

VIRGINIA LAD IS EAGLES' PROSPECT FOR FLANK-MAN—Henry Lewis, 19-year-old six footer from Williamsburg, Va., is now a strong contender for a starting spot at one of the ends for the CIAA's 1953 football champions, the North Carolina College Eagle. With Bill Hollingsworth, the former All-America star, away, Lewis hopes to land the spot that may open up opposite Charley Floyd, the pass-snatching veteran of last season. A brilliant performer in some games last season, Lewis may reach his peak in the Eagles' coming Homecoming Day tilt with the Maryland State College Hawks in Durham on NCC's O'Kelly Field October 23. Bands, parades, beautiful girls, and all the hoopla of the football season will be in evidence in Durham with the Eagles' trying to score their first win over the Hawks.

THREE RALEIGH BOYS AMONG STANDOUTS IN NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE'S SCRIMMAGE

Three of the brightest prospects on North Carolina College's 1954 football team are from Raleigh. They are Francis Roberts and John Baker, Jr., graduates of Ligon High School and Deral Webster, a 1954 graduate of St. Emma Military Academy, Rock Castle, Va. The trio will probably make their debut in Durham on September 25 when NCC plays St. Augustine's College on the Eagles O'Kelly Field.

Roberts was captain of the Ligon Little Blues in 1953 and vice-president of his high school senior class. He was voted "most versatile senior" at the Raleigh institution. Roberts weighs 185 pounds, stands 5'9" and is a candidate for a center's position. His chances, according to observers close to NCC Head Coach Herman Riddick are "excellent" but he may have to play behind Otto Harvey, last year's starter.

Baker, a big gawling lad who weighs 290 pounds and stands 6'4", was all-state fullback for the Little Blues of Ligon in 1953. His high school teammates aptly called him "Six Yard Baker," for usually he was good for that amount of ground when he lugged the leather.

His chances for a fullback's post with the Eagles are good, although he will probably alternate with Leon Holley, the dazzling little Norfolk, Va., flash who took the position over near the close of the 1953 season.

The third member of the Raleigh trio is Deral Webster, Jr., a 250 pound six-footer who was the outstanding prep school star in Virginia during 1953. Known familiarly as "Heavy," Webster played guard at St. Emma's and will be a welcome addition to this virtually depleted position with the Eagles. If he continues in his present form, he is almost sure to alternate with Jack Aiken of Charlotte and Samuel Chambers, two of 1953's hold-overs.

With 18 lettermen among the 60 hopefuls for the 1954 squad, the NCC gridgers are competing in a contest in which Coach Riddick says "All positions are wide open. Performance, not last year's reputation, will determine the 1954 regulars."

Roberts, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Roberts of 613 S. East Street, Raleigh. Baker, 19, lives in Raleigh with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Sr., at 509 Freeman Street. Mr. and Mrs. Deral Webster, Sr., parents of the NCC gridger, are among the Bakers' neighbors, residing at 504 Freeman St.

MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS ON SCHEDULE ON STATION WTVD

Sports fans will see plenty of big-time college and professional football on WTVD, Durham's new Channel 11 television station, during the season now starting.

The station also will telecast the World Series games, scheduled to begin Sept. 28, and outstanding fights from both the NBC and ABC television networks.

All of the Washington Redskins grid games will be carried by WTVD, starting Sept. 26 with an exhibition game between the Redskins and the Forty-Niners at San Francisco. Starting time will be 5:05 p. m., EST. Earlier in the afternoon, the Chicago Cardinals-New York Giants game will be telecast.

Negotiations are under way for WTVD also to carry the NCAA-sanctioned college games weekly, starting with California vs. Oklahoma at 3:45 p. m. Sept. 18.

Each Friday night, the station will telecast major fights carried by NBC, and occasionally on Saturday nights it will carry professional and amateur bouts from the ABC net.

A new sports program, conducted by Charles McLawhorn, is starting this week on WTVD. It will be aired from 5:45 to 6 each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday night. McLawhorn, who came to WTVD from sportscasting in Spartanburg, S. C., will feature interviews with sports personalities.

Telecasts of the Washington Redskins' grid games will begin at 2 p. m. each Sunday except the opening game of the regular schedule, in which Washington will play Pittsburgh at 8:05 o'clock Saturday night, Oct. 2.

The remainder of the schedule follows: Oct. 10, New York Giants at Washington; Oct. 17 Philadelphia at Washington; Oct. 24, Washington at New York; Oct. 31, Baltimore at Washington; Nov. 7, Washington at Cleveland; Nov. 14, Pittsburgh at Washington; Nov. 21, Washington vs. the Cardinals at Chicago; Nov. 28, Washington at Philadelphia; Dec. 5, Cleveland at Washington; and Dec. 12, Chicago Cardinals at Washington.

Delaware Preps For Opener

DOVER, Del. — The Delaware State College football squad rounded out its first ten days of practice by playing a 7-7 practice scrimmage with the Dover Air Base. A pass from "Rock" Greene to Don Blakey for the TD and the successful conversion by Carl Naylor accounted for the Delaware scores.

A nucleus of sixteen lettermen and eighteen freshmen have been working out since September 1, under the direction of Head Coach Eddie Jackson and Benjie George and U. S. Washington, Assistant Coaches. So far the coaches seem to be greatly encouraged and expect to field an improved eleven for the 1954 season.

Outstanding veterans on hand are "Rock" Greene, fleet halfback, Murdock Schofield, veteran tackle, Rick Jiles, who has been shifted from tackle to center, James Vestal, 280 lb. guard and "Nip" Parker, an aggressive lineman, all of whom hall from Washington, D. C. William Goodall, pass-catching end, and "Lefty" Wilkerson, last year's running ace are expected to be prominent figures on this year's eleven.

