

Here Saturday Night

Cal Gill Will Be

Ready For Hampton

by Chase Vance
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Stating quarterback Cal Gill will be in the lineup Saturday night when the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith Pirates meet the Hampton Institute in Memorial Stadium.

"He just bruised his left shoulder," said head coach Wylie Harris. "Fortunately, he throws with his right."

Ron McGriff

Is "Athlete

Of The Week"

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When West Charlotte running back Ron McGriff reflected on Friday's upset win over North Mecklenburg, he could only utter signs of, "I can't believe I completed that pass. I just knew it was going to be intercepted."

The swift senior halfback was involved in both plays in which the Lions scored their two touchdowns giving them their 14-12 advantage over the Vikings.

With just 8:24 left in the first half, he threw a halfback option pass to wide receiver Maurice Montgomery, who was sandwiched between two defenders and still managed to make the catch of the pass that McGriff could not believe he made.

"With both men on him, I knew I didn't have a chance of completing that one," he said. "But then Maurice is such a good receiver."

A short while later, the talented back closed out a 51 yard drive by the Lions with a 26 yard pitchout from quarterback Don Davis to make the score 13-6.

"Ron did a great job for us," said his head coach Rudy Abrams. The Lions are undefeated going to tomorrow's game at 8 p.m. with the Olympic Trojans at Memorial Stadium primarily as a result of the efforts of McGriff.

That was the Friday night story for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry McGriff of Garden Park. At 5-10 and 175, the back who wears jersey number 32 says he likes to be considered as an all around player.

"I want people to think of me as a player who can run well, pass well, block well and throw well," said McGriff.

He is another of those great products of Ranson Junior High School which has produced such great players as Ralph Waymer, David Waymer, Sherwood Rankin, Lewis Woodley and others.

As a matter of a fact, he was most valuable back and captain in the ninth grade and moved right on to the West Charlotte varsity as a sophomore.

"I like Franco Harris and O. J. Simpson's style of running," he said. "They have a lot of power and are very quick. That is what I would like to pattern my style after."

Before a game Ron sits down and thinks about the things he has to do. The rest of the conference had better watch out. It looks as if he has his act together.

BATCH Seniors

Defeat BATCH

Juniors, 4-3

The Batch Traveling All-Star Seniors narrowly defeated the Batch junior varsity in the first Junior-Senior All-Star Classic held at the Hornet's Nest by a 4-3 score.

Winning premier matches were Eric Berry (Sen.) over Stan Law 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; James Cuthbertson (Sen.) over Paul Anderson 6-3, 6-0; Ron Johnson over Tom Brown (Sen.) 6-1, 6-1; an Robert Hicks (Sen.) over Tommy Burch, 6-1, 6-1.

In ladies singles, Sally Smith (Sen.) defeated Lorraine Taylor in three sets and Druscilla Martin escaped with a 6-4, 6-5 decision over Carol Duncan (Sen.)

In the lone doubles match, Stan Law and Ron Johnson beat Eric Berry (Sen.) and James Cuthbertson (Sen.) 2-6, 7-6, 6-3.

With two opening losses, Harris is definitely not throwing in the towel. "We figured that we wouldn't be able to tell anything until after the first five games because of the new system we have introduced," he added. "The bad thing is that our first five games are all tough ones. Virginia Union is the top dog in our conference."

The Bulls lost to the Panthers of Virginia Union last Saturday in Richmond by a 36-0 score.

By being named so late, the Bulls coach did not have the advantage of recruiting. His first accountable squad will graduate in the year of 1983.

"When we looked this year most of the people had graduated, so we started with what we had," he said.

Outstanding performers in that dismal loss at Virginia Union according to Harris were quarterback Gill flanker Sammy Gilstrap and cornerback Mike Jamison.

The Pirates of Hampton coached by Walte Lovett beat the Bulls at home last year 35-7.

Coming off back to back 7-4 seasons, the team is a contender for the CIAA title.

