

Eagles will try again for winning season

By Malcolm Pharr
The Winston-Salem State University Rams won the CIAA battles of the '88 season, but the North Carolina Central Eagles won the war. The Eagles knocked the high-powered Rams off twice last season - the second time in the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. There are some missing pieces to last year's team, but quantity does

not compare to quality when fall practice began

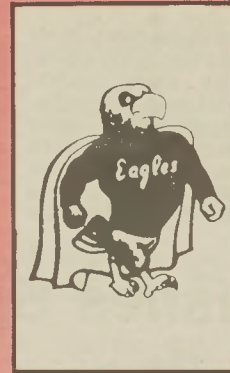


Henry C. Lattimore

and Earl "Air" Harvey is not barking signals. The quality loss does not stop with Harvey. It goes on to the defense and the loss of all-CIAA, all-America Robert Massey. Massey, the second-round pick of the New Orleans Saints, was one of three valuable players lost in the Eagles secondary.

Throughout the 80's, the Eagles have had one of the top quarterbacks in the CIAA. Ger-

ald Frayton and Earl Harvey are gone. Ed Witcher will attempt to fill the gifted shoes of the Eagles' quarterback position. Witcher will have good targets to throw to in all-CIAA receiver Anthony Cooley and Reece Hargrove. Coach Hank Lattimore, one of the CIAA's most outstanding coaches, is determined to take some pressure off of Witcher and develop the Eagles running



game. Gary Leak will carry the ball the bulk of the time for NCCU.

The Eagles defense will rely on Harry Edmonds, a junior linebacker who came into his own last season and led the team with 74 tackles. The Eagles are hoping his leadership ability and intensity will rub off on some of the younger players and keep NCCU near the top of the division standings.

Trojans' Cooper to lead team's defense

By Malcolm Pharr

The Trojans have been so close, but so far away from the CIAA crown. Last year was no exception when W.S.U. edged out the Trojans in last season's championship game. Despite some devastating losses, the 7-4 Trojans of a year ago and Coach Greg Goings



should be able to keep things on the up side.

Much of the weight the Trojans bare will ride upon the legs of runningback Clifton Cooper. Cooper gained 728 yards last season as

a junior. He will be running behind a quality line in center DeAndrea Neal (6'3", 315 lbs.), guard Shaun Early and tight end John Jones.

Neal is considered by the Virginia State SID (Sports Information Director) as the premier lineman in the CIAA.

The Trojans defense will be led by Rodney Nettles, the teams leader in tackles last season. Brian Nunn and Reggie High anchor the line. All CIAA defensive back Anthony Burfoot leads the secondary.

ANSWERS TO CIAA TRIVIA

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| 1. Elizabeth City State University | Langhorne, ECSU |
| 2. Maryland State University (University of Maryland Eastern Shore) | 7. Judge Thomas (1975-'78) scored 282 points and 47 TD's. |
| 3. "The Magician" | 8. Gerald Frayton and Earl "Air" Harvey |
| 4. Robert Clark | 9. Jo Jo White, 322 yards vs. Bowie State, 11/13/82 |
| 5. Timmy Newsome | 10. Anthony Blaylock |
| 6. Reginald | |

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