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1975 CIAA Football Preview

JOHNSON C. SMITH—Coach Eddie McGirt's Golden Bulls finished the 1974 campaign with a 4—2 league mark and a 4—7 overall. Smith lost a lot of close games last year, which McGirt attributed to his defensive secondary who "were too small defensively". Another problem he added was the inability of the offense to jell.

With the mediocre season over, the Golden Bulls are looking ahead. Young men expected to star for J.C. Smith this year are James Wideman, senior quarterback; and running backs Jeffe Butts and Calvin Adams.

George Hill, 6—3, 245-lb. guard; made the All-CIAA team last year.

WINSTON - SALEM STATE—Coach Cleo Wallace must find a replacement for the departed Bennie Barbour. Barbour, a 6—3, 245-pound guard; made the All-CIAA team three years in a row and was a pillar of stone for the Rams' defense.

Sophomore quarterback Bernard Smith is being counted on to lead the Rams offensively. Sophomore center Robert Weeks will lead the offensive front.

On defense, veteran Curt Richardson, a fearless linebacker, will lead the Rams.

VIRGINIA STATE—Talk to Coach J. D. Marshall and it doesn't take long before he starts moaning over the fact that he'll have to find a replacement for mighty Joe Pearson, rugged 6—2 All-CIAA tackle. Of course this is only one of the problems facing the likeable Marshall as he starts his second season at Virginia State. He smiles when the names of Charles Burton and Ken Sales, two defensive giants, are mentioned and he adds a double smile when he speaks of running threats, Charles McDonald and Guy Rose.

Quarterback Gary Stephens appears to have the number one spot, as of now, and will get a strong challenge from Russ Seaton and Tom Williams. Split end Larry Galloway should have a fine season.

VIRGINIA UNION STATE—Virginia Union lost a host of lettermen and the Panthers will be hard pushed to match a two year mark of 17 wins and three losses. Gone are the likes of running backs Larry Roberts and Lofell Williams; defensive stalwarts, Mike Jones, Anthony Leonard, and Damon Dreher.

Coach Williard Bailey says that the Panthers cannot be counted out as Quarterback Timothy Keeles, and All-CIAA offensive tackle Don-Leon Byrd return to lead the offense.

Bailey feels that he has an excellent defensive nucleus in Anthony Leonard, and James Porter, cornerbacks; Frank McCray, strong safety, Larry Williford, defensive tackle-end; and Calvin Young line backer.

Sophomores Walter Brown, tackle; Bernard Johnson, center; and Leon Phillips, halfback, should help.

ELIZABETH CITY STATE—Coach Tom Caldwell has been building for two years and things are looking up for the Vikings.

Rising sophomore quarterback Charlie Hardesty showed the league his class by leading the conference in total offense with a 114.2 game average. Hardesty completed 82-passes in 201 attempts for 914 yards.

All-CIAA halfback Jerome Newsome was the Vikings rushing leader with 709-yards in 154 carries and he returns to bolster the offensive fireworks.

Elizabeth City returns Alfred Holmes, the league's leading punter with a 45.3 average and he should help the defense with his talented toe.

Elizabeth City finished the 1974 campaign with two successive wins and the Caldwell men are looking to take up where they left off.

EXTENDS WELCOME TO THE ABA—Dave Bavasi, former NBA star now the ABA commissioner, enjoys himself July 16 welcoming highly-prized David Thompson of North Carolina State to the ABA. Thompson, college basketball's premier performer for three years, has signed with the Denver Nuggets.

Christopher T. Fisher Named NCCU Sports Information Head

DURHAM — Christopher T. Fisher, a native of Durham, has been namd sports information director at North Carolina Central University. His appointment was announced this week by Joseph L. Alston, athletic director.

CHRISTOPHER FISHER

Fisher will also teach part-time in the university's Department of Education. He holds a Master of Education degree from Temple University.

The new sports information director has held similar posts at Virginia Union University, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in accounting, and at Virginia State College. His most recent employment was as sports information director at Virginia Union, where he also taught accounting.

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Football Staff Reorganized At A&T State

GREENSBORO — Athletic Director Cal Irvin of North Carolina A&T announced a reorganization of the Aggies' football coaching staff for the coming season.

Irvin said that Sherley Stuart, successful high school coach in Roanoke, Va., will join Hornsby Howell's staff as coach of receivers and quarterbacks.

He said Murray Neely, A&T line coach for the past 25 seasons, has asked to be relieved of football coaching duties. He will become full-time track coach.

Irvin said Melvin Groomes, who has served as coach of defensive backs, will be reassigned as full-time baseball coach. Not returning will be James Toon and Earl Clary, graduate assistants.

In addition to Stuart, Howell's staff will consist of George Wheeler, offensive coordinator; Wylie Harris, defensive coordinator; and Matthew Brown, coach of running backs. Howell said an additional coach may be added at a later date.

"The addition of Sturart to our staff should greatly enhance our program," said Howell. "I know him to be a sound fundamentalist and a dedicated teacher. We shall welcome his expertise to our situation here at A&T."

A native of Roanoke, Stuart is a graduate of St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va.

At St. Paul's, he served as captain of the Tigers' football team for two years.

Stuart's most successful coaching stint was at East End High School in South Hill, Virginia, where he guided the school's football team to a Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Association (VIA) championship in 1967 and school's track team to a state Championship in 1969.

He also served as head basketball coach at East End for three years. Stuart coached football at Roanoke's Addison High for four years and was baseball coach at Fleming High for one year.

Stuart is married to the former Virginia Bar of Rocky Mount, N. C. They have two children.

AT IT AGAIN—Muhammad Ali, kicking off publicity drive for his title defense against Joe Frazier (R) in Manila Oct. 1st, shows Frazier a minature gorilla figure during a press conference as they officially announce the bout. But as always, it was Ali's show, with the refrain being; "It'll be a killer and a chiller when I get the gorilla in Manila.

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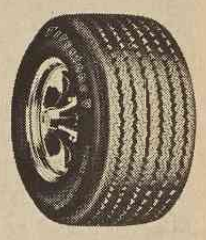

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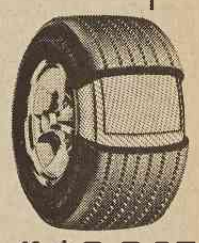

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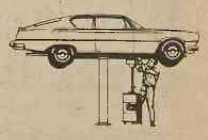

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