Of the newcomers, Franklin Pharr and Thomas Griffin of Charlotte, N. C., have looked good in the early drills. Other impressive additions appear to be "Gus" Davis, rugged fullback from Salem, N. J., and William Murry, ex-captain of Ben Franklin High of Philadelphia. From Armstrong High in Washington, D. C., have come William Thompson and Donald Blakey, who have both shown good early season form. John Biggins, 180 lb. guard of Chester, Pa., and Carl Naylor, 175 lb. back of Manassas, Va., have caught the eyes of the coaching staff with their good work.

From Wilmington, Delaware have come Richard Wright, shifty halfback and Wilbert

20,000 Expected For A. And T.-Central Tilt

GREENSBORO — Nearly 20,000 sports fans are expected to cram Greensboro's Memorial Stadium Saturday night, Sept. 18 to see the A&T Aggies and Central State College renew hostilities in the intersectional Football Classic.

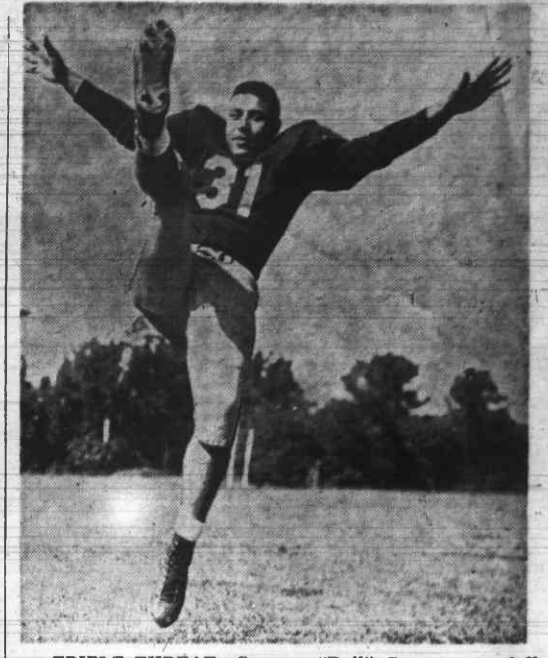
The estimate was based on figures released early this week by C. R. A. Cunningham, in charge of ticket sales at the college. He stated that not since 1951 when the game drew its largest attendance have orders for advance tickets been as high.

The crowd will be considerably swelled in view of the statewide meeting of the Guardsmen's Inc., being held in the city in connection with the game.

The two teams resume competition after a one year layoff, the first interruption in the regular season opener since 1949. The classic began operation in 1947.

The game will be a genuine test or both squad rated highly in their respective conferences. Reports emanating from the Ohio Institution indicate that

Braxton, 195 lb. fullback; both men seem to be rounding into shape rapidly. The Hornets open the season on September 25th at Cheyney State Teachers College.



TRIPLE THREAT—Spencer "Bull" Gwynn, star fullback with the A. and T. Aggies will be called upon to pass, kick and run when the team takes on Central State College at Greensboro's Memorial Stadium, Saturday night, Sept. 18. Gwynn, a native of Reidsville, N. C., stands 6 feet, weighs 184 pounds, is the Aggies' ace kicker and was one of the team's best ground gainers last season.

Gaston F. "Country" Lewis, head coach, will field one of the best teams that he has ever had and is being given a good chance to win the Midwestern Conference flag.

The Aggies, under Bill Bell, are nearing the peak of a rebuilding program which began in 1952 and should also have a better than average aggregation. This game will just about determine the possibilities.

If the game comes up to usual expectations, it is certain that fur will begin flying promptly at 8:00 P. M., when the strong boys begin bumping heads.

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A. And T. Aggies-Central State Game On Sept. 18 - A Natural

GREENSBORO — The football opens between A&T Aggies and Central State College of Wilberforce, Ohio, to be played here at Greensboro Stadium Saturday night, Sept. 18, will be one of the toughest for both clubs.

The two teams resume hostilities in the Intersectional Classic after a one year lay-off. They failed to get together on terms for the event last season, the second such interruption since 1947.

In the five encounters, the Aggies hold a fat lead of 4-1, winning in 1947 (2-0); 1950, 21-6; 1951, 27-12 and in 1952, 19-6 Central State, then a part of Wilberforce University, took the Aggies, 14-7 in 1948. They did not play in 1949.

The game had turned out to be a "natural" for the fans and teams, alike. To the spectator, the clash of these strong clubs, in the very first game of the season was a welcome as a cooling drink on a hot summer's day. They came in droves to get their first "taste" of football. The two clubs liked it too. An interconference affair, neither had too much to lose, except a little prestige, for the game counted naught in their respective conferences. Yet, the two teams and their coaches, Bill Bell of the Aggies and Gaston F. "Country" Lewis, of the Ohioans profited in valuable experience. Lewis brings to Greensboro, a well-seasoned outfit, a team which should have grown up during the year. Many of his freshmen and sophomores, which he used only sparingly, last season, should be ready for the coming campaign.

Reports emanating from Central State show that only a few men were lost by graduation. His ball club for this season should be one of the strongest in Negro college circles.

Bill Bell isn't doing any talking about his Aggies. With all of the weighty problems which rest on a shoulder of a football coach at this time of the year, he smiles only when asked about the prospects for this season.

He had a practically "green" squad last year and lost only five seniors at commencement. Avid fans do not believe that his boys will make the same mistakes this year which lost ball games for him during the last campaign.

The 40-odd A&T veterans who reported from drills on last Wednesday looked like the makings of a fine outfit.



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