

Sports Deal

BY BILE JOHNSON



TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS
Don't find fault, find a remedy...Anybody can complain!

Ken Free has pulled off a modern miracle in enticing Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman to join the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The move is a definite shot-in-the arm for Free's league which has experienced more than its share of trouble since its inception.

One's first impression is that both of the new teams will bring far more to the conference than it is losing because of the bolt by North Carolina Central and the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore. Perhaps Free can now get on with the business of developing a 7-team conference in NCAA Division 1, with Tennessee State joining the fold.

Did you know that the great O. J. Simpson is planning to hang the uniform up after this season? The San Francisco 49ers' leading rusher with 325 yards on 82 carries says this will be his 11th and final NFL season and he would like to leave on a high note.

The world isn't interested in the excellent excuse you have for your failure!

It's interesting to note the quotes contributed to coach Wylie Harris in the daily newspapers have been highly critical of the game officials, promoters, etc.

A recent quote has Harris saying that Johnson Smith's trip to Mexico was a "farce." What has happened to the practice of paying high tribute to the winning team? In my opinion it is far better to admit that you've been beaten by a superior team than to lay the blame for defeat on the game officials, etc.

Had an opportunity to catch the Bill Davis Show on Channel 10 out of Columbia, S. C. last Sunday morning. It was well done and Davis was most impressive. I especially liked the way he's giving publicity to his assistant coaches. Assistant coaches are not generally given due recognition in the publicity medias by their boss. When Virginia Union blasted Norfolk State last week the Panthers took full command of the CIAA football championship race and, at this moment, it would appear that the Richmond, Va. based-team will represent the CIAA in next Dec. 1 Gold Bowl. The Panthers have to get by Virginia State in Petersburg Saturday, Livingstone in Salisbury and Hampton in Richmond to succeed Winston-Salem State as the top team in the loop. Virginia State is being viewed as the only roadblock between Virginia Union and the coveted title. Winston-Salem State has been knocked from the championship picture with a defeat to VU and a tie to Norfolk State.

Morgan State can wrap up the MEAC football crown with a victory over North Carolina A&T State in Baltimore Saturday afternoon. The Bears will have only Howard remaining on their conference slate while South Carolina State, the only other member school with an outside chance at the title, will end its conference commitments in Charleston, S. C. Saturday with a nocturnal match-up with North Carolina Central.

Our boy Frank Carr ranks seventh among the individual receivers in the MEAC this week. The A&T flanker has caught nine passes for 222 yards and one touchdown. He's averaging 24.9 yards per catch.

The second Black College All Star Bowl will be staged in the New Orleans Superdome, January 5. It will match the outstanding seniors from the MEAC and the CIAA against the top seniors from the SIAC and SWAC. Players from the independent colleges will be assigned by region.

Billy Hayes of Winston-Salem State will serve as the head coach of the MEAC-CIAA squad. He will have Billy Joe, George James and Joe Redmond as his top assistants.

Mexican universities are playing before crowds of up to 50,000 and have bolstered their chances of winning by the grand American scheme of building talent-import ringers from Texas to play. I believe Johnson C. Smith may be walking into the Lion's Den, Daniel! The foregoing was written by young Phil Busher, sports information director at J. C. Smith.

According to Phil, the Associated Press and UPI are still scratching their heads trying to figure how the Golden Bulls could muster 30 points against Livingstone here two weeks ago with a mere 37 yards total offense.

The Ole Crystal Ball hit seven out of 10, with two setbacks and a tie last week, to run its season record to 40 right, 6 misses and two ties.

This week is a toss-up, with Fayetteville State having an easy time in whipping Elizabeth City. Hampton will slip by Howard in Washington, D. C. and Winston-Salem will maul J. C. Smith before its homecoming crowd in Winston-Salem. St. Paul's is no match for Livingstone and Bethune-Cookman will hand Norfolk State its second successive defeat. Virginia Union will topple Virginia State's young Trojans and Central State will trounce Bowie State. S. C. State will get back in the win column against N. C. Central. Morgan State will cinch the MEAC championship with a win over unpredictable A&T and the University of D. C. will down UMS. Kentucky State will take care of Delaware State.

MEAC Football Roundup

Morgan State Moves Closer

To Conference Championship

DURHAM-In the oblong world of Mid-Eastern Conference football, this past weekend witnessed two shut-outs and a tie. NC A&T blanked Howard University 29-0, and Morgan stopped Delaware State 22-0, while NC Central and University Maryland-E.S. settled for a 7-7 draw.

Howard carried the MEAC's number two offense and a 22-point scoring average, but a swarming A&T defense held the Bison to only 5 net yards rushing, and when the passing game, which totaled 229 yards, threatened; the Aggies came through with big plays.

