

Aggies Trample Eagles 19-6



North Carolina College Ends Season With One Victory

GREENSBORO—Willie Pearson, A&T's bread and butter football player, scored three touchdowns, one of them on a 91-yard punt return, to lead the Aggies to a 19-6 win over North Carolina College in the 37th annual Thanksgiving Day game.

More than 8,000 holiday fans saw Pearson, normally an offensive and defensive halfback, give a command performance as quarterback when he was pressed into service to replace the injured Merl Code early in the game.

There is no doubt that the story of A&T's win was Pearson's performance, but the junior from nearby Winston-Salem, got good support from a fired up Aggie defensive line. Led by seniors Dennis Homesley and Elvin Bethes, the Aggies' front wall completely shackled North Carolina's offense, stopping the Eagles cold at one stage of the game on the one-foot line.

It was Pearson's 10-yard scoring run with 11:29 left in the second quarter that pulled the Aggies even with the Eagles, 6-6.

North Carolina had hit pay-dirt first midway the first period when quarterback Herman Mathews threw a 10-yard scoring pass to halfback Gil-

bert Smith to climax a 44-yard drive.

The Aggies' first score ended a 51-yard march. Pearson's 18-yard toss to Tom Blue and a 13-yard run by Lorenzo Pearson, Willie's brother, featured the drive.

Willie Pearson's long distance run came with 11:54 left in the third period. An Eagle drive stalled at midfield and North Carolina chose to kick. The punt sailed to A&T's nine from where Pearson scooped up the ball, dodged several tacklers and skirted the sidelines to the end zone.

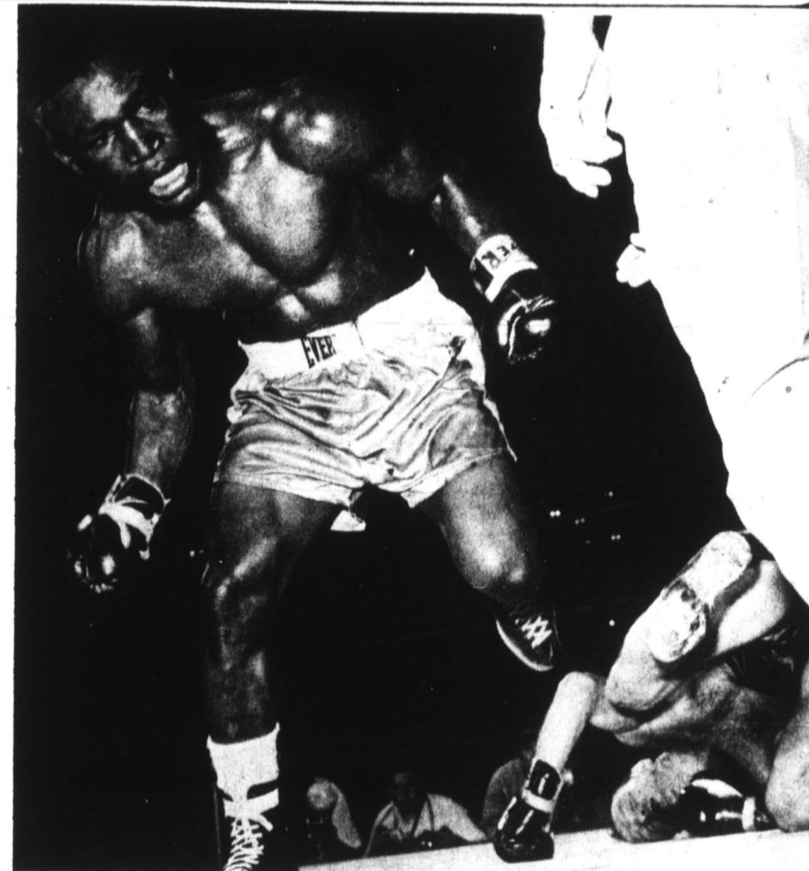
Three minutes later, the Aggies got the ball again on the Eagles' 28-yard line after North Carolina's punter Bill Jones got a high pass from center and had to heave a short desperation pass to end Julian Martin instead of kicking.

A&T took over, and with Code back in the ball game, moved to the Eagles' 15-yard line, aided by a 15-yard penalty. Two plays later, Code threw a short pass to Pearson, who raced for the score. Blue's placement kick made it 19-6 and ended the afternoon's scoring.

The win gave A&T a final season record of 3-5-1. North Carolina ended play with a 1-7-1 record.



