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Weight Stands in Way of Jim Raye's Chances as a Pro QB

CHICAGO — Michigan State's Jimmy Raye probably won't make it as a pro quarterback — but the stumbling block will be size, not color, says the December issue of Ebony.

One-time barriers against Negro signal-callers are coming down, but there's no way for Raye to get around the fact that he weighs only 170 pounds and stands just 5 ft. 10.

Anyhow, the Michigan State star has another year to play and is "not thinking of pro ball at the moment."

And if Raye's pro prospects are nearly as slim as he is, two other Negro quarterbacks now playing big-time college ball could make the pros in the views of some professional scouts. They are Hank Washington of West Texas State and Roy Stephens of Minnesota.

Washington, a senior, stands 6 ft. 3, weighs 205, and going into the fifth game of the season had clicked on 61 of 119 passes for 889 yards. There are reports that he can "toss a football 95 yards on the fly." And his coach, Joe Kerbel, says, "I

would choose Hank over any other quarterback in the nation."

Stephens — Sandy Stephens' kid brother — is rated a good pro prospect because of his size (6 ft. 4, and 212 pounds). But he is only a sophomore, and before he makes the pros he'll have to make Minnesota's first team. Right now he's back-up man behind another Negro quarterback, junior Curt Wilson.

Michigan State has another Negro quarterback, too — reserve Eric Marshall.

In fact, 1966 has seen a "definite breakthrough" for Negro quarterbacks, with at least 10 Negroes (six of them first string) calling signals for eight big-time college teams.

They are Raye and Marshall of Michigan State; Wilson and Stephens of Minnesota; Washington of West Texas State; Gene Washington of Stanford; Ron Burton, Colgate; Carroll Williams, Xavier; Tony Jackson, Cincinnati; and Garnett Phelps, Missouri.

Coach Brown Reveals 66-67 Cage Team; Outlook Bright

Coach Floyd Brown revealed his 1966-67 edition of the N. C. College basketball team to the public Saturday night, Nov. 19 in the annual maroon and gray game. Tapoff time was at 7:30 p.m. in the R. L. McDougald Gymnasium.

Brown, beginning his 15th year as head basketball coach at his alma mater, hopes this year's team will improve the 12-8 record compiled last year.

Seven lettermen returned this year, along with two other squad members from the team which finished ninth in the CIAA, just missing a tournament berth. Missing from last fall's club are All-CIAA forward Ted Manning, Albert Comor and Curtis Watkins.

Leading the list of returning monogram winners is center Lee Davis, Davis, a 6-8 junior, ranked fifth in the conference in rebounding, pulling off 15 grabs per game and also averaging 14.8 points per game to stand second only behind the record breaking scoring of Ted Manning, who was third in the loop with a 25.2 average.

Other lettermen returning are Daniel McClain (6-4, senior), Paris Lenon (6-4, junior), Byron Kirkley (6-2, senior), Willie Sinclair (6-0, junior), Roy Killens (6-2, junior) and Joe Pridden (6-5, sophomore).

Robert McKinnon (6-3, sophomore) and Dennis Robinson (6-6, sophomore) are also returnees.

Four freshmen are listed on the NCC roster this year. Geo. Outlaw, 6-3, and Michael Hayes, 5-1, are two promising first-year performers from Hillside High School. They are joined by Herman Rose of Baltimore's City High School and Robert McCrimmon of Wilson's Darden High School.

Summing up his prospects for this campaign, Brown said, "We will be in pretty good shape as far as size, speed, and height are concerned, but it will take some time to form a first-class team because of the inexperience of some of the players. But by midseason, we may be worth looking at."

The Eagles will open their 20-game schedule at home Dec. 1, against Fayetteville State College. They will also play in the Oglethorpe College Invitational Tournament in Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19-20.

Aggies All Set for Gate City Basketball Classic Dec. 1-2

GREENSBORO — Several changes are noted in the second annual Gate City Basketball Classic to be played here at the Greensboro Coliseum on Thursday and Friday nights, December 1 and 2.

The four teams involved, include: The A and T. College Aggies, and three teams, members of the Carolinas Conference—Elon, Guilford which also competed in the first event last year, and a new participant, Catawba College, which replaces Western Carolina College in the two-day dribble derby.

