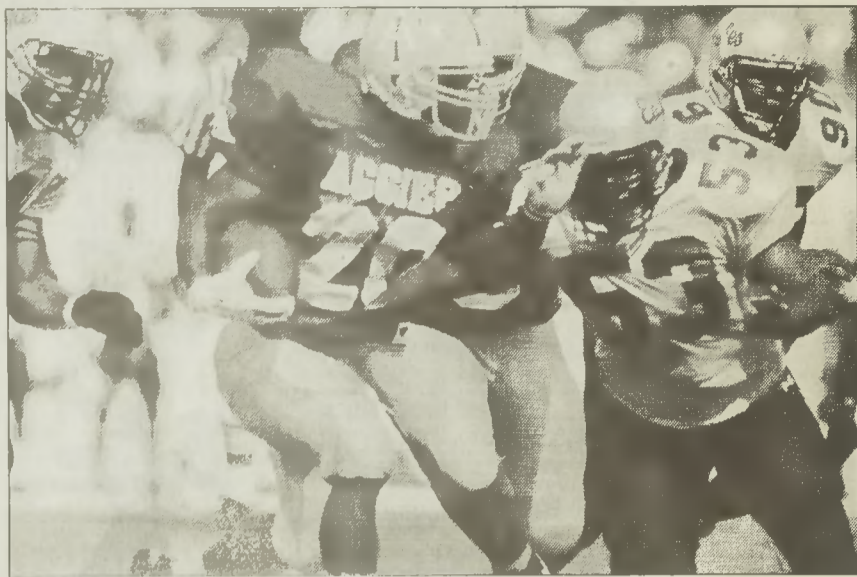


Grab that Aggie



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N.C. Central linebacker Ken Hill draws a bead on N.C. A&T running back Milton Shaw (20) during the Aggies' 38-31 win over the Eagles in Raleigh. A&T, picked to finish in the middle of the MEAC pack, needed overtime to subdue Central of the CIAA.

Littlejohn wins S.C. tournament

FROM STAFF REPORTERS

Charlotte's Donald Littlejohn won the championship flight of the Sickle Cell Anemia and Other Charities Golf Tournament in Spartanburg, S.C.

Littlejohn took the top spot by beating Tim Hosley on the sec-

ond playoff hole. Both finished regulation play with a two-round total of 141.

• Results from the Sickle Cell Anemia and Other Charities Golf Tournament in Spartanburg, S.C.:

Championship flight: Donald Littlejohn 141, Tim Hosley 141; Larry West 144; Gerald Young 145; Buddy Nelson 149.

First flight: Butch Little 149;

Randolph Hartgrove 153; Sam Barnett 154; Melvin Jackson 155; Otis Green 158.

Second flight: Wyatt Blackmon 161; John Neely 161; Willie Hawes 164; John Dendy 164; Ed Lewis 173.

Third flight: Pete Brown 173; Aquil Shamsid-Deen 174; James Tanner 174; James Davis 181.

Fourth flight: Wanta Hunter-Green 189; Sam Barnes 206; A. McKenzie 208; Don Oueener 216.

Lions are impressive, as usual

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The defense leaves Knotts scratching his head. The Lions are inexperienced in the secondary, but the key to a sound West Charlotte secondary begins and ends with the play of junior free safety Gerald Stevens.

"If we are going to be any good, Gerald's going to have to be pretty good back there," Knotts said. "He is going to be calling a lot of the plays, and we do play a lot of man to man...I think it's

a lot easier playing man to man, with a blitzing front, they don't have to cover them too long."

Stevens, who was the most valuable player in the state championship win last year, does give coach Knotts some reason to be at ease.

"I certainly feel comfortable with Stevens being back there," he said. "We are solid at linebacker, solid on the line, but the secondary is our biggest question."

Biakabutuka gets on-the-job training

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Tshimanga Biakabutuka's first steps in his pro football career weren't as quick as he'd like.

But there's room for growth.

The Carolina Panthers running back gained 69 yards in the Panthers' 29-6 win over Atlanta, but came away feeling he'd passed his first test. Everything moved quickly, causing the rookie to marvel at the game's pace.

