

Eagles end season with a 14-6 win

By Carey D. Johnson
Sports Reporter

For the second week in a row the N.C. Central Eagles struggled against a team that on paper looked like an easy win. The hero on defense this week was freshman defensive back Adrian Jones, who came up with two interceptions to beat Virginia Union.

The Eagles ended their season with a 14-6 win over Virginia Union to put their record to 6-5 overall and 4-3 in the CIAA.

Jones made his biggest play when he batted away Panther quarterback Donald Ruffin's pass as time ran out after Union had driven to the Eagle 11 yard line.

"I got in front of him and just batted it away," said Jones.

Coach Larry Little said he was happy with the win, but he also offered some advice.

"It wasn't exactly the way I wanted, but I'm happy to finish 1994 with a win," Little said. "This team has gone through a lot of adversity this season—the death of Alphonza Carpenter, having so many injuries—and they still came through with another winning season. I told them while this was good, we're through with going just 6-5."

The Eagles defense also held the CIAA's second leading rusher Bobby Phillips to just 27 yards on 15 carries.

"We pretty much shut Phillips down today," Little said. "That's another thing our defense has done all season—we've virtually

stopped all of the top rushers we faced. I like the way the entire team responded this season. We've just got to learn to put teams away."

Quarterback Brad McAdams left the game early with a sore shoulder after going 0-3. Corey Redfeam relieved him and went 3-9, including a 22-yard scoring toss to Moses Ware with 1:42 to go in the half.

Kevin Houston's PAT was good and NCCU was up 7-0.

Duran McLauren also played, giving the Eagles another touchdown on a 2-yard pass to Antione Calloway to lead 14-0.

The Panthers quickly drove to the Eagle's 2-yard line where Phillips attempted to dive over several Eagle defenders. He was hit and the ball was jarred loose. Eagle linebacker James Grant picked the ball up and returned it to the Eagle 13 with 11:22 left.

The Panthers scored on their next possession in just four plays in 1:26. Graves hauled in a 23-yard pass for a touchdown with 7:24 to go, but the PAT was no good and the Eagles led 14-6.

"Credit Virginia Union," Little said. "They could have folded when we went up 14-0, but they never quit. They gave us a good fight."

This was the Eagles' last football game of the season. Tyrone Odoms was given the Robert "Stonewall" Jackson award for outstanding defensive play, and Billy Massey, who compiled 123 yards on 22 carries, was named the RPM-Nissan Student-Athlete of the week.

Harvest Classic to start NCCU's basketball season

By Valerie Bracy
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Get ready basketball fans! Football season is over, and in just a few weeks the Eagles will take it to the hoop.

The season's first home game will kick off Nov. 26 with the First Union Harvest Classic.

This is the second year of the First Union Harvest Classic, which was formerly called the Bull City Classic, and before that the Bull City Tournament.

The Classic is a fundraiser for

the athletics department.

Sandra Shuler, interim director, says the department has a few ideas on what to do with the proceeds.

"Hopefully some of the money will be used for scholarships, but we have other needs in Athletics. We are in dire need of a minibus for sports such as softball, track and volleyball," says Shuler.

Shuler is chairperson of the First Union Harvest Classic Committee. She says she wants this year's tournament to be more than just a basketball game.

The committee has planned several events for the weekend starting Friday with a youth

basketball camp that will be directed by coach Greg Jackson. On Saturday there will be a Chancellor's brunch, and that night a dance at the Durham Omni Hotel.

"I want it to be a happening that people will return for", says Shuler.

The four teams participating this year are Central, Hampton, Wilberforce and Claflin. The Classic allows the teams to see themselves in game situations before the actual season starts.

"We get a chance to measure ourselves, to see exactly where we

are, and the things we need to improve on," says C.L. Williams, assistant coach.

The 1994-1995 squad will be fighting the odds. Last year's team placed first in the CIAA Southern Division. This year's squad is projected to place third or fourth. The team lost three starters, and 15 out of the 22 players are freshmen.

"We only have one Senior. But I think the team will be like all the other teams coach Jackson has had.

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