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Eagles NCCU Capture Fifth Of Season

WASHINGTON, DC -NCCU showed the homestanding District of Columbia Firebirds why they are leading the CIAA as they pounded out a 29-14 victory. Central raised its CIAA record to 5-0 and overall record to 5-2. This game was designated by the con-ference as a CIAA game for the Eagles. Central wasted little

time getting on the scoreboard when senior tackle Terry Brown tackl-ed UDC's halfback Lawrence Adkins in the end zone for a safety. defensive unit The behind the leadership was to distinguish itself for the day holding the Firebirds to only 28 yards in 28 carries. Brown, who had 4 unassisted and 5 assisted tackles and personally stopped four UDC third down plays, was selected CIAA Defensive Lineman of the Week.

tailback Freshman Michael Worthy, making his first start of the year, racked up 125 yards in

Elson's Pre-Season Cage Top Twenty

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

The cooling breezes of Autumn are sweeping over America and it reminds us all that old man winter is just around the corner. Here in North Carolina, virtually all thoughts turn to college baskeball and we rejoice as we realize that the cage season will begin before you can say 'jump ball!'

I have now, after careful consideration, come up with my pre-season top twenty.

1. Kentucky – If there's a state on this planet where baskeball is bigger than in North Carolina (if that's possible) then it's here in Blue Grass Country. Joe Hall has assembled a cast that may be even stronger than his 1978 NCAA Champs.

. DePaul - Fans in Chicago are starved for a winner and since 1978 Coach Ray Meyer and his Blue Demons have filled the void. This could be the year that they capture all the marbles. 3. UCLA – What! A Tar Heel influence in Westwood,

California? Yes. Bruin Coach Larry Brown is a Carolina grad and he should get his talented Bruins back into the final-four for the second consecutive season. 4. North Carolina — The national media are all focus-

26 carries and scored two touchdowns. He was subbing for the injured Roscoe Burnette, the leading runner in the conference. Central enjoyed a 15-0 halftime lead behind

land.

overall.

Elizabeth City State Vik-

ings in a crucial CIAA contest. A win would

assure the Eagles of a tie for the Conference

This game will be a bat-

tle of two of the top four

runningbacks in the con-ference. NCCU's Roscoe

Burnette with 652 yards rushing, leads the CIAA

with a 108.7 average.

ECS' Gary Spivey-Sneed is fourth with 583 yards

in 7 games. Also NCCU's Michael

Worthy now has 404 yards while playing

The diminutive Carl

Sanders leads the Eagles with 21 catches for 362

yards and 3 touchdowns.

He needs 5 receptions to

tie the NCCU career reception mark of 101 held by Julian Martin.

The Eagles are third in

rushing offense; fourth in

passing; and fourth in total offense.

behind Burnette.

Worthy's touchdown and the safety. The third quarter found the Eagles scoring again when Bennie Tate bulled over from the 1. On the ensuing kickoff, UDC's Charles Chesley took a handoff on the

reverse play and streak-ed 92 yards down the right sideline. The Eagles came back yards per game. Saturday, October 25, the Eagles host the

in the fourth period and scored a 23 yard Ken Pugh to Carl Sanders pass. UDC closed out the scoring with a 15 yard

pass from Walter Gale to Larry Mills. The Eagles continued to play good defensive play. Going into the UDC

game they were ranked third in the NCAA Division II in rushing and total defense. They now have allowed only 68

Central vs. A&T: A Rivalry With Soul

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.

As the Indian Summer days of October give way to the crisp and sometimes squallish weather of November, many Americans anxiously look forward to two traditions that are strictly American.

One is Thanksgiving with plenty of food, family gatherings, and general merryment. the other is traditional football rivalries. Yes, all over this varied

with their most heated mid to late rivals. From coast to November signals the coast there are some well end of the pigskin season and most colleges and known contests that feature such powers as Harvard-Yale, Pitt-Penn universities invariably State, Duke-Carolina, end their campaigns with the annual show down Nebraska-Oklahoma, and USC-UCLA.

Here in the rolling hills of the North Carolina Piedmont, there is an annual match up that challenges any of the above-mentioned biggies for excitement and color. North Carolina Central University in Durham Crown. Central is 5-0 in the CIAA, 5-2 overall, while the Vikings are 3-1 in the CIAA, 5-1-1 and North Carolina A&T

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Before desegregation, this contest was the black answer to the then all-white Duke/Carolina game. Even today, the game usually falls on the same date that Carolina and Duke square off.