The offense did very well also by picking up 363 total yards. They were led by Roland Myers, who hit 5 of 9 passes for 82 yards and one touchdown, plus sprinting for a 52-yard TD. He got help from Wayman Pitts' 100 yards on 15 carries, and wide receiver Frank Carr, who scored 13



Frank Carr
...6th leading receiver

points in each of the first two quarters, and got a late last period field goal from Keith James.

The Conference-leading Morgan State Bears are bringing back pleasant memories this season, and barring their 10-point loss to

quarter, and Todd Fleming (DT) recovered a fumble in the endzone a quarter later. Greg Turner (RB) got a score for the offense in the final period on a 7-yard run.

UMES survived the 7-7 Homecoming tie after putting up a one-yard goal line stand, when NCCU had four cracks at a tie-breaker late in the fourth quarter. Roger Sawyer had set up the Hawk's third quarter TD with an interception return to the Central two. Quarterback Greg Stephens swept left end on the next play. The eagles got the TD back in the fourth on a 20-yard pass from Charles Yuille to Phillip Rice.

Grambling, no one has come close to beating them. The Golden Bear defense proved why it is the second best in the league by not only getting the shutout, but by scoring two touchdowns. Linebacker Gerald Huggins intercepted two passes, one for a 21-yard TD return in the second

Florida A&M, Bethune-Cookman Join MEAC

Special To The Post

DURHAM — Commissioner Kenneth Free announced that Florida A & M University and Bethune-Cookman College have joined the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Florida A & M is a former member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), and Bethune-Cookman of Daytona Beach, Florida, will be making an announcement of resignation from that conference this week.

Florida A & M University, which won the first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I-AA football championship last year, and Bethune-Cookman, which has applied for Division 1 status, will give the MEAC six institutions in that category. The others are Delaware State, Howard University, N.C. A & T State, and South

Carolina State.

Commissioner Free said, "I can't express my delight to have these two fine institutions in the conference and a press conference for confirmation purposes is tentatively set for 11 a.m. on October 29, at the MEAC office in Durham. Many associate these institutions with their athletic accomplishments, but they are equally as rich academically." He expressed that it was going to be a pleasure to work with the presidents, Dr. Walter Smith (FAMU), Dr. Oswald Bronson (B-C), and the athletic directors, Mr. Hansel Tookes (FAMU), Mr. Lloyd Johnson (B-C), and their entire staffs.

Free added, "Florida A & M will be eligible to compete in the 1980 MEAC basketball tournament to be held at Winston-Salem's Coliseum February 29 through March 2, the outdoor track cham-

pionships scheduled in April, and the 1980 football championship. Florida A & M has immediate eligibility for basketball because the MEAC has waived its usual visitation format for one year. Because of NCAA scheduling criteria, our Division 1 schools could not schedule all of the Division 2 members. Therefore, the tournament winner will be the 1979-80 MEAC basketball champions. Seeding for the tournament will be derived through overall records."

The commissioner said the institutions' great athletic laurels are a tremendous addition to the MEAC's already thriving program and he recommended that the media come to the press conference and meet some of the people behind the greatness.

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CIAA Football Roundup

CIAA Holds Championship Game

Hampton, Va. - Before regional television on a beautiful springlike day, Virginia Union University Panthers hosted the Norfolk State University Spartans in what many consider as a conference championship game. The Panthers eased by the Spartans in what seemed like an effortless victory, 41-9.

Virginia State University shut-out another conference rival, Hampton Institute during the Pirates Homecoming Activities, 37-0 and remains undefeated in conference play and ties with Virginia Union for first place in the conference.

Union will meet Virginia State next week for another conference championship game—only this time, there won't be any ties for first place in the conference, barring a tie.

Winston Salem State continued its winning ways after regaining its top quarterback, and all CIAA, Kermit Blout, who was out after the North Carolina A&T game. The Rams defeated Central State University, 27 to 6.

Elizabeth City State routed N.Y. Tech, 14 to 0, while Fayetteville State barely got by Livingston, 7 to 6.

Johnson C. Smith traveled to Mexico to meet with the Cherokees and fell 50 to 28 in an NAIA sponsored game, and St. Paul's College lost to Liberty Baptist, 44 to 0.

VIRGINIA UNION

Coach Willard Bailey and his Virginia Union Panthers have a definite pattern of winning, and especially so this season, as they toppled State, 41-9, for their 7th straight win.

The Panthers eased over the Spartans, handing them their first loss of the season.

Bailey has earned the CIAA Coach of the Week Award for the third time this season as his team continues their undefeated march for the CIAA championship.

