

Sports Deal



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ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?.....

Sports information directors are the world's most positive souls, especially when the conversation is about his or her respective school.

The fact came to mind last week while I was browsing through the information that the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's SIDs sent to me last week. I quickly learned that there were no less than 10 teams looking to show up at the third annual Gold Bowl next December wearing the banner of conference champions.

The truest statement in the CIAA fact sheet can be found in the remarks of St. Paul's coach Pernel Simms, who confidently stated, "the only way to go is up."

It must be remembered that St. Paul's finished dead last in the CIAA football race in 1978. As a matter of fact, St. Paul's has been finishing at the bottom of the pack for as long as I can remember. So, one would have to agree with Simms that the only way St. Paul's "can go is up."

Coach Dick Price, a cagey gentleman who is quietly building a powerhouse at Norfolk State, stated simply "we're still young in the offensive line, but they've had a year of experience behind them." Price, who is this writer's choice to win the title, didn't bother to mention LaRue Harrington, the super running back, who, if he stays healthy, will be a popular selectee on everybody's "All-anything" team later this fall. Nor did he say anything about Steve Burlas, the strong footed sophomore who hit 13 of 15 extra points and nine of 15 field goal attempts, including a 42 yarder.

The understatement of the year was attributed to coach Billy Hayes of Winston-Salem State, who back in 1976, predicted "by the time these kids are seniors, we should be able to contend for the CIAA championship." Well, there is no need to remind you that Hayes' kids have won the marbles on two straight occasions and they will be going after their third straight CIAA championship this season.

There are several roadblocks being thrown in Winston-Salem State's path this season as the conference gets set for what is expected to be its most exciting seasons ever. No less than seven of the 10 teams are equipped with the personnel to become serious contenders, and each could undercut the Rams' hope for a third straight pennant.

In addition to Norfolk State, Virginia State, Virginia Union and Elizabeth City loom, at least on paper, as top contenders.

Virginia State will be playing under a university banner for the first time, and the Trojans are ready to explode.

Tom Morris is coming off a 5-7 conference campaign with a great squad that has a year of experience under their belt. In addition, he has recruited well. The team's only real weakness is at quarterback where Morris has brought in four top signal callers. He also has senior Maurice Banks, who showed flashes of brilliance last year.

The brightest of the bright spots is running back George Leonard, who leads the team in every ball-carrying aspects except pumping up the pigskin. The 205-pounder covers the 40 in 4.6. VU has one of the conference's most stingy defense, having yielded a mere 208 yard per game a year ago.

Good words are coming from more than just the sports information director about Elizabeth City State where Tommy Holmes is beginning his fourth season with 43 lettermen returning and a bevy of highly prized recruits, including "several big, quick linemen who will make ECSU a serious contender."

"We'll be weak at the quarterback slot," coach Williard Bailey of Virginia Union moaned, who indicated he'll take a good look at freshman Troy Cauthorn in the early practice. Curtis Brandon and Ricky Johnson are the signal-callers with experience and they're ready to step in if Cauthorn fails to impress.

The 1978 Gold Bowl champions are well-fortified at the other positions.

There are three teams that could cause some surprises. Hampton, Fayetteville State and Johnson C. Smith should not be taken lightly.

The Pirates have 33 lettermen returning, including several All-CIAA and All-American candidates. Walter Lovett is high on Dennis Mahan, freshman runningback who galloped for 4,456 yards in high school. The Team's press people list "No established quarterback and an inexperienced offensive line" as the team's only weakness.

Over at Johnson C. Smith where optimism reigns supreme, coach Wylie Harris is not making any predictions. The Charlotte native is hard at work with a relatively inexperienced crew which could blossom later in the season. Golden Bull publicity folks say defensive secondary and inexperienced offensive line, and the passing game will have to be shored up before the team can be rated a contender.

The prediction here is that Fayetteville State, Livingstone and St. Paul's will place near the bottom in the final standings next December. Neither appears to have enough personnel to compete with the top seven teams.

With 4 Contests Black College Football Season Kicks Off Saturday

Some black college football players will shed their practice uniforms for the more dressy game togs Saturday night when the 1979 football campaign officially moves on to the sports scene.

Morgan State, North Carolina A&T, Maryland-Eastern Shore and South Carolina State of the MEAC will help usher in the new season as will Winston-Salem State and Virginia State of the CIAA.