HARMONIZING — Supremes Cindy Birdsong, Diana Ross and Mary Wilson are caught harmonizing with Ernie Ford during rehearsal for "The Tennessee Ernie Ford Special," to air Dec. 3 on CBS-TV.



TOUGH TIGER—(Las Vegas)—in the 12th round of his light heavyweight bout with Dick Tiger. Although Rouse was able to get up, the fight was given to Tiger on a TKO. (UPI Telephoto)

A&T Aggies Mentor Worried About Loss of His Star Cager

GREENSBORO—Yes Virginia, a basketball coach can have four starters returning and still have problems. That's exactly the situation faced by A&T's Cal Irvin.

"Our big problem is cohesiveness," said Irvin, "and we are behind schedule in that department. Can the absence of one player hurt you? Would the Boston Celtics still be a unit without Bill Russell?"

The Aggies, defending CIAA Tournament champions, open their season against Fayetteville State here December 6. Irvin said he is trying to find a replacement for Bill Gilmer, who averaged 15 rebounds and 11 points for A&T last season.

"We will really miss Gilmer," said Irvin. "He was the boy who gave us those garbage points, so vital to the game. We will definitely be raggedy at first, but the cohesiveness will come."

Returning starters for A&T include guards Sylvester "Soapy" Adams, and Carl Hubbard, forward George Mack and center Ted Camp-

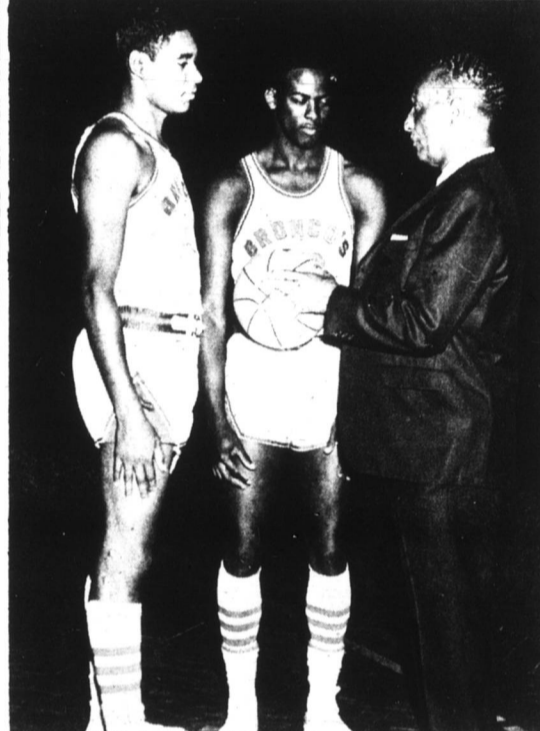
bell. Vying for the other position are 6-5 Charles Greer of Greensboro, N. C., 6-7 Vernon Walker of High Point, N. C., and 6-5 Lonnie Klutz of Salisbury, N. C.

Irvin said the starting nod may go to Klutz. "This boy has the potential to be the best big boy ever produced in the conference," said Irvin. "He will score more than Gilmer, but we don't know about rebounds."

Irvin also feels that this year's team may be lacking in depth. Because of a recent NCAA ruling affecting colleges with 1250 or more male students, A&T freshmen will not be able to play varsity ball.

"We are about the same height as last year, but we won't have as much depth," said Irvin. "Maybe by the end of the season we will have a good team."

Other candidates for the team are Larry Dunn, Raleigh, N. C.; Bill Hines, New York City; Nathan Pettus, Philadelphia; and Stanley Turner, Greensboro.



FSC CO-CAPTAINS — Coach Frank P. Robinson (right) discusses game strategy with Fayetteville State College's cage co-captains, Oscar Phillips (left) Washington, D. C.; and Roy McNeill (center) Fayetteville. These two fellows will bear the brunt of the Broncos' offensive attack when they open the season against Saint Augustine's College on December 2, Lilly Gymnasium.

Inexperience and Lack of Height is Biggest Concern of Fayetteville State '67 Basketeers

FAYETTEVILLE—There is an air of optimism in the Fayetteville State College basketball camp. The Broncos' stock has soared with the addition of a bumper crop of freshmen, plus the return of three starters from last year's squad.

Coach Frank P. Robinson's problems are inexperience and lack of height. However, Robinson visions a winning season. "We hope to have a winning year," he said with the emphasis on "hope," but we'll just have to wait and see.

The Broncos have only two players that measure six-foot-five and one of the pair is a freshman.

Six lettermen greeted Coach Robinson at the outset of the season and the remainder of the 16-man squad will be made up of first year men.

