



CARRY PENN STATE'S HOPES — Penn State hopes for All-American selection rest on the broad shoulders of these high flying ends, Bob Mitinger (86) and Dave Robinson (80). The Nittany Lions opened practice on September 1st. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

Tan Player Who Set Grand Slam Record Voted CL's "Player Of Yr."

WILSON (ANP)—A Negro player who set an all-time baseball record of seven grand slam home runs in a single season was voted the Carolina League's player of the year for 1961.

He is Chuck Weatherspoon, who won the honor by a wide margin

over runner-up Gates Brown, the league batting champion.

In the balloting announced by Bill Jessup, league president, Weatherspoon garnered 15 of the 26 votes cast by sportswriters, sportscasters and field managers. Brown received eight votes.

Ligon's Little Blues Win Opener Over Smith, 24-18

The J. W. Ligon High School Little Blues got off to a flying start this young football season by edging a favorite E. E. Smith team from Fayetteville by 24-18 in a game in Raleigh's Chavis Park.

James Howard, a senior halfback with plenty of determination led the Blues offense, picking up 102 yards in nine rushing efforts. Pat White's 34 yard pass to Howard set up the first TD with Andrew Horton, fullback, powering over from the one-yard line to put Ligon ahead 6-0 in the first quarter, a lead they never relinquished.

Pete Williams' charges scored

one TD in each quarter but failed to make good on any conversion in their efforts to run the ball over for the two points. Roy Hicks, a capable halfback with plenty of heart set up the Blues second score by throwing a strike to Dewey Lee, a rangy end, covering 24 yards. Howard and White got Ligon's last two TDs on runs of 14 yards and 4 yards respectively.

Ligon's forward wall, anchored by Lemont Jenkins and Freddie Curtis held the visiting Bulldogs to a net of 162 yards while the Blues picked up 205. The locals had

Weatherspoon's feat of seven has never before been accomplished in the major or minor leagues.

Ironically, Weatherspoon, in his seventh year in organized baseball hit only 219 for Wilson last year.

14 first downs to Smith's 6 to lead in that department and this average last year's 20-6 defeat although they had a scare when the Bulldogs racked up two touchdowns and come within one of tying the Raleigh squad in the last quarter.

In addition to Pete Williams, the Blues are coached by the veterans George Handy in the backfield, Hubert Poole in the line and George Jones, a recent graduate of Saint Augustine's College who is handling the ends.

This week Ligon travels to Wilmington to take on Williston High on Friday night.

It Pays To ADVERTISE



HOME RUN HITTERS — Detroit Tigers sluggers Al Kaline, left, Jake Wood, center and Rocky Colavite are shown in the dressing room at Washington after the Tigers defeated the Washington Senators, 7-2. Kaline and Colavite both homered in the first inning and Wood hit a grand-slam home run in the 6th inning. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

BEATING THE GUN

By Bill Brower (for ANP)

This advice is for free to any scout in the National or American Football League. You want a back who can act on punt returns, who can carry the mail on kick-off runbacks, who can be spotted for a broken field dash?

Well, we believe you man is Jim Tiller, who has been performing for the Toledo Tornadoes of the American Football Conference. Performing, did we say? He has been setting it ablaze with swiftness and adroitness in the open field.

Tiller is a mite of a man, as football players go. He's 5-10 and weighs, perhaps, a few ounces more than 155 pounds. In college, he was a standout performer for Purdue University. His size was against him and got nary a nibble from the talent hunters of the NFL and the AFL. The Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Big Four League beckoned him for a tryout.

A combination of circumstances—his size and too many experienced Americans led to his release. It was too late for him to return to Purdue to complete work on his degree.

Lacking nothing better, he came back to his home town of Fremont, Ohio, 40 miles from Toledo. For a small man who wants to go places, this was a wise decision. He decided to try out for the Toledo team of the AFC, a minor pro league just getting its feet wet.

Since then, Tiller has been a positive sensation. He appeared on the scene just before the Tornadoes were to play their first exhibition game. With Coach Bob Snyder teaching him a few of the team's plays on the sidelines, Tiller was ready for action two plays later. He scored a touchdown on a 54-yard punt return and broke away for several other scoring threats.

Then with a week of practice under his belt, Tiller performed against the Cincinnati Mohawks and this is what happened?

He returned a 50-yard punt for a touchdown, he returned a 46-yard punt for another score, caught a 14-yard punt for a TD, other six-pointers. This occurred and caught a 38-yard pass for another about two minutes of actual participation.

In the next encounter he opened the game with a 90-yard touchdown on a kickoff. The second time he touched the ball he raced 80 yards for another TD, and finally scored again on a three-yard dash later in the game.

