

Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

LET'S FACE IT....

There is a stranger on top of the CIAA football standings this week. Perched happily above such conference grid powers as Norfolk State, Virginia Union and Johnson C. Smith, Hampton Institute is indeed in strange territory.

Very few, if any of the conference experts can remember when the Pirates from the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation have jumped off to such an impressive start, and it appears that coach Walter Lovett and his young charges are not about to relinquish their firm hold of the top position. In winning their first four starts, Lovett's Pirates have produced 114 points while holding their opponents to a mere 38.

John Marshall's Virginia State Trojans are also surprising a lot of people. The Trojans have racked three straight loop victories to stay in close contention with a slight advantage over defending champion Norfolk State and perennial runner-up Virginia Union.

It's unlikely that Johnson C. Smith, a heavy pre-season favorite, will get back in the race. The Golden Bulls have successive setbacks to Virginia Union and Hampton for a 0-2-0 record to date, with conference games left to play against Livingstone, Shaw, Winston-Salem State, Fayetteville State and Virginia State.

The area college football menu is tempting this weekend. Virginia State and North Carolina Central will clash over in Durham in an afternoon game while Livingstone hosts Winston-Salem State in an important CIAA football contest in Salisbury. Johnson C. Smith will journey to Orangeburg, S.C. to test South Carolina State's fired-up Bulldogs. The biggie will be staged in Greensboro Saturday night when tough Norfolk State, with the very talented Steve Graeff as quarterback, clashes with Ellsworth Turner and the Aggies of North Carolina A&T State.

Did you ever wonder why the local golfers play better (always under par) at the local bars than they do on the golf courses? And if you're wondering why talk is so cheap; it's because the supply is greater than the demand!

The people who keep track of statistics in the National Football League occasionally come up with some very interesting figures. According to the latest reports, special teams were on the field 5,313 of the league's total of 27,269 plays in 1975. That's 20 percent of the time... Wonder what the high salaried boys think of that? There are also reports that 154 athletes from black colleges are playing football in the NFL.

Livingstone's running back John Lucas carried the football an unbelievable 40 times in the Blue Bears' 29-14 victory over Maryland-Eastern Shores week before last. That must be a CIAA record for the most times carried in a single contest. A&T football star, Dexter Feaster entertains hopes for returning to Charlotte after graduation to work in the city's Department of Recreation. The clever wide receiver, who is among the best on the gridirons, is also very good in the classrooms, having maintained a "B" average as a physical education major.

Remember Eddie Martin, the popular former basketball coach at S.C. State? Currently serving as head football coach at Tennessee State, Eddie will be inducted in A&T's Sports Hall of Fame, Friday, October 29, along with Bert Piggott, Julius Martin and Tom Conway.

It's about time we pull the old crystal ball out of the closet and give our impression of the winners in Saturday's football game involving black colleges in the area.

We believe S.C. State's defense will prove too strong for J.C. Smith and that A&T will outscore Norfolk State in a close game. The N.C. Central-Virginia State clash is a tossup, but we like the Eagles who are playing in Durham. Look for Fayetteville to maul S. Paul's and Howard to do the same to Delaware State. Morgan will score as it pleases over UMES and Livingstone will defeat Winston-Salem in Salisbury.

In Orangeburg, S.C.

Inconsistent Golden Bulls

Tackle South Carolina State

Johnson C. Smith University's Golden Bulls, who have been inconsistent this fall, will clash with the potent Bulldogs of South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, S.C. Saturday afternoon.

The non-conference contest will kick-off at 2 o'clock in Bulldog Stadium on the S.C. State College campus.

It will also bring together two teams that were rated as the teams to beat in their respective conferences long before the leaves start turning golden brown. However, the Golden Bulls have not lived up to their pre-season rating while, with the exception of a 1-point setback to North Carolina A&T State University, the Bulldogs have been as good or better than expected.

They reached their peak with an upset victory over Alcorn A&M in Bulldog Stadium last week, raising their record to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the MEAC. S.C. State trails North Carolina A&T and Morgan in the conference standings.

Fayetteville Edges Virginia College

By John B. Henderson
FSU Sports Information
Special To The Post

FAYETTEVILLE--Fayetteville State got a tremendous battle from the visiting Virginia College Golden Bears of Lynchburg but prevailed, 10-2 for their third win against only one setback in the early campaign.

Ray McDougal's Broncos, who were supposed to completely dominate the newly organized first-year Virginia team, were happy to walk off the field with their third win which was played in drizzling rain in the second half.

The visitors have played two games and lost both. Livingstone defeated them, 44-0, earlier in the season.