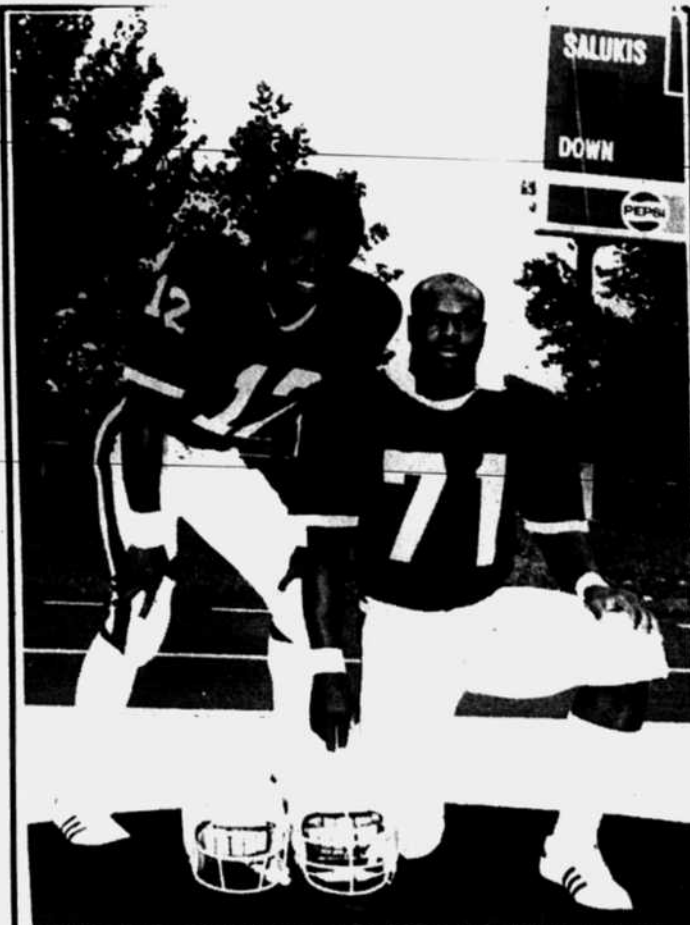
With 39 lettermen returning, quarterback Jensen Baker, defensive lineman Ernie White, Flanker Eddie Pratt and linebacker John Gamble are the key Pirates to watch.

ABC Sports Names

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Don Bernstein, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Media Director at ABC Sports, announced that play-by-play for the game will be provided by Ron Pinkney, former sports director of the Mutual Black Network and a long time sports commentator.



TWO CHARLOTTE AREA PLAYERS ON SIU ROSTER CARBONDALE, ILL.—Two former Charlotte area high school stars, Gerald Carr and Charles Allen, are listed on the Southern Illinois University two-deep depth chart for the 1978 season. Carr, a 6-1, 170-pound sophomore, is listed as the Salukis starting quarterback. Carr is a graduate of North Mecklenburg High School. Allen, a 6-2, 240-pound freshman defensive tackle, is currently listed as the Salukis backup at left tackle. Allen is one of the Salukis prize recruits from Garinger High School.

BATCH Entertains Racqueteers

the BATCH TRAVELING ALLSTARS entertained the Charlotte Racqueteers from Southeast Charlotte in a mixed doubles match recently at Hornet's Park.

The visitors emerged victorious as they accumulated 91 points to Batch's 77.

With the scoring system used it was possible for a team to score a maximum of 120 points.

The scoring totals for the locals were: Dot Clark and Eric Berry 22, James Cuthbertson and Sally Smith 19, Stan Law and Druscilla Martin 19, and Sophia Taylor and Ron Johnson 17.

Delay Moving Peonies For First Frost

Here are a couple of green thumb tips on Sultanas and peonies from the Agricultural Extension Service, North Carolina State University: Sultanas, also called Impatiens, can be brought into bloom in the winter time, but it isn't easy to achieve this.

Root them in a half-and-half mixture of garden loam and sand. The Sultanas will root in water, but the soil medium is best.

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Prep Football Roundup

West Charlotte, East Meck

Viewed As Conference Leaders

Prep Football
by Chase Vance

As the conference season eases on down the road, two things become evident the yellow in the maroon and gold of West Charlotte and the blue and gold of East Mecklenburg is shining brighter every day.

These are the early playoff predictions and the two teams that will have to fold if Myers Park and North Mecklenburg are to make a run for it. Several key games are left however. Among these are matches pitting East at West Charlotte on Friday October 6, East at Myers Park on Friday, October 13, North at Myers Park on Friday, October 20 and East at North on Friday, October 27. It is still early in the season but the choice here is East Meck for the conference title and West Charlotte as the runnerup.

The Lions have the advantage of having beaten the two closest challengers, Myers Park 9-7 and North 14-12 while the East Eagles have the toughest schedule remaining with several big games coming up.

Still, East looks more invincible every week and every bit as good as last year's state champions.

They are a well disciplined outfit.

A key game pits South at East on Friday night at 8 p.m. in the Eagles Stadium. The Eagles have given up only 14 points in three games for a five points per game average and are averaging 22. That is a 17 point scoring margin that's hard to beat.

