

Hayes' Aggies face-off against NCCU

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Bill Hayes isn't completely moved from CIAA football. As fate would have it (or schedule), Hayes takes his new team, North Carolina A & T into a season opener against North Carolina Central in Durham on Saturday night at 7.

Hayes, who left Winston-Salem State to take over the football fortunes for the Aggies, is hoping his new team has learned enough of his new system to give Eagles all they can handle.

"My major concern is how all our players have responded to what we've been teaching them," Hayes said. "I just hope they respond in a game situation like they have in practice."

It's been a time for getting accustomed to major adjustments for the guys in Greensboro. They've used to the passing game. With Hayes arrival, the emphasis will be on the ground game and not making mistakes to beat themselves.

"If we can keep from turning the ball over, we will have made some progress offensively. But I'll have to play well on defense to have a sound kicking game," Hayes said. "I don't want to put our offense in a bad situation against a quarterback."

The quarterback the Aggies will face is Earl "Air" Harvey, the record setting passer who will most likely set a platter full of new Division II passing records by the time the season has ended.

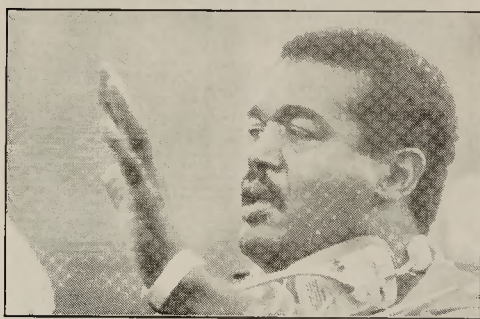
Harvey's performance dropped a bit in '87 as he and his inexperienced offensive line took their lumps. But now they have a season of experience and that should give the Aggies more than a few problems.

In addition, the running back position is well stocked with Gary Lee and David Burke returning. Both backs are very capable receivers as well.

"Last year, A & T rushed only three people and dropped eight back (in pass coverage against Harvey)," Hayes recalls, "and Central won convincingly. We don't want to give him all day to sit back and pat on the ball. We have to put some pressure on him."

Given this match-up, Aggie linebacker Demetrius Harrison and his buddies are likely to have a busy evening. But Hayes has been known to come up with a few defensive gems in the past.

Eagles head coach Henry Lattimore has attempted to prepare his team for a multitude of possibilities for A & T. "They're the mystery team," Lattimore said. "We had to



File Photo

Hayes is well aware that the Aggies must pressure Central QB Earl Harvey if they are to have a chance to win.

look at it like A & T is a Billy Hayes-coached team. You have to figure that some of the things he did at Winston-Salem are some of the same things he took with him to A & T. But he has a new offensive coordinator and a new defensive coordinator, so it's hard to know just what will happen. We've tried to prepare for every possible situation. We've done all we can do and we'll be ready to play a football game."

Hayes is noted for employing a crunching ground attack. Hilton Winstead is slated to start at quarterback. Keith Mathis, Doraine

Harris and Jerome Crawford will carry the rushing load for the Aggies. But that doesn't mean that Hayes & Co. will play it close to the vest offensively. Don't be surprised to see some play-action passes thrown in with the usual Hayes mixture.

NCCU has some defensive stalwarts ready to meet the challenge. The secondary is very seasoned. All have played together for three years. Cornerback Robert Massey leads the way. He is rated among the top collegiate pass defenders in the nation this year by pro scouts.



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North Carolina A&T 1988 Football Schedule

Sept. 3	at North Carolina Central	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	WINSTON-SALEM STATE	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Morgan State	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Norfolk State	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Florida A & M	7 p.m.
	(Orange Blossom Classic, Miami, Fla.)	
Oct. 15	WESTERN CAROLINA	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Howard University	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	1:30 p.m.
	(Homecoming)	
Nov. 5	DELAWARE STATE	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Open	
Nov. 19	at Western Kentucky	8 p.m.

All home games in capital letters.



The flip of a coin worked wonders for Redskins' Oliphant

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Mike Oliphant's pathway to the NFL started with the flip of a coin. The quarter not landed heads up, and Washington Redskins' rookie running back might still be making a living as a welder.

Oliphant has caught four passes during the preseason, three for touchdowns. Should he survive the final cut next week, he will become one of fewer than 100 players to make the transition from an NCAA school to the NFL.

Four years ago, when he was working as a welder in Auburn, Wash., Oliphant could never have envisioned his life would turn out this way. He is waiting for a pizza with a friend when the sponsor of a local semipro football team walked through the restaurant door.

Oliphant's pal told him to ask the owner for a tryout. Oliphant refused. "I wasn't too hot on the idea," he called Oliphant. "But then my friends say, 'I'll flip a quarter. If it ends up heads, you try out and I'll pay for the pizza. If it's tails, you pay and skip the tryout.'"

