

Sports Beat



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ARE YOU REALLY READY FOR THIS?.....

Johnson C. Smith, which hasn't fared too well against the pass this year, will be facing one of the most feared pitchers in the MEAC when they encounter North Carolina A&T State in Greensboro Saturday night. Bob Watson is slowly establishing himself as one of the conference's top passers.

The Golden Bulls are buried near the bottom of the CIAA standings with an 0-3 loop record. Their contest with Lenoir-Rhyne is being regarded as an "allowable" conference contest.

An excellent way to spend the weekend would be to stop off in Salisbury Saturday afternoon to attend Livingstone-Virginia State game, starting at 1:30. Winston-Salem State is hosting top-ranked Norfolk State in Winston-Salem Saturday night, starting at 7:30.

Virginia State has been playing super on defense this year, especially against the pass. The opponents have averaged only 28.3 yards per game against VSU. In addition to watching one of the conference's most stingy defenses, you'll get an opportunity to see the great George Leonard in action. Leonard is averaging 108.6 yards a contest and is only 764 shy of breaking the career record for the most yards gained by an individual in the history of state of Virginia.

How's this for a day's work? Sid Gardner of Bowie State, was credited with 20 tackles and two quarterback sacks against Cheyney State week before last. He was named "CIAA Defensive Lineman of the Week" for his effort.

Winston-Salem State likely will set some sort of attendance record for its home football games this season. The Rams have attracted 40,500 paying fans to their first two home contests, and they likely will have another banner crowd on hand for Saturday night's contest with Norfolk State. The Rams will close out their home slate with Johnson C. Smith (Oct. 27) and Elizabeth City (Nov. 3). The J. C. Smith game will serve as the highlight attraction of their homecoming weekend celebration.

The National Association of Black Journalists cited Lou Brock for his "achievements as an individual and an athlete" at their annual convention in Washington, D.C. last week. Ed "Too Tall" Jones, former Dallas Cowboys great, will make his debut as a professional boxer Nov. 3 in Las Cruces, N.M. against an as yet unannounced opponent...

List this reporter among those who likes what he's seen of Vince Evans...Look for the New York Yankees to trade Reggie Jackson to the California Angels during or before the coming world series. The only holdup at this point is Jackson's fabulous salary which has two more years to go on his contract, plus an option year.

Watching the young University of Mississippi football team take its lump in the game against Missouri on television this past Saturday reminded me that more than coach Wylie Harris is having it tough this season. We'd do well to remember that both Mr. Harris and his Johnson C. Smith football players are very young at the tough business of competing at the college level.

Bet you didn't know that the best way to sleep soundly is to live sensibly and think sanely. A telephone chat with commissioner Bob Moorman informs that the CIAA is anticipating another scheduling problem for its annual Gold Bowl promotion. "It looks like Virginia Union and Norfolk State, if they continue to play well, will be invited to a post season playoff," Bob stated Monday afternoon, adding "If this comes to pass, we would still have excellent representation, with Virginia State, Hampton and Winston-Salem in contention."

Moorman says the Golden Bulls looked good "in spots" against Hampton in Virginia last week. He also indicated that Hampton could become the "sleeper" down the home stretch.

You knew it was bound to happen sooner or later Michelle Nelms a classic beauty and second grade teacher at Woodson Elementary School in Detroit, has charged the Detroit Pistons' organization with "racism and sexism." She's a member of the Classy Chassis, the Pistons' cheer squad...

Are you aware of the fact that a record number of blacks competed in the recent U. S. Tennis Open Tournament? There were 11 Americans and one French playing impressively, proving that blacks are a most versatile group, able to compete effectively in any sports.

Some people are like blotchers--soak it all in, but get it all backwards.

The Ole Crystal ball has done well this season, hitting 13 out of 14 correctly including 7-for-7 last week. That's good reason for trying it again this week. Here goes!...Delaware State will get its first win of the year over UMES and Florida A&M will trounce Howard. Morgan will continue N.C. Central's downhill slide and A&T will maul our young Golden Bulls. S.C. State will edge Alcorn and Hampton will get by Elizabeth City. Bowie State is too good for Fayetteville State. Virginia State will defeat Livingstone in a close battle and Norfolk State will embarrass Winston-Salem State. St. Paul's will not prevent Virginia Union for registering its fourth straight win.



JCSU REGGIE SAUNDERS (42) FINDS DAYLIGHT

In Greensboro Saturday Night

Golden Bulls Tackle Aggies

Johnson C. Smith University and North Carolina A & T State University, a couple of football teams that have been knocking heads since 1926, will come together Saturday night at Greensboro's Memorial Stadium in the 31st renewal of their time-honored series.