With Van Smith, Malcolm Sanders and Brian Valentine running out of the backfield and Dave Emery handling the signals, the big strong Eagles should demolish the Sabres. Dexter Maxwell's running ability and Teddy Froneburger's receiving could keep the Sabres in the game.

If the Eagles get too complacent, an upset could be in the offering here.

The Garringer Wildcats fresh from a 49-6 win over

Independence have finally gotten it together in time for arch rival Myers Park in their 8 p.m. game Friday at Myers Park Stadium. It is Alumni night for the Mustangs and they hope to put on a good show.

Curtis Wilson is in strong contention for Player of the Year honors in the county and the Garringer line is no match for his cunningness. Wilson will probably gain 150 yards in this one. Consistent play from from quarterback Jay Cave, half-back Darryl Bryd, linebacker Marty Cuthbertson defensive back Renault Springs have been Mustang fortes.

The Wildcats are big but slow and should keep the game close if they don't get disorganized.

Harding is at hapless Independence. The Rams have put together a winning program and the poor Patriots are no match for Chris Hill and Johnny Love in the Ram backfield. The Rams should be easy victors in this one. The Pats

only hope is that Milton Wolford, the sensational sophomore scores everytime he gets the ball.

The West Mecklenburg Indians travel to North to play some revengeful Vikings. The host team of Will Campagna

will be ready this time. The Vikes are still young and most people don't realize that this is next year's number one team when all the junior will be seniors.

Chris Cook, scotty Williams, Bubba Watson and Company should have a field day in this game with West.

With Kelvin Hopkins and Donnie Thompson the Indians are not dead but the Mustang wave left several key injuries on the team.

The Lions know to be weary in their stadium game at 8 p.m. Friday with the Olympic Trojans. Another young team, the Trojans are not as bad as they look and the Lions had an unbeaten streak last year when they were startled by the tune of 6-0 on their home field.

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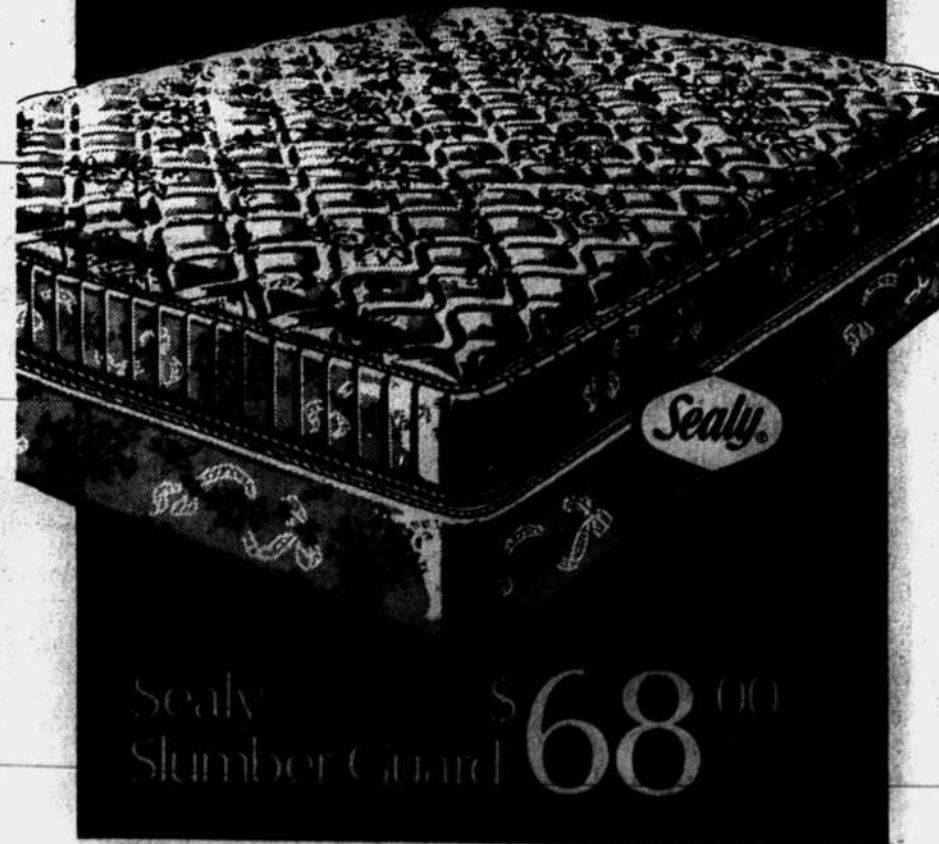
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