

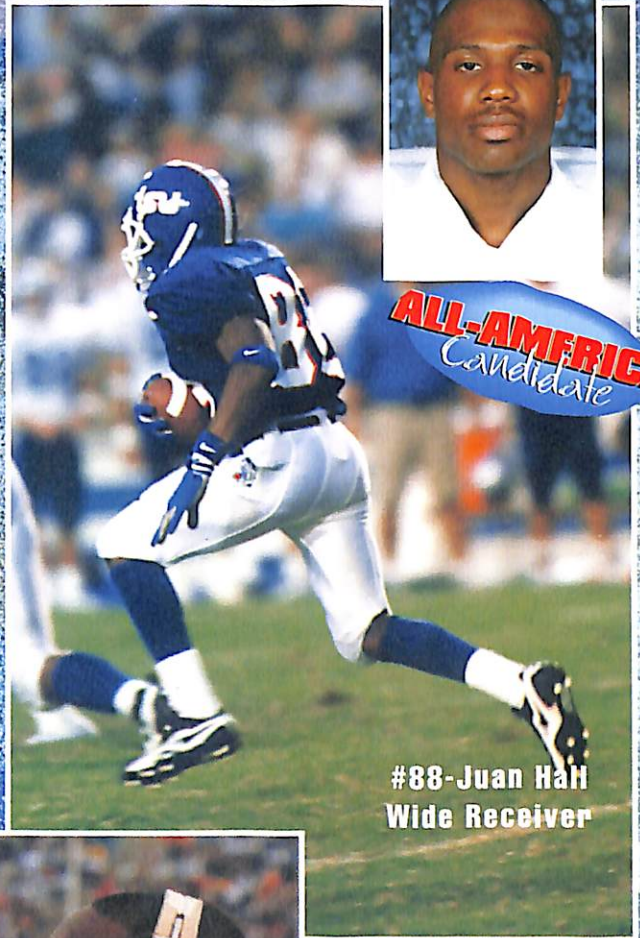
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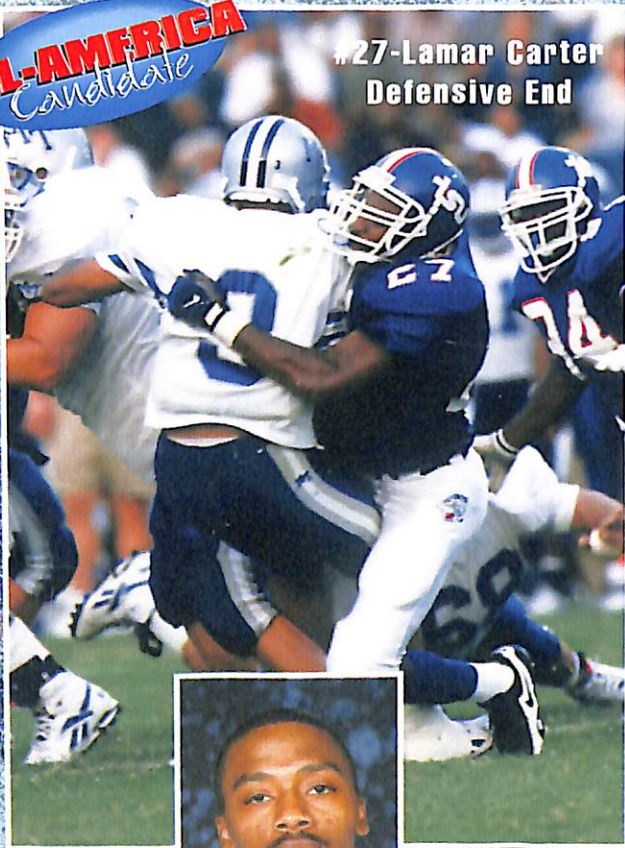
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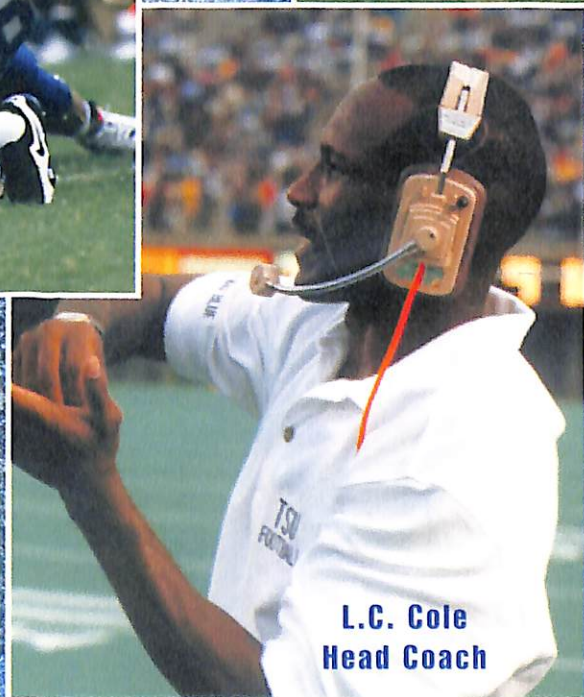
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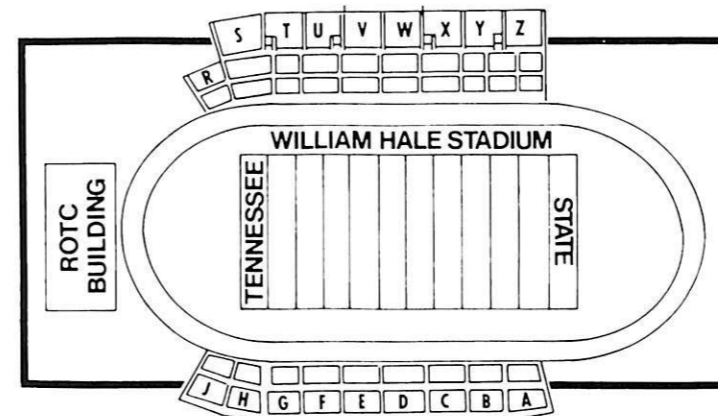
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time	#Series
Aug. 30	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL	4:00 p.m. EDT	TSU 22-14-0
SEPT. 6	* MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE (HALE STADIUM)	NASHVILLE, TN	6:05 P.M. CDT	MTSU 9-8-0
Sept. 13	Jackson State (Liberty Bowl)	Memphis, TN	7:05 p.m. CDT	JSU 15-14-2
Sept. 27	South Carolina State (Georgia Dome)	Atlanta, GA	4:00 p.m. EDT	TSU 4-1-0
Oct. 4	North Carolina State (RCA Arena)	Indianapolis, IN	4:05 p.m. CDT	TSU 17-2-1
OCT. 11	* EASTERN KENTUCKY (HALE STADIUM)	NASHVILLE, TN	TBA	EKU 10-0-0
Oct. 18	#Chattanooga (Finley Stadium)	Chattanooga, TN	3:30 p.m. EDT	TSU 4-2-2
Oct. 25	* Tennessee-Martin	Martin, TN	2:00 p.m. CDT	TSU 4-3-0
NOV. 8	* TENNESSEE TECH (HOMECOMING) (HALE STADIUM)	NASHVILLE, TN	6:05 P.M. CST	TSU 6-5-0
NOV. 15	* MURRAY STATE (HALE STADIUM)	NASHVILLE, TN	1:30 P.M. CST	TSU 5-4-0
Nov. 22	* Southeast Missouri State	Cape Girardeau, MO	1:00 p.m. CST	SEMO 5-1-0

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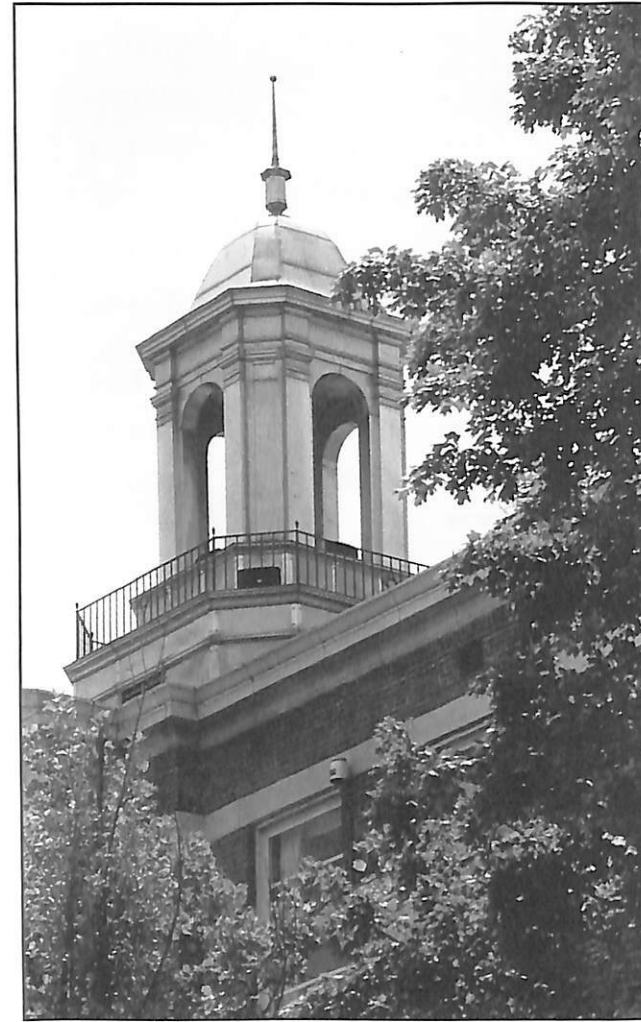
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The General Assembly of 1941 authorized the State Board of Education to upgrade substantially the educational program of the college, which included the establishment of graduate studies leading to the master's degree. The first master's degree was awarded by the college in June of 1944. In August of 1951, the Institution was granted university status. The University was elevated to a full-fledged land-grant university in 1958. In 1979, Tennessee State University merged with the University of Tennessee at Nashville.

The present-day TSU is a comprehensive, urban, land-grant university which offers 42 bachelor's degrees, 21 master's degrees, and a specialist in education. Doctoral degrees are offered in four areas: public administration, administration and supervision, curriculum and instruction, and psychology. Enrollment for the 1994 fall semester reached 8,180 students—the only increase in enrollment at a four-year institution in the Tennessee Board of Regents system. TSU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

TSU's main campus, located in North Nashville, occupies more than 500 acres. The Avon Williams campus of TSU is located in downtown Nashville, near the State Capitol and center business district. TSU is completing a \$112 million capital improvements project, through which seven new facilities have been or will be constructed and all existing structures renovated.

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Dr. James A. Hefner
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Dr. James A. Hefner became the sixth president of Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee, on April 1, 1991. He has served in a variety of executive and administrative level positions at several colleges and universities. He has also held professorships at very distinguished institutions across the nation.