A & T defeated J. C. Smith, 24-0, here a year ago to take a commanding 27-7-2 advantage in the series. A ranking underdog, the Golden Bulls have not beaten the Aggies since 1973. A & T is 1-2 for the campaign, having defeated Winston-Salem State and lost on consecutive weekends to Nationally-ranked South Carolina State and equally powerful Bethune-Cookman. In the meantime, J.C. Smith was

dropping decisions to Lenoir-Rhyne, Virginia Union and Hampton.

The young Bulls have been showing week-to-week improvement and coach Wylie Harris anticipates an impressive performance Saturday night.

Thomas, a dangerous scrambler at quarterback, Harris has bolstered his offense with the shifting of former quarterback Cal Gill to a runningback slot. The Knoxville native has apparently found a home. He is leading the Bulls ball carriers in yards gained rushing. Gill is also one of the better punters in the CIAA.

"As long as the athletes don't give up, we'll find some victories in our schedule."

Harris said. "Nobody said this year was going to be easy."

A & T coach Jim McKinley, who never lost to JCSU, intoned "This matchup is one of the oldest rivalries on the A & T schedule and despite JCSU's past record against the Aggies the game should be closely contested."

McKinley is looking for stellar performances from junior return specialist Lon Harris, who blitzed the Bulls defense for 124 yards and scored two touchdowns last year. McKinley is also looking to senior runningback William Joyner, who is recovering from an injury. "Our kicking game must be more consistent if we're going to be successful," concluded the Aggie mentor.

Harris feels the key to a Golden Bulls victory will be more consistent offensive output. "The JCSU coach declined to name a starting lineup for the 7:30 o'clock kickoff.

North's Scotty Williams

Is "Player Of The Week"

By James Cuthbertson
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For the second week, North Mecklenburg's Scotty Williams has been the goose who delivered the golden egg.

Last week, Williams kicked the extra point that decided the 7-6 margin in the Vikes win over West Charlotte.

This week, he moved back a few yards and kicked a 32 yard field goal to propel the Vikes past upset-minded West Mecklenburg 9-7.

Williams kicks extra points, field goals and the kickoff for the Vikings.

How does he do it with such accuracy?

"Coach Campagna makes us practice," said the senior whose family includes brothers Newton and Leon who play for Arizona State and the North junior varsity respectively. "He makes sure that I keep my head down and follow through."

"I can tell whether I made the field goal or extra point by



Scotty Williams
Golden Foot

the noise of the crowd," he said.

"If you raise your head, you may kick the ball to the left or to the right," Williams said. "You have to look at the football at the point of contact."

The farthest field goal that he has kicked was a 45 yarder

in practice.

Williams is excited about this week's game with the Garinger Wildcats. The Vikings are undefeated and moving along like they are seeking the conference's playoff spot.

"There is a big difference in this year's team and last year's," Williams said. "For instance, when Garinger upset us last year, we had the chance to win but we didn't follow through. Now everything is falling into place."

Other players having outstanding games were Harding's Ivan Jones who caught two passes of 24 and 35 yards from Mike Eppley in the 26-13 win over Independence. Robert Simmons, Charlotte

Catholic's safety who intercepted the ball at the goal line to preserve a 12-6 Cougar win over Monroe, and West Charlotte's linebacker Joe Green who intercepted an Olympic pass at the goal line to thwart the Trojans upset hopes.

MEAC Players Of The Week

Durham--For South Carolina State's 55-17 explosion over previously unbeaten Howard, Chris Ragland has been named MEAC offensive "Player of the Week," and teammate Edwin Bailey was picked as offensive "Lineman of the Week."

North Carolina Central line-backers, Chris McKinstry and Gary Harris, will share MEAC defensive "Player of the Week" honors for the superb play in Saturday's 5-0 loss to Elon.

Ragalnd, a 5-9, 190-pound junior tailback, carried 27 times for 157 yards and scored on runs of four, 17, two and 53 yards. This marks the second time in four weeks that the Indianapolis, Ind. native has

been named.

Bailey is a 6-4, 255-pound junior guard from Savannah, Ga. He keyed the Bulldog offensive line thrusts, and graded over 90 percent on the game film. SC State rushed for 310 yards against Howard.

Central's McKinstry is a 6-1,

220 pound sophomore from Pensacola, Fla. On Saturday, he recorded five solo tackles, five assists, and recovered a fumble. Harris is a 220-pound senior from Washington, DC; who was in on 10 tackles and intercepted a pass.

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