



ELON HANDS EAGLES SEASON'S WORST DEFEAT

Christians Hold N. C. Central To Lone Tally

BURLINGTON — The Elon College "Fighting Christians" upped their season record to 4-1 with a 50-8 pasting of the North Carolina Central Eagles. The Fighting Christians scored in the first three periods as they won their first victory over the Eagles in their third try before 4,200 fans.

Elon scored the first time that they gained possession of the ball. Chuck Lindsey returned Eric Hines' punt 56 yards to give the Fighting Christians a first and 10 at the Eagles 11. In five plays, Elon was on the scoreboard as Bob DeFrenn's first of four touchdowns. The Fighting Christians led after the first period 7-0. In the second period, DeFrenn scored his second touchdown on a one yard run with 13:58 left in the half.

The Eagles came right back when defensive tackle Randal Evans caused Elon quarterback Mike Currin to fumble at the Elon 8. After an incomplete pass play, NCCU quarterback Alvin Cauthorn connected on an 8 yard scoring pass to Maurice Bassett. On the attempted try for two points, Cauthorn's pass was incomplete.

The Fighting Christians

came back with two touchdowns in the last two minutes after they blocked Eric Hines' punt out of the end zone. Currin hooked up with Roxie Bratton on a 33 yard touchdown pass and on a 13 yard pass to give Elon a command-

ing 30-6 halftime lead. Elon piled up 20 third period points to the Eagles 2 thus giving them their 50-8 margin.

DeFrenn had runs of 12 and 2 for touchdowns. The vaunted Elon de-

fensive held the Eagles passers to 93 yards passing on 13 of 34 passes. They intercepted 3 passes. The Eagles backs rushed for 103 yards but Elon rushed for 224 yards and passed for



THE KINGS AND QUEENS "Come Home With a Touch of Class" — North Carolina A&T football stars Dwaine Board (90) and Ellsworth Turner (10) take a break from their practice schedule to meet with Miss N. C. A&T Debbie Richardson (R) and Miss Black N. C., Angela Watson, as the Aggies prepare for homecoming activities. More than 20,000 persons are expected in Greensboro for the University's Homecoming (Photo by William Peeler).

S. C. State And Morgan State In Showdown Sat.

Number one ranked South Carolina State warmed up for its showdown match with Morgan State by whipping winless Johnson C. Smith, 47-6 Saturday night in Charlotte while Morgan State kept pace with a hard-earned 14-0 victory over state-rival Maryland-Eastern Shore to highlight a full schedule in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Saturday.

S. C. State increased its overall record to 5-0 with its victory over Johnson C. Smith as Rickey Anderson scored three touchdowns. Morgan State lifted its MEAC record to 2-0 and its overall mark to 3-1-1 with the decision over UMES.

S. C. State (3-0, 5-0) and Morgan State (2-0, 3-1-1) will meet Saturday afternoon in Orangeburg, S. C. at 2 p.m. in a showdown clash. The survivor of this contest will have the inside track in winning the 1977 MEAC grid championship the right to represent the conference in the Gold Bowl

December 3 in Richmond, Va. against the champion of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, (CIAA).

In other action involving MEAC teams Delaware State won its third straight game blanking Howard, 18-0 while N. C. A&T turned back Norfolk State, 21-14. In another non-conference tussle Elon romped to a 50-8 win over North Carolina Central.

Anderson, who rushed for 220 yards in 10 carries, scored three touchdowns on runs of 43, 84 and 53 yards to trigger the Bulldog offense against J. C. Smith. The Bulldogs jumped off to a 27-6 halftime lead and coasted to the win.

Anderson got the Bulldogs on the scoreboard in the initial period when he raced 43 yards to paydirt. Later in the period Jackie Reed cracked over from five-yards out and quarterback Nat Rivers galloped 52 yards. Malcolm Montgomery missed his extra point attempt this season following Reed's score and the Bulldogs led, 20-0 at the end of the first 15 minutes.