President Hefner came to Tennessee State University from Jackson State University in Mississippi where he served as president from 1984 to 1991. Prior to his appointment at Jackson State, he served two years as provost at Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University,

in Alabama. He also served as professor of economics and chairman of the department of economics and business administration at Morehouse College in Georgia. While at Morehouse, Dr. Hefner was the first professor selected to hold the Charles E. Merrill Chair, an endowment of one-half million dollars provided by Merrill Lynch.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Hefner taught economics at Atlanta University and Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, and at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. In addition, he has been a visiting research associate at Harvard and Princeton Universities, and at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

President Hefner, a native of Brevard, North Carolina, is a graduate of North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro. Postgraduate degrees were earned from Atlanta University (Master's degree in Economics) and the University of Colorado, Boulder (Ph.D. degree

in Economics).

A renowned authority on minority economic issues, Dr. Hefner serves as an economic and business consultant to many organizations in the public and private sectors. He is the author of more than fifty articles on economic research, and has authored or co-edited two books entitled, **Black Employment in Atlanta** and **Public Policy for the Black Community: Strategies and Perspectives**.

Dr. Hefner has pursued a distinguished career in public service and recognition of his achievements has led to appointments as consultant to the Congressional Black Caucus, the National Institute of Public Management, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, representative on the prestigious Southern Regional Education Board, member and chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Board of Directors of the American Council on Education, and Board of Directors of St. Dominic Memorial Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi.

Since becoming president of Tennessee State University, Dr. Hefner has been appointed to serve on Third National Bank's External Council for the Community Economic Development Program, Success by Six Steering Committee, Alliance for Environmental Education Board of Directors, United Way Board of Trustees, St. Thomas Hospital Board of Councilors, National Board of Advisors for the Center of Excellence for Research in Basic Skills, TVA Minority Economic Development Council, Council on Families in America and Leadership Nashville. He has also served as vice-chair for government relations for the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Hefner's scholarship has brought him numerous honors and awards. Included among these honors are his election to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, membership in MENSA, the NAFEO Achievement Award in Research, and listings in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Black America*.

President Hefner is married to the former Edwina Long and they have three sons: Christopher, Jonathan and David.

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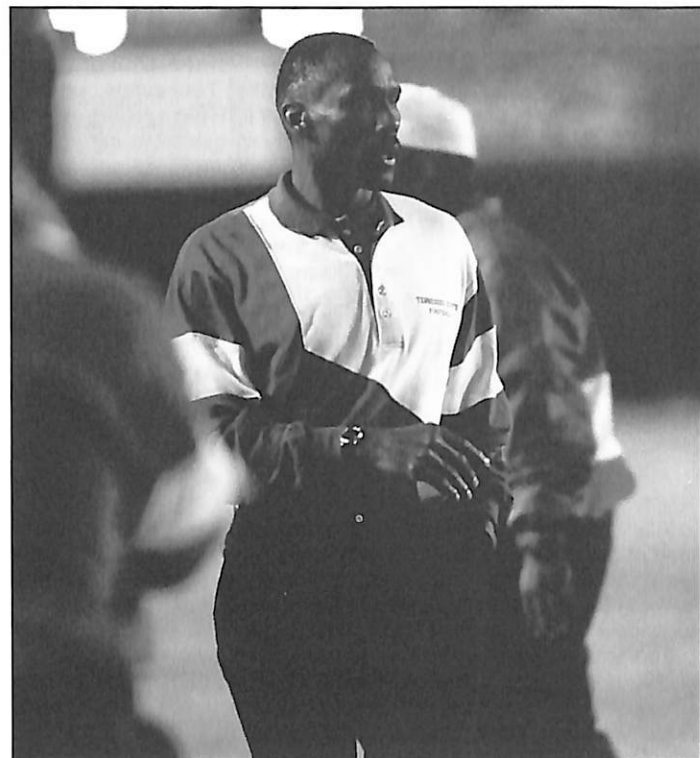
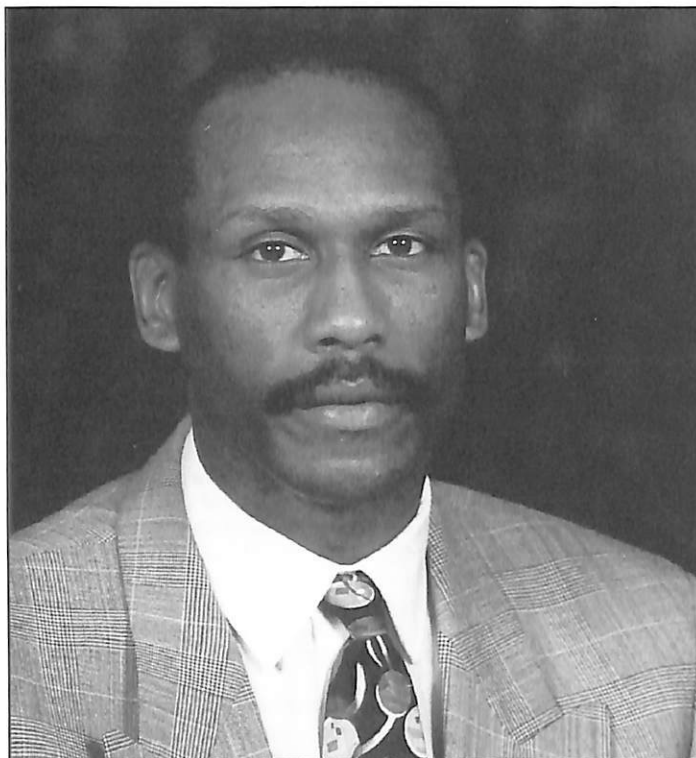
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L.C. Cole
Head Football Coach

Lawrence "L.C." Cole enters his second season as head coach of the Tennessee State University football tradition. He was introduced as the new head coach in of January of 1996 at a news conference on the campus of TSU. Cole compiled a 4-7 record in 1996, his first year as head coach of the Tigers of Tennessee State.

Cole is no stranger to the coaching profession, compiling 16 seasons of experience on both sides of the ball. Prior to his arrival to Tennessee State, he had served the previous two years as the assistant head coach at the University of Cincinnati, where he coached the defensive ends in 1995 and running backs in 1994.

He began his coaching career as an graduate assistant at the University of Nebraska in 1981, working with the defensive ends. Then, he moved to New Mexico State University for the 1982 and 1983 seasons as the defensive ends coach.

Cole continued moving up the coaching ladder, working with the defensive ends at Ball State University for two seasons (1984-85). He also worked along side of current Cincinnati head coach Rick Minter, who was Ball State's defensive coordinator at the time. Cole went on to become the inside linebackers coach at Kansas State University for the 1986 and 1987 seasons and the outside linebackers coach at the University of Wisconsin for the 1988 and 1989 campaigns.

Cole coached the running backs as an assistant coach at the University of Toledo in 1990 before making the switch to Morgan State University as the defensive coordinator from 1991-92. Before taking the position with the University of Cincinnati, he was the assistant head coach and special teams coordinator at Eastern Michigan University in 1993 as well as directing the running backs.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Cole was a football and basketball all-state selection at Dayton's Dunbar High. He was a three-year starter at defensive end at the University of Nebraska,

earning a bachelor's degree in 1980. He was also an All-Big Eight selection and team captain while participating in four bowl games. Plus, he played one year for the New York Jets in 1980 before joining the coaching profession.

The fourth of nine brothers, which includes TSU's offensive coordinator Johnnie Cole, Cole was born on January 3, 1956, in Springfield, Ohio. He is married to the former Mitzi Parker of Madison, Wisconsin. They are expecting their first child this fall.

Bits on Cole:

Born: January 3, 1956, in Springfield, Ohio

Career Record: 4-7 (2nd year)

Record at TSU: 4-7 (2nd year)

College: University of Nebraska, B.S., 1980

College Football Honors: All-Big Eight in 1979

Wife: Mitzi Parker of Madison, Wisconsin

Coaching Experience:

1981	Nebraska	Graduate Assistant
1982-83	New Mexico State	Assistant Coach
1984-85	Ball State	Assistant Coach
1986-87	Kansas State	Assistant Coach
1988-89	Wisconsin	Assistant Coach
1990	Toledo	Assistant Coach
1991-92	Morgan State	Defensive Coordinator
1993	Eastern Michigan	Assistant Head Coach
1994-95	Cincinnati	Assistant Head Coach
1996	Tennessee State	Head Coach

