

West Charlotte Stadium

A&T Schedules Blue-Gold, Intra-Squad Game Saturday

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Finding a replacement for three-time All-NCAC performer Ellsworth Turner at quarterback has been the top priority of Coach Jim McKinley and the North Carolina A&T football team during spring drills.

Trying for the position are three sophomores, William Watson, Andre Olden, and Fred Freeman, along with senior Gary Allinece. All have shown McKinley good leadership in operating the team.

The Aggies will be in action this Saturday at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte for the first of two scheduled Blue-Gold intra-squad games.

The kickoff for this Saturday's contest is 11 a.m.

"We have been very pleased with the play of all our quarterbacks and at this time the staff is not overly concerned about the position," McKinley said. "The four candidates have all operated the team well at times, however, no one has actually dominated play."

"We will probably get a better look at them this Saturday under game conditions."

Although most of the attention has been focused on the quarterback situation, the Aggies will return one of the best defensive units in the school's history.

Led by the MEAC's "Most Valuable Defensive Player," Dwight Board, along with massive Lucien Nibbs, 6-7, 262 Ulysses Thompson, 6-7, 260, and Warren Bethea, 6-4, 245, the A&T front will be difficult to penetrate.

"It's still very early and we haven't been as consistent as I would like but I feel we will have a very strong defensive unit this season," McKinley said. "We will average about 6-4 and 255 pounds across the front line."

"Our linemen have good speed, strength, and their size will pose a problem for most of



WHO WILL QB THE AGGIES IN '78

Pictured left to right William Watson, Gary Allinece, Fred Freeman, and Andre Olden, the four North Carolina A&T hopefuls who hope to replace graduated Ellsworth Turner.

the quarterbacks we will face during the 1978 season."

Adding to the overall strength of the A&T defense is the return of defensive backs Thomas Warren, Gerald Johnson, and Anthony Currie.

Warren, Johnson and Currie played their prep ball at local high schools. Last season the

trio intercepted 20 passes last season as the Aggies rated among the NCAA's top teams in the interception category.

"We call them the "Greensboro Gang" and they have really been doing an outstanding job for us," McKinley said. "They work extremely hard in practice, trying to improve

each phase of their, and give a hundred percent effort every day."

"Last season we picked off 28 passes and near the end of the team's seemed to be more hesitant about throwing on us."

The Aggies are scheduled to play in Greensboro on April 22.

City Gets Grant

The City of Charlotte has been awarded \$9,850 from the Energy Division of the North Carolina Department of Commerce to perform transit marketing activities. The one-year grant, which requires no local matching funds, is designed to reduce energy consumption in Charlotte-Mecklenburg by

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promoting the use of mass transit. Specifically, the grant provides for the hiring of transit promoters to perform the following activities:
1. Prepare a slide show which promotes mass transit;
2. Develop, print and distribute a "How to Ride the Bus" brochure;

3. Promote transit through talks, displays, presentation of the slide show and other means. Public Transit Coordinator Michael Kidd says, "The activities made possible through this grant will significantly augment the work of Charlotte Transit System's new director of marketing."

JCSU Sets Track

Meet For April 15

The Johnson C. Smith Invitation Track Meet will be held on Saturday, April 15 at the West Charlotte High School track field.

Won last year by St. Augustine College, the event this year will include Pembroke State, South Carolina State, North Carolina A&T, Fayetteville State, Winston-Salem State, Edward Waters, High Point College, and other area schools.

The Bulls, who are having a very good track season, according to Coach Kenneth Powell, are one of the favorites to win this meet.

"We are having a good year," said Powell. "With top performers like Johnny Cozart in the mile, Victor Cozart in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, Sim Fogle in the three mile and the mile relay team of Sherman Witherspoon, Eric Browning, Demarcus Calhoun, and Jason Lowe, we should have a good chance to win it."



Kenny Powell
JCSU Track Coach

All-Star Stella Johnson in the hurdles and the 100 yard dash. Also we have Delores Easter, Lavern Rodgers, and Kathy Williams."

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