

# Sports Beat



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## TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

The wonders of the world of sports continue to amaze.

Three weeks ago none of the experts around the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association would give a counterfeit buck for Hampton's chances in the conference's football championship race this fall. Now, would you believe the Pirates have a firm hold on first place and are looming larger each week as the team most likely to replace Norfolk State as the kingpin of the popular black college circuit.

There is one bird who will not fly very high in December. He's James "Bird" Sparrow, one of the most fabulous cagers in North Carolina A&T State University's basketball history and one of the top drawing attractions in the MEAC, has been sidelined by poor grades.

According to an announcement from Cal Irvin, A&T director of athletics, the high-scoring Sparrow will miss the team's first five games and is expected to rejoin the Aggies in January.

Charley Cox's Golden Bull defenders will have their hands full again Saturday night in Memorial Stadium when Johnson C. Smith hosts North Carolina A&T State in a non-conference football contest. Ellsworth Turner, the Aggies junior quarterback with All-American stats, hit 30 of his first 49 passes in leading A&T State to a 2-1 season. He has been intercepted only once.

Did you know that Bill Lucas, former farm director of the Atlanta Braves, has been promoted to assistant general manager in charge of directing the baseball operation of the Club? He's the first black to run a major league franchise.

Remember Maurice Spencer, former North Carolina Central standout? Spencer has earned a starting berth at cornerback with the New Orleans Saints. Grambling has come up with what appears to be another record for sending college football players to the pros. Three of the school's recent graduates are earning starting position paychecks with professional football teams, and each was instrumental in his team's victories over the past two weeks. James Hunter is starting with the Detroit Lions, Sammy White with the Minnesota Vikings and Dwight Scales brings back punts for the L.A. Rams.

More than 20,000 rabid football fans jammed Greensboro Memorial Stadium week before last for the clash between S.C. State and A&T. It was the year's first big turnout for area black college football.

Prior to losing to Alcorn A&M last week, North Carolina Central led the MEAC stats in rushing offense, total offense, pass defense and total defense. The Eagles allowed only 106 plays in their first two encounters, giving up only 134 yards rushing and just 46 passing for a very commendable average of 90 yards per game in total defense.

Charlotte native Dexter Feaster was the league's top pass catcher with 10 receptions for 141 yards. A&T, which comes in to engage arch-rival Johnson C. Smith in Memorial Stadium Saturday night, brings the MEAC's third best defense, its third best passing defense and its second best passing offense.

An Optimist is one who takes a frying pan on his first fishing trip.

When Hampton defeated Shaw, 33-0, two weeks ago, it was the most lopsided victory registered by the Pirates since 1967. Pirate quarterback Russ Seaton tossed four touchdown passes to show the way.

The WSOC-TV football menu will have Oakland at New England Sunday afternoon from 1-to-4 p.m. When S.C. State blanked Howard, 40-0, in Washington, D.C. Saturday afternoon, it was the Bulldogs' 13th shutout in their last 36 games. They gave up only 2.9 points a game in 1975 and are allowing only 5.0 points an outing thus far in 1976.

## Non-Conference Clash

# Golden Bulls To Host North Carolina A&T Saturday Night

Johnson C. Smith and North Carolina A&T, a couple of arch-rivals who have been battling through the years, will clash in the 27th renewal of their bitter rivalry in Memorial Stadium here Saturday night.

Kickoff is 8 p.m. Both teams are coming off unexpected defeats. The Aggies, who are 2-1 for the year, dropped a 24-22 thriller Saturday to top-ranked Florida A&M and Johnson C. Smith, which is 1-2 for the season, lost a heart-breaking 18-16 decision to Hampton Institute.

The favored Aggies, who own a wide 18-7-2 margin for games played in the series, are leading the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference with a 1-0 conference record, having whipped South Carolina State's strong Bulldogs, 15-14. J.C. Smith, on the other hand, is currently tied for the bottom spot in the CIAA standings with Elizabeth City and Shaw, each with an 0-2 loop record.

Both clubs live and die with the forward pass. Junior quarterback Ellsworth Turner is second in the MEAC with 30 completions for 49 pitches for 322 yards and one score. He has been intercepted only

Charlotte native Dexter Feaster and Coy Holland have been his primary receivers. Feaster ranks No. 1 in the MEAC with 10 catches for 141 yards while Holland, the league's fifth ranked receiver, was grabbing five a-erials for 35 yards and no touchdowns. Running back Glen Holland has collared four passes for 48 yards.

## Fayetteville State

### Blanks Shaw Bears, 23-0

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FAYETTEVILLE—Shaw University became the second shut-out victim of the early CIAA football campaign for Ray McDougal's Broncos of Fayetteville State.

The winless Bears from Raleigh were white-washed 23-0 last Saturday afternoon at Bronco Field as FSU upped its overall mark to 2-1 and 1-1 CIAA-wise. Previously FSU blanked Ft. Bragg, 29-0, before bowing to Norfolk State last week on the road, 28-7.

The Broncos host new foe Virginia College Saturday in non-conference action.

Except for the first scoring drive, the Bronco defense proved to be much of the scoring punch for the home-standers.

The first score came in the



QB TURNER AND WR DEXTER FEASTER...Nation's top passing combination

Curtis Johnson, who earned the starting quarterback post midway through the first game of the season, has been JCSU's top performer at the position. Demetrius Parker and Gerald Johnson are his favorite receivers. According to CIAA statistics prior to the Hampton game last week,

Johnson ranked third among the conference's top passers with 13 completions with 35 attempts for 249 yards.

The Golden Bulls are averaging 130 yards a game with their air arms and 130 rushing for a total offense of 259 yards, slightly better than the 255 yards A&T has averaged in its first three outings, with 188 rushing and 322 passing.

The teams are about even in total defense. J.C. Smith has yielded an average of 241 yards per game while the Aggies were allowing 206. A&T comes to town with a lofty No. 7 ranking among the nation's top black college football teams. J.C. Smith is unranked in nation recognition.

second stanza when quarterback Carlos Bailey capped a 70-yard scoring drive by sneaking over from the one. The PAT by Johnny Highsmith gave FSU a 7-0 advantage which they took to the dressing room at intermission.

In the third frame, defensive halfback Maurice Franks returned a Shaw punt from the Bronco 11 yard stripe to the Bear's nine. On the very next play Bailey threw a TD strike to wide-receiver Mike Smith to tie the score 14-0 after Highsmith's PAT.

Continuing the scoring in the fourth quarter, FSU called on the accurate toe of Highsmith who responded with a 27-yard field goal increasing the margin to 17-0 over the visitors.

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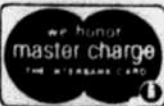


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VS.

### NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

"AGGIES"

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