based on games through December 7). His averages of 17.0 points per game and 14.6 rebounds per game lead all Eagle hardwoodmen.

As the Eagles' co-captain, Pridgen made his 1968-69 debut against the Fort Bragg Dragons on November 30 and wound up with 15 points and 12 rebounds to his credit.

On December 2, opening night in McDougald Gym, Joseph scored 12 points and pulled down 19 rebounds against the J. C. Smith Golden Bulls.

On the road again on December 7, this time to Shaw University, he poured in 24 points and collected 13 rebounds in a losing Eagles cause.

When asked if he felt that this year squad could match the record compiled by last season's team, he had this to say, "This



Athlete of the Month, Joseph Pridgen, co-captain of the basketball team.

years team has the potential to be just as good as last year's, but it will take time for us to develop."

The senior recreation major desires a career in pro basketball or teaching and coaching.

Eagles Turn Back Golden Bulls

A scoring spree by Dennis Robinson, Joseph Pridgen and Ronald McCrimmon propelled the Eagles from a 11-5 deficit in the first quarter to a 52-41 victory over the Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls. The December 2 victory was the second for the Eagles in as many starts.

The Queen City quintet started out with a hot hand, moving out to a 5-0 lead with 18:10 showing on the clock. Five minutes later, the visitors from Charlotte increased their lead to 11-5.

It was at this point that the scoring spree by, McCrimmon Robinson and Pridgen shot the Eagles ahead, with the score standing at 15-11 with 8:25 left in the first half. Robinson and Pridgen collected four points each during the spree while McCrimmon added two.

The Bulls stormed back to tie the score at 19-19, but the last 4:30 of the half saw them unable to score and the Eagles carried a 25-19 advantage to the dressing room at half time.

After shooting only 27.3 per cent for the first half, the Golden Bulls could not find

the basket during the first four minutes of the final stanza.

Pridgen and Steve Humphrey each collected 12 points each for the Eagles while freshman Bob Butts tallied 15 points and Wilton Enoch had 13 for the Bulls.

The Eagles were true on 21 of 59 field goal attempts for a 33.7 shooting percentage as compared with 18 of 81 for the Bulls for a 22.2 percentage.

Pridgen was the top rebounder for the game with 19 while Enoch and Butts garnished 15 and 14, respectively, for Smith.

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