

LEAN PICKIN'S

Prep Coaches Expect A Winner Every 4 Years

By PERRY LEAZER



If you're a high school coach or fan, maybe you've noticed that it usually takes a high school team about four years to win a major championship. If a coach can produce a championship team every year, he's just plain lucky.

August 15th saw the preps roll out to begin preparation for the coming gridiron season. In North Carolina, from Murphy to Manteo, coaches are reporting the largest turnouts in years. Coach Russell Blunt at Hillside greeted 92 candidates on opening day. Over at Winston-Salem Coach Ben Warren of Atkins greeted 65 boys.

It's rather early in the season to determine who will rule the roost in the state prep circles, but two persons who were in the thick of it last year already have the "eriyng towels" soaking.

ATKINS HAS BIG PROBLEM

Coach Ben Warren of the Atkins High School Camels faces the greatest problem. Atkins is the defending state champions of Negro Class AAAA high school football. They were undefeated and untied in eleven games last season.

In an interview with the visiting press the other day, Warren stated that "we have only six returning lettermen from last year's champions. As a result, we are going to have to build our team around these players."

"The boys have to start learning the plays because they are new. Next week we shall start on basic plays and timing."

Warren has been hit by the forced transfer of three of his top players from last year's squad and the loss of 12 lettermen by graduation.

HILLSIDE HAS 92 CANDIDATES

At Durham Coach Russell Blunt of the runners-up Hornets appeared optimistic about the coming season as he greeted 92 hopefuls for the 1960 squad. Of this group 42 were varsity members last year with 12 lettermen in the group.

Hillside is defending Eastern Conference champion, having posted a 9-2 record last year. An inexperienced line and a fast backfield sums up the prospects for the coming year.

After watching his prospects one week, Blunt told the press: "We have a little more size this year." "We'll be stronger in the line. Our backfield is a little inexperienced, but pretty fast. I think we'll do all right this year, but it's hard to tell now."

LOOK OUT FOR ASHEVILLE

Predicting the outcome of the state prep grid season is like predicting the unpredictable March wind. You can never tell who will knock who, and when. For this matter we'll just give you a picture of the situation and let you make the choice.

In the west Coach Clarence Moore of Stephens Lee (Asheville) always comes up with a power in three years. In 1958 and 1959 Coach Moore didn't have the horses but he was developing and looking toward the 1960 season. This might be his year. Down the road apiece, Jack Martin at West Charlotte always has a fighting crew and they can't be counted out.

Dodley of Greensboro is always strong and so is William Penn, of High Point. The real "sleeper" in the group might be Carver High of Winston-Salem. Carver benefitted greatly when three of Atkins top performers from last year transferred to the Forsyth County School, and they could make things rough.

In the East you always have to look toward Pete Williams and his Ligon crew. They were in the thick of it last year and lost out in the playoffs. This might be their year. Simon Booker at New Bern always turns out a tough machine and they might be ready. Williamson of Wilmington can never be counted out of any race. Booker T. Washington of Rocky Mount was rebuilding last year and they might have failed.

CHAPEL HILL RATED TOPS IN EASTERN AA

In the state double AA race, it will be Lexington and Mount Airy in the West with Lincoln of Chapel Hill, Henderson Institute and Washington in the East battling for honors.

It looks like it's going to be a long interesting season. Eastern teams are meeting Western teams and this will make competition keener.

Aggie Coach Says He Needs "A Miracle"

GREENSBORO — Nothing short of a genuine miracle will permit the A&T College Aggies to win the CIAA football championship for the third year in a row.

That is the opinion of Bert Piggott, head Aggie coach, who this week gave out the "honest truth" on the prospects for his team in the upcoming season.

"The 'miracle,' he describes is a good, big quarterback, brainy, flawless ball-handler and who can throw the ball, run and kick, but most of all, who can develop into an experienced field general within the matter of weeks.

Piggott's best prospects to fill the big order are in Jim Mitchell a 6-2, 180-pound sophomore from Newport News, Va., who did well last season and Bobby Williams of Fayetteville, N. C.

Piggott says those two represent the full squad as quarterbacks go, unless a "surprise" freshman shows to help the cause.

He cautiously admits that the remainder of the backfield should be one of the best that the Aggies have had in recent years.

Among the expected returnees are: Calvin Lang, Lloyd Oakley and Bernard Anderson, at the fullback post; and a bevy of outstanding halfbacks. Included in the latter group are the "Florida Ponies", Joe Taylor, Joe Taylor, returning to the line-up after a year layoff and Gene Cambridge, both of Miami; Dick Westmoreland, Charlotte; Sate-man Jones, Beaufort and Harvey Keaton of Shelby.

