

# SPORTS BEAT



Bill Johnson

**THE \$1.98 RAP SESSION.....**  
If you're smarter than anyone else around you, the world will discover in time, so don't bother to tell people about it!

Perry Harrington, second-year running back who was just coming into his own with the Philadelphia Eagles, has been lost for the remainder of the season with a broken right leg. The former Jackson State star had taken over as first-string fullback.

Freshman Gerald Fraylon continues to sparkle at North Carolina Central. The former Myers Park High School standout was selected CIAA "Rookie of the Week" last week. It was the second start of the year for the Charlotte native and also his second successive week of being cited by the conference.

If South Carolina State's statistics are accurate, the Bulldogs' great weakness can be found in their inability to defend well against the pass. SCSC stats also show that the Bulldogs are reluctant to put the oval in the air. They've thrown a mere 51 times in their first four contests, completing only 13 and had three intercepted.

The embarrassment over in Hampton last Saturday will cost Norfolk State its national rating... Or will it? The Spartans were rated No. 3 last week in the Sheridan Network Poll and they're 9th in the NAIA Poll.

It's official now! Dick Stockton and Bill Russell will handle the play-by-play and expert analysis for CBS Sports' coverage of National Basketball Association games next season. The 40-game schedule, including regular season, playoff and championship games, begins October 30. The regular telecasts will begin January 17, 1982. Let's hope WBTV will carry them.

John Merritt, the legendary football coach at Tennessee State, who formerly coached at Jackson State, has been admitted to a Nashville hospital. Rumors say he probably will retire.

Florida A&M will likely have a \$200,000 football scoreboard when the next football season rolls around. It's going to be the gift of a soft drink company. Did you know that five of the seven players that South Carolina State sent to the NFL last season are now playing professionally?

Twelve Bulldogs are now drawing their paychecks from NFL teams.

Reports from the Bahamas are that former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali is overweight and is facing difficulties in shedding the extra pounds.

Would you agree that a friend is someone who doesn't expect any favors?

Earlier in the year the experts around the MEAC figures A&T would contest S.C. State for the conference football championship this fall. Time has proven them wrong. A&T was dead last in the league's standings this week, but Bethune-Cookman, an outfit that was lightly regarded at the beginning of the season, is in second place and keeping pace with Bill Davis' Bulldogs.

Look for Morgan State to rejoin the MEAC later in the year.

Johnson C. Smith, Virginia Union and Hampton loomed as the "teams to beat" when the CIAA basketball team opened practice last week. Howard and A&T are considered the class of the MEAC.

The West Charlotte Optimists appear to have a winner. At this writing, it appears that North Carolina Central will oppose Virginia Union in the first CIAA Football Championship game here Saturday, November 21.

The Eagles will get a break this week because their game with Elizabeth City is classed as a "non-conference" contest and will not count against their loop record. However, the Eagles have a tough road to the championship game, with J.C. Smith, Bpwie State and Norfolk State waiting to knock them off.

**BOLD PREDICTION FOR THE WEEK** - A&T will kick Howard and S.C. State will have its hands full in turning back Florida A&M in Miami, Fla. Bethune-Cookman will continue to roll against Tuskegee while Bowie State mauls St. Paul's. Fayetteville State will face little trouble in disposing of Livingstone, but James Madison will slip past Hampton. Virginia Union will upset Morgan. Winston-Salem will do what everyone else has done this season - ship Lenoir-Rhyne. Th two setbacks we suffered last week dropped our season record to 39-11-1.

## CIAA Football Roundup

# Rams Close In On Eagles In Red-Hot Southern Race

**Special To The Post**  
**HAMPTON, VA.** - When the seventh week of CIAA football came to a close, not one of the top teams felt comfortable with their position. In the North, the Panthers of Virginia Union (5-0, 6-0) are still on top but only a one-half game ahead of the Elizabeth City Vikings (4-1, 5-1). In the South, the Rams of Winston-Salem (3-2, 3-3) have closed to within a half game of front-runner North Carolina Central (3-1, 3-2).

In the big game of the week, the Hampton Institute Pirates (3-2, 4-3) came from behind in the final 2½ minutes to edge the nationally (NAIA) ranked Norfolk State Spartans (2-2, 3-2-1) 23-20.

"I had dropped my head over the interference call that gave Norfolk a 20-16 lead with a little over two minutes left," said Hampton Head Coach Ed Wyche.

"The players told us coaches, 'We've got 2½ minutes and we can win this game,' and then we really started coaching."

With 35 seconds on the clock, Pirate quarterback Kevin Joiner lofted a 28-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Coggins for the win. On the day, Pirate running back Dennis Hahan gained 172 yards on 29 carries. The 29 carries tied a Hampton record which was set by Donnel Jones against St. Paul's College in 1978.

Coach Bill Hayes and his Rams from Winston-Salem have come alive and are in the thick of the Southern division as they romped over Fayetteville 53-20. The win moved the Rams to within a ½ game of the division leader North Carolina Central, who were idle last weekend.

Mike Ferguson, Ram running back, returned to action after being sidelined for four games with a shoulder injury. Ferguson rushed for 121 yards on 23 carries and scored a two-point conversion.

**BULLS REBOUND**  
The Johnson C. Smith Bulls rebounded from their drubbing at the hands of South Carolina State to rout Livingstone College 39-19.

