



AN EAGLE IN FLIGHT—Ollie Carson goes to the air literally, soaring over a Shaw defender in North Carolina Central University's 49-9 Homecoming conquest of the Shaw University Bears.

NEVER GONNA GIVE IT UP

By PAUL JERVAY

"Never gonna give it up," has been the theme of the Eagle defensive unit throughout the season, concerning that valuable football property, the yard. While the Eagle unit stubbornly surrenders ground, it is seldom viewed with the anticipation given NCCU's explosive offensive attack. Let us look at the not so spectacular side of football, defense.

One of the basic factors in the Eagles' success this season has been the play of the defensive unit. This unit has repeatedly given the offensive team the chance to retain possession of the football through its outstanding plays. All component parts of a fundamentally sound defensive unit must function in accord with one another for any degree of success. The secondary is one of these components.

To date, the Eagles' secondary has picked off a total of 16 enemy passes. Pete Quinn, Eagle right cornerback, has picked off a total of five enemy aeriels, ranking him first in both the CIAA and NAIA in interceptions. Quinn is closely pursued in this category by Charles Bellinger, left cornerback, who has four interceptions to his credit. Quad captain, strong safety Frank Bullock and the free safety Greg Richardson have been equally devastating to enemy passers with two interceptions apiece.

The defensive backs have not accounted for all the interceptions this year. NCCU's fine linebacking corps of William Covington, Robert Holloway, and Joseph Harrell have combined for three interceptions while generally harrassing the opposing offense with their all-around play.

Anchoring the defensive alignment is the CIAA's version of the fearsome foursome. They are quick, strong, and menacing, as opposing quarterbacks can testify. The group consists of Michael Galbreath, Jerome Gantt, Russell Price, and Sam Singletary, quad captain. Assistant Coach Henry Lattimore commented that the aim of the front four is to keep the quarterback on the go. By achieving this goal, the front four can force many of the opposition's passes off target, and into the waiting hands of the alert secondary.

After five games and 288 of the opposition's plays, they have managed only 693 total yards for a per game average of 138.6 yards, according to NAIA statistics. Eagle statistics are equally impressive in defending the pass. There have been only 100 attempts in five games with the opposition completing only 30 and intercepting 16. All of the opposing teams' passes through the air have netted 302 yards for a per game average of 60.4 yards.

The defense might not be spectacular, but it is doing a

SENIOR BOWL, MOBILE, ALABAMA, January 10 — Doug Wilkerson.

Associated Press Small College All-American — Doug Wilkerson.

Washington Pigskin Club — Herman Matthews.

Pittsburgh Courier All-American — Doug Wilkerson, Sam Singletary, Julian Martin.

Greensboro Daily News All-State — Doug Wilkerson, Sam Singletary, Julian Martin, Herman Matthews.

All District 26 NAIA — Doug Wilkerson, Sam Singletary, Julian Martin, Herman Matthews.

All-CIAA — not officially released yet — Herman Matthews, Ollie Carson, Doug Wilkerson, Julian Martin, Sam Singletary, Pete Quinn, Jerome Gantt, Ervin Allen. (Gantt and Allen tied for first-team positions.)

1969 ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM
MVP — Gary Wall (PEM Club)

Offense

- TE—H. Cameron PEM Club
- HB—J. Dragg Mustangs
- C—S. Vaughn PEM Club
- G—L. Armstrong Valley Vikings
- G—J. Avery Mustangs
- SE—N. Scales Mustangs
- QB—Gary Wall PEM Club
- HB—R. Robinson PEM Club
- FB—H. Simmons PEM Club

Defense

- G.—L. Willis Groove Phi Groove
- T—P. Taylor Mustangs
- G—R. Braswell PEM Club
- T—W. Ragland Law School
- CB—A. Watson Valley Vikings
- CB—K. Kooksie Law School
- E—John Brunson PEM Club
- E—J. Manning Mustangs
- S—H. Mosley Groove Phi Groove

TOP FIVE TEAMS

1. PEM Club
2. Mustangs
3. Law School
4. Groove Phi Groove
5. Valley Vikings

The extramural flag football, the Law School, 1968 champion, dropped two extramural encounters, bowing to the Wake Forest University Law School, 28-18, and to the Duke University Law School, 28-12.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL (Men and Women)

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NCCU's QUIETT COACH OF YEAR

George Quiett of North Carolina Central University has been named coach of the year in District 26 of NAIA.

Quiett, in his second season as head coach of the Eagles, coached them to a 7-1-1 record and a berth in the Boardwalk Bowl in Atlantic City against Delaware.

The only loss of the season was to Virginia Union, while the Eagles played North Carolina A.&T. to a 28-28 tie. Central finished third in the CIAA standings this season.



THE EAGLES FLY HIGH — Ollie Carson hurdles a Winston-Salem defender on his way to the first Eagle touchdown as the Eagles rolled to a 63-6 victory.

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MATTHEWS ON THE MOVE — Eagle quarterback, Herman Matthews, prepares to break down field past a Morgan State College defender. The Eagles broke past Morgan State 34-7. — NCCU Photo.