



Black-On SPORTS

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Maybe with Lou Hultz tucked snugly away in Arkansas the New York Jets can get down to winning some football games. With Holtz, who has been called a racist, out of the way and Walt Michaels at the controls the team has hired its first black assistant. Michaels, the man who should have gotten the head coaching job last season when "Lucky Lou" was lured off the N.C. State campus in Raleigh, hopefully has a more professional attitude than his predecessor.

Bob Ledbetter, 42, an assistant at Grambling State University (where else?) last season, will work with the running backs and assist on special teams according to the announcement made by the Jets.

One person who may be more happy than others to see Ledbetter in that position could be Fayetteville State's James Godwin. The former CIAA star was drafted by the Jets last season, but was cut before the season started.

After being cut by Holtz, Godwin said he felt he wasn't given a fair chance, because he came from a small black school. "He was not being completely honest in his appraisal of my abilities because I came from a small black school."

If Godwin should decide to try out for the team again this summer he shouldn't have that problem to worry about. Ledbetter is a former head coach at Norfolk State College of the CIAA.

Ledbetter, a native of Tuelo, Miss and a graduate of Mississippi Industrial College has pro experience working as an aide with the New Orleans Saints in 1974-75.

He becomes the Jets first full time black assistant coach in their 18-year history. The Jets have had black scouts who did some coaching in training camp in the past, but none coached during the season.

Back at North Carolina State Holtz successor Bo Rein has also hired a black coach. Bishop Harris 35, has been chosen offensive line coach. Harris, a 1963 North Carolina Central graduate served as a scout, recruiter and defensive end coach at Duke from 1972 through 75. He was head coach at Raleigh's Broughton High School last year.

Still there are no black head football coaches on the major college level or in the pro ranks.

Willie Wood did hold the top job for one of the now defunct WFL teams.

There is an endless list of black persons who are capable of heading an NFL team. That list should be headed by Grambling's Eddie Robinson who may be the best football coach in America.

Ram Of The Week

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who holds a 3.6 average, almost gave up wrestling this season to concentrate on his studies. Coach James Price however allowed Reginald to miss practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays of night classes. As a result Sherard

stayed with the team and holds a 6-1 record on the year. His only loss of the season came against Barber-Scotia. In the match Reginald who plays football at 170 pounds but wrestles at 150 was moved up above the 150 pound class and was pinned.

He was the District 26 wrestling champion his freshman year and captured the CIAA conference title last season. The NAIA meet was held during exams last season and he elected not to participated.

An outstanding wrestler at Goldsboro High School, he received grant offers from Western Carolina and Appalachian in that sport but elected to attend WSSU with classmates James Winbush and Gary Raiford who are also starters in the football team.

With both the District 26 and CIAA conference titles under his belt Reginald will be shooting for the NAIA title this season.



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