Piggott believes that his middle line will be "fairly good", but there will be a shortage of good ends. He speaks highly of tackles: Lorenzo and Pollard Stanford of Englishtown, N. J.; Melvin Richardson, 260-pound tackle from Johnstown, Pa.; and George McDowell of Charlotte.

With only Joe Henderson, Free-field, N. J., returning as an experienced guard, Bert allowed, "We'll make some guards."

Three top-notch centers are scheduled to return in: James Black, Asheville; Wylie Harris, Charlotte and Paul Thompson of Washington, D. C.

If the miracle happens or a football "Fairy Godmother" comes to the rescue, the Aggies might be tough again this year.

Albany Changes Cage Coaches

ALBANY, Ga. — Robert Rainey will succeed Dr. John A. Harvey as Albany State College Basketball Coach, President W. H. Dennis, Jr. announced today.

Rainey has experience as a high school coach in Arkansas, and has a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Arkansas AM & N. College in Pine Bluff, and a Master's in the same area from Wayne State University in Detroit.

A native of McGhee, Ark. Rainey moves into his first college coaching job after having been an outstanding high school, college and service basketball and baseball player.

Dr. Harvey will assume the position of Co-ordinator of Physical Education and Athletics at Tennessee State University.

Ashe Defeats Stewart For ATA Title



HAMPTON, Va. — Arthur Ashe, the 17 year old slasher from Richmond, Virginia, is the new ATA tennis champion for 1960.

The thin youngster, a senior at Maggie Walker High in Richmond, took the title from the six time former ATA champion, George Stewart, native born Panamanian, now residing in Washington, D. C. by scores of 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Displayed the poise of a veteran campaigner, the tall, plebeian youngster belied his appearance as he unleashed his powerful, rounded game, featuring a vicious overhead and service combined with precision ground strokes all blended into a truly devastating combination.

Ashe, who had defeated Stewart a month earlier in Washington, D. C., convinced the large audience overflowing in the stands that his previous victory was no fluke, as he literally gave the veteran Panamanian a lesson in hard, accurate tennis.

Stewart, with his spinning forehand looping to the baseline could not get a toehold on Ashe, who superb anticipation returned the former champs strokes with ease as he jockeyed into position for his advances to the net where he excels.

Ashe, in his semifinal match with last year's finalist, Wilbur Jenkins, turned the tables on the latter, who had defeated Arthur in the semifinals at Wilberforce in 1959. His game became more perfect as the match progressed as his scores of 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 attested.

A powerful overhead which left Jenkins in his tracks was the prime difference.

Stewart Takes 5th Davis in SEMIS

Stewart, who has the Indian sign on Wilbert "Billy" Davis of New York City, the 1959 ATA champ, again beat the latter in their semi-final match 6-3, 6-4, 7-6. Davis, the 26 year old stylist, simply didn't have the power behind his ground strokes to enable him to advance to the net where his poential would have given him the advantage.

It was a tired Davis who emerged as the loser in their match. Stewart's first service was highly effective as he scored numerous aces, three of them in the final game.

Mimi Kanarek Wins Women's Singles CHAMP

Mimi Kanarek, Niagaragan born, now living in New York, is the new ATA women's singles champion. She defeated Donnell Robinson, the 1959 runner-up in a best-of-three match, by scores of 6-4, 6-6. Miss Everson is from Shelby.



CHAMPS MEET CELEBRITIES—

Floyd Patterson, World's Heavyweight Champion, is admired by Andrew Gibson, Women's Tennis Champion, and the Fulz Quadruple—

one of the world's rare sets of identical quadruplets. The pretty team are on a summer tour of midwest cities. Meeting with the two world acclaimed

champions was a highlight of the girls' trip to Chicago. In the Windy City, they were feted at parties, made television and

press appearances prior to departure for Pittsburgh and attendance at the National Medical Association Convention.

A&T Aggies, Last Year's CIAA Champs, Rated Best Chance to Repeat as 1960 Gridiron King

By JOHN A. HOLLEY

Echoing through the CIAA as the 1960 football season approaches is the familiar cry that several league powers will catch up with the A&T Aggies. There is one footnote in this reasoning: A&T won't stand still long enough to be caught. The other CIAA powers, with a few exceptions, will improve—but not as much as the Aggies.

By the end of November, it is predicted that the Aggies will have gone through 19 consecutive conference games without a defeat and be the sole owner of the CIAA grid title for the 3rd straight season.