Each year, the build-up to the kickoff is like a rising black tide. Whether its Durham's Fayetteville Street or the Aggie campus in Greensboro, fans of both schools start to party down. Parties and other social gatherings swirl through both cities. It is put up or shut up

time. On game Saturday, there is a virtual fashion show as the Eagles and Aggies pour into the stadium. Some wear the latest threads. Others bring various mixed drink potions into the

stands. Its a time for soul hand shakes and high fives. Women show off their features, and the bands get down with the latest hits (at all black games, it's just as much competition among the bands as among the competing teams).

As the whistile blows, the crowd rises in unison and another Eagle-Aggie contest is on! After the game, there's still more socializing, highlighted by the annual Eagle-Aggie Ball.

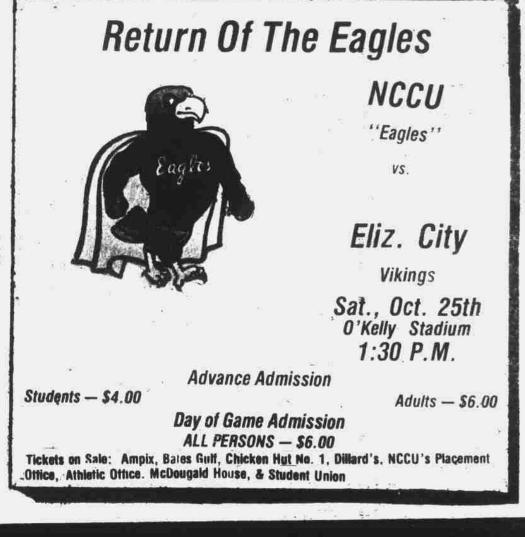
Since 1960, A&T and Central have staged some classic shoot outs. In 1963, on a gray cloudy day Greensboro, Central and A&T met to decide the CIAA title. Central won 6-0 and finished an 8-1 season and was ranked

as the nation's No. 2 Black College Team. In 1968, A&T beat Cen-

tral 21-6, before a sellout throng at Durham County Stadium. The game decided the Black National Championship that year. In 1969, 20,000 fans in

Greensboro watched in disbelief as Central, trailing 28-6 with nine minutes left in the game. stormed back, knotted the score at 28 and near ly won on a last second field goal. Central won a bowl bid (Boardwalk Bowl) where they lost to powerful Delaware 33-14 in the Eastern Championship Game.

In 1971, Greensboro was again the site of another great Central comeback. Trailing 13-8 (Continued Page 9)



they meet on a football field. The Central Eagles and the A&T Aggies represent

the two largest predominantly black universities in the state and they like nothing better than to defeat each other in their annual classic.

The two schools began combat in 1924 (A&T won the first encounter 13-0) and the Aggies lead in the overall series 26-22-4

In the 1960's and much of the 1970's, the contest often decided conference titles, national rankings, and even national titles.

For many years, the game was played on Thanksgiving Day (the last was 1968) and even State University of today, the game is often Greensboro have little referred to as the love between them when "Turkey Day Classic".

ing on ACC powerhouses like Virginia and Maryland but don't be surprised if Dean Smith walks off with the ACC Championship in March and advances to the final four.

5. Maryland - This could be the best Terrapin team ever. It's hard to believe that Maryland hasn't won an ACC tournament since 1958.

6. Ohio State - Football is not the only thing that has Columbus rocking these days. Just like in the early '60's, OSU has become a power in football and basketball.

7. Virginia – The defending NIT Champs are setting their sights on the NCAA prize but first they've got to convince the powers in their own conference.

8. Oregon State - The Beavers broke UCLA's long strangle hold on the PAC-10 title last year, but they were bounced early in the NCAA's. This year they, should again challenge UCLA for league honors.

9. Indiana - As usual, Bobby Knight will, have a bunch of big strong toughies that will virtually bully their opponents.

10. (tie) Louisville - The Cardinals ended years of frustration by going all the way last season. Now, if

they could just schedule Kentucky! 10. Notre Dame- Whether you love them or hate them, the fighting Irish are not afraid of fight (Have you seen this year's schedule?). If they don't win their usual 20-games, it's because they play few patsies.

Teams To Watch:

Duke - Many believe that Duke will be on a downward spiral. Don't overlook them. The Devils are going to be tough.

Georgia - The Bulldogs just may be strong enough to challenge Kentucky and LSU in the SEC, keep your eye on North Carolina native, Dominique Wilkins!

Fresno State – Boyd Grant just might be the NCAA's answer to Bum Philips (in his philosophy). In 1978, the Bulldogs knocked on the NCAA's door. In 1979 and '80, they beat on the door, and by March, they just might break the XXXX down!



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