"It was much faster than I thought it would be, but my confidence built up," he said. "I've played one game, I know what to expect, so I can work hard at getting better every week."

Biakabutuka started strong, but Atlanta's quick defense started to make the gains shorter. By the fourth quarter, yards were more difficult to come by, although Carolina had built a comfortable advantage.

"The defense adjusted to what the offense was doing against it," he said.

After sitting out 27 days of training camp, Biakabutuka went on a crash course to catch up with his offensive teammates. No one — including Biakabutuka — had an idea of how much work he'd get or his contribution to the offense.

"I didn't have any expectations. I just went in there and played hard. I wound up with a lot of work, but I had fun and we won the game. That's the most important thing."

To compensate for the Falcons' quickness, the Panthers took a smash-mouth approach on

offense. Biakabutuka spent most of the game running between tackles for modest gains, unable to unleash the long runs that made him an all-America at Michigan and enticed the Panthers to draft him eighth overall in April.

"I took a different approach," he said. "I went with a physical approach because they were quick and I was adapting to the speed of the game. It was my first game playing in the NFL and mostly I was trying to fit in."

Now that the first game is behind him, Biakabutuka is ready for more. He'll get his chance Sunday against another NFC West rival, New Orleans. Sooner or later, he feels he'll settle into his role as Carolina's top runner.

"I'm a running back. I like to carry the ball," he said. "As long as we're winning, I don't mind carrying the ball. That's my job, so I'm going to do it."



Biakabutuka

Dr. J part of McGirt Classic weekend

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The Doctor will make a house call on Johnson C. Smith Sept. 20.

Basketball hall of famer Julius Erving will be the keynote speaker at the 100 Club's athletic hall of fame banquet at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Eight former Golden Bull athletes will be honored during the 6:30 p.m. ceremonies, which is part of the Eddie McGirt/First Union Classic weekend.

Smith will play Elizabeth City State Sept. 21 at Memorial Stadium to cap the weekend's festivities in a game named after the school's all-time leader in football coaching wins. He also coached basketball, leading the Golden Bulls to the 1961 CIAA visitation championship, as well as teaching and serving as an administrator.

"We think it's fitting to name the classic after someone who has given so much to Johnson C. Smith University," athletic director Steve Joyner said. "Eddie McGirt is a legendary figure as far as Johnson C. Smith University is concerned. It goes beyond the playing field. Many of his players come back year after year to meet and greet him, and we thought it was a good idea for them to come back and for him to come onto the campus."

Joyner, who is also Smith's men's basketball coach and a former student of McGirt's, and football coach Darryl McNeill, approached Smith President Dorothy Cowser Yancy with the idea of a classic last year. Corporate sponsors First Union and Coca-Cola agreed to underwrite the game and banquet, with proceeds going to scholarships. In addition,

drawings for a \$5,000 savings bond and tickets to the Sept. 22 Carolina-San Francisco football game at Ericsson Stadium will be held during the Smith-Elizabeth City contest. The net effect, organizers hope, will be increased interest in Smith athletics.

"We're fortunate through the efforts of Coke and First Union to tie together the classic with the hall of fame banquet," Joyner said. "We wanted to create some excitement around the athletic programs, in this case football. We want to see a desire for alumni and friends to come back to campus as well as Eddie McGirt. It was a win-win situation."

Tickets are \$35 per person for the 100 Club banquet and can be purchased at JCSU's business office. For more information, call Linwood Simmons at 378-3505. Tickets for the Eddie McGirt/First Union Classic are \$10 and can be purchased at TicketMaster outlets as well as JCSU and Memorial Stadium on game day.

