



The Mechanics and Farmers Bank sponsored entry in the Bully City Little League is shown in the above picture. Members of the team are, from left to right, Matthew, Jamison, M. Mitchell, L. Mitchell, Terrell, Thorpe, Webb, Jones, McNeill, Prince,

Lloyd, and Wilson. Standing at right are Edward Boyd, director of the League, R. O. Kornegay, coach of the team, and Robert L. Lewis, Mechanics and Farmers Bank official.

## NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE GRID TEAM FACES SEASON WITH FEAST OF BACKS, FAMINE IN LINE

Eighteen lettermen are listed among the 45 players reported to Coach Herman H. Riddick for football practice at North Carolina College on September 1. Seventeen men were lost last year for various reasons.

Ten of the returning lettermen are backs, a situation that causes Riddick to be what he calls "deep in the dumps about my line prospects."

However, Riddick and his aides say they are confident of starting a formidable forward wall against Florida A. and M. in the Eagles' opener in Durham on Saturday night, Sept. 22.

There are three big reasons for Riddick's gloomy outlook in line play. The trio graduated last year in the persons of Matthew

Boone, co-captain and All-America NAAIA selection at tackle; Ross Hines, the other co-captain and the big star of the NCC championship clubs of 1953 and 1954; and the All-CIAA Jack Alken, the Charlotte guard standout. Some key prospects from 1955 are ineligible today.

Two returning GI's promise to strengthen the Eagles line. Both Durham boys, the ex-service stars are Joe Allen, center, and Fred Sneed, guard.

Of the ten returning backs, two are triple-threat quarterbacks of considerable experience and versatility. Albert Montgomery, the Gastonia senior, is likely to continue in the starting slot with Riddick's modified T. His regular alternate and understudy this year will be Edward Hudson, the highly touted passer from Williamsburg, Va. The Eagles are well manned in other backfield positions, too.

The Eagles' troubles are expected to come mostly from inexperienced replacements along the line. One position that at this time shapes up as in special need of attention is tackle. Only Eugene Coleman, 225 lb. Greensboro junior, is now listed as a letterman holdover in this position.

In other positions, however, the Eagles are capable of sending tough competitors in to start the action. At ends, for example, are

Bobby Johnson, Durham sophomore, and Henry Lewis, Williamsburg, Va., senior. The guards are likely to be last year's dependable replacements Ivan McCaskill, Miami, Fla., senior, and Dearl Webster, Raleigh junior. Alternates must be developed for these fellows.

Tackle possibilities are Tommy Stith, New Bern junior, to team with Coleman, with assistance from the Riddickmen's 300 pound "iron man," Big John Baker of Raleigh. The Raleigh boy alternates between fullback and tackle.

Francis Roberts, Raleigh junior anchorman, seems a sure starter. His replacement at the moment is unknown.

This year's backfield promises a continuation of the bitter rivalry between the sophomore half-back flashes Clifton Jackson of Hampton and Harold Joyner of Williamsburg with their senior counterparts, George Alexander of Salisbury and Oscar Turner of Suffolk, Va.

Supplementing Baker's buckling tactics at full are Carvis Bullock of Creedmoor and Samuel Harps of Norfolk, Va.

Willie Hayes, place-kicking sophomore back from Durham, and Paul Woodard, former Marine Corps start, are other backs who sparked last season for NCC.

## BULLS AND RAMS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN POST SEASON GAME

The Durham Bulls and the Durham Rams are scheduled to play a contest at Durham Athletic Park sometime next week, according to Douglass Larmar Gordon, general manager of the Rams.

Gordon told the TIMES this week that preliminary arrangements for the meeting between the two teams have been completed. The game is scheduled to be played immediately following the Carolina League's Shaughnessy play-offs, in which the Bulls are entered.

The exact date of the meeting between the teams could not be determined Wednesday inasmuch as the Bulls had completed only one game in the play-offs.

If the contest between the Rams and the Bulls comes off as scheduled, it will be a "first" in local baseball history. It will mark the first time that the Carolina League's local entry competed against a local Negro team.

Members of the Class B League, the Bulls have enjoyed one of their best seasons in League play. They finished second in the League standing this year. Bulls manager, former Boston Red Sox second baseman Johnny Pesky, has been high on the potential of his players.

On the other hand, the Rams are a relatively young and inexperienced aggregation. Although they have an impressive record in unorganized competition this season, they have not been severely tested. Only one or two Rams players have tasted organized play.

## A&T TO OPEN WITH CENTRAL ON SEPT. 15

The lid will be lifted on the 1956 football season when the A&T College Aggies take on Central State College of Wilberforce, Ohio, here Saturday night, Sept. 15.

The intersectional fracas, an in and out affair for the past nine years after a one-year layoff. In the six games played during the period, the Aggies hold a hefty victory advantage of 5-1, winning in 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1954. Central State won in 1948 and they failed to meet in 1949 and 1955.

From any angle the meeting shapes up as a slam-bang setoff. Reports from the Ohio institution indicate that the Wilberforce outfit will field one of the strongest aggregations it has had in recent years. Gaston "Country" Lewis, the Central State coach, who has the reputation of putting together winning outfits, is reportedly in especially "good shape" for the current campaign.

The Aggies, too, are not without good potentialities if freshman prospects come up to expectations. A lot will depend upon that.

The game will serve as an adequate test for both aggregations. Bill Bell has already stated that if his team comes through successfully in the opener, his boys might be difficult for the remainder of the season.



First Lieutenant Robert C. Bell has just returned from a tour of duty in Japan. He is now visiting Mrs. L. M. Hill of 805 Dupree Street in Durham, where he made his home prior to going overseas. He is formerly from Hartford, Conn.

Lt. Bell will report for Fort Bliss, Texas when his leave is over to attend the AAA and GM Battery officers course for nine months.

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gives the winning spirit. Some of the boys getting in shape for the coming season are, James Tilley, Swandel Cloud, Manning Cloud, Tess Banner, William McGhee, Vance Little, Frank Holman, and many more. Their Coach is David Lash; he is doing wonders with a practically new team. "Good Luck

Coach Lash." Atkins schedule for the Football Season was not announced last week, but here it is—all you "Athletes" watch the schedule and don't miss one of the "Mighty Atkins Gridders" games. Sept. 7, Thomasville, Home 2:30 Sept. 14, W. Charlotte, There. (Please turn to page 8)



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