



**TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!**  
Courtesy is so cheap that some people take no interest in it!

The 1984 Black College Football Campaign has slipped up on us! The CIAA lists five contests and there are three games involving as many MEAC schools Saturday.

Local football fans will have a choice of five games. The top attraction is the big battle between North Carolina Central and Livingstone is Salisbury Saturday afternoon. The other attractions include the JCSU-Virginia Union tussle in Richmond, Bowie State at St. Paul's, Tennessee State at Hampton, and Virginia State at Winston-Salem State in the CIAA. South Carolina State will journey to Greenville, S.C., to tackle Furman in the afternoon while Central Florida engages Bethune-Cookman and Howard entertains Rhode Island in the MEAC contests.

With 19 starters returning from last year's team, coach Mel Rose has an excellent opportunity to capture the Southern Division title, a first-time honor for Livingstone College. In addition to the benefits of having had a good recruiting year, Rose has top-quality threats in kicking specialist Paul Ford and highly explosive JoJo White, who has scooted for 3,007 career yards. He rushed for 221 yards a game in 1983. Ford kicked 57 field goals last year.

It would appear that coach Billy Hayes has bitten off more than he can chew. His Winston-Salem State Rams, one of the teams the experts say will contend for the Southern Division crown, will face five top-ranked opponents in the first five weeks of the new season.

Hayes opens the season Saturday night against Virginia State in Winston-Salem. Then, in successive weeks, he is scheduled to challenge A&T in Greensboro and North Carolina Central in Durham before facing Virginia Union in a night game in Winston-Salem. The Rams will be in Salisbury on Saturday, October 6, engaging Livingstone's Fighting Blue Bears.

**CHECK THIS OUT!** When the St. Louis Cardinals sold shortstop Gary Templeton to the San Diego Padres, the gifted shortstop was labeled as one of the game's problem children. Today, knee problems and all, Templeton is rated the game's most underrated player. My guess is that he'll figure strongly in the National League's "Most Valuable" voting. He has become a crowd favorite.

It appears to me that black college officials should hold a meeting to figure ways to get some of the big bucks the TV people are tossing around. There's a tremendous black consumer market out there, with plenty of money!

Look for O. J. Simpson to replace Howard Cosell on the "Monday Night Football" broadcast team. ABC will air 21 Monday night NFL games this season, with Don Meredith scheduled to work only 14.

**HERE'S A TWIST!** Big Bob Hopkins, high-scoring forward with Grambling in the mid-50's, has been named head football coach at Louisiana Southern. The Atlanta Hawks, which reportedly lost a whopping \$3 million last year, is trying to unload guard Johnny Davis and center Tree Rollins and their hefty salaries.

Rumors out of Boston are that the Red Sox are close to closing a deal with the Atlanta Braves for outfielder Jim Rice...Latest check revealed that firing Frank Robinson has not proven beneficial to the San Francisco Giants. They were 3-7 in their first 10 games under Danny Ozark.

Nyles Darling, South Carolina State's top defensive back has been tabbed an All-American by the Sporting News in its preseason poll of Division I-AA schools... Reno Patterson, John Bostic and Leon Gonzales of Bethune-Cookman, offensive tackle Franz Kappel, wide receiver John Taylor and defensive tackle Joe Lane of Delaware State, offensive guard Lance Bonner and defensive end Johnson Crutchfield of South Carolina State were also picked for the high honors.

The Sheridan Broadcasting Network, which hasn't had much luck with the ratings of its Black College Football Polls, has placed Joe Purzycki of Delaware State, Willie Jeffries of Howard, Bill Davis of S.C. State and James Phillips of Morgan State on its voting members committee for 1984.

Did you know that Johnson C. Smith has carded three outstanding teams for night games at Memorial Stadium?...The new Bulls will host Catawba a week from Saturday in their home opener. A&T comes to town September 29 and S.C. State follows on October 6. Each contest will kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming will be celebrated October 27, with Winston-Salem State as the CIAA opponent.

