

Riley, Florida A&M move closer to terms

By The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Florida A&M University and Green Bay Packer Assistant Coach Ken Riley have moved closer to ironing out an agreement that would make Riley the Rattlers' new football coach.

The Tallahassee Democrat has reported that an announcement on the hiring of a new coach is expected next week.

The position became vacant when FAMU fired Rudy Hubbard at the conclusion of a 4-7 season in 1985. Hubbard has been at Florida A&M for 12 seasons, posting an 83-48-3 record. That included two NCAA Division I-AA championships.

Riley is one of five candidates for the job, which also include Winston-Salem State Coach Bill

Hayes, Alabama A&M's Ed Wyché, Florida State Assistant Coach John Eason and former Florida State assistant Kent Schoolfield. But Riley, a FAMU alumnus and former standout defensive back for the NFL Cincinnati Bengals, remains the odds-on favorite.

The former NFL All-Pro said he would come to Tallahassee perhaps late this week or early

next week if negotiations continue to progress.

Money was expected to be critical, since Riley reportedly makes \$75,000 a year for the Packers. The Democrat has reported that Riley will accept somewhere in the neighborhood of \$55,000 a year, not including earnings from the Rattler coach's television show.

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help," Shuler said. "But that's part of the game. It came down to those foul shots. They would have put us ahead."

The Greyhounds' swarming man-to-man defense offset Howard's brilliant night. Still, the North forward neared Ranzino Smith's single-game tournament scoring record. Smith, a

sophomore at North Carolina, had 44 for Chapel Hill High School against North Surry in 1983.

Howard did, however, pass former North standout Howard Coe, who had 35 against Hickory in 1982, for second place on the list.

Notes: Howard, Denny and

Gough were named to the all-tournament team with West's Dwayne Morgan and Glenn's Rodney Miller. North Surry's Phillips was named the most valuable player, although Howard outscored him 69-62 during the three-day tournament. West's Kevin Besecker received the Hustle Award, given to the player who demonstrates the

most determination North Principal Benjamin Warren presented Tournament Director Ed Hutchins with a plaque that commemorates Hutchins' long-term service to the tournament

.... Calvin Davis, a former standout at East, finished second in the slam dunk competition at halftime

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Meanwhile, West got 57 points from Morgan, 42 from Jones and 38 from Besecker. For Morgan, it was a much-relished turnaround from last year's tournament.

"I didn't play that well in the Frank Spencer last year," he said. "But several of us got hot hands against North, including me. It was good to play better against North this time. I think that was good for our confidence."

Morgan scored 22 in a 59-50 loss to the Vikings in the semifinals. North won 66-43 in West's season opener.

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• West played without guard Vince Hairston, who bruised his ankle against Carver two weeks ago. He is out indefinitely

• North's Brian Howard had an imposing three days, with 69 points and 38 rebounds. His scoring total was the eighth-best in tournament history

• North Surry played in its third tournament final in the last four years, winning its second title

• After a break for New Year's Day, action resumes Friday night. In the Metro Con-

ference, Carver hosts Eastern Alamance, North plays at High Point Central and Glenn is at High Point Andrews. In the Central Piedmont Conference, Parkland travels to Mount Tabor, South Rowan is at West and Kannapolis Brown is at Reynolds

• Kennard Martin, Parkland's all-state football selection, was the only county athlete chosen to USA Today's honorable mention all-America team. Martin rushed for 2,101 yards and 24 touchdowns while leading the Mustangs to an 11-2 record and an appearance in the quarterfinals of the 4-A playoffs against

eventual state champion Greensboro Page

• Reynolds is ninth and Parkland 10th in the latest Wachovia Cup standings, which measure the overall excellence of high school athletic programs

• Zeb Sheff scored 23 points to lift Parkland past South Stokes last Saturday in the Domino's Pizza Christmas Doubleheader at Eden Morehead High School. Cedric Lineberger added 12 for the Mustangs. Jacques Bitting had 18 and Sheff 17 as Parkland lost to Morehead 66-61 Monday night. The Mustangs' record is now 5-3.