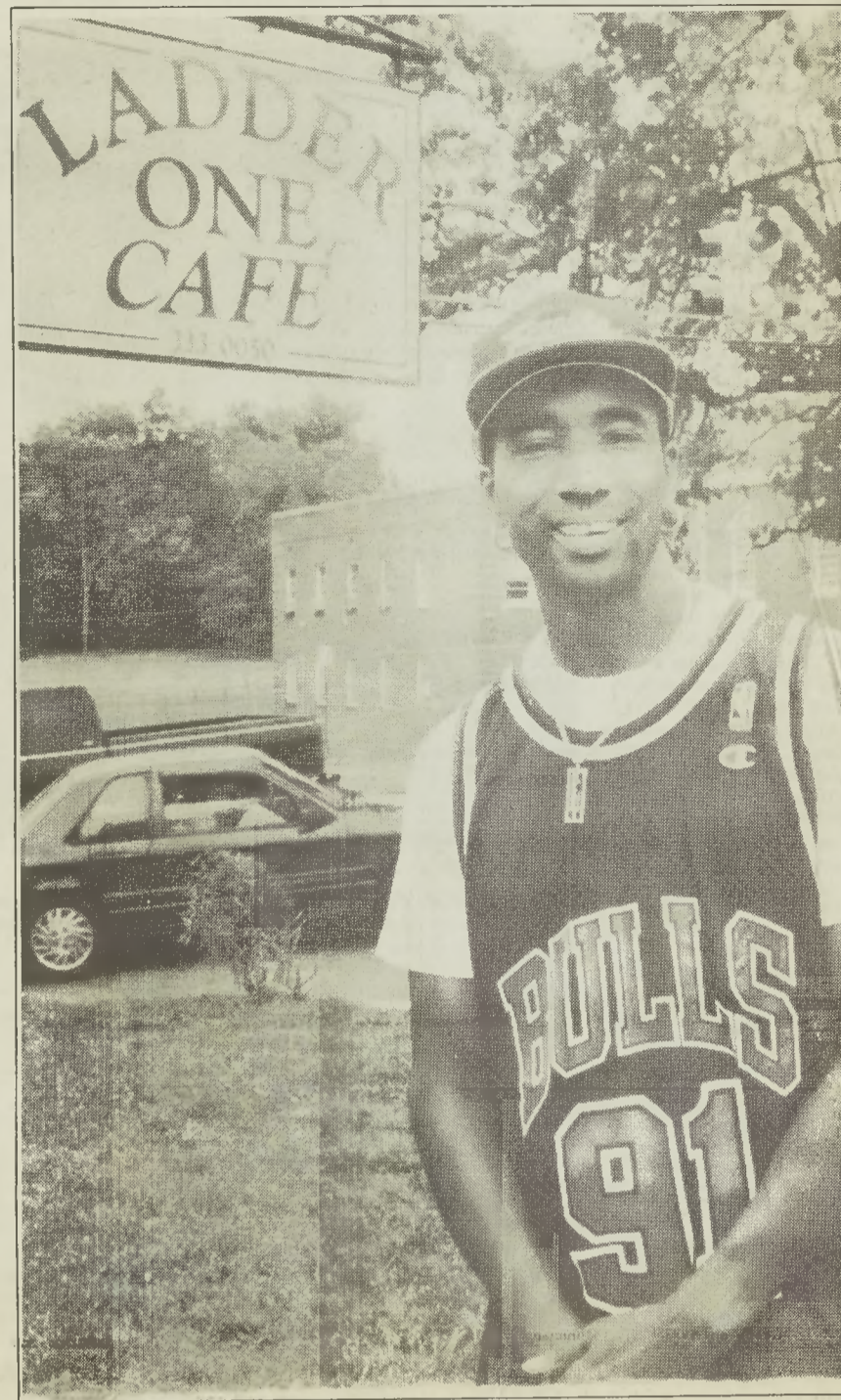
• There's more going on at Smith than the classic. The school is chartering buses to three football games: N.C. Central, Nov. 2; Virginia Union, Nov. 9 and Lane, Nov. 16. The trips to Virginia Union and Lane are overnight visits, while the Central excursion will return to Charlotte that evening.

Seating is open to students and adults. For more information, call Doug Spears at 525-3025.

The 100 Club is also sponsoring tailgating parties at all remaining home games, starting Saturday at 2:30 p.m. except homecoming Oct. 26 against Winston-Salem State. That party starts at 11 a.m.

For more information, call Dan Harvin at 391-3303.

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