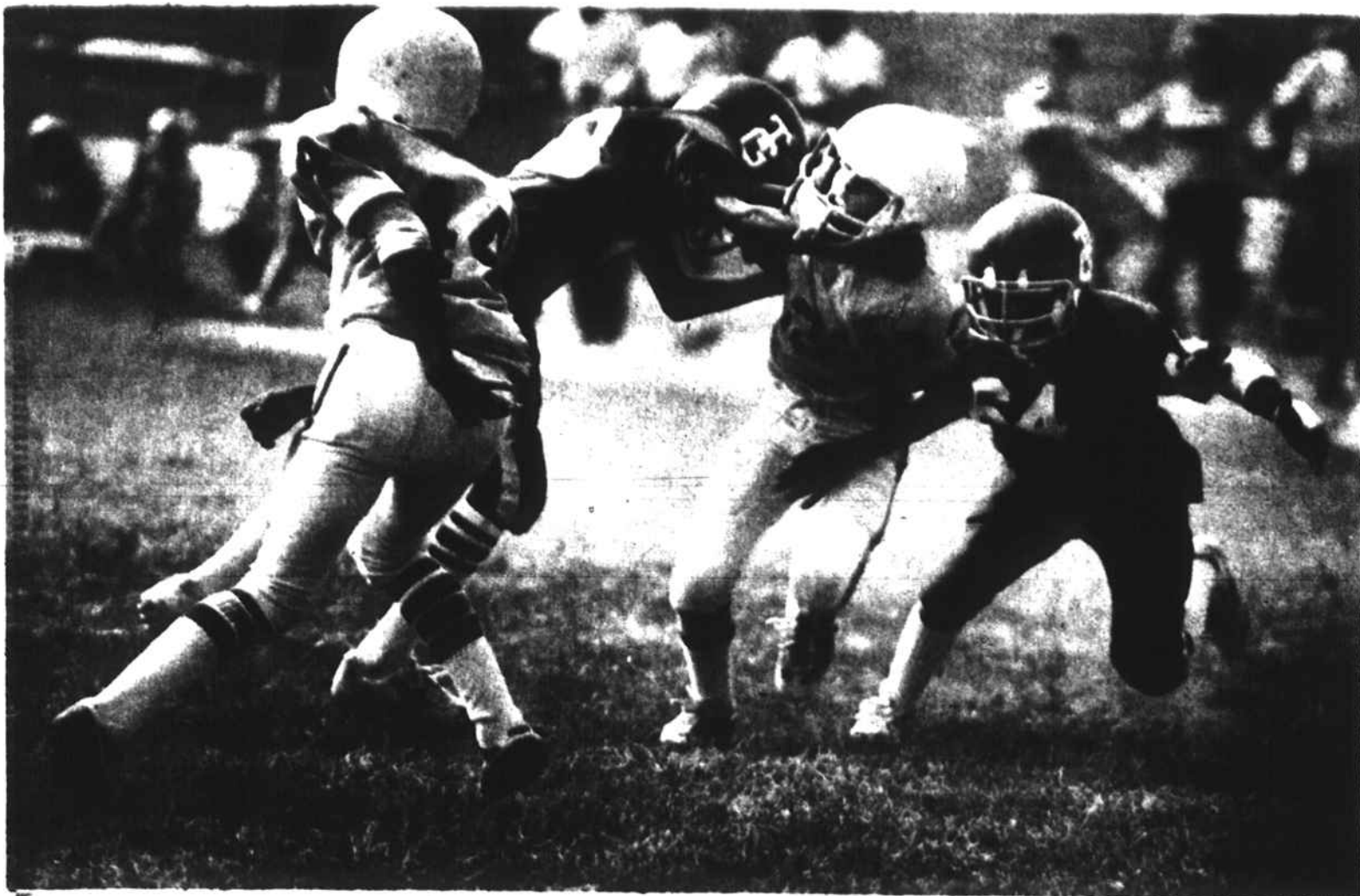


Program produces winners

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Over the past decade, the Tiny Indians' Junior Pee Wee team has been the organization's most successful team and that holds true for this year as well. Here, halfback Darren Hart, 33, struggles to gain yardage, while Quinton Horn, 44, leads the way (photo by James Parker).

time, it will touch even more lives. "We're in a transitional phase," he says. "But even though we're in transition, we have a winning tradition. Our record speaks for itself."

Though the local schools are integrated as are some local communities, Howard says it is important for youngsters to be involved in organizations that are directed at and run exclusively by blacks.

"This is one of few programs which offer youngsters positive role models," he says. "There aren't many organizations where kids can see black

people working together for a common cause. In the Tiny Indians, kids can get a true positive black experience. We offer them discipline, goals to reach and personal counseling."

