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("Bighouse" Gaines) will give me the opportunity," he added with a smile.

At 6-2 and 205 pounds, Beasley might make a bully of a guard.

Wallace Leads NAIA

North Carolina Central cornerback Melvin Wallace leads the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in interceptions with seven.

The senior from Charlotte, N.C., also had a school-record 21 career interceptions through Oct. 5.

Wallace says his record is in no small part due to the presence of Defensive Coordinator John Outlaw, a former standout in the National Football League. Outlaw, an all-America at Jackson State in 1968, had 15 career interceptions in the NFL. He played for New England and Philadelphia.

Coleman Not Tight

Vince Coleman, who will be the National League Rookie of the Year, played without fear when it counted in the last week of the regular season as he helped St. Louis to the NL East title.

Coleman, a former all-America at Florida A&M, broke out of an 0-for-19 slump with an RBI single off Dwight Gooden in the Cardinals' 5-2 loss to the New York Mets Oct. 2. Then he went three for four with two runs batted in St. Louis' pivotal 4-3 victory over the Mets the next night. He followed that with a two-for-four effort and his 110th stolen base Oct. 4 as the Cards dumped Chicago 4-2.

The rookie also had an outstanding defensive play -- a catch down the left-field line -- the next day when the Cardinals clinched with a 7-1 win over the Cubs.

Winbush's Year

Final statistics show that former Winston-Salem State football standout Mike Winbush turned in a good season for the Salem Redbirds of the Class A Carolina League.

Winbush, a left-handed pitcher for the Texas Ranger farm team, posted an 8-6 record with a 3.30 earned run average. He struck out 119 and walked 109.

Since WSSU has no baseball program, Winbush earned his college fame in football. Most will remember him for his performance in the CIAA Championship Game last November, when Winbush completed 20 of 32 passes for 220 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for a score.

Ray Chadwick, another former Ram quarterback, split time between Class A Redwood of the California League and AA Midland of the Texas League. He was 0-1 with a 6.43 ERA in Redwood and 5-2 with a 5.25 ERA at Midland. But his stats were hurt by a nagging shoulder injury.

Former Howard University outfielder Rozier Jordan hit nine homers and 23 doubles to drive in 46 runs for Waterloo (Cleveland Indians) of the Class A Midwest League. Jordan batted .255.

John Lewis, a Grambling alumnus, played most of the season at Wytheville, the Chicago Cubs' rookie-league team in the Appalachian League. Lewis batted an impressive .300 with 13 steals in 100 at-bats before being promoted to Winston-Salem, where he participated in the Spirits' miracle run to the Carolina League title. The Spirits had the worst record in the league, but defeated the Lynchburg Mets three games to one. The L-Mets own the best record in professional baseball over the last three and one-half seasons.

St. Augustine's alumnus Razor Shines batted .308 at triple-A Indianapolis. Shines had 24 extra-base hits and 45 runs batted in in 240 atbats. The former Falcon star finished the season in the majors with parent club Montreal.

Leonard Kelly, a right-handed pitcher out of Tennessee State, also is in the Expo organization. Kelly was 2-3 with a 4.54 ERA at Jamestown of the New York-Penn League.

Norfolk State's Ron Narcisse, who holds the CIAA record for homers in a game, batted .212 with nine RBI at Little Falls, a New York Met affiliate.

Other former black-college players in minor-league baseball.

Stam Jefferson, of, Bethune-Cookman, .277, 39 stolen bases at Class AA Jackson; David Clark, of, Jackson State, .302, 12 HR, 64 RBI, 27 SB at AA Waterbury; Demarlo Hale, 1b, Southern University, .260, 6 HR, 57 RBI, 17 SB at AA New Britain; Marvin Freeman, rhp, Jackson State, 6-5, 3.06 ERA at Class A Clearwater; Julius McDougal, ss, Jackson State, .243, 24 extra-base hits, 38 RBI at Class A Peoria; Emmett Robinson, of, St. Augustine's, .280 at Class A Watertown; John Harrington, rhp, Alcorn State, 3-2, 4.89 at Class A Salem; Gerald Adams, rhp, Howard, 3-2, 2.29 ERA at Class A Newark.