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Mackey, who played at East," Hollingsworth said. "He has long arms like Mackey did."

Dee Moye, a 6-2½ sophomore, is Hollingsworth's hardest worker and most reliable dunker. The rookie coach has been close to the Carver athletic program since his scholastic days. Hollingsworth played on Alfred Poe's first championship team, when the school contained only grades nine and 10, before going to East, where he was all-city in basketball and all-state in track.

"I used to work out here even when I went to East," he said. "When I graduated from high school, I helped out with the program any way I could."

Because of his familiarity with the Carver system, he was a logical candidate when the jayvee post became vacant.

"We run Coach Poe's basic offense and defense," said Hollingsworth, who played collegiately at Howard University. "But he lets me be creative. The bottom line is we're all about the program. The reason Greensboro Page is so consistently good is they have the best program. You have to build it first, to be that consistent."

This is not Hollingsworth's first jayvee job. He coached the jayvees at Durham Hillside after spending two years at North Carolina Central. In 1982, having moved back to Winston-Salem, he became an assistant to Swandell Cloud at Kennedy Middle School. He also has had plenty of experience from coaching in the AAU program with Brown and Buck Joyner.

"I knew about playing from high school and college," said Hollingsworth, a cousin of Tennessee forward Anthony Richardson. "I should say I know a lot about offense. But I learned defense from Coach Cloud. He's a defensive genius."

Hollingsworth, the son of former Atkins assistant football coach William Hollingsworth, insists that it may take some genius to beat Eastern Alamance Friday afternoon. The Wildcats won 69-64 in triple-overtime two weeks ago in Mebane.

"I couldn't match up with their top three," he said. "We were losing 29-6 at the end of the first quarter, but Rodney caught fire and finished with 34. But we have more depth."

Bay Shaw, an all-county selection as a senior at East last year, has been working with Hollingsworth.

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years ago to discontinue using an outside public relations firm to promote the game led to steadily declining attendance. This year's crowd reversed the downward trend, but many suspect that the Bayou Classic will never regain its luster

• Former Jackson State great Walter Payton and Grambling Coach Eddie Robinson were among the more than 100 sports figures considered for Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year award. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the world champion Los Angeles Lakers was the recipient of the honor

• Condolences to the family of Bennie Thomas, long-time sports information director at Southern, who died recently. Thomas, one of the means of black college publicists before he moved on to other duties, was in his early 60s

• Final NCAA football statistics are out and Winston-Salem State finished seventh in Division II total defense, allow-

ing 23.5 yards per game. Fellow CIAA members Hampton University (196.9) and Virginia Union (197.3) were second and third, respectively

• Fort Valley State's "Blue Death" defense led teams in all NCAA divisions with a school-record 36 interceptions. Cornerback Duvaa Callaway finished

with Bloomsburg State's Tony Woods for the Division II individual lead with 10

• Former Winston-Salem State football standout Ray Chadwick recently pitched a no-hitter in the Mexican winter baseball league. Chadwick is a member of the California Angels' 40-man roster

College

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usually go home for about three or four weeks over the summer. Right now, I feel I can score on just about anybody."

If Coe continues to play extremely well, there's a very good possibility he'll be taken in next June's NBA draft.

"I really haven't thought about the pros," he said. "If I'm able to get drafted, that will be nice. I guess a lot depends on how well our team plays the rest of the season. If we can get to the

NCAA playoffs and go pretty far, that should not only benefit me, but also the team.

"My goal is to do my best and try to get a spot in the NCAA Tournament. Because, once you get to the tournament, anything can happen. Villanova proved that last year."

The way Coe and the Owls are going now, it seems likely they'll come near last season's 25-6 record and earn a third straight berth in the NCAA Tournament.

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