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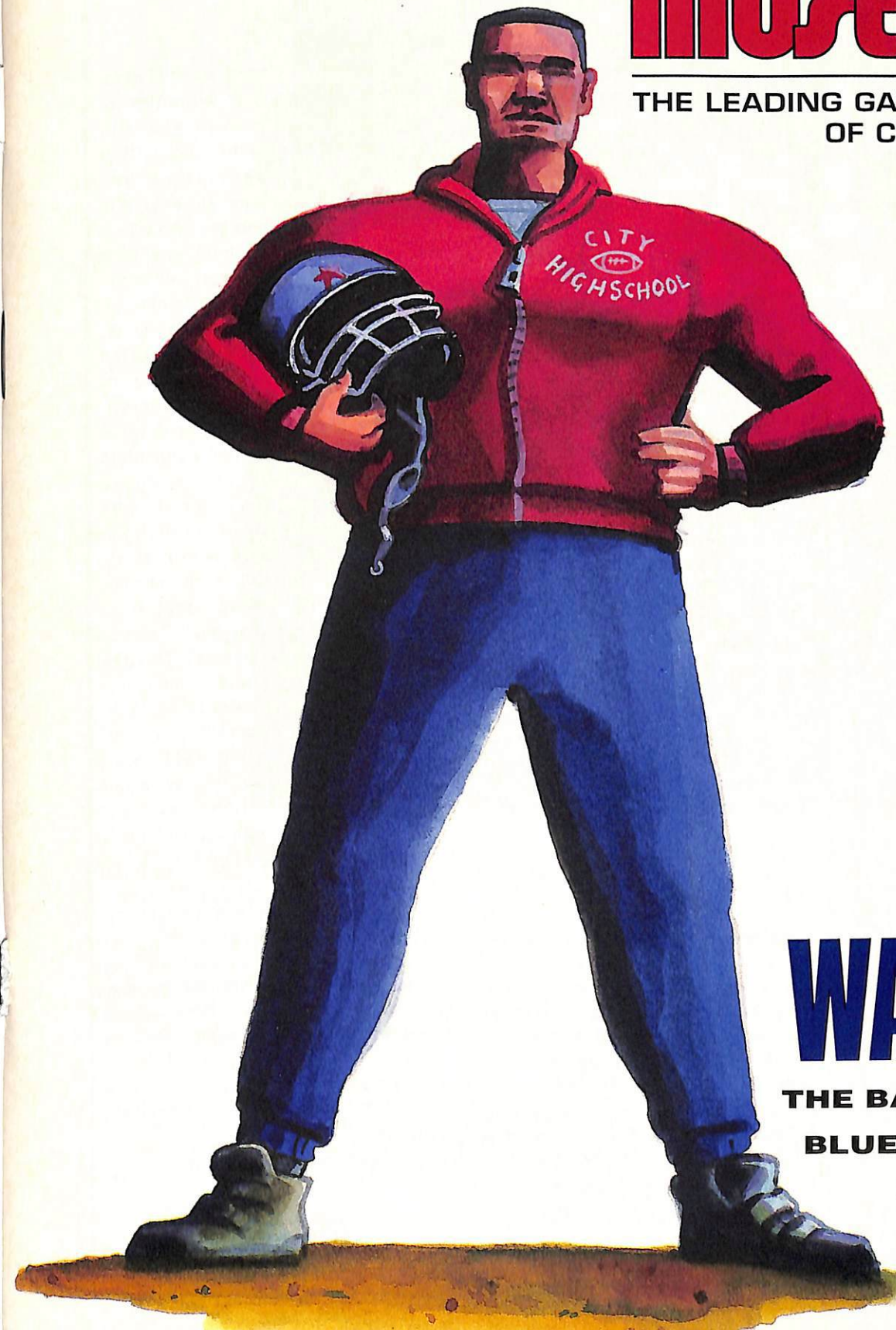
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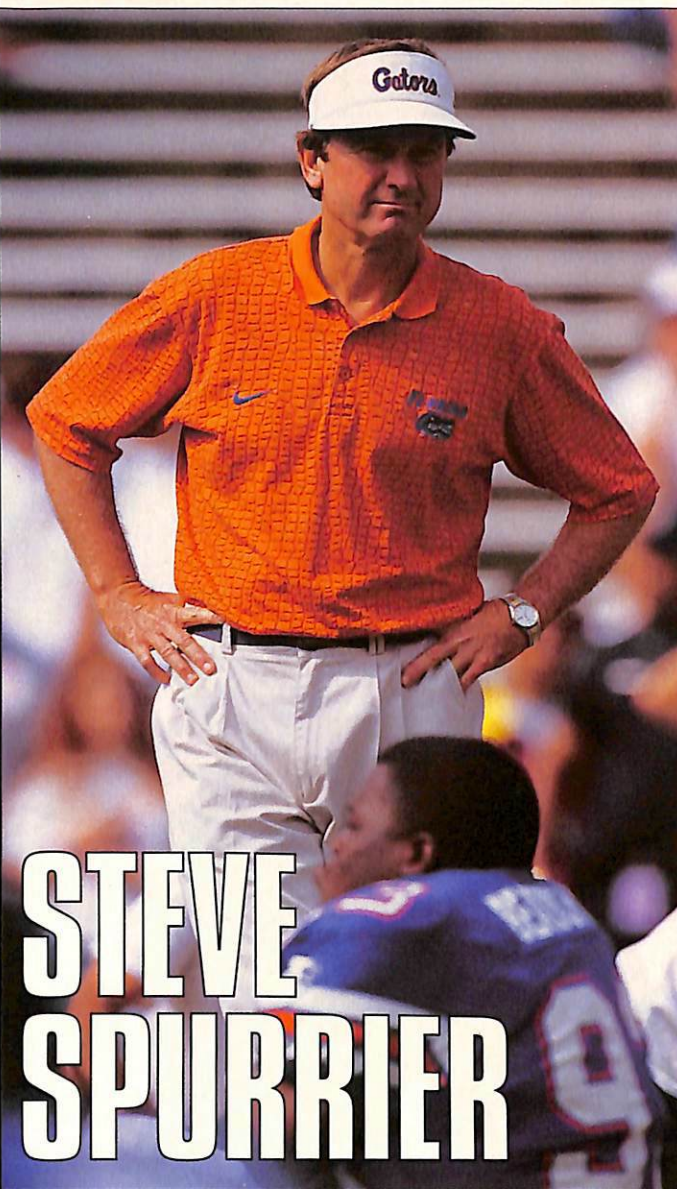
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we have both years since the Alliance was established, then and only then do we start talking about winning that title.

Last season we were very fortunate to be in a position to play for the national championship. God smiled on the Gators in 1996. Without Texas beating Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship game, without Ohio State beating Arizona State in the Rose Bowl, we are not No. 1. We understand that, and most teams who win it get some help along the way. There are so many outstanding programs and coaches in college football, and without a playoff system the rankings determine which two teams will have the opportunity to become No. 1.

However, being ranked No. 1 for most of the 1996 season brought a lot of exposure to the Florida program, and this is a positive influence in the recruiting process, as well as in national prestige for the Gators.

Our team has very high expectations and goals each year. If we play well, coach well and prepare our best each week, we have a chance here at Florida to continue winning championships.

Here at Florida, we approach each season with several goals that we want to achieve. When the season is over, we then reflect back to see how many of our goals were accomplished.

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MAKING SENSE (AND DOLLARS)

The creation of the Super Alliance strengthens the possibility of determining a national champion and significantly elevates the projected payouts to its participants.

It's not perfect, but, then again, nothing is. In an effort to find a real national champion while still preserving the tradition of the bowls, the NCAA Division I-A conferences have come up with the Super Alliance, which will debut following the 1998 season and finally do what the game's purists have been trying to accomplish for nearly a decade — include all of the game's teams in a system that should pit the top two squads against each other to determine the national champion.

The historic agreement between the Rose Bowl, the oldest and most tradition-bound of all the games, and the Alliance forces signals a possible end to any postseason acrimony that could prevail as a result of dueling national champion claims. It also opens the door to the most lucrative payouts in college football history. If everything goes the right way, there will be an undisputed national champion crowned late January 2, 1999, with fans cheering and cash registers ringing in approval.

"It will take a while to catch on and have everybody get familiar with the process, but I think we'll have success with the big game," says Mark Womack, executive associate commissioner of the Southeastern Conference and assistant to Alliance head Roy Kramer, the SEC commissioner. "The TV people are excited."

Judging by the projected payouts, that much is obvious. Although critics say that focusing so much attention on one bowl game will hurt the others, there is no denying the bonanza at the top end. This year, the three Alliance bowls — Orange, Sugar and Fiesta — will pay participants in the \$8.6-8.8 million range. That's not bad, considering that five years ago, only one bowl, the Rose, paid more than \$5 million per team.

If you think that's big, just wait to see

what happens next season, when the rewards jump to the \$11-13 million neighborhood. Many believe that's just the beginning. As ABC, the sole broadcaster of the four Super Alliance participants, markets the games more effectively, and the games themselves attract more and more sponsors, we could see as much as \$20 million going to each team.

The real losers in the Super Alliance shuffle may be the so-called "minor bowls".... As they work to solidify their status and attract sponsors, the big boys are thriving.

Of course, the key in the whole Super Alliance bonanza was the Rose's decision to join in. The long-time holiday haven for champions of the Big Ten and Pac-10 conferences had adamantly refused any entreaties at first, but after undefeated Penn State was snubbed in the national championship polls in 1994, the bowl and conferences reluctantly changed their minds. As a result, every four years, the Rose will host a game pitting the two top-ranked teams against each other, even if

they're not from the Big Ten or Pac-10. And should one of the champs of those two conferences rank in the top two any other year, it will be freed to play in the title game, with the runner-up taking its spot in the Rose Bowl.

"Some fine-tuning needs to be done," Womack says. "But the Super Alliance should take care of getting the two best teams on the field together."

Although playoff proponents can cite several instances where that won't necessarily happen, the real losers in the Super Alliance shuffle may be the so-called "minor bowls", which have been struggling for the past three years with declining attendance figures and disinterested sponsors. A few, like the Copper Bowl, are searching for sponsors. Others, like the Carquest, have had trouble filling the seats. Their worry is that the Super Alliance will attract so much attention that the lesser games will become completely irrelevant, rather than worthwhile rewards for teams which have had good seasons.

As they work to solidify their status and attract sponsors, the big boys are thriving. Should the Super Alliance do its job, the bowl system will be saved, and revenues for participants will continue to soar.

"Once this is in place, it will probably slow down discussions of a playoff," Womack says. "It gives the people what they want to see."

HIGH ROLLERS

The payouts that major bowls give to the nation's top football teams have increased tremendously during the 1990s. The Super Alliance will up the ante even more. And, with ABC getting the exclusive on broadcasting all four games, the dollar amounts should keep rising.

1993 Rose Bowl	\$5+ million payout
1998 Current Alliance bowls*	\$8.6-8.8 million range
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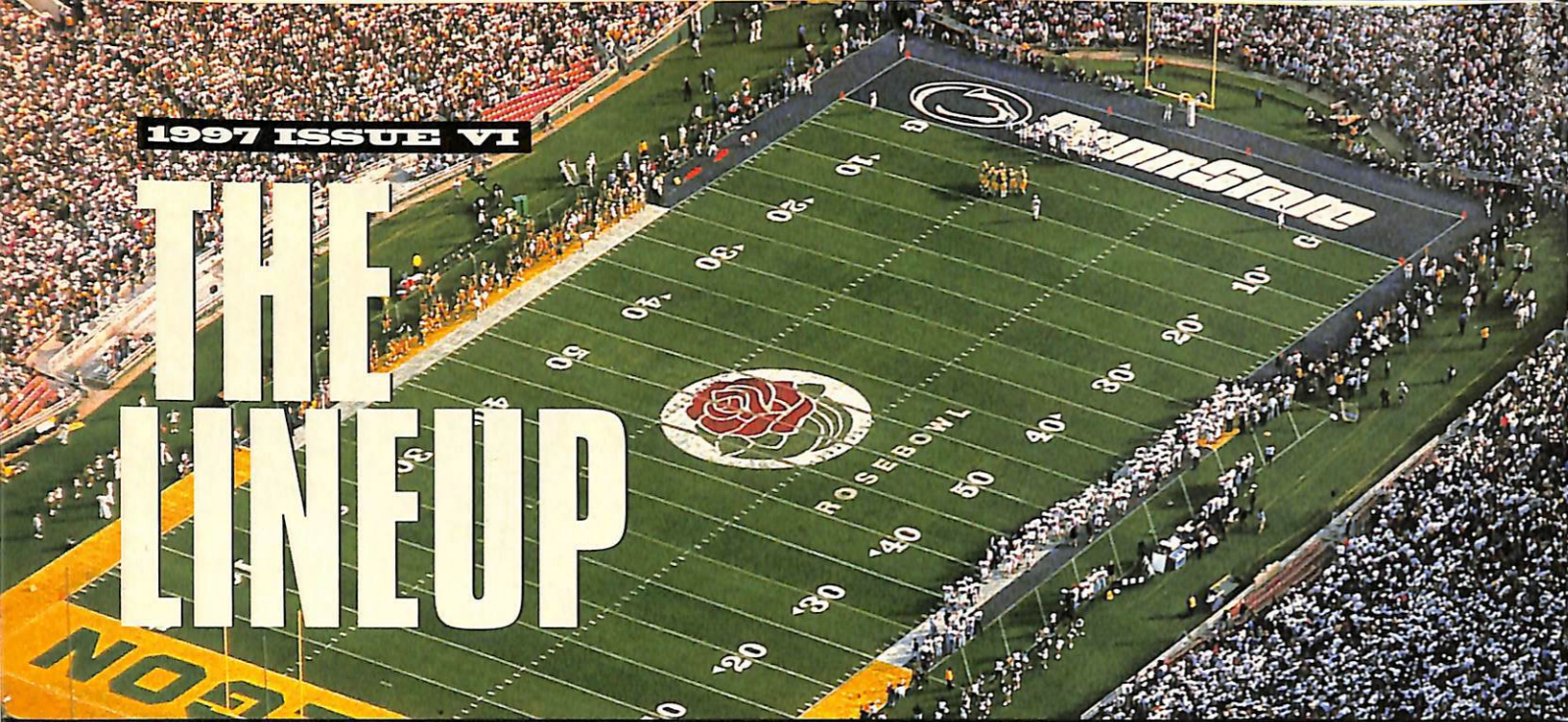
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BY JACK MAGRUDER

