

Instant Replays *continued*

at the home stadium of the team with the best attendance record. The old format featured neutral sites and, says Moorman, "bombed out."

One major problem with the new format, however, is that there isn't much time to promote the game when you have to wait until the last week of the regular season to determine who'll be playing and where.

On The Tube

The only place you'll find consistent coverage of black college basketball on the tube this year will be Black Entertainment Television.

And though the cable network's package of games will be televised on a delayed basis, appearing a week after the games were actually played, it still will provide fans a rare look at the game as played by black schools in different parts of the country.

Handling the play-by-play will be

Charlie Neal, who has worked some of BET's black college football broadcasts, and who provides a smooth, knowledgeable account of the action.

Meanwhile, James Brown (a D.C. sportscaster, not the Godfather of Soul) will provide the color.

The games will air Saturday nights at 8:00 and will begin Jan. 14 with Alcorn, probably the strongest black college team in the nation, visiting Jackson State.

The other games on the BET schedule will include:

North Carolina A&T at Howard (Jan. 21).

Mississippi Valley at Southern (Jan. 28).

Alcorn at Grambling (Feb. 4).

North Carolina A&T at South Carolina State (Feb. 11).

Virginia Union at Norfolk State (Feb. 18).

A wild card game, with the competing teams to be announced (Feb. 25).

The CIAA Tournament Finals (March 3).

The MEAC Tournament Finals (March 10).

The SWAC Tournament Finals (March 17).

BET has broadcast black college basketball for three seasons.

It's On

Though we reported last issue that the prospects for a District of Columbia-Alcorn State matchup weren't good, guess what?

The Black College Basketball Game of the Century will be played Saturday, Jan. 14, in Washington.

Alcorn hadn't originally included the game on its schedule, but found space for UDC when a scheduled game with Dillard fell through.

No offense to Dillard, but good riddance.

It'll be one of the best Division II teams in the country against one of the better Division I teams. And we'll be there to cover it for you.

Football

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eight WSSU fumbles, five of them recovered by Union, and you've got a Saturday afternoon funeral.

One fan speculated that he figured somebody was in for a bad day when the young lady who sang the national anthem forgot the words. He said he *knew* trouble was in store when some of the spectators laughed.

He may have been right, since Union got the last laugh.

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