Three of the six returnees were starters last season, however, and this thought brings a gleam to Robinson eyes. The starters returning are back-courter Roy McNeil, and front-courter Oscar Phillips and Lonnie Smith.

McNeill has the best credentials of the returning starters.

The six-foot Fayetteville native scored at a 22.4 clip last season and was the team's playmaker. He shot better than 40-percent from the floor.

Phillips averaged 18.5 points per game and grabbed 217 valuable rebounds for a 12.1 average. He was the team's leader in the rebounding department.

Smith is a real hustler and averaged 13.1 points per contest last season. Robinson hopes that he can improve on his rebounding this season.

Robinson, starting his fifth season as cage mentor at Fayetteville State, has announced that every position on the starting five is open. However, sideline observers rate the newcomers only an outside chance of breaking in.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S FALCONS TO OPEN COURT SEASON SATURDAY

RALEIGH—The Saint Augustine's College "Falcons" will open the 1967-68 basketball season on December 2, when they meet the Fayetteville State College "Broncos" in their territory. The first home game will be played with the Johnson C. Smith "Golden Bulls" on December 7.

The "Falcons" expect to improve their last year's record of 7 wins and 13 losses.

This year's squad will be led by 6'3" Johnny Lockett, and 6'7" Curtis March. There will be nine returning letter men and four of last year's starting five. The "Falcons" have plenty of height: 6'7" Curtis

March; 6'7" Raymond Gilmore; 6'6" Michael Scott; 6'5" Le Conte Stover; 6'4" Peter Dickens; 6'3" Johnny Lockett; 6'4" Jimmy Robinson. Along with the height, "Falcon" scorers are Lockett, 22.0 ppg; Gilmore, 17.20 ppg; Leo McKie 12.95 ppg; and Nate Mask 11.3 ppg. This year's team is blessed with ball handlers Gary Waytes, a 5'10" All American in high school, and letterman Leo McKie.

The team is well balanced, having hit .496 from the floor last year and average 68.35 rebounds a game.

The major problem of the "Falcons" is defense, which Coach Clements feels will be improved.

SAINT PAUL'S TIGERS READIES BASKETEERS FOR CAGE SEASON

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va.—The Saint Paul's College Tigers, with their football season completed, have turned their attention athletically to vigorous preparation for the upcoming varsity basketball campaign opening for them here Friday, December 1, in the Taylor-Whitehead Gymnasium.

The local basketeers play a 20-game schedule against rivals in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), with the last contest being a home game on February 24.

With a 1966-67 record of 12 and 6 in the CIAA and 13 to 6 overall, the Tigers barely missed qualifying for the last CIAA tournament at Greensboro, N. C. They are hopeful of vying for the tourney title next February 29-March 2.

The SPC cagers are working out under Coach Thomas R. Morris, an alumnus who was outstanding in basketball and

football as an undergraduate. He is in his second season of mentoring.

The Tigers will be without the services of three outstanding players who graduated last May: 6-1 James Price of Hopewell, Va., now teaching at Russell High here; 6-3 Harry Bradley, also of Hopewell; and 6-4 Joel Wagner of Portsmouth, Va.

State's Byrd Makes Coaches All-America

ROCHESTER, N. Y. Gary Beban of UCLA and O.J. Simpson of Southern California led the all-star team announced Monday by the American Football Coaches Association and Kodak.

The other members of the offensive backfield in the 24-man team are fullback Larry Csonka of Syracuse, halfback Leroy Keyes of Purdue and flanker Dennis Homan of Alabama.

The rest of the offensive team includes ends Ted Kwalick of Penn State and Ron Sellers of Florida State, tackles Ron Yary of Southern California and Edgar Chandler of Georgia, guards Harry Olszewski of Clemson and Rich Stotter of Houston and center Bob Johnson of Tennessee.

The defensive team lists ends Ted Hendricks of Miami and Ted Rossovich of Southern California and John Garlington of Louisiana State; tackles Dennis Byrd of North Carolina State, Greg Pipes of Baylor and Jon Sandstrom of Oregon State; middle guard Wayne Meylan of Nebraska; linebackers Andrian Young of Southern California

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The banquet is open to the public and will be held at the Merchandise Mart.

The inductees are Alvin Crowder, former great American League pitcher; the late Murray Gresson, three sports stars and basketball coach at Wake Forest; George McAfee, Duke and Chicago Bears sensational running back; Dave Sime, former world's greatest sprinter and Duke student; and Ray Reeves, veteran sportscaster of WRAL TV, Raleigh.

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