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Florida Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
Jan. 1 (1 p.m.), ABC
Big 10 #2 vs. SEC #2
Last year's result: Tennessee 48, Northwestern 28

COPPER BOWL

Arizona Stadium, Tucson, Ariz.
Dec. 27 (9 p.m.), ESPN
Big 12 #6 vs. WAC #2
Last Year's Result: Wisconsin 38, Utah 10

FedEx ORANGE BOWL

Pro Player Stadium, Miami, Fla.
Jan. 2 (8 p.m.), CBS
Alliance #1 vs. Alliance #2
Last year's result: Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21

JEEP EAGLE ALOHA BOWL

Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawaii
Dec. 25 (3:30 p.m.), ABC
Big 12 #5 vs. Pac-10 #4
Last year's result: Navy 42, California 38

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.
Dec. 20 (time and network TBA)
WAC #3 vs. at-large team
Last year's result: Nevada 18, Ball State 15

MOTOR CITY BOWL

Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac, Mich.
Dec. 26 (time TBA), ESPN
Mid-American Conference champion vs. at-large team
Last year's result: none; first-year bowl

NOKIA SUGAR BOWL

Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans, La.
Jan. 1 (8 p.m.), ABC
Alliance #3 vs. Alliance #5
Last year's result: Florida 52, Florida State 20

NORWEST SUN BOWL

Sun Bowl Stadium, El Paso, Texas
Dec. 31 (2 p.m.), CBS
Pac-10 #3 vs. Big 10 #5
Last year's result: Stanford 38, Michigan State 0

OUTBACK BOWL

Houlihan's Stadium, Tampa, Fla.
Jan. 1 (11 a.m.), ESPN
SEC #3 vs. Big 10 #3
Last year's result: Alabama 17, Michigan 14

POULAN/WEED EATER INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Independence Stadium, Shreveport, La.
Dec. 28 (8 p.m.), ESPN
SEC #5 vs. at-large team
Last year's result: Auburn 32, Army 29

PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY BOWL

Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, Calif.
Dec. 29 (5 p.m.), ESPN
Big 12 #3 vs. Pac-10 #2 or WAC #1
Last year's result: Colorado 33, Washington 21

ROSE BOWL

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
Jan. 1 (5 p.m.), ABC
Pac-10 #1 vs. Big 10 #1
Last year's result: Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17

KING OF THIEVES

It's a mystery why opposing quarterbacks keep tempting fate against North Carolina cornerback Dre' Bly, who led the nation in interceptions as a freshman in 1996.

BY JEREMY TREATMAN

IF I WERE CZAR...

A true Division I-A national championship game heads the boss-for-a-day wish list.

BY DAN HERBST

ST. JUDE LIBERTY BOWL

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, Memphis, Tenn.
Dec. 31 (3:30 p.m.), ESPN
Big East #4 vs. Conference USA #1
Last year's result: Syracuse 30, Houston 17

SOUTHWESTERN BELL COTTON BOWL

Colton Bowl, Dallas, Texas
Jan. 1 (1:30 p.m.), CBS
Big 12 #2 vs. Pac-10 #2 or WAC #1
Last year's result: Brigham Young 19, Kansas 15

TOSTITOS FIESTA BOWL

Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Ariz.
Dec. 31 (time TBA), CBS
Alliance #4 vs. Alliance #6
Last year's result: Penn State 38, Texas 15

TOYOTA GATOR BOWL

Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.
Jan. 1 (12:30 p.m.), NBC
ACC #2 vs. Big East #2
Last year's result: North Carolina 20, West Virginia 13

MCDONALD'S HERITAGE BOWL

Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.
Dec. 27 (time TBA), ESPN
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion vs. Southwestern Athletic Conference champion (Div. I-AA)
Last year's result: Howard 27, Southern 24

DIVISION I-AA CHAMPIONSHIP

Chattanooga, Tenn.
Dec. 20 (time and network TBA)
Last year's result: Marshall 49, Montana 29

DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

Florence, Ala.
Dec. 13 (time and network TBA)
Last year's result: Northern Colorado 23, Carson Newman 14

AMOS ALONZO STAGG BOWL (DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP)

Salem, Va.
Dec. 13 (time and network TBA)
Last year's result: Mt. Union 56, Rowan 24

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BATTLEGROUND

THE RECRUITING GAME HAS BECOME EVERY BIT AS CRITICAL AS THE ONE PLAYED ON THE FIELD.

O By Ron Reid

On a January afternoon of this year, Kareem McKenzie, a 6-foot-6, 320-pound offensive tackle from Willingboro (N.J.) High School, sat in his kitchen and discussed his future with two assistant football coaches from the University of Michigan.

McKenzie had visited Ann Arbor, liked the place and delighted his visitors by telling them that Michigan ranked No. 1 among more than 100 schools that wanted his name on their football roster.

About one week remained before McKenzie would have to officially commit to the school by signing an NCAA letter of intent, but he told the coaches: "I know what I'm going to do. I'm not going to tell you now, but I think you know."

Did they?

Not hardly.

Barely a week later, in the final few days of an association begun eight months earlier, the blue-chip prospect dropped a bombshell by announcing, "I have decided to attend Penn State."

McKenzie, it seemed, had changed his mind after a late visit to the Penn State campus, and he was sold on the place three days thereafter when Joe Paterno, the Nittany Lions' head coach who may have no peer at closing the deal, visited his home.

Because McKenzie was one of the nation's top prospects — a *USA Today* first-team All-American gifted with size, quickness and a 3.5 grade-point average — the Lions scored a major coup and Michigan sustained a huge disappointment.

But the surprise really wasn't all that surprising. Emotional U-turns, pitfalls, euphoria, disappointment and the one that got away are all common to recruiting — that increasingly important, year-round contest that has become college football's "Second Game."

Recruiting is a repetitive judgment call, an exercise in salesmanship, a two-way window of opportunity for the aspiring high-school prospect and a coaching staff that admires his talent.

Recruiting has become more competitive than ever — and in some ways easier, thanks to the computer, the fax machine and the eager prospect who shows up for his campus visit with his game videotapes — but some perceptions about inducing gifted young athletes to sign with a particular collegiate program haven't changed a bit.

Among the more rock-solid:

- Effective recruiting is probably more important to team success than good coaching. Get enough blue-chip athletes with smarts and heroic character and they will win games despite a coach who calls for a quarterback sneak on third-and-23, or a flea-flicker on fourth-and-one.

- The recruiting process is meant to replenish a roster, of course, but it can also fulfill or deny a player's dream, and maybe save a head coach from being fired.

- Recruiting mistakes won't destroy a football team, but too many of them, over time, will take a while to overcome — and they probably will test the integrity of a program more than any other single factor.

- Any recruiter who hasn't lost The Prospect Who Seemed An Ironclad Cinch, or has yet to sign The Longshot Who Suddenly Changed His Mind, just hasn't been on the job that long. Give it time, lads, the next McKenzie is just around the corner.

"I don't think there is a school or a recruiter in the country that hasn't lost at least one athlete they wanted or thought they had," said Bob Chmiel, the recruiting director at Notre Dame. "They eliminate you. But we're coaches, after all, and sometimes we take it as hard as a defeat."

It is no less an infernal fact that for all the study, scouting and salesmanship that goes into a school's presentation, prospects can be won or lost over weird, external factors.

"That's when it bothers me more," said Bob Morrison, the Michigan recruiting director. "When it's something like how good the weather was the day the kid visited, or how much he liked some building."

Well, these are teenage prospects, are they not?

"It's not scientific," said Paterno. "I don't think there is ever any one thing that determines where a kid is going to school. Sometimes you think it's easy and it's not. Sometimes you think it is going to be difficult and it's easy."

Recruiting directors with some time on the job, like Morrison, Chmiel and Jay Paterno of Penn State (yes, Joe is his father), know that their calling has been made more competitive by the tightening of NCAA academic standards and the corresponding reduction of grants-in-aid.

Division I-A teams are now limited to 25 scholarships a season and a roster total of 85.

"Because of that, the pool of players isn't as great as it used to be," said Morrison.

"It's become much more competitive," said Jay Paterno,

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"because there's so much more attention placed on it now, with all the recruiting experts, the fans getting into it. It's amazing how many fans come up to me and say, 'Hey, was so-and-so in for a visit last week?' I'm just amazed how much information is out there."

"It's become more (intense) this year than last, and I'm not sure why. I think part of it may be because now you've got the Bowl Alliance and there's so much more money at stake. It's becoming a little bit like basketball. In the past if you went 10-2, you had a good year and your fans were pretty happy. Now they all want you to get to that big game. In basketball, they all want to be in the Final Four. It's become very competitive."

Even so, Notre Dame, Michigan and Penn State rank high on the recruiting success charts season after season. So do Florida State, Florida, Colorado, Alabama, Texas and Tennessee. The difference between the powerhouse recruiters and the schools that would rise to their level has much to do with football tradition, a program's recent success and bowl and TV appearances.

There is also the matter of academic quality, which may outweigh the football considerations if the recruiter has to sell the athlete's family on his program.

"In our case, we have a great, great athletic tradition and a great football tradition as part of that, and with our academics, we make an attractive package," said Chmiel. "Is Notre Dame for everyone? I don't think it is, but it is an attractive place for anyone who wants to succeed academically, or in the NFL. We have an exceptionally high graduation rate and I think we rank first in the NFL (with more players than any other school), but each recruiting situation is different."

So how does the so-called recruiting process get started?

To begin with, college coaches get wind of every good prospect in the land from a legion of sources: parents, coaches, relatives, newspapers and magazines, videotapes, phone calls, recruiting services and, said Jay Paterno, even talk radio shows.

NCAA rules preclude any contact between a school and a prospect before

Sept. 1 of the athlete's junior year, when recruiting directors are allowed to start sending letters to athletes.