The Union football team doesn't really know what its like to warm the bench, because the Panthers bench really gets a workout during every game. Every player plays with determination and zest, sparking each other to do

their best. This team effort has earned them every right to their high position in the conference standing, as well as over-all. Union gained 225 yards on the ground against Norfolk and 135 yards passing with quarterback Curtis Brandon completing 7 or 14 passes for 73 yards. Backup quarterback, Ricky Johnson completed 3 or 4 passes for 62 yards and Malcolm Barnwell on an option lobbying 1 touchdown pass for 17 yards to halfback, James Ferebee for his second touchdown of the day.

The Union defense held Norfolk's running attack, led by LaRue Harrington, to 16 yards, with Harrington getting only 12 yards on 9 attempts for the day.

Offensive lineman, Oswald Barnett opened up the Norfolk left side. He assisted the Panther ball carries in gaining 225 yards rushing by leading the charge with the help of right guard, Curtie Lyman.

Defensive back, Calvin Grey, a 6'1", 175 lbs. senior had a rough but rewarding day as the Spartans challenged him time after time. He got 5 tackles, 1 assist and interception while breaking up 3 pass attempts in his area. He now has 5 interceptions in 7 games for the season.

Rookie, Junius White, the Panther punter and wide receiver from Williamsburg V. was instrumental in keeping the Spartans in poor field position with 6 punts for 222 yards. He came out of the game with a 37.0 punting average for the day and a 35.5 average for the season.

Norfolk State University Spartans suffered their first season loss.

Forced into a passing attack, the Spartans completed 11 of 36 passes using 3 quarterbacks, and picked up 132 yards.

LaRue Harrington, the All-Conference runningback from Portsmouth, Va. scored the only Spartan touchdown with a 1 yard plunge in the last few seconds of the second quarter.

The CIAA Defensive Back of the Week, Mel Sturdfen, a 6-2,

198 lbs., senior linebacker, was also named the Chevrolet \$1,000 scholarship winner in the TV game. He was one of the bright spots in game getting 14 tackles, 7 of them unassisted and tackling Union's, James Ferebee in the end zone for a safety. He also knocked down 1 pass. As a 4 year starter on the Spartan team and this years team captain, he leads his team in tackles with 78.

Rookie, Jeff Gunn, a 6-2, 185 lbs. freshman, wide receiver, caught passes of 32 and 10 yards setting up Norfolks only touchdown. He has 10 catches for 176 yards as a freshman with a long of 56 yards.

The Spartans will travel to Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida to regain their winning ways.

The Virginia State University Trojans ruined the Hampton Institute Pirates homecoming festivities by defeating the Pirates 37-0 and shutting out their 5th opponent of the season and every conference opponent thus far.

The CIAA Offensive Back of the Week Award goes to Tony Colden, a senior, quarterback who passed for 190 yards and 2 touchdowns, including a 78 yard touchdown pass to Elton Pierce. He ran for 2 touchdowns on runs of 9 and 1 yards and was instrumental in directing the Trojans to its 6th straight win of the season.

Offensive lineman, Carter Burnette was the pillar of the Virginia State line as the Trojans rolled up a total of 356 yards in their win over the Pirates.

Hampton Institute fans, of almost 12,000 for the homecoming activities, witnessed a bad ending to their otherwise perfect week-end when Virginia State trounced them 37 to 0.

The Pirates had scored in 50 consecutive games prior to this game dating back to November 28, 1974. The loss continued what appears to be a jinx for the Pirates since they have only won one of the last 12 homecoming contests.

Hampton turned the ball over 6 times in the game with 4 fumbles and 1 interception.

BY THE WAY...

By Joe Black



Those of you who, through the years, have followed my "By The Way" commentaries have probably experienced times when you thought that I sounded like a broken record.

My remarks today will echo some previous thoughts that I have expounded on each year since 1974. Some of my words have provoked some of you into writing me angry letters and describing me as a "tool for the white man because I am 'ripping off' the brother rather than dealing with the sociological ramifications of Black-on-Black crime." That is your prerogative, but I still choose to view Black-on-Black crime from the "bottom line"—that it is having a very negative effect upon the socioeconomic status of Black communities.

The sweat, tears, and lives that were lost during the social revolution of the 50's and 60's were not sacrificed so that we can kill one another or to keep the Black side of town in a depressed financial state. It is time for Black Americans to stand up and loudly denounce those criminals who are destroying our neighborhoods; because in too many towns, Black women and children are afraid to walk the streets once the sun goes down. Senior citizens are victimized because the attackers take advantage of their weakened bodies and slow reactions. Our community is deprived of convenience and economic growth because businesses hesitate to locate in inner-city because of the higher insurance rates and the risk of robbery or extortion.

And when we do speak out, we must make the courts understand that we want the same penalties applied for crimes against Blacks as the court applies when a white citizen is the victim; no longer will we tolerate a lecture and a \$50 fine when a Black man rapes a Black woman.

Joe Black

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