Midway the second stanza, Anderson electrified the crowd when he raced 84 yards to paydirt. J. C. Smith got on the scoreboard before intermission when Ernest Williams plunged over from the one to cut the intermission score to 27-6.

Anderson took up where he left off in the third quarter when he romped 53 yards to paydirt for the Bulldogs' only third period score. In the final 15 minutes the Bulldogs got two more TDs. Defensive end William Parker recovered a fumble in the end-zone and Rivers sneaked over from the one-yard line. Montgomery missed the PAT from placement after River's TD.

Morgan State scored touchdowns in the first and second quarters and played a stout defense in the second half against Maryland-Eastern Shore. Lloyd McCleave, who rushed for 150 yards in 29 carries, scored on a 13-yard run in the first quarter.

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A swarm of Hornets from the south side of town, invaded the Durham County Stadium Friday night, and left Durham High School Bulldogs licking their wounds to the tune of only one TD.

The Hillside aggregation took advantage of a Bulldog miscue and pranced 37 yards for their first tally, then took command of a 65-yard march in their second drive to paydirt, which saw a 14-0 figure on the scoreboard at the halfway mark.

For the benefit of the record, the Hornets are now 4-2 and 2-0 in loop play while the "Dogs" are 2-4 and 1-1.

Hillside mentor Brad-pleased by the running of Vernon Harris in the first stanza as he went over from the seven and four yard markers and also squirming through the middle for a two-point conversion.

"But in the second half they carried it to us," Bradshaw remarked. "It's the same thing that has applied to them all years. They're a second half ball club. I don't know what happened to us. We had that 14-point lead, I guess we could have let down a little."

The second half performance of the northside gridders wasn't enough to cause joy to coach James "Bumps" Elliott.

"They just whipped us," he said. "I thought we had

some momentum in the second half and I don't think losing our quarterback was the difference."

"The usual things, nothing different," he remarked. "These guys come out fired up for the third quarter all the time, no matter what you say."

"If we can run it, we'd rather run it than throw it," said Coach Willie Bradshaw. "When you start putting it in the air, you never know what's going to happen."

The DHS group got on the scoreboard with 2:38 left in the third quarter as Matt Slaughter tossed a 26-yard aerial to Ricky Daye. Slaughter was hit immediately after the toss and injured his left shoulder. Daye's pass off a fake kick was incomplete.

Jamison King found Lennie Currington again in the fading moments of the contest on a 30-yard scoring toss.

The Hornets are now 2-0 in the Big Seven Conference, all alone on the top rung of the league ladder but there are four more tough opponents facing the squad and who knows it better than Coach Bradshaw.

In a doubleheader at County Stadium Friday night, Durham meets Northern at 6:45 and the Hillside's battle Chapel Hill at 9:00 p.m. Both are conference contests.

Morgan State And South Carolina State Leading MEAC Grid Race

Last year Morgan State and South Carolina State finished in a dead heat for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football championship with identical 5-1 league records. After action Saturday in the MEAC, these same two teams stand at the top of the pack in the league race and the right to represent the conference in the Gold Bowl to be played Saturday, December 3, in Richmond, Virginia against the champion of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

Morgan State came from behind in the second half to defeat North Carolina Central 35-25 in a league game played in Durham while S.

C. State was enjoying a 3rd non-conference victory over Alcorn A&M in Lorman, Mississippi. South Carolina State, ranked number two in the NCAA Division Two polls, is 3-0 in conference play and 4-0 overall. Morgan is 1-0 in family competition and 2-1-1 against all opponents.

In other action involving MEAC teams, Delaware State blanked Maryland-Eastern Shore, 22-0 in the only other league tussle. In non-conference play A&T got in the winning column under new coach Jim McKinley with a shocking 44-20 victory over winless Johnson C. Smith. Howard had the week off.

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