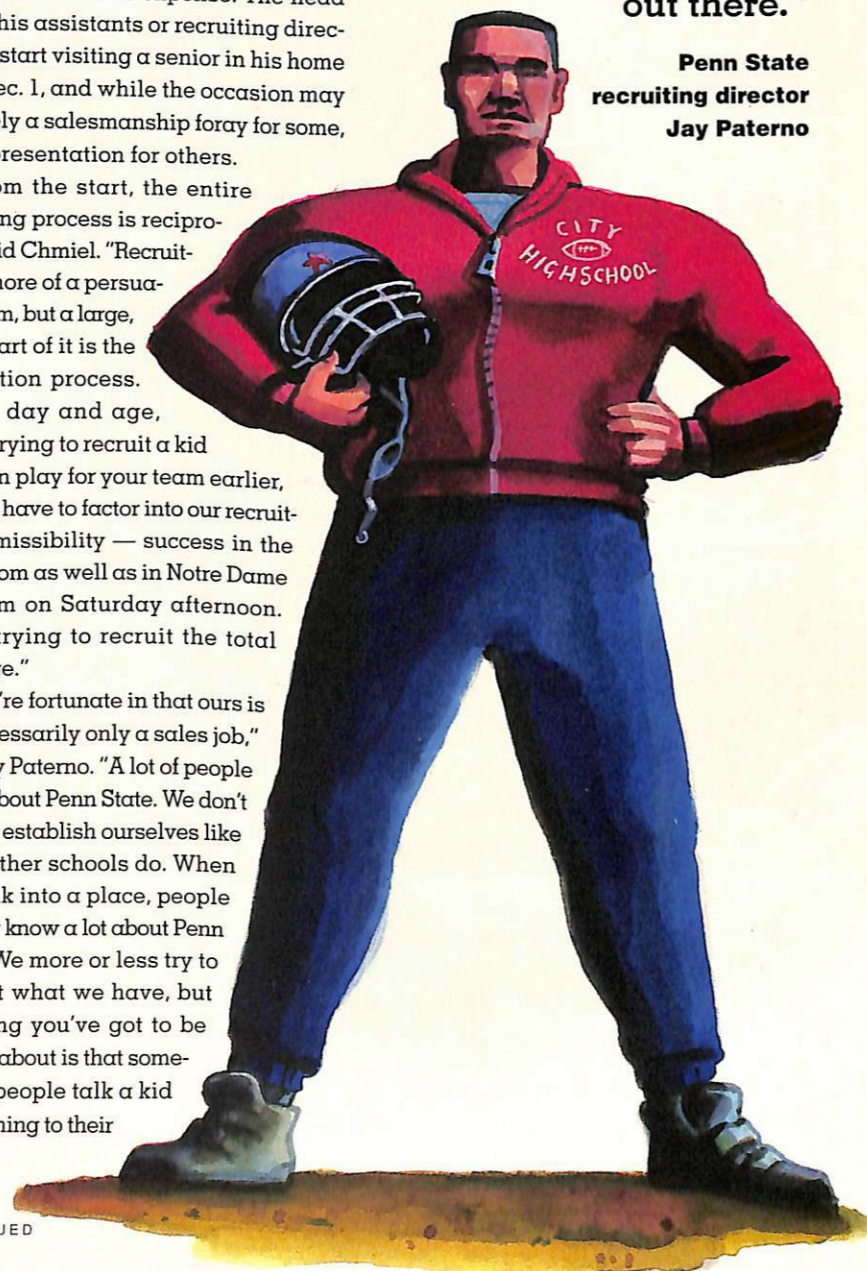
"We have rules and regulations," said Chmiel, "but sometimes you're advised of a kid through a letter, say, as early as his freshman year in high school. You start to get focused on them during the junior year and obviously you follow them in the senior year. I see people on unofficial visits, too, when they're coming into town to see the campus on their own. That's perfectly legal, provided we don't bear any expense for the visit."

During his senior year, the player is permitted to visit five different colleges, each at the school's expense. The head coach, his assistants or recruiting director can start visiting a senior in his home as of Dec. 1, and while the occasion may be purely a salesmanship foray for some, it is a presentation for others.

"From the start, the entire recruiting process is reciprocal," said Chmiel. "Recruiting is more of a persuasion term, but a large, large part of it is the evaluation process. In this day and age, you're trying to recruit a kid who can play for your team earlier, and we have to factor into our recruiting admissibility — success in the classroom as well as in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday afternoon. We're trying to recruit the total package."

"We're fortunate in that ours is not necessarily only a sales job," said Jay Paterno. "A lot of people know about Penn State. We don't have to establish ourselves like some other schools do. When we walk into a place, people already know a lot about Penn State. We more or less try to present what we have, but the thing you've got to be careful about is that sometimes, people talk a kid into coming to their school."

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"They've covered up a lot, exaggerated and given the kid the idea that it's the greatest place in the world. Then he gets there and it's tougher than he thought it would be. He doesn't start right away like he may have been told, things like that, and then the kid's unhappy. We try to be honest about going to study hall, going to class and having to study. If a kid really doesn't want to be interested in some of the things he's going to have to do here, then he doesn't come here."

For the athlete, the recruiting process ends early in February when he makes up his mind and signs a binding letter of intent with the school whose program captured his fancy. Before that resolution, however, the tension may be turned up a notch by a recruiting director's call, informing him that the scholarship allotment is nearly full, and only one or two are left on the shelf, so to speak.

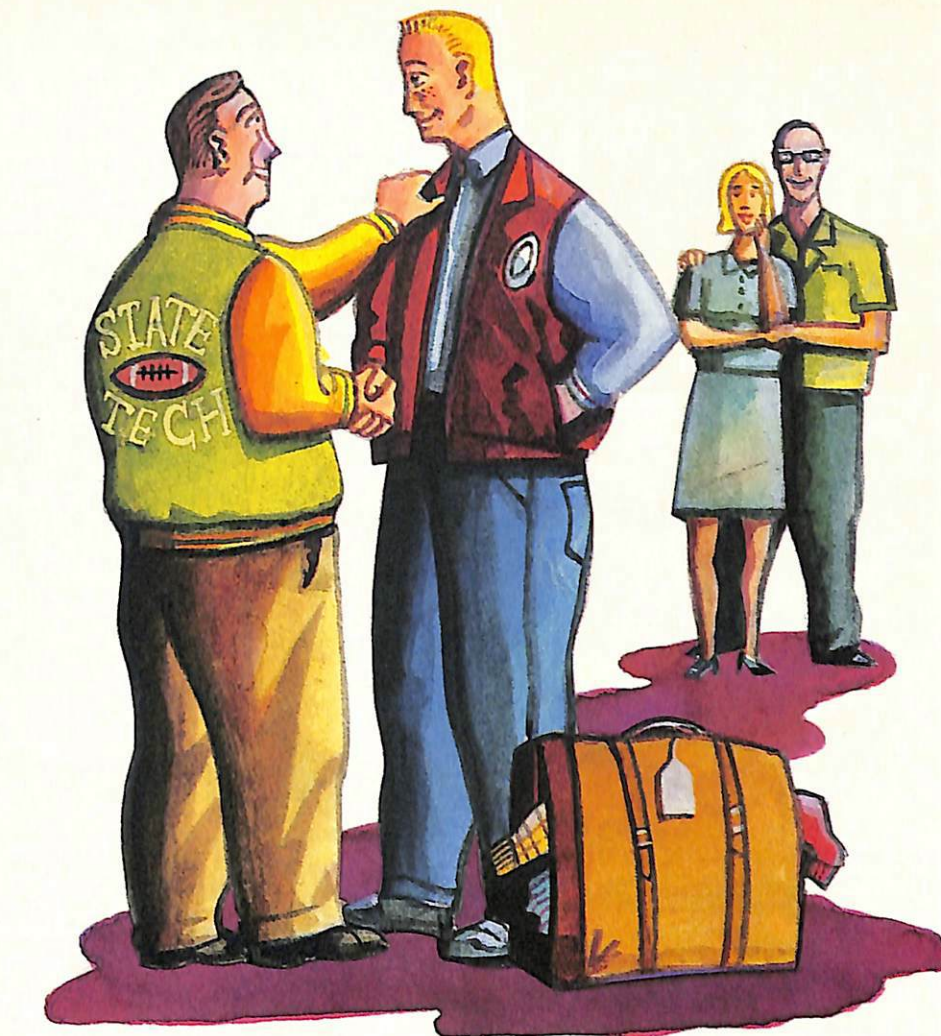
"That's not going to make or break your football team, but you'd like to succeed in your recruiting goals," said Chmiel.

With the reduction in scholarships, and increasing pressure to win, it obviously has become more important that the talent evaluation part of recruiting be right on the money. Assessing talent is an extremely difficult thing at every level of football, however, and mistakes are virtually inevitable.

"There's no question about that," said Jay Paterno. "You've really got to be more and more accurate about it. There are schools that will run a kid off if they find out he can't play, but that's not our style. If we go after a kid and sign him and the kid's not good enough, that's our fault. So we've got to accept that responsibility

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and make sure the kid gets an education and remains part of the football team. If you bring a kid in, you have that responsibility.

"With only 85 guys now, you've got to be careful. A couple misses a year can really catch up with you. And you've got to be careful you know what they're about academically, too. Some kids, at first glance at their transcripts, may not be great students, but they may never have been pushed. Sometimes you take the chance on one of those kids, if you know enough about him."

Chmiel added that when recruiting delivers a player who fails to meet expectations, it's difficult for both the school and the individual.

"I'm not trying to be idealistic, but when that happens, you do the best you can for that young man. And you never give up. You can't give up on him. Every flower doesn't blossom on the first day of spring." □

THE RECRUITING TIMELINE

High school freshman/sophomore years: No official contact is allowed the college recruiter, but the unofficial campus visit, paid for by the prospect or his family, is acceptable.

Junior year: As of Sept. 1, recruiting letters may be sent to high school prospects. Prior to that date, the college is allowed only to mail its football questionnaires. At the completion of the junior year, college coaches can start calling prospects on the phone and a limited number of in-person, off-campus contacts (visiting the prospect and his family in their home) is allowed. Those recruiting visits can start on July 1, but most occur between Dec. 1 and Feb. 1, with the window of opportunity closed during the holiday season.

Senior year: On Sept. 1, prospects are eligible to make five official visits to different schools, paid for by each school. The prospect is also allowed to call or write the college coach at any time. Usually in early February of the senior year, the prospect signs his national letter of intent.

