

THE YEAR OF THE QUARTERBACK CONTINUED

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With more than half of his team's games left to be played this season, Fraylon already had established himself as the all-time total offense leader in the CIAA. He also holds N.C. Central records for passing yardage and total offensive yards.

Despite the attention given to Fraylon by the media, opposing coaches and players, and fans, Fraylon remains low-key about his accomplishments at the Durham

titute to make those types of decisions. After all, the Eagles' won-lost record with Fraylon as a starting quarterback stands at 23-6-1 (as of Sept. 16).

Like most college athletes who enjoy success, Fraylon has a burning desire to excel. While for some that means better chances at pro careers, it means more much more to him.

"I play to glorify God," Fraylon says of his yearning to always be at his best on the football field. "He has given me the ability.

"I put my relationship with God first in my life," he says. "I give Him total credit for everything I've been able to accomplish."

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school.

"I feel good about the records I have been able to set, but I always think I could have done better," he says. "But I don't let it get to my head that I'm better than anyone else."

As far as the two different personalities he portrays, Fraylon says he has no problems adjusting from the one on the field to the one off the field, or vice versa.

"I think that I could be called a normal college student," says Fraylon. "At practice I'm very quiet. I don't go around jumping up and down, or getting emotional. But, when it's game time, I sort of change into a different person."

What that means for Fraylon is doing his best to win.

"My whole interest in playing football is to do the best job I can and to win games," he says. "If it means I have to run the ball or pass it, then that's what I do."

During Fraylon's illustrious four-year career at Central, he often has looked like a man among boys. Fraylon calls all of the Eagles' offensive plays and is at his best when the team employs a no-huddle offense in which he reads the defense and then calls the plays at the line of scrimmage.

"Throughout his career here Fraylon has always called his own plays," says Coach Lattimore. "When I send a play into the game, he sends it back to me."

Although that might cause problems for some coaches, Lattimore gives his talented signalcaller the lat-

close-knit, religious family, says his upbringing plays a vital role in his life.

"My father was a minister and he had a big influence on me," Fraylon explains. "He passed away a few years ago and, ever since, the things he taught me have stayed in my heart. I plan to do something with my life and I'm trying to get closer to God."

Yet, Fraylon says his deep religious convictions don't necessarily conflict with his desire to do well in football.

"There's no problem as far as that's concerned," he says. "I'm out on the field to give my all for the team. I've been blessed with the physical talent to play, so I feel obligated to use it."

Another inspiration for Fraylon is the fact that, despite his eventual success as a collegiate quarterback, not very many colleges were in-

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terested in his services at the end of his high school days at Myers Park High in Charlotte, N.C..

Even when he arrived at NCCU, Fraylon started out as a fourth-stringer and thus has worn a 20 on his jersey rather than a more traditional quarterback's number.

"Central was the only school that really wanted me," Fraylon says. "That's what caused me to work so hard when I got here. I didn't think



All The Ingredients

Fraylon: A strong arm, field savvy, competitive spirit and a nonstop mouth (photo by Joe Daniels).

I would have the opportunity to play football again and, when I did, I decided to always play each game like it's my last. I think that gives

make it as a pro quarterback. I'm focusing all my attention on this season and trying to win every game we play.

"I look at this season as my last one in football. I want to make sure that, when the season is over, I can say that I did everything within my power to win every football game."

"Right now I'm also worrying about getting my books (studying and going to class) and graduating in May," he says. "I've been looking for jobs so that I'll have something to fall back on."

Despite all of the accolades that have been tossed his way, Fraylon continues to be well-liked among his teammates.

"I don't think that the players on the team are overly envious of me,"

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