Since the Tiny Indians became an independent organization (they were formerly sponsored by the Salvation Army Boys Club), they have had to deal with several problems, most notably the limited funds the organization has had to operate on.

Yet, Howard says blacks should be proud to take on the responsibility of running the organization.

"When the Boys Club decided they would no longer fund the program, they gave us a real challenge," Howard says. "We took on the commitment because, as black parents, we should control programs which affect our kids. Blacks needed to take on the responsibility."

Still, if the program is to grow, Howard says, more parents need to become involved.

"We're trying to get all the parents that have kids in the program to help us one way or the other," says Howard. "There's a lot of work that goes into putting a program such as this together and we need the total community behind us."

Linda Samuels, who serves as the concession manager for the Tiny Indians, agrees.

"We're like a babysitter during the week," says Ms. Samuels. "They'll (the parents) come out and watch their kids play on Saturday, but when it's time to do some work, nobody shows up."

Ms. Samuels, who became involved in the program when her son was playing for one of its five teams, decided to stay on even after her son finished his years with the Tiny Indians.

If more parents don't become concerned with helping out, she says, the Tiny Indians could become a relic of the past due to apathy, just as so many other black organizations have.

"There are a few people that are forced to do a lot of work," she says. "Somebody ought to want to see our black kids have a chance to learn from this experience and excel in life."

"We don't get very many donations and it takes money to run the program," Ms. Samuels continues. "We're struggling to make ends meet financially and we need more people to help us out. For us to make it, we're going to have to have people willing to come in to help us."

Crosby following dreams

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upperclassmen work harder, but, after about the third week, I realized that I was going to continue to be the starter."

Not only did he start his first game as a collegian, but Grady also earned the distinction of being the MEAC's Lineman of the Week for his play against the University of Rhode Island, a lofty achievement for a freshman. For the game, Grady scored a 93 percent efficiency rating on his blocking.

Yet, football hasn't been Grady's only challenge since he enrolled at Howard. Foremost for him is retaining the academic scholarship that enabled him to attend school in the first place.

A chemistry major, he hopes to attend medical school following graduation and ultimately to become a doctor.

"Howard is the type of school that prepares you for life," said Grady on why he chose the prestigious Washington, D.C., university. "There's a very competitive atmosphere at Howard and so far I've noticed a big difference between college and high school. In high school, there would be people in class because they had to be there, but in college, everybody's competing for grades and trying to learn something to better themselves."

Still, Grady said he has dealt with that challenge pretty well.

"I think I'm adjusting to college," he said. "The teachers are willing to help you out and most

of them will go out of their way to help if you ask."

Another attraction that Grady likes about Howard is the fact that the school is located in the nation's capital.

"There's lot of cultural and historic things to take advantage of," he said. "You can visit the White House, Frederick Douglass' home, the Smithsonian Institution, ... just a lot of landmarks. I haven't had time to take full advantage of all those things, but I plan to before the year is out."

For now, Crosby said, he'll try to focus his extracurricular energies on the football field, where the Bison are still struggling to win their first game of the season.

"We're in a rebuilding stage," he said. "We have two freshmen starting in the line and three freshmen in the backfield. Freshmen and sophomores make up the majority of our team. In a couple of years, we're going to a force to be reckoned with."

While the team has yet to post its first win, Grady said morale among the players and fans is still high because Jeffries, the Bison's first-year coach, is a strong motivator.

"You can see leadership in him," Grady said of Jeffries. "Although we're losing, he still lets us have pride in ourselves."

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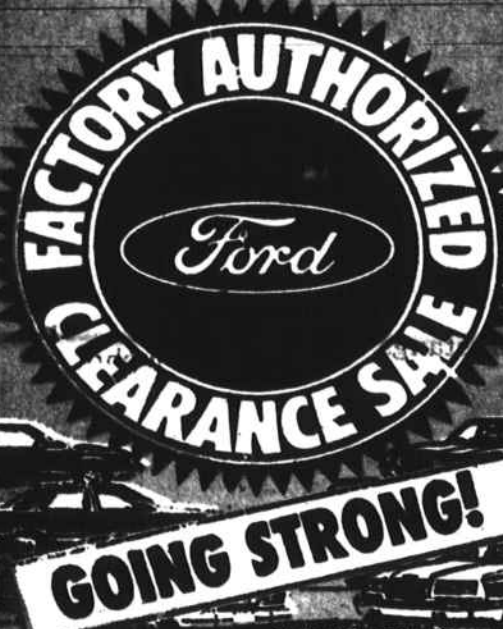
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