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1996-97 BOWL SCORES AND GAME HIGHS

FINAL SCORES

Las Vegas:	Nevada 18, Ball State 15	FedEx Orange:	Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21
Jeep Eagle Aloha:	Navy 42, California 38	Sun:	Stanford 38, Michigan State 0
Carquest:	Miami 31, Virginia 21	Florida Citrus:	Tennessee 48, Northwestern 28
Copper:	Wisconsin 38, Utah 10	Mobil Cotton:	Brigham Young 19, Kansas State 15
St. Jude Liberty:	Syracuse 30, Houston 17	Tostitos Fiesta:	Penn State 38, Texas 15
Peach:	Louisiana State 10, Clemson 7	Toyota Gator:	North Carolina 20, West Virginia 13
Alamo:	Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0	Outback:	Alabama 17, Michigan 14
Thrifty Car Rental Holiday:	Colorado 33, Washington 21	Rose:	Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17
Independence:	Auburn 32, Army 29	Nokia Sugar:	Florida 52, Florida State 20

GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL

Yards rushing:	Ron Dayne, Wisconsin (Copper)	30-246
Yards passing:	Peyton Manning, Tennessee (Citrus)	27-39, 0 int., 4 TD, 408
Most touchdowns:	Ron Dayne, Wisconsin (Copper)	3
	Curtis Enis, Penn State (Fiesta)	3
	Ike Hilliard, Florida (Sugar)	3
TDs passing:	Peyton Manning, Tennessee (Citrus)	27-39, 0 int., 4 TD, 408
Total offense:	Dameyune Craig, Auburn (Independence)	447
Most receptions:	Four tied	10
Most field goals:	Phil Dawson, Texas (Fiesta)	3
Longest field goal:	Jaret Holmes, Auburn (Independence)	49
Longest run:	Deltha O'Neal, California (Aloha)	100 (kickoff)
Longest TD pass:	Koy Detmer to Rae Carruth, Colorado (Holiday)	76

TEAM

Yards rushing:	Syracuse (Liberty) vs. Houston	396
Yards passing:	Tennessee (Citrus) vs. Northwestern	408
Total offense:	Navy (Aloha) vs. California	646
Total plays:	Utah (Copper) vs. Wisconsin	80
Rushing defense:	Brigham Young (Cotton) vs. Kansas State	41
Passing defense:	Utah (Copper) vs. Wisconsin	16
Total defense:	Iowa (Alamo) vs. Texas Tech	206
Points:	Florida (Sugar) vs. Florida State	52
Attendance:	Rose	100,645

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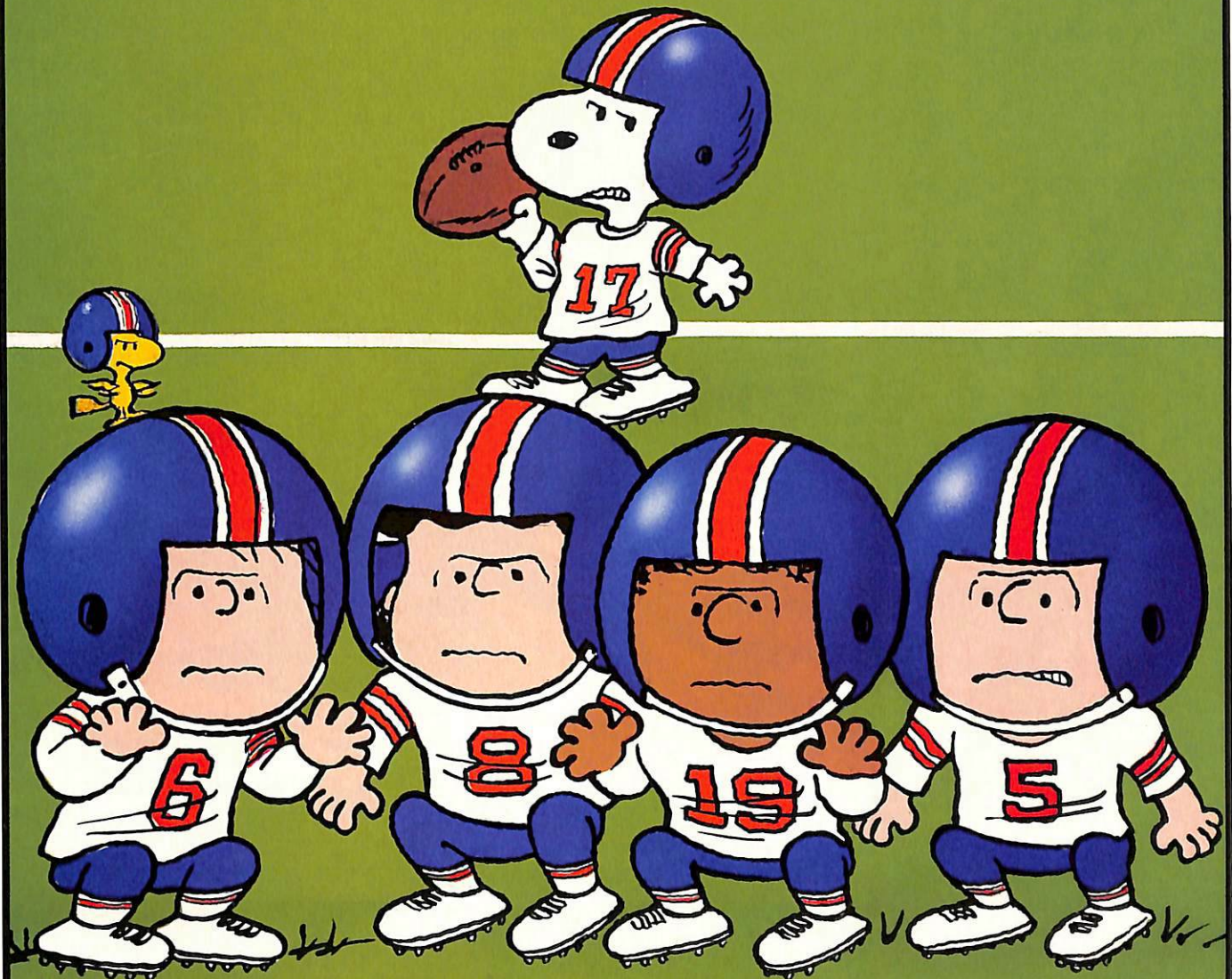
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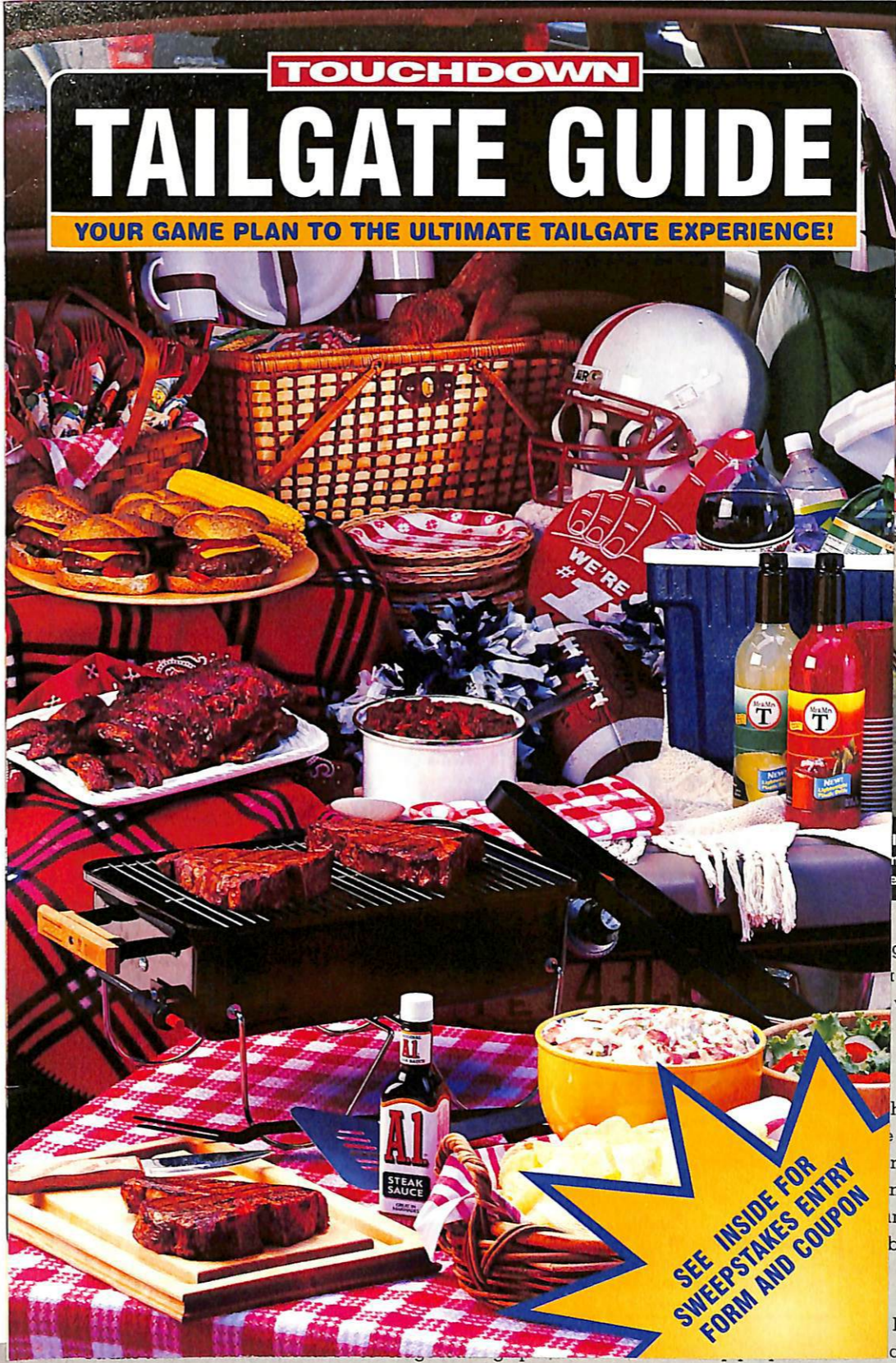
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pionship. A game of the week for us and for Divisions II and III would add excitement. The neat thing about football is that, in my mind, it's the ultimate game. There's about 40 kids on each side contributing. It's a tremendous spectator sport and a tremendous TV sport. I think that would be good for everyone."

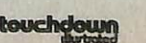
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"The main thing is to have a playoff system. The fans want to know who the best team is. They've been trying to get it done with just the simple championship game through the Bowl Alliance, but I think people would rather see a real playoff com-

is the No. 1 team in the country. The second thing I would do is to find a system to compensate athletes who can not go out and get a normal job in the offseason. It would subsidize some of their extra costs outside of their scholarship monies. The third thing I would do is enforce stricter punishments on college programs and coaches who violate NCAA recruiting rules. Not letting a coach be able to coach for several years would clean up many of the problems." □

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OVERTIME OR OVERKILL?

DIVISION I-A FINALLY GAVE IN TO CALLS FOR OT IN 1996, THOUGH FEW PEOPLE WERE HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS, WHICH SIMPLY PROMPTED MORE RULES CHANGES THIS YEAR.

By Jack Magruder

Let's get one thing straight: No one wants a tie. Oh, sure, you smile when you open that birthday package from Aunt Edna, bless her heart, because at least it isn't a fruitcake. And she wouldn't even know where to start to look for a sleeve of Titleists. But would there be such a thing as a bola tie if people actually liked ties? I don't think so.

Football people are no different. Suggest to a coach that a tie is not so bad, really, because, you know, no one lost and both teams still are in the hunt for the league title and yadayadayada, and he'd likely tell you what part of his anatomy you can kiss.

"You don't want to end up with ties," said Arizona coach Dick Tomey. "The only people who are frustrated by ties are those who have had them. That's why there aren't that many people frustrated by them. Most people haven't had them.

If you've had some ties, you would like to be able to settle them."

Tomey would know. In one of the wackiest seasons in modern college history, Tomey spent 1987, his first at Arizona, in limbo. Arizona did not have a winning season. It did not have a losing season. It was 4-4-3 — a lotto ticket, not a record.

Which brings us to 1996, the first tieless season in the history of NCAA Division I-A football. It was the year the big boys finally embraced the concept of overtime, in part because the really big boys who run the Bowl Alliance wanted a way

to remove all doubt from the national title picture.

