

# Golden Bulls back to camping for Pioneer

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starting from scratch.

"It's a matter of starting camp all over again," Bulls coach Daryl McNeill says. "The thing you try to do is what the (Division I-A) Southern Cal and Texas do when there's a month between games."

That means building up to game day. Conditioning and preparing a game plan shouldn't pose an issue, Wilson insists, adding the Bulls are ready to get back to

work.

"We were on beat when we got back (on the field) Friday,"

Wilson said. "The guys are excited about today."

And, McNeill says, the prospect of adding one last feather in a cap that includes the program's first seven-win season since 1996 during McNeill's first stint at JCSU. A win would be Smith's eighth, a plateau last reached in 1975. At any rate, McNeill is enjoying the

opportunity to play meaningful football during the holidays.

"It's Smith football in December," he said. "I think I'll use that in my game notes."

Wilson will have another game to play in next month. He earned a spot in the Eddie Robinson Motherland Classic scheduled for Dec. 16 in Nigeria. The game is an all-star showcase for black college players and would be the first college football game played in Nigeria.

Wilson, who finished the season as the nation's top tackler, was an all-CIAA first-team pick.



McNeill



Wilson

## Aggies end worst season in history

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"Everybody's going to be recruiting, and that's No. 1," Fobbs says. We have to keep these guys together in the offseason in the

weightroom and continue to work academically. From the weightroom to the field for spring ball is a big, big key, and I think our kids understand that."

## Whining aside, Elizabeth City and Albany State belonged in playoffs

This week we are preempting our regularly scheduled columnist for a special guest who asked to be heard. Enjoy. (Actually, we think you'll want to throw up afterwards.)

Uh hello. My name is...well that's not important. First, I like to say thank ya to dis here black paper for givin' us — you should know we white — a chance to Xpress ourselves in this miscarriage of justice. Most Negro, uh, black papers just wanna incite riots and burn stuff up.



BONITTA BEST

Anyway we believe we have been discriminated against. And we think you good black people will want to change the situa-

tion.

We jus' got word that three of yall's teams are in the football playoffs. That just ain't fair. One we understand. That Central team is a good one awright, although they didn't have to jump over Northern Alabama to No. 1. We have lots of kinfolks in Alabama.

Both teams undefeated, so why couldn't dem Eagles stay in their place? That's what wrong with this country, folks don't know their place. Sorry, got off on another subject.

But we good sports, we can live with dem Eagles.

Now, that Lizbeth City team, we got kinda problem with that. How come they didn't get dropped after losing to dem Eagles. Newberry lost and they dropped.

No offense to y'all, but the CI-A-A-A is a sorry conference. You guys didn't beat half of us — us white folks that is — this year. Dem Vikings didn't beat Newberry, dey didn't beat dem Eagles.

Dem teams they did beat, heck my daddy could have whup 'em. My daddy like to whup folks. Like I said, no offense, but truth is truth.

But the most miscarriage of justice is dat Albany State team. Puttin' 'dem in the playoffs is criminal, just plain criminal. My daddy and granddaddy never did anything so bad and they are — I mean were — in the Klan.

That SLAAC conference is 'bout as bad as the CI-A-A-A is. How can dey get in over our cousins Valdosta State, Pittsburg State and Wingate?

Somebody said it's about Erned Aksees. Hogballs! That's another fancy sayin' for affirmative action. Dat's all it is. That ain't right, just ain't right.

Knowing how you folks feel 'bout discrimination, we know you want to do the right thing.

So dis is what we propose. Boycott. Y'all good at that. Boycott them games to show you are as disgusted as we are. Y'all always talk about not getting a handout and that's what y'all got.

We thought 'bout getting 'in our pickup trucks and go riotin' but daddy said that's what black folks do and we ain't black, so we ain't gonna do it.

If it's too late to boycott this year, we can wait 'til next year. We good at waitin'. Y'all tell them NC-A-A-A folks you won't be going to the playoffs no matter what 'cuz of the miscarriage of justice done to us.

Like dat black fella said, do da right thing. We thank ya for hearin' our concern. We believe y'all good black folks. Not like them who riot and burn stuff up.

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## Bayou Classic returns to Big Easy

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NEW ORLEANS — The quintessential event in black college athletics makes its triumphant return to the Big Easy this week after Hurricane Katrina forced the annual matchup between Southern University and Grambling State University to be held in Houston last fall.

Those who know anything about the contest know that the State Farm Bayou Classic is more than just a football game. With its colorful and glorified history, the State Farm Bayou Classic is a unique family fellowship that exists within a football game. The State Farm Bayou Classic has become the greatest and most distinguishable sporting event in all of Black America.

Everyone loves a grudge match. And that's what football fans can expect at the 33rd Bayou Classic sponsored by State Farm Insurance Companies. Every year, the game is a sell-out, attracting more than 70,000 fans.

It'll be another terrific game this year as Southern University Jaguars and Grambling State University Tigers football teams line up on the field to battle it out!

The gridiron match-up between Grambling State University and Southern University, two great Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) rivals, represents the best that collegiate sports have to offer: teamwork, tradition, passion and fierce competition.

Weekend activities kick off with the Coaches Luncheon on Fri., Nov. 24 at 11 a.m., and the Super Job Fair at Noon. Guests should also see the McDonald's Battle of the Bands & Greek Show at 8 p.m. on Nov. 24.

The Bayou Classic Football Game is televised live on NBC Sports Nov. 25. Whatever your pleasure, you'll never forget a weekend at the State Farm Bayou Classic. And if you can't make it to the game in person, kickoff time is at 2 p.m. on NBC.

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