Tiller has tried to attract attention by swelling his weight to 165 to 170.

"That way maybe they won't decide I'm too small without seeing what I can do," Tiller says.

"I'm always having to wait for a chance to prove myself. The first time I went out for football they wouldn't give me a uniform. I had to wait a year before I got one."

At Purdue, Jim had three varsity seasons after a fine career at Fremont's Ross High. In his sophomore season, he was injured in football. In his second season he played on the second varsity unit.

Last year he came into his own. He was the Boiler-maker's top scorer with seven touchdowns, averaged four yards rushing, led in receiving with 21 catches for 237 yards average and three TDs, was leading punt returner running back four for a 20.5-yard average, and caught seven aerials against Iowa to tie a Purdue record held by three players.

He went on to say, "I love football and I love playing defense against the bigger man" he says. "I just can't make myself believe that I'm not as good or better as any man on the field, no matter what they think about my size."

I'm fast, I'm not afraid and I don't stand around trying to make up my mind where to go. I know I can't run over anyone, so I have to go around them. I guess that's about all there is to it."

San Diego Chargers Boasts 8 Tan Players

Sid Gillman, coach of the San Diego Chargers and former coach of the Los Angeles Rams, has more Negroes on his squad than any other team in professional sports.

It was only three years ago that his writer was accusing Gillman for being prejudiced against Negro players and that he had a quota of four Negroes.

Eight of Gillman's present group of Negroes have no-cut contracts. Offensive stars of the team to date have been Paul Lowe, who was second by 29 yards to Abner Haynes of the Dallas Texans in the American Football League in 1960; and pushing him for the left halfback spot, Bo Roberson, Olympic broad jumper and former Cornell track and football star. Also on offense is Luther Hayes, last year's right end for USC, now playing the slot back, and Ernie Wright of Ohio State, recognized in 1960 as one of the best tackles in the league.

Why is it that so many of those who claim they wish to avoid publicity go to restaurants and night clubs where they are bound to be seen and recognized?

The scientists have found that Sevin and TDE are safe for use by tobacco farmers around farm ponds.

If mankind had a chance to make the world over, it probably would look exactly as it is today, or worse.



NEW AGGIE TRAINER — Arthur "Art" Statum, an A&T College Aggie athletic "great", returns to his Alma Mater as head trainer. All-CIAA football end for three years, he won the NCAA heavyweight boxing championship and turned in sterling performances in track and field while a student there.

THE SPORTS BEAT

By Bill Johnson

As I See It...

The Way It Looks To Me...

Local supporters are happy over what they have seen of the Johnson C. Smith University football team. Coach Eddie McGirt and assistants Kenny Powell and William McCullough may be putting together one of the best football teams ever to represent the westside campus in quite some time.

They have great performers in Pettis Norman, Harry Cherry, Geo. Dorman, Elbert Whitting, William Joyner, and James Harrison, along the line. And the backfield of Jas. Lawrence and John Butler at the halves and James Townes at full should be one of the most explosive touchdown machines in the CIAA.

The picture gets brighter as several freshmen are acting up as if they are impatient about waiting until next year to play. Halfback Al Hunley, a track star from Buffalo, N. Y., quarterbacks Leroy Scott and George Foster from Union and Spartanburg, S. C., and fullback John Foster of Martinsville, Va. are making serious bids for first string jobs.

So are tackle Charles Morrison, 235 pound ex-Air Force veteran from Statesville, and John Bolding, 6' 5", 180 pound track star from Richmond, Va. and Johnny Newbly, 6' 3", 215 pound Asheville lad. The Bulls will average close to 220 along the line and about 190 in the backfield.

J. C. Smith has also come up with a couple of basketball players who were outstanding in high school. They are Jimmy Purdue, 6' 6", 240 pound center at Greensboro's Dudley High, and Larry Sills, 6' 3", 180 pound center from Buffalo, N. Y. James Whiteside, 6' 2", 170 pound guard from Gary, Indiana has also enrolled at Johnson C. Smith.

Robert Montgomery, former North Carolina College football star, has been named head football coach at Second Ward High School. The former All-CIAA quarterback, who is a native of Gastonia, will make his home here.

Early reports from the NCC training camp have coach Herman Riddick beaming brightly over the pre-season work of Robert McAdams and James Nunn. McAdams is a 6' 2", 240 pound tackle and Nunn, a Durham native, is 247 pounds. Both boys are expected to hold down the tackles when the Eagles open the campaign at Columbia, S. C. against Allen University on Sept. 23.

Riddick also likes what he has seen of halfback Charles Daye. Casualties have struck a serious blow in the Eagle camp with the sidelining of halfback Douglas Faison and guard Luther Ellis, both juniors who were considered starters before going to the sidelines with injuries.