FOUR CAN STOP A&T

Maryland State, Virginia Union, North Carolina College, and Virginia State are all expected to be loaded clubs capable of exploding the Aggie's championship dream. Improved eleven such as Johnson C. Smith, Winston-Salem, Saint Augustine's, and Hampton can be considered as prime candidates for "darkhorse" positions.

Morgan State and Delaware State, at the helm of new coaches, are expected to bounce back as title contenders after wallowing in the second division in '59. Roy D. D. Moore, the Hornets' new master of the Dover, Del. institution, inherits a squad that suffered only minor graduation losses. Willie Earl Banks, Eddie Hurt's successor at Morgan State, must rebuild his entire backfield with three of the '59 regulars graduating.

AGGIES HAVE THE EQUIPMENT

A&T, with a flock of gilt-edged speedsters in the backfield, has the equipment to cope with the CIAA powers, as well as such non-conference, scheduled foes as Florida A&M, Tennessee State, and South Carolina State. Returning are All-American candidate Eugene Cambridge, Dickie Westmoreland, Harvey Keaton, Lloyd Oakley, Calvin Lang, in addition to the great speedster of their '58

championship club, Joe Taylor, who has returned to school.

Bert Piggott has a crew of 22 lettermen back in the fold, eight of last year's regulars and 9 of the alternate eleven. His only weak spots that are apparent at the outset are at guard and quarterback. His sole hopes rest on the shoulders of the talented sophomore Jimmy Mitchell at quarterback. However, experience may take its toll here. Guard is expected to be strengthened by the shifting of personnel.

VIRGINIA UNION

Tom Harris' Virginia Union Panthers finished 2nd with a 7-0-1 log in '59 and has virtually the same talent-laden group back for the '60 campaign. Harris says, "We'll field the best 11 men in the league, but our reserves behind them are thin." In All-American Halfback Hezekiah Braxton, a 215-pounder, quarterbacks Napoleon Barbosa and Milton Marshall, and end Warren Williams, Harris has a pretty good investment for another season's run for the conference title.

With a little help from lady luck and hte injury-jinx, Union could be A&T's strongest challenger for the circuit title. Of course, the Panthers have the great misfortune facing them of meeting Virginia State, Morgan State, and North Carolina College on successive Saturdays.

ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

Virginia State's Trojans seemed destined for another great season with virtually all of last year's young squad expected to return. W. W. Lawson experimented with a squad last year that did not have a senior on the club, and the results were a 7-2 record, the best at Virginia State since '52.

There is every indication that the '60 club will do as well with DeWayne Jeter, the "do everything well" quarterback, back in the driver's seat along with Sidney Swann, Harry Morgan, Ernest Turner, Robert Anderson, all backs,

and line stalwarts Robert McNeill, Harold Sawyer, Jim Troublefield, and Floyd Johnson.

MD. HAS MAKINGS

Maryland State has the makings of another great offensive team with two of the CIAA's finest halfbacks in Billy Gray and Dan Miller available.

NCC To Open With 7 of Last Year's Starters

North Carolina College's football team inaugurates its 1960 football season against Morris Brown College on September 17 at Atlanta, Georgia, with twenty-three lettermen to build the Eagles' team around.

Seven of last year's regulars are among NCC's monogram winners and 10 others saw duty playing with the second unit.

Tackle and guard positions seem most fortified with experienced gridders with five letter winners back in each spot. Both the first and second team tackles are corralled for the '60 campaign with regulars Luther "Nick" Jerald, 6-3, 245, senior

from Fayetteville, and James "Champ" Brawington, 6-4, 275-pound senior from Greensboro, around to command the top tackle spots.

The Eagles' second team tackles, Charles "Bobo" Hinton, 6-5, 245-pounds and Frank Gardner, a 6-3, 268 pounder, both juniors from Raleigh, are also on hand to push the regulars for the starting nod. Behind them is still another behemoth in 6-4, 230-pound sophomore Joe Grandy.

Lettermen at guard are Harvey Ramsey, team captain, Greensboro, senior; Oscar Williams, Goldsboro, junior; Arthur Grier, Charlotte, junior; Cephas Jackson, Malden, Mass., senior; and James Palmer, Macon, N. C., junior.

Other monogram winners on the 1960 squad are: Ends, Clark Witherspoon and Louis Woods, Durham, and Charlie Cox, Kingston; Center: James L. Bryant, Waynesville; Quarterbacks: Nathan Cook, Winston-Salem; Reginald Pryor, Charlotte; and Richard Hicks, Rocky Mount; Halfbacks: Rosalie Barfield, Snow Hill; Joseph Green, Wilmington; Bishop Harris, Fayetteville; and Earl Miller, Kingston; Fullbacks: Walter Browning, Raleigh, and Raymon dNobles, Farmville.

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