Two of the contests stand out like Stone Mountain. Winston-Salem State will host North Carolina A&T before approximately 25,000 at Winston-Salem Grove stadium and Virginia State will face South Carolina State before another unusually large crowd in Richmond, Va. Both games will kickoff at 7:30 p.m. The other contests will have Morgan facing Towson State and UMES entertaining Bowie State.

The top questions to be answered during the new season likely will be: "Can Bill Davis continue the amazing success coach Willie Jeffries was enjoying at South Carolina State?" and "Can coach Billy Hayes produce any more miracles at Winston-Salem State?"

Hayes will have the more difficult task. He's beginning the campaign without the services of some 37 athletes who helped to accelerate Winston-Salem State's climb up the ladder to national football respectability. Additionally, Hayes and his dashing football team will be facing an A&T team that is victory hungry.

A&T promises to make it more of a contest this year than they did last year when Winston-Salem romped to easy 25-7 win. Coach Jim McKinley is pinning hopes on quarterback William Watson, who has had



Timmy Newsome
...Rams' top threat

to battle to keep his starting position away from Roland Myers, a top signal-caller who transferred from California Junior College. McKinley also has two of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's most exciting running backs in sophomore Charlie Sutton and senior William Joyner. The Aggies have a dangerous outside threat in versatile Lon Harris, who ranked fourth among NCAA Division I-AA kickoff returners a year ago. Paired with Charlotte native Frank Carr and tight end Billy Mims, Harris gives the Aggies one of the conference's speediest crop of receivers.

Winston-Salem will counter with the sensational Kermit Blount at quarterback and All-American running back Timmy Newsome at fullback. Newsome led the NCAA Division II schools in rushing last year when he grounded out more than 1,000.

Widespread interest will be focused on Richmond where Davis will make his debut. The Bulldogs' new head coach inherits the reigns and the tremendous pressure of leading the Orangeburg, S. C.



Bill Davis
...Makes coaching debut

team to a higher level than Willie Jeffries, who brought six MEAC football championships to SCSC before he left last year for a head coaching tenure at Wichita State.

"Anytime you've got Leonard in the backfield, you've got to consider your running game a strength," says coach Tom Morris, who points out that the big senior has amassed 2,706 yards rushing in his first three seasons, and is only 1,089 yards shy of the state collegiate record.

CBS Sports Kick Off NFL Football Year

CBS Sports, for its 24th consecutive year of National Football League coverage, kicks off the 1979 season with the New York Giants versus The Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, Sept. 2 at 12:30 p.m. on WBT, Channel 3. Curt Gowdy will provide the play-by-play, with analysis by Hank Stram.

In all, a record number of 110 regular season and post-season games will be presented, highlighted by the broadcast of Super Bowl XIV from the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., Sunday,

Jan. 20 "The NFL Today," CBS Sports, two-time Emmy Award-winning, live pre-game, half-time, and post-game programs, continue. The broadcasts, now in their 16th season, update and analyze the football season, feature highlights of all the important games in the NFL, and, focus on the players, coaches and personalities making headlines.

Starting its sixth year from the CBS Sports Control Center in New York City, "The NFL Today" is hosted by Brent Musburger, Irv

Cross and Jayne Kennedy. Additionally, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder returns to present his selections of the day's games, as well as provide inside news about the world of sports on "The Greek's Grapevine." Jack Whitaker, 1978 Emmy Award-winning "Sports Personality of the Year," will also present one of his timely commentaries.

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Tournament here last week
end at Crystal Springs. His
score was 85 on Saturday and
74 on Sunday for a 2-day total
of 159. (Photo by Jerry Curry)

Course Designed For Boating Enthusiasts

A course designed for boating will be held at Providence United Methodist Church at 2810 Providence Road, Charlotte, this fall.

Sponsored by the Office for Continuing Education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the course is scheduled Tuesdays, Sept. 4 through Dec. 18, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Titled "Advanced Piloting and Navigation for Boat Owner," the course is aimed at coastal navigation and picks up where a basic boat-course leaves off. Instruction will cover compass procedures, charting, map reading, Coast Guard rules and regulations, tides and tidal currents.

The instructor will be B. B. Fesperman, a member of the Charlotte Power Squadron.

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