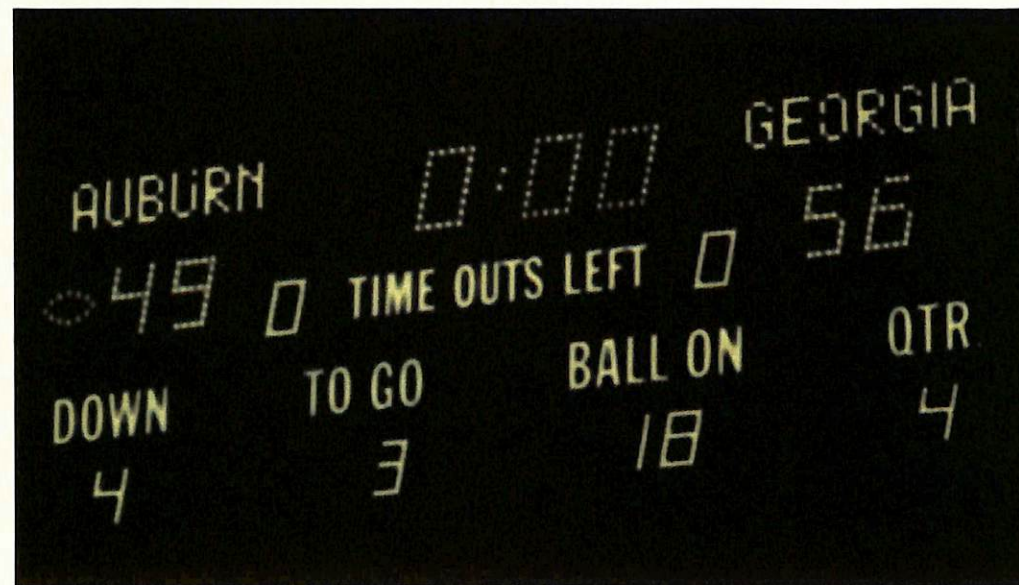
The structure was simple: Team A got the ball on its opponent's 25-yard line and maintained possession until it scored or ran out of downs. Then team B got a turn. Repeat until the tie was broken.

Boy, was it fun. Arizona and California played a four-overtime game that would have lasted longer, but that notorious tie-hater Tomey faked a conversion kick and went for two in a 56-55 loss at Berkeley on Nov. 2. Cal may have been used to the extra frenzy by

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ESPN analyst Lee Corso

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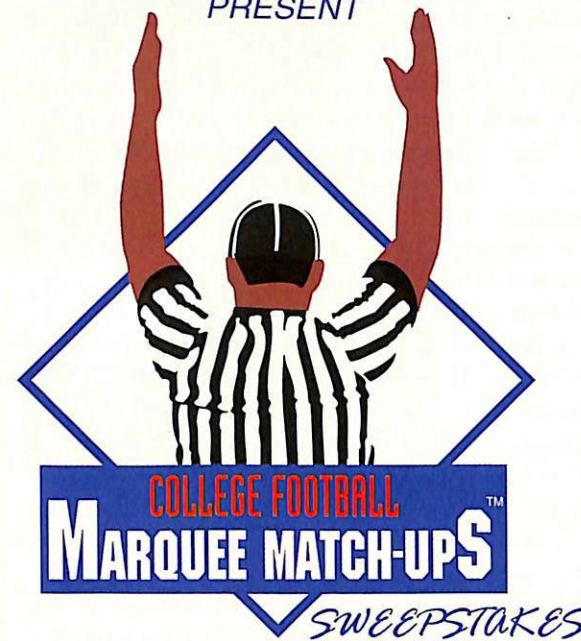
The scoreboard told the tale after the four-overtime thriller between Auburn and Georgia. That game, one of two four-OT marathons played in the first season of Division I-A overtime, prompted calls to change the rules.

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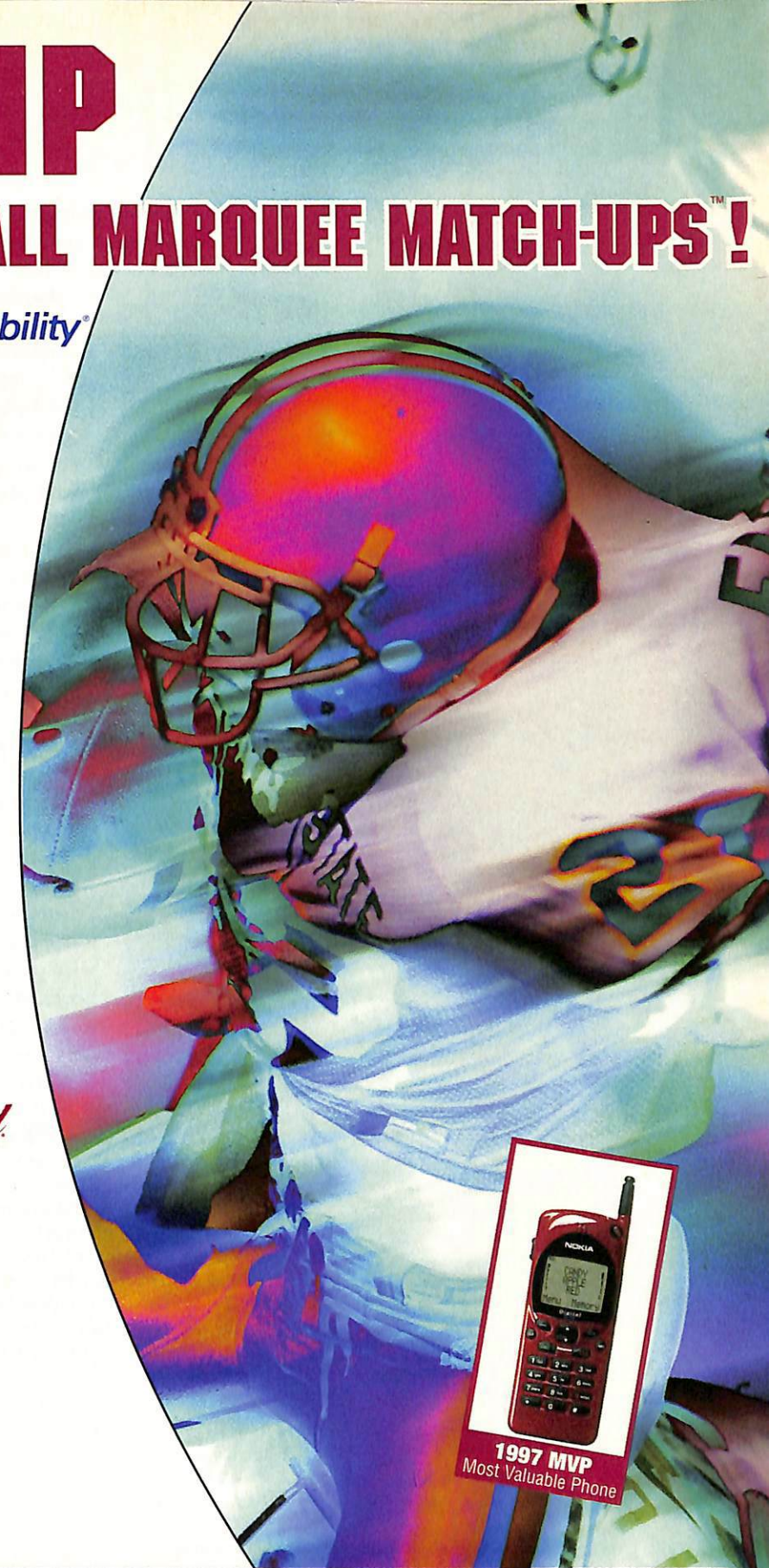


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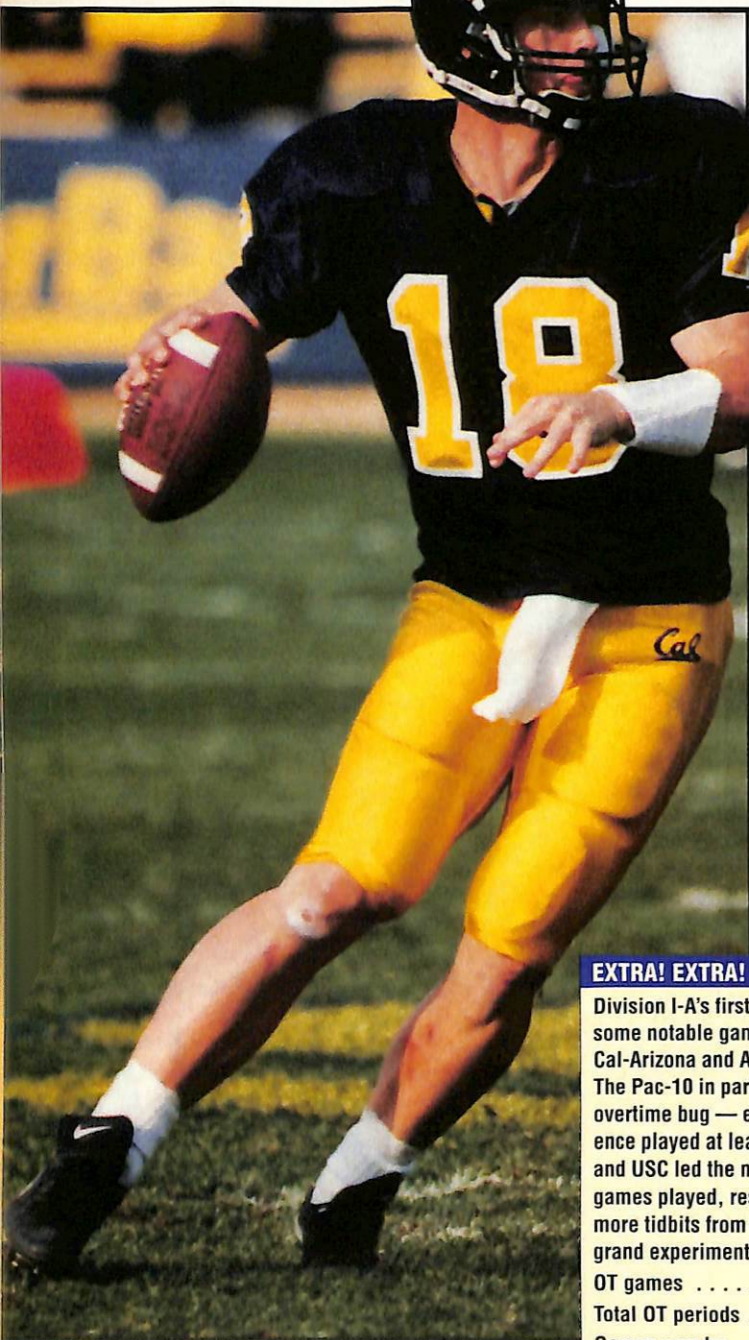
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OVERTIME OR OVERKILL?

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Quarterback Pat Barnes threw eight touchdown passes — four in overtime — in the Bears' four-OT, 56-55 win over Arizona on Nov. 2, 1996. Since extra-period stats count in every other sport, the NCAA will not alter the stat rules for football.

then, having won a three-overtime thriller, 48-42, against Oregon State five weeks before.