Johnson C. Smith's football roster has a few surprises. The Bulls, for example, successfully recruited 13 athletes from South Carolina and they carrolled only five from North Carolina. Three players, junior noseguard John Logan, senior tackle Robert Wright and freshman Randy Green each list their playing weight at 280 pounds. Forty-five of the 67 athletes weigh more than 200 pounds while 21 roster players tip the scales at less than 200. Sophomore running back Jeff Easterling is the smallest person on the squad. He weighs a mere 155.

Coach Small and his staff had more success in recruiting players from Florida and South Carolina than they did in North Carolina. Of the 30 newcomers to the team, 15 are from South Carolina and eight are from Florida. Four of the rookies are from the ol' home state.

**THE PRICE OF INFLATION?** ...The San Francisco 49ers' payroll soared from \$7.6 million a year ago to an all-time high of \$8.5 million this year.

It's nothing short of remarkable how the political candidates recommend themselves.

The ol' Crystal Ball has been polished and, like the athletes who have trained enthusiastically, is ready to get into action. OCB picks Virginia Union to edge Johnson C. Smith; South Carolina State to slip by Furman; Rhode Island to defeat Howard; Tennessee State to wallop Hampton; Winston-Salem to get by Virginia State; Bethune-Cookman to trounce Central Florida; St. Paul's to down Bowie State; and Livingstone to cruise by North Carolina Central.



Jeff Easterling  
.....Swift running back



Horace Small  
.....New taskmaster



Darrel Wesley  
.....Potential All-American

**Against Virginia Union**

**Golden Bulls Open '84 Campaign**

By Phil Busher  
Special To The Post

First year Johnson C. Smith University head coach Horace Small will get a taste of what it felt for Daniel to be thrown into the lion's den when the Golden Bulls travel to Richmond, Va., to take on the two-time defending CIAA champions, Virginia Union, on Saturday, September 1.

The Panthers will be primed as Joe Taylor takes over as the new Virginia Union head coach from the super successful Willard Bailey (106-32-4) who moved to his alma mater, Norfolk State. Taylor is a former Panther assistant who gave up the head coaching job at Howard to be able to return to Virginia Union.

The Panthers are heavily favored to take the CIAA Northern Division title with 16 starters back from 1983's 10-2 squad. Fourteen seniors, including pro prospects LB Samuel



Harry Morrow  
.....Hoskins manager

**Triple County League Playoffs To Be Held Saturday**

Freddy Petty's 450-foot homerun in the fifth inning enabled the surprising Hoskins Giants to eliminate the favored Queen City Rangers from the Triple County Baseball League's Championship Playoffs at West Mecklenburg Athletic Field Sunday night.

The blow, which sent the Giants winning to an 11-9 victory, also sent the Giants into the playoff's semifinals at West Mecklenburg Saturday afternoon against the Metro Phillies. The contest is the second half of a doubleheader that will match the Charlotte Red Birds against the Charlotte Bombers, starting at 1 p.m.

"We're not sure at this early date who will be starting on the mound for us," Hoskins manager Harry Morrow said. "However, I would say it likely will be either righthander June Graham or lefty James Pendergrass." Morrow said Graham, who posted a 4-1 record during the regular season, is 2-0 in playoff competition. Pendergrass was 6-3 in regular season play.

The veteran Giants manager is looking to second baseman Michael Forney, third baseman Vic White and left fielder Fred Petty to furnish the offense for his team. Each was outstanding last week. Forney clouted three singles and a double while White was hitting three singles and Petty a homerun and a single.

The championship contest will be held Sunday afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock. The opponents will be decided after play on Saturday. Here's how it works: The Red Birds and the Bombers are competing in the losers' bracket and Hoskins and the Phillies are in the winners' bracket. The winning team in the losers' bracket will take on the losing team in the winners' bracket at 7 Saturday night. The winner of the winners' bracket will face the victor in Saturday night's game Sunday afternoon.

Do you have something to say? Then do so for everyone to read. The Charlotte Post, the only other voice in town, welcomes all letters on various subjects.

**Job Training**

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