Is there a bigger football team than West Charlotte in high school circles? The Lions of coach Jack Martin have seven boys who go over the 220 mark on the scales. Jimmy Jordan is highest at 325, with Edward (Small Change) McMillan close behind at 270. Jerry McCullough, Robert Jones, Frank Hubbard, Frank Brown and Robert McMullen all weigh 220 pounds or more.

HERE'S A TIP TO COLLEGE SCOUTS... Put the names of William Willis, 196 pound West Charlotte end, tackle Milton Wright, 210 pound Winston Salem Carver star, in your little black book for future references.

West Charlotte Downs Concord's Team, 38-0

CHARLOTTE — West Charlotte Senior High School used muscles, brawn and slippery halfbacks to maul Concord's Logan High, 38-0, here Friday night.

It was the first football win of the season for the Lions, who dropped a 22-12 decision to Winston-Salem Carver in their opener last week. Concord was opening its campaign.

Led by 225 pound tackle Robert Jones and 196 pound end James Willis, the big West Charlotte forward wall stalled the Concord backs with a net of 38 yards rushing and only 50 passing with five completions

in 12 throws. The Lions, meanwhile, were chewing up 192 yards with terrific running game and 146 yards with quarterback John Grander's passing. Grand hit the targets six times with eight tosses.

Two of West Charlotte's scores were called back. Six others stayed on the board. Touchdown makers for the victors were end Robert Moore who scored twice and halfback James Ferguson, fullback James Medley, end William Willis and substitute fullback Cordell Poe who tallied once each.

The Lions move up to Salisbury this week end to tackle Price High

Dubois High Opens Grid Season Friday

By Sherle Boone

WAKE FOREST — The DuBois High Lions will open their 1961 football season, Friday, Sept. 15, against the Pittsboro Hornets.

The Lions are under the coaching of T. E. Jeffries, and assistant coach, George Clements.

Clements is a new member who has been added to the coaching staff at DuBois. Clements, better known as "Tricks," served as assistant coach of the St. Augustine's College Falcons. He played football and basketball at Middletown Senior High School of Middletown, Ohio, and at Florida A&M University. He has had experience as a professional baseball player with the Winston-Salem Giants, also with the Cleveland Buckeyes of the Old American League.

The Lions have 18 lettermen re-

turning to the squad and 16 newcomers.

When queried as to what he thinks of this year's team, coach Jeffries commented that "he is looking forward to a most prosperous season." He stated that "I have been very much impressed by the way the team has been shaping up. Our team has the weight, speed, experience and confidence, and this is as much as any coach can ask."

Coach Jeffries agreed that this is going to be one of the best teams that he has coached since he began coaching at DuBois in 1958.

The Lions are led by seven experienced seniors. They are as follows: Lawrence Shackelford, William Harris, Carlester Watkins, Albert Lucas, Joseph Peppers, Richard Dunston, and James Fogg.

Morris Brown Wolverines Drilling For Tough Season

ATLANTA (ANP) — The Wolverines of Morris Brown College last week were hard at work preparing for one of their toughest football seasons.

In the nine-game season opening here Saturday, Sept. 23, the Wolves of Coach Edward J. Clements will play six conference tilts and three against non-conference foes. They will meet Benedict College in the opener.

The Wolves' most rugged foes include Tennessee State

and North Carolina College, among non-conference teams, and the Rattlers of Florida A&M University and South Carolina State, among the conference squads.

Morris Brown will play Kentucky State College in the season's homecoming game.

Coach Clements and his staff hope to build a winning combination around 19 lettermen from last season's squad, and a group of promising newcomers.

Veteran Rams Fear Trade

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — According to recent rumors, several veteran Ram football players are complaining about their inactive roles.

Among those dissatisfied with their present lot are Joe Macioni, ousted from fullback; Fred Ryan, who appeared briefly as quarterback against the 49ers recently, and Red Phillips, who has been ignored in the past offense. Los Angeles sports experts say.

There has been no confirmation of the rumors from the players, however.

NY Mets Sign Hurler With 28-1 Win Lost Record

HOLLYWOOD Fla. (ANP) — A 22-year-old Negro pitcher with an impressive 28-1 won-lost record with the Indianapolis Clowns baseball team was signed to a major league contract by the New York Mets, a 1962 National League team and will report to the Mets' Mobile, Ala., farm team in the Southern Association next spring.

He is Charley Middlebrook, a 6-foot 185-pound southpaw, who had a 1.25 earned run average with the Clowns.

His signing was announced here by Syd Pollock, Clowns general manager.

One of the most promising prospects to be signed recently Middlebrook was scouted by Wid Matthews, chief scout for the Mets. Financial terms of the contract were not disclosed.

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