

# Smarter, Experienced Bulls Foresee Better Season

Johnson C. Smith head football coach Horace Small surveyed his Golden Bulls after spring practice ended on April 18 and made a prediction that the 1-9 record of last year will be gone when the 1986 season is over.

"We were a very immature team last year," he said. "We started several freshmen. Now these freshmen are sophomores and although we will still be rebuilding, we will have players who are experienced and a lot smarter."

Immediate help will come in the bodies of four top recruits.

Steve Boone is a 5-11, 175-pound quarterback from Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, N.C.

Joe Fishback is a 6-0, 260-pound defensive back from Austin East High School in Knoxville, TN.

John Terry is a 6-4, 265-pound offensive lineman from Greenwood, S.C.

Anthony Deas is a 6-7, 330-pound tackle from Sanderson High School in Raleigh, N.C.

Returning Bulls who will figure prominently in coach Small's plans will be linebackers senior Billy Banks, 6-1, 220 pounds; junior Ronald Capers, 6-3, 195; senior Jackie Wilkes, 6-0, 210; and Ronald Capers, 6-3, 220.

Also junior Anthony Byers, 6-1, 175; junior Anthony Linyard, 5-9, 160 pounds in the defensive backfield. Byers was All Central Intercollegiate Conference Second Team.

The defensive tackle is



The gang's all here and ready to play! The Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University are raring to go.

sophomore DeCar Brown. He is 6-5 and 220 pounds.

On offense Billy Wyatt is a 6-4, 220-pound sophomore center.

T.C. Norris is a 6-2, 270-pound right guard and Dwayne Reed is a 6-2, 269-pound left guard.

Ralph Collington is a 6-0, 270-pound left tackle.

The promising running backs are Raymond Joyner, 6-1, 215, Rondro Boney, 6-3, 218, and Tim Jones, 6-1, 195.

Also returning is Tim Newman who finished sixth in the conference in rushing with 426 yards in

eight games and three touchdowns. Newman is 5-11, 180 pounds.

The quarterback fight will be on between Mel Westmoreland who played in eight of the Golden Bulls' games last year and Anthony Walker.

Westmoreland, 6-1, 170, played in seven games and completed 49 of 146 passes for 33.7 percent. He had 11 interceptions and threw for four touchdowns and 425 yards.

He rushed for 128 yards. Walker played in three games and completed one of five passes with one



Golden Bull team captains (l-r) Anthony Byers, Billy Banks and Jackie Wilkes.

interception for 20 percent. He threw for 28 yards and ran for 11 and one touchdown.

The Bulls were 1-6 in the CIAA South while scoring 93 points and giving up 156. They were 1-9 overall while giving up 225 and making 165.

The schedule favors the Golden Bulls who are on the road at Hampton before coming home to games with Norfolk State, Bowie State, Virginia State, and North Carolina A&T.

Last year the Golden Bulls were on the road for five straight games and it took the steam out of the season.

The Bulls were fifth in

the 12-team football conference in rushing with 1,161 yards and nine touchdowns.

They were 10th in passing, ninth in total offense, eighth in scoring with 13.4 points per game, third in rushing defense, giving up only 803 yards or 80.3

per game, 11th in passing defense, seventh in total defense and ninth in scoring defense.

The team expects to be greatly improved over the 1985 season.

Look out for the Bulls.



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