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Smith University, Feb. 25. John Jordan and Curtis March are co-captains of the Falcons. The coaches are Jesse Clements and E. K. Curry.



LAUGHING MATTER — (East Lansing, Mich.)—Michigan State University giant tackle, Bubba Smith (95), jokes about the game with Notre Dame with his defensive end partner, Phil Hoag (36), and other players. The players meet informally on the practice field before beginning serious work each day. (UPI Telephoto)



NATIVE SON QB—(East Lansing, Mich.)—Calling the signals in the Saturday's "Game of the Year" between Notre Dame and Michigan State at Spartan Stadium here were the Fighting Irish quarterback Terry Hanratty (L) and his Spartan counterpart Jimmy Raye of Fayetteville, N. C. (R, shown discussing strategy with MSU head coach Duffy Daugherty). The No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation fought to a 10-10 deadlock before one of the largest crowds to witness a grid contest in the history of Michigan State. (UPI Telephoto)



AL ROOKIE OF YEAR — (Mobile, Ala.)—Chicago White Sox centerfielder, Tom Agee, is congratulated by his manager, Eddie Stanky after he was named American League Rookie of the year. Both are from Mobile. (UPI Telephoto)

A&T Basketball Coach Minus Four Starters

GREENSBORO — With four of last year's starters gone via graduation, Cal Irvin, head basketball coach for the A and T. College Aggies, has problems of almost overwhelming proportions.

Gone are Bob Saunders, team captain, star playmaker and 1965-66 high scorer with 375-points for his senior year; Anthony Skinner, star rebounder and number three in scoring, and consistent performers like Dewey Williams and Jim Weber.

But Irvin hasn't tossed in the towel. "We will just have to build on what is left," he explains.

He will build his team around five-good, solid ball players. The list includes: Captain Ted Campbell, a junior, 6-5, 235 pounds, who starred in his freshman year, but who had troubles in finding the basket last season; Co-Captain George Mack, last year's number two

in scoring; William Gilmer, a 6-6, 200-pound sophomore, who led the squad in rebounding and excellent back court men like Sylvester "Soapy" Adams, Carl Hubbard, Essroy Watts and Nathan Pettus.

Reminded that the Aggies were able to sign up three of the most sought after basketball players in North Carolina, Irvin pooh-poohs this. The reference was to Clarence Montgomery, the 6-6 forward-center from Charlotte; Curtis Lambert, a 6-6 rebounding ace from Burlington, and who last year broke all scoring records at the Jordan Sellers High School, and another Charlotte star, Daryl Cherry, who at this writing is still in football togs. All three were last year named All-State and All Tournament and Cherry was labeled All-American honorable mention.

Irvin explains that it takes a little time for a freshman to

develop into a team performer. "I believe that they will help a lot before the season has ended."

Joe Tex to Headline Show At NCC Tues.

One of the top stars in the rock and roll field, Joe Tex, will headline a concert here at McDougald Gymnasium on N. C. College campus Tuesday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. Appearing with him will be Eddie Floyd, The Wallace Brothers and Clyde Williams and his orchestra.

Tex started his career with an audition on the Arthur Godfrey Talent Show in New York. His next stop was the amateur night at the Apollo Theatre where he was the winner for four weeks in a row and was signed on the spot to a recording contract with King Records. His first effort, "Come In This House" and the flip side, "Baby You Upset My Home" were immediate hits.

Joe Tex has appeared in innumerable theatres and night clubs throughout the country. He became famous with the release of "Hold What You Got." His remarkable abilities as a singer are only a part of his musical talents. He is also an accomplished song writer.

Eddie Floyd is widely known for his "Knock on Wood" and the Wallace Brothers for "Lover's Prayer."

By the time the board of directors gets through eating lunch and telling funny stories to each other, they haven't much time left to direct.

I used to hate to get up in the morning, and now I hate to stay abed, being what is known as semi-retired.



BROOKLYN BOXER DIES AFTER BOUT—(Canton, Ohio)—Greatest Crawford (left), 28-year-old light-heavyweight boxer from Brooklyn, New York, is shown during his bout November 16 here against Marion Conner, of Canton. Crawford was knocked out in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round bout, and was hospitalized when he failed to regain consciousness after the knockout. Crawford died in a hospital here early November 18, without ever regaining consciousness. (UPI Telephoto)



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