The Broncos got on the scoreboard in the second quarter when defensive end Ed Williams picked a Virginia fumble out of mid-air on the visitor's 33 yard stripe and rambled into the end zone for the only touchdown of the game. The PAT by Johnny Highsmith gave FSU a 7-0 advantage.

In the same stanza, FSU called on the accurate toe of kicking specialist Highsmith, after a drive was stalled at the visitor's 33. Highsmith responded immediately with a 43-yard boot to give the Broncos a 10-2 halftime edge.

In the fourth quarter the visitors got on the scoreboard by dumping FSU quarterback Carlos Bailey in the end zone for a two-point safety.

The final score stood 10-2. FSU travels to St. Paul's College for a CIAA battle next weekend.

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Eddie McGirt
...Needs victory

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gotten it together since their season's opening victory over Lenior Rhynes. They have since lost to Virginia Union, Hampton and A&T for an 0-2 CIAA record and 1-3 mark against all comers.

Both teams are potent. The Golden Bulls are powered by the air game, paced by quarterback Curtis Johnson and wide receiver Demetrius Parker. Gerald Johnson is another top Golden Bull threat with the pass.

Coach Willie Jeffries has indicated that he will start five sophomores on offense and, four seniors and a junior against J.C. Smith, a team South Carolina State whipped, 10-7, in Charlotte a year ago. The Bulldogs will be more seasoned on defense where the starting 11 will consist of six juniors and five seniors.

The defensive-minded Bulldogs will open with sophomore David Brown of Charlotte at right guard on offense. Brown is 6'2", 220-pounds. Walt Sullivan, another Charlotte native, is coming off the sick list and probably will be able to see some action in the game. Sullivan, 6-5, 290-pound defensive tackle, has the potential to become one of the top linemen in the MEAC.

Rehabilitation Association To Meet October 14

The North Carolina Rehabilitation Association will hold its 21st annual convention at the Holiday Inn on Woodlawn Road, during October 14 and 15.

The Association is concerned with the restoration of the disabled in order that they may enjoy more meaningful and productive lives.

An opportunity to learn new concepts in the rehabilitation of the individual will highlight the meeting with guest speakers including members of the regional rehabilitation office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Norfolk State Downs Winston-Salem

Special To The Post

Norfolk Va. - The Winston-Salem State Rams lost a close ball-game to highly favored Norfolk State College 13-6 last Saturday afternoon at Forman Field. The final Spartan TD came with less than four minutes left in the game to break a 6-6 deadlock.

The Rams are now 1-2 in conference play and 1-3 overall. They will meet Livingstone College Saturday at 1 o'clock on the road.

The winning touchdown was set up by a 24-yard scramble by quarterback Steve Graeff, one of three quarterbacks the Spartans used to save the game. The TD came on the next play when LaRue Harrington bulled his way over from the one-yard line. This proved to be the only scoring in the first half of a hard fought game.

The Rams were kept in the game by their stubborn defense.

WBTV Special

To Report

On JCSU Classic

WBTV, Channel 3 will broadcast a special half-hour report on the Bicentennial Football Classic between Johnson C. Smith University and Livingstone College on Saturday, October 16th at 5:30 p.m.

This game will be a Bicentennial commemorative event of the first intercollegiate football game ever played between black colleges on December 27, 1892. The historic game was played in Salisbury, N.C. (home of Livingstone) in a blistering snow storm. The inclement weather produced a discrepancy over a particular play resulting in a 5-0 victory for Middle University (now Johnson C. Smith) and igniting the rivalry which has continued for 84 years.

The major portion of the special will include highlights of the game between the JCSU Golden Bulls and L.C. Blue Bears at Memorial Stadium that afternoon. Coverage will include excerpts from the Awards Banquet the evening before and the Gala Parade that morning.

fense, the punting of Antonia Howard and the pass intercepting of an alert secondary. The Rams snatched four Spartan passes.

The first Spartan touchdown was set up mid-way of the first period when Harold Pierce pounced on a Randy Bolton fumble on the Ram 29. On the next play freshman quarterback Jimmy Robinson hit wide-receiver Eddie Powell in the endzone for the touchdown. The kick was wide and the Spartans led 6-0.

With 29 seconds left in the first period the Spartans missed another chance to score when the Ram forward wall led by Curtis Sherrod stopped

Robinson on the one-foot line on a fourth and goal play.

The closest the Rams got to the Spartan goal-line in the first half was set up when Anderson Noble intercepted a Graeff pass on Norfolk's 30 yard-line with 1:13 left in the first quarter. The series ended when Kermit Blount overthrew Howard in the endzone.

The two teams then played each other to a stand-still until the final minutes of the third period when the Rams managed to tie the score.

The Ram score was set up when Eugene Jacobs intercepted Robinson on Norfolk's 23 and returned the ball to the 13.

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