Lattimore's 50th

North Carolina Central Coach Hank Lattimore collected his 50th career win with a 19-6 verdict over Fayetteville State Sept. 28.

The NCCU mentor has a career record of 50-37-3. He coached two years at Morgan State before coming to Central in 1980.

South Carolina State's **Bill Davis** also got his 50th career win the same day with a 27-21 win at Howard. Davis, in his seventh year at S.C. State, owns a 50-23-1 career mark.

Norfolk Serves Notice

Norfolk State has served notice in in the first half of the season that it will be hard to unseat the defending CIAA champion.

The Spartans' only loss has come to Division I-AA William & Mary (28-15). But Norfolk, ranked fifth in NCAA Division II, has outscored its CIAA opponents 159-17. That's an average score of 40-4.

Against Elizabeth City State Sept. 28, Norfolk got many of its points on big plays: a 73-yard run by Tony Graves on his only carry of the game, a 70-yard interception return by Darryl Brown and a 39-yard Willie Gillus pass to Tyrone Barlow.

The Spartans saw a seven-quarter shutout streak come to an end on a field goal by the Vikings' Jerome Ingram.

The way 19th-ranked Winston-Salem State has played after an opening loss at Virginia State, another Winston-Salem-Norfolk CIAA Championship Game appears to be on the horizon.

Tigers' Malaise

Third-ranked (Sheridan) Tennessee State saw its bid to upset second-ranked Mississippi Valley State Oct. 5 go out the window with eight fumbles at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis. Three of those turnovers came inside the Tigers' 15-yard line.

Tennessee State built a 13-0 lead early in the game but the Delta Devils scored the rest of the points in a 28-13 Valley victory. TSU quarterback Gilbert Renfroe threw for 366 yards to outshine counterpart Willie Totten, who totaled 200 yards passing.

Atlanta Classic

While we proudly watched Eddie Robinson surpass the late Paul "Bear" Bryant as college football's all-time winningest coach, Robinson has directed his attention to a more important matter.

The Grambling coach will take his top-ranked (Sheridan Poll) team to Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium to play Alabama State Nov. 9. Proceeds from the game will go to aid African famine relief.

"Famine relief is a life-and-death matter," the Tiger coach said. "We will help save lives.

"The Atlanta Classic has special meaning. It is the most important game in my 43-year coaching career."

Robinson and Grambling President Joseph B. Johnson expressed embarrassment that college football had not joined other sports and entertainers in contributing to African famine relief.

"We are determined to do our part without fanfare," Johnson said. "This is a support effort that people everywhere can empathize with and rally to."

Albany State and Morris Brown will also play in the football doubleheader.

Georgia Invitational

The first two rounds of the annual Georgia Invitational basketball tournament will be held at Morris Brown College March 21-22.

The finals March 23 will be played at The Omni.

The tournament features teams from the four historically black conferences (MEAC, SWAC, CIAA and SIAC).

Miscellany

- Mississippi Valley's Willie Totten became the NCAA's all-time leader in touchdown passes in the Delta Devils' 80-14 rout of Bishop College three weeks ago. Totten, who has 110 career TD passes, by-passed former Portland State all-America Neil Lomax, now with the St. Louis Cardinals
- A pair of Hampton University tennis players are ranked in the top 20 nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association. Greg Williams is ranked 13th and Rozelle Lightfoot 14th for Coach Robert F. Screen's Pirates, who finished second in the NCAA Division II championships in May
- Painter ran for 222 yards against Bowie State Oct. 5. That allowed Painter to tie Dennis Mahan's school record, set in 1982 against St. Paul's
- Tennessee State entered this season as the all-time winningest team in Division I-AA history. Florida A&M was third, Grambling State fourth, Bethune-Cookman eighth, South Carolina State ninth and Jackson State 10th
- Kudos to USA Today for its Sept. 23 story on Tennessee State alumnus Bob Shannon, who coaches at East St. Louis (Ill.) High School.