Junior quarterback John Henry Thomas showed his leadership as he led the Bulls with either the run or the pass for five of the six touchdowns and passed to Vincent White for a two point, point after.

The Elizabeth City Vikings the running of Gary Sneed and the passing of Ralph Eagleton, soundly beat St. Paul's Tigers 39-6. Sneed rushed for 122 yards and one touchdown while Eagleton completed eight of 16 for 92 yards and two touchdowns.

Virginia Union continued its quest for an undefeated season by downing Bowie State 25-0. The Panthers were led offensively by running back Harry Mitchell who piled up 144 yards on 27 carries and three touchdowns. Halfback Marlon Cowles added 113 yards on 12 carries and one touchdown.

The Panther defense led by William Dillion, Darrell Patterson and a host of others held the Bulldogs of Bowie State to a minus 65 yards on land and a minus 23 yards of total offense.

The Trojans of Virginia State journeyed to the nations capitol to face the Bisons of Howard University for the Bison's homecoming. Howard used a stellar defense to defeat the Trojans 26-14.

**WEEK NO. 8 FINDS:**  
Saint Paul's College (0-5, 0-7) at Bowie State (1-3, 3-3) for homecoming at 1:30 p.m. The Tigers of St. Paul's would like nothing better than to upset Bowie at their homecoming with their first season win.

Norfolk State (2-2, 3-2-1) journeys to Virginia Union (5-0, 6-0) for the Panthers' homecoming at 1:30 p.m. The Spartans of Norfolk will not only be trying to spoil the Panthers' homecoming but will be trying to get back in the race for the Northern division championship.

A Panther win would assure them of at least a tie for the divisional title.

"We are in the time span that we label 'The Big Push,'" remarks VUU head coach Willard Bailey. "We will be able to gauge this team as we go down the stretch. During the '73 and '74 seasons, we only



John Henry Thomas Golden Bulls' star

lost one game in CIAA competition and this team could rate with those years. As all good teams, to be a winner, we have to avoid mistakes such as costly fumbles, interceptions and the major 15 yard penalties. We felt we had a good team last year.

Fayetteville State (1-3, 1-4) is at Livingstone College (0-5, 1-6) at 7:30 p.m. The Livingstone Bears will be clawing hard for their first '81 conference victory while the Broncos of Fayetteville State will be kicking to get back on the

winning track toward a 500 season.

Due to the new conference set-up, North Carolina Central (3-1, 3-2) at Elizabeth City State (4-1, 5-1) at 1:30 p.m. will not be a conference game. Under the new CIAA set-up each conference team plays only seven conference contests, but each team will be looking to keep their winning ways in tact.

The Vikings of Elizabeth City have won three in a row and want to keep their momentum going as they challenge for the Northern division title.

The Eagles of NCCU are being pushed from the Southern title and momentum again is of the utmost importance. Both teams hope for an injury free victory.

Hampton Institute (3-2, 4-2) is at James Madison (1-5) at 1:30 p.m. The Hampton Pirates have proven they are winners, now they must journey outside the CIAA to continue their victory march. They have to be believers of themselves.

Virginia State (3-1, 4-2) journeys North for the second straight week

hoping thing will turn out different. This week they face Morgan State (3-2) at 1:30 p.m. The Trojans want to find their winning ways again before returning to CIAA action.

Johnson C. Smith (2-2, 3-4) is idle this week.

**DEFENSIVE BACK OF THE WEEK**  
**HAMPTON, VA.** - Bret Gibson, 6'1", 245-pound senior tackle from Columbus, Ohio, was graded 97 percent on his blocking which opened holes for the majority of the 257 yards gained by the Virginia Union backs.

**OFFENSIVE BACK OF THE WEEK**  
**HAMPTON, VA.** - 6'3", 195-pound junior quarter-

back John Henry Thomas of Hartsdale, N.Y., drove the Bulls for 514 offensive yards against the Livingstone Bears, despite missing the 3rd quarter with an injury. He rushed for 51 yards on 10 attempts (one touchdown) and passed for 268 yards on 14 of 25 passes with no interceptions. His 93-yard touchdown strike to split end Vince Casey set a JCSU school record.

**LINEMAN OF THE WEEK**  
**HAMPTON, VA.** - Carlton Watson is a 6'1", 220-

pound senior linebacker from Ahoskie, N.C. Watson was a problem for the Fayetteville offense as he accounted for nine solo tackles, 13 assisted tackles and one interception for a touchdown.

**DEFENSIVE BACK OF THE WEEK**  
**HAMPTON, VA.** - Marco

Tonque is a 5'9", 175-pound senior free safety from Annapolis, Md. Playing his usual consistent game, in a losing cause to Virginia Union, Tonque had 15 solo tackles, six assisted stops, one interception and a pass broken up.

**NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK**  
**HAMPTON, VA.** - Darrel Wesley is a 5'7", 163-

pound-freshman running back from Washington.

Despite being slowed by injury, Wesley broke the 100-yard plateau for the fourth time this season with 138 yards on 28 attempts.

**COACH OF THE WEEK**  
**HAMPTON, VA.** - With

Wyche at the helm, the Hampton Pirates would never submit and came out victorious over Norfolk State who earlier had tied the NAIA's best. Maybe the best has to come from the CIAA.

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