The flip came up heads, and

Oliphant got a free pizza. And, even though he didn't particularly care for football when he tried out for and quickly quit --his high school team, Oliphant took a shot at joining the Auburn Panthers.

It was a drizzly morning on May 19, 1984, Oliphant's 21st birthday. Because he was wearing long underwear under his sweat pants, he was too embarrassed to take off the sweats for the 40-yard dash.

Oliphant ran a 4.4 anyway and joined the team, playing for free. A few weeks later, a former player from the University of Puget Sound approached Oliphant to find out whether he might want to go to college.

"He asked me on a Monday, and on Wednesday I got a phone call from the (Puget Sound) coach, and I started school the following Monday," Oliphant said.

In his four years, the 5-foot-9, 173-pounder averaged 8.6 yards a carry against teams such as Whitworth and Pacific Lutheran. He rushed for 3,601 yards and scored 48 touchdowns, including five in one game.

The Redskins made Oliphant their second draft pick last April, and he

has since proven he can score against the big boys, too.

His touchdowns this summer came on plays covering 23, 60 and 62 yards. The last score came against the Los Angeles Raiders, when Oliphant caught a short pass and quickly left everyone behind.

After the game, someone told Washington offensive coach Dan Henning that it appeared that one of the Raider defensive backs had an angle on Oliphant.

"Nobody has the angle on Mike Oliphant," Henning replied.

Oliphant feels as if he has all the angles covered, though. He figures to make some money in the NFL, and this spring he intends to take the two classes he needs to earn his college degree.

"Physical education with a coaching emphasis," Oliphant said. "I'd like to be a head coach in the NFL one day."

He's already realized one of his life-long dreams. Oliphant owns a new \$30,000 Corvette, which he bought with his signing bonus.

"I wanted one since I was a kid," he said.

It might not have happened if that quarter had landed on tails.

Red Sox love a healthy 'Oil Can'

SEATTLE (AP) -- The return of a healthy Dennis 'Oil Can' Boyd is a welcome sight for Boston manager Morgan.

Boyd, 9-7, held the Seattle Mariners two hits over six innings to lift the Red Sox to a 5-3 victory Friday, exactly one month after he was placed on the 21-day disabled list for a blood clot on his right shoulder.

"It's a little tough to bounce back on an operation like that," said Boyd after his second game back from the injury. "I'm determined to do whatever it takes to win and in this time it took a tough mental attitude."

Boyd was roughed up in his first start after recovering from the injury, striking only two 2-3 innings while giving

up four runs in a no-decision. Friday, the 28-year-old Boyd silenced the critics who were doubting his ability to contribute to the Red Sox drive for the American League East title.

"I had a real good fastball tonight and had the guys swinging behind the ball," remarked Boyd who struck out one batter without a walk. "I've been throwing the ball real well and feel that without a doubt I'm back and ready to help the team win."

Boyd had help in the form of Wade Boggs and Marty Barrett who contributed two RBI apiece.

"The 'Can' pitched great tonight and I was glad to be able to help him out with the homer," Benzingler said. "Bankhead game me a fastball on the

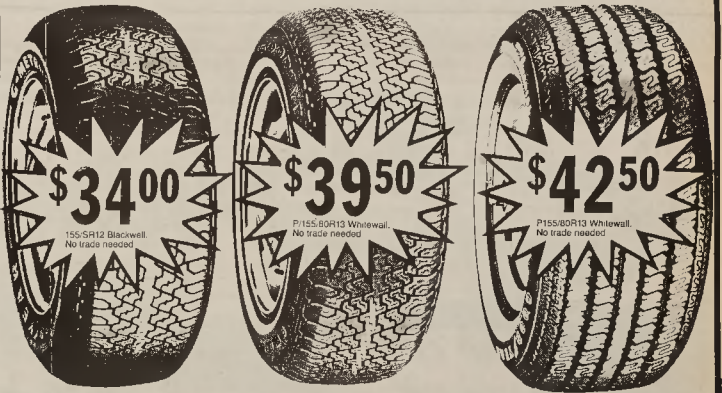
home run. I saw a lot of fastballs from him in the past, so I was ready for it this time."

Boggs tripled and scored on a single by Marty Barrett to put the Red Sox ahead 2-0 in the third inning.

Ray Quinones accounted for the only Seattle run off Boyd, hitting a solo home run in the third inning, his 11th. Quinones was a former minor league teammate of Boyd's in the Red Sox chain.

"I'm always giving up home runs, but I don't let that shake me up," said Boyd who proceeded to retire the final 11 batters he faced after Quinones' homer. "I gave one up to one of my buddies tonight, but it didn't hurt me."

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