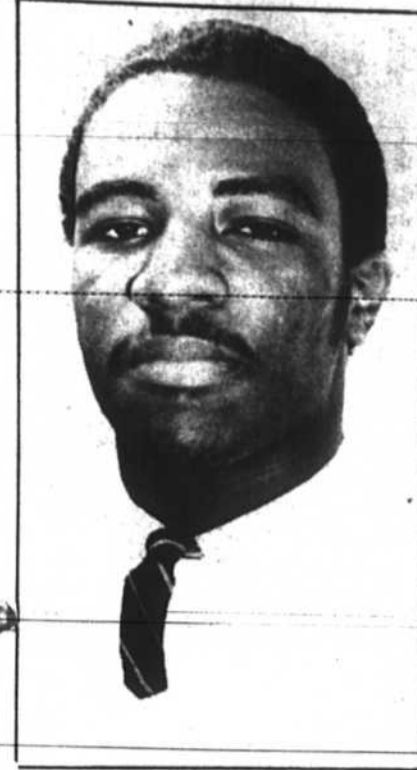


Bulls Turnaround Possibilities Appear Promising



Chuvael Truesdale
.....Versatile athlete

Local Talents
Further NCCU's
Gridiron Growth!

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer
North Carolina Central has been lucky over the years by maintaining a cache of Southwestern 4A Conference players who have furthered the growth of talent at the Durham school by providing a talent bank.

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member awarded a football scholarship to Chuvael James Truesdale of Myers Park High School for his exciting high school exploits as a linebacker, defensive back and place kicker for Myers Park High School.

The 6'1", 190 pounder is very excited about going to North Carolina Central.

"I can't wait," he said, in reference to the August 11 reporting date. "It is a dream that I have always had to play college football."

The linebacker, who has experience at tight end (sophomore year) and defensive end (junior year), was a terror in his senior year and one of the reasons the Mustangs marched unblemished through the Southwestern 4A Conference and into the state playoffs.

He considers his best game as the game with South Mecklenburg Sabres in which he sacked opposing quarterback Stewart Cole five times.

"I was playing very well that game," he said referring to his archrival. That was at his linebacker position.

His best game at guard came against Roxboro Person when he "fired off the line quickly and cleared the way."

His best game kicking off was against the Independence Patriots.

"I was recruited by Lawrence Pettis," he said. "We went up there and coach Lattimore talked to us and we really liked it."

Truesdale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hutchins of Hidden Valley and attended Cochrane Junior High School.

To keep in shape during the summer he has been running, lifting weights and doing exercises.

MEAC Football Luncheon Planned

Greensboro - The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference will hold its annual football press luncheon featuring the head coaches Friday, August 3, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Greensboro, NC, at the Hilton Inn-Airport in Forum Two and Three.

The MEAC coaches will highlight the affair, offering their pre-season expectations and predictions.

They welcomed new head mentor Willie Jeffries of Howard University, who holds the MEAC record for most victories when he coached South Carolina State College to a 50-13-4 slate from 1973-78. He is definitely no stranger to the Conference, having also been defensive coordinator at N.C. A&T State University from 1967-71. Jeffries was head coach of Wichita State from 1979 until last season.

The other MEAC coaches are: Larry Little of Bethune-Cookman College; Joe Purzycki of Delaware State College; James Phillips of Morgan State University; Mo Forte of N.C. A&T State University; and Bill Davis of S.C. State.

Little is a former NFL All-Pro guard, and guided the Wildcats to a 4-1 record in his debut last year.

Purzycki, who was a standout defensive back at Delaware, has made some positive strides in his three years at Delaware State; leading the Hornets to a 7-3-1 record last season, the best since they joined the MEAC. Forte is a former professional runningback for St. Louis, and looks to rebuild A&T's program. His teams have improved over the past two seasons, and he expects the third to be better. In five years, Davis has won four consecutive MEAC titles; reached the second rounds of the I-AA playoffs in 1981 and 1982, and won 44 of 57 games at S.C. State.

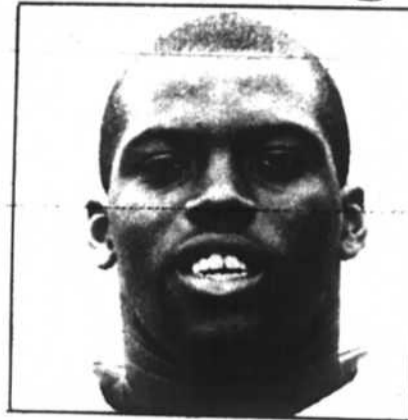
By Phil Busher
Special To The Post
If ever a publicity campaign came back to haunt a school, Johnson C. Smith's "Bruise Brothers" last year was a prime example. While the Golden Bulls of offense moved the ball up and down the field finishing fourth overall among 12 CIAA teams, the defense finished a dismal tenth in the league overall. The Bruise Brothers became the Bruised Brothers.
If the Golden Bulls hope to contend for the CIAA South, they'll have to stop playing league doormat. A turnaround possibility appears promising, despite a young squad. Not a single senior is slated to start.
The Bulls' prime prospects for

respectability rests on the wide shoulders of nose guard John Logan and linebacker Craig Warren. Logan, second team All-CIAA last year, was picked as a pre-season selection by league coaches going into his junior year. The East Gaston native compiled six QB sacks and 82 tackles in 1983. More importantly, Logan ties up his share of offensive linemen, freeing linebackers to do their job. The defensive ends are likely to be a pair of freshmen from among three strong prospects coming in.

Linebackers will be a strength. Associated Press' second team All-American linebacker, Craig Warren (a school record of 178 tackles in 1982) is anxious to make up for a lost

year. Veteran Charlotte native Billy Banks (Myers Park) and Walter Harris provide experience while red-shirts Vernon Stowe and Jerome McCoy add potential. Newcomer Tony White will be worth keeping an eye on.

The second day will have to overcome not having worked together as a unit before. Jarrius Moore, Ed Lilly and Jackie Wilkes gained experience last year. Wilkes, a graduate of West Charlotte, has been moved to strong safety where he scored high marks last spring for Smith coaches. Another Charlottean Anthony Byers (East Meck.) has walked-on after a year layoff from football and captured a cornerback position.



Billy Banks
.....Provides experience

"What we're lacking in experience, we make up in potential and

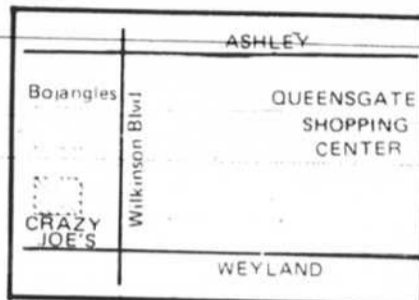


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.....Moved to strong safety

leadership," appraised head coach Horace Small.

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