Georgia halfback Robert Edwards, recently returned from a knee injury, did not even play until the fourth quarter of the Auburn game at Jordan-Hare Stadium on Nov. 16, but he still got there in plenty of time. Edwards rushed for touchdowns in the first three overtime periods, yet the Bulldogs still needed Torin Kirtsey's 2-yard run in the fourth overtime for a 56-49 victory.

"I'll tell you one thing, it was tiring," Edwards said. "You never knew when it was going to end, because we refused to give up. I guess it was a game within a game."

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Division I-A's first year of overtime had some notable games, including the four-OT Cal-Arizona and Auburn-Georgia marathons. The Pac-10 in particular was bitten by the overtime bug — every team in the conference played at least one OT game, and Cal and USC led the nation in OT periods and games played, respectively. Here are some more tidbits from the first year of the NCAA's grand experiment:

OT games	26
Total OT periods	42
Games won by field goal	13
Games won by touchdown	11
Games lost by failed conversion	1
Games won by defensive touchdown	1
Most overtime periods by one team, season	7, Cal
Most overtime games by one team, season	3, USC

There were 26 games-within-a-game last season, some longer than others, although only the Arizona-Cal and Georgia-Auburn games went into quad. A total of 42 extra periods were played in those 26 overtimes.

Thirteen games were decided by field goals, 11 by touchdowns. Only one had a missed two-pointer. In the other, Arizona State, up by seven, clinched its two-overtime victory over Southern California by scoring a defensive touchdown on a fumble recovery.

"That was my first experience at overtime. It was thrilling," said Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder, the national coach of the year after the Sun Devils finished 11-1 and No. 4 in the final polls.

The Pac-10 had more than its share of anxiety. Every team played at least one conference overtime game. USC had two (both losses). After losing to traditional rival UCLA, 48-41, in double overtime Nov. 23, USC beat traditional rival Notre Dame, 27-20, in single overtime on Nov. 30. Cal, Missouri and Houston were 2-0 in OT. Notre Dame and Fresno State were 0-2.

Cal played seven overtime periods. USC had five, three in two weeks. Cal quarterback Pat Barnes threw five touchdown passes — four against Arizona, in a game in which he threw eight — and ran for another in his seven overtimes, providing a focal point for those who said overtime artificially inflated some individual numbers. But extra-period stats count in every other sport, and the NCAA will not change its procedure.

"Over a period of time, you realize almost anything can happen," the NCAA's Rick Campbell said.

Yet some tinkering was done. In part because of health concerns, the NCAA rules committee appended the overtime regulations so that each team must attempt a two-point conversion after any touchdown beginning with the third overtime period. Even if Team A fails on its two-point try, Team B must also try for two. The success rate on a conversion kick is in the low-90s. For two-pointers, it is in the low 40s.

"If you keep playing, it really puts players at risk physically. You're playing so the game can be decided. When you



Cal's André Rhodes made the stop that finally ended the Cal-Arizona marathon. With his team down 56-55 in the fourth overtime, Arizona coach Dick Tomey decided to go for a two-point conversion to finally end the game. It failed, and Cal won.

get to four and five overtimes, it's like playing a game and a half," said Tomey, one of three Division I-A coaches, including Missouri's Larry Smith and North Carolina's Mack Brown, on the rules committee.

"Somebody needs to try to win the damn thing. I think coaches basically last year weren't trying to win in overtime, they were just trying to keep playing, trying to let the other guy screw

up. We needed a mandate that after a certain point, you have to try to win, because that's what the overtime's all about."

One no-brainer emerged last season: Play defense first. All but one team chose to give the other team the ball first. The team that did not, Iowa State, lost after it failed to score first. But subtle questions remain. Should penalties carry over from one overtime period to the next?

They will not this year, although they did in 1996. Is the 25 the proper yard line? If team A fails, Team B has an immediate 42-yard field goal to win the game.

"I don't think I should be able to run out there with a field-goal kicker. I think I should earn something before I kick it. But I've not heard anybody absolutely against (overtime). I think we are generally in agreement," Snyder said.

"The more I look at it, I think it's the only way you can do it right now," said ESPN analyst Lee Corso, a former coach at Louisville and Indiana. "I didn't like it at the beginning, because I'm so much of a traditionalist. I think they will tweak it a little bit here and there every year until they get it perfect. It's sensational for the fans. For the coaches, it's a nerve-racking situation."

Tomey would not argue, especially after the Cal game.

"It was such a tough loss. But I think when the players who were in the game get the perspective of time, they will realize they were in one of the great games in the history of football. It was exhilarating. It was fun for those guys who were in it. The fact that we lost was devastating, but we were in it and it was something guys will always remember," Tomey said.

"I think your players want to win, and you need to try to win for your players, because they are the ones that do all the work. It's good for college football." ■

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Rulebook Headaches **YOU BE THE REF!**

The rare play, quirky bounce or bizarre situation can give college football referees instant headaches, especially since they are expected to make immediate decisions during the heat of battle. Under the gun, could *you* make the right call? *Touchdown Illustrated* gives you the whistle. Below are rulebook headaches designed to test your knowledge of the game. **YOU BE THE REF!**

Headache #1

Auburn vs. Louisiana State. Auburn is forced to punt and LSU's dangerous return tandem of Rondell Mealey and Kevin Faulk are back to receive. Faulk, after signaling for a fair catch on his 20-yard line, intentionally lets the ball hit the ground. Mealey then grabs the ball on the 22 and runs until he is tackled on the LSU 35-yard line.

You're the ref: Where is the ball spotted?

Answer:

The ball is dead at the spot of recovery and cannot be advanced, according to Rule 6, Section 5, Article 2, which prohibits any player from carrying "a caught or recovered ball more than two steps in any direction after a valid, invalid or illegal fair catch signal by" one of his teammates. Hence LSU takes possession, first and 10, at its own 17-yard line after a five-yard penalty is assessed because of the illegal fair-catch advance.

Headache #4

Notre Dame vs. Penn State. On a key fourth down and five play from the Notre Dame 20-yard line, Penn State tailback Curtis Enis rushes to the 16-yard line, where he fumbles after being hit. The ball is still loose at the 10-yard line when Fighting Irish linebacker Kory Minor bats the ball backward and out of bounds at the 5-yard line.

You're the ref: Whose ball is it and where should it be spotted?

Answer:

Because the ball is batted backward, the bat is legal and it is Notre Dame's ball at its own 16-yard line since Penn State failed to make a first down. Rule 9, Section 4, Article 1-c prohibits any player from batting loose balls forward when they are in the field of play or in any direction when they are in the end zone.

Headache #3

Texas vs. Nebraska. Facing fourth down and eight on the Nebraska 40-yard line, Texas decides to attempt a long field goal. Unfortunately, kicker Phil Dawson's try comes up just short, hitting the ground in the end zone. The ball then bounces out to the Cornhusker 3-yard line, where it is touched by Nebraska defensive back Ralph Brown.

You're the ref:

Whose ball is it and where should it be spotted?

Answer:

It is Nebraska's ball at its own 40-yard line. Rule 6, Section 3, Article 9 states: "The ball becomes dead and belongs to the team defending its goal line when a scrimmage kick is untouched by Team B beyond the neutral zone before touching the ground on or behind Team B's goal line."

Headache #2

Syracuse vs. Miami. Syracuse free safety Donovan Darius intercepts a pass intended for Miami receiver Magic Benton on the Orangemen's 10-yard line. Blocking for Darius during the runback, linebacker Antwaune Ponds pushes Benton in the back at the Syracuse 24-yard line. Meanwhile, Darius is finally tackled at the 50-yard line.

You're the ref: Whose ball is it and where is it spotted?

Answer:

It is Syracuse's ball because the interception took place before the penalty. After Syracuse gets penalized 10 yards for an illegal block in the back, in accordance with Rule 9, Section 3, Article 3-c, it takes possession, first and 10, on its own 14-yard line.

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WHO'S NO.1?

IN 1977, THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION DEPENDED ON WHOM YOU ASKED, AS THREE SCHOOLS SHARED THE NATIONAL BLACK COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP.

By Jeremy Treatman

Grambling State felt certain it was going to win it. Florida A&M was undefeated (11-0) and undoubtedly felt that the prize would be awarded to its program. Still a third school, South Carolina State, staked its own claim for the honor.

In the end, all were vindicated.

The three standout schools shared the 1977 national black college championship, based on a controversial vote by the *Pittsburgh Courier*. The outcome of the poll was questioned by at least two of the schools back then and still creates some confusion today.

"We won it that year," said Grambling sports information director Vernon Cheek about the 10-1 Tigers. "That's how we have it listed in our media guide."

But according to Southwestern Athletic Conference publicity director Lonza Hardy, the result was definitely a three-way tie.

"Prior to 1980, the championship was based on the *Courier* vote, although there were other polls, like the 100% Wrong Club, who did a poll, too," he said. "There are no numbers in our records from that specific tally, but it's listed as a three-way tie that year."

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Grambling sports information director Vernon Cheek

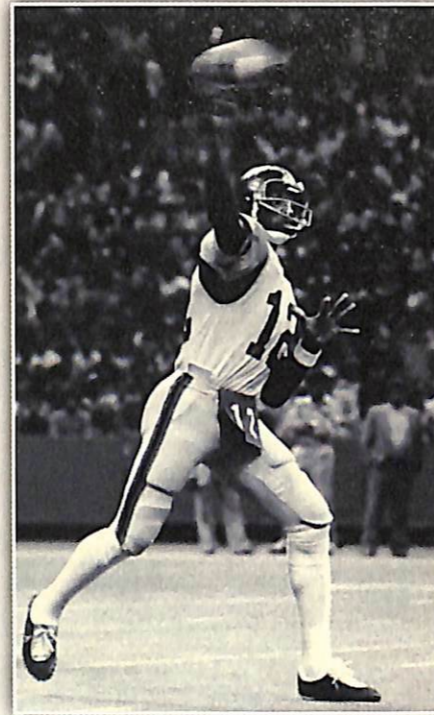
Hardy likens that year's dilemma to disputes in recent seasons. For the last 17 years, the Sheridan Poll has officially determined the national black college champion, although there are as many as three other polls used by others.

Regardless of the shared titles, the 1977 season isn't remembered solely for the *Courier* verdict, but also for the talent produced by those three teams and many of the country's other primarily black colleges.

Grambling was an offensive machine, with quarterback Doug Williams firing countless touchdowns to future NFL receivers Robert Woods and Carlos Penningwell. Williams finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting that year and drew as much attention as any black quarterback who had ever played the game. Few people gave him much of a chance to live up to his college billing in the NFL in an era when black signal-callers were not in vogue. But he eventually led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to an NFC championship game and later won a Super Bowl MVP award with the Washington Redskins.

South Carolina State was loaded, too, sending defensive lineman Anthony Clay, running back Ricky Anderson, offensive lineman Edwin Bailey, linebacker Irvin Parker, cornerback Rufus Bess, and receivers Phillip Murphy, Angelo King and Arthur Prescott to the NFL or Canadian Football League.

"It was definitely one of my most talented teams," said South Carolina State coach Willie Jeffries, who became the first black head coach of a Division



Quarterback Doug Williams led Grambling to a 10-1 record and a one-third share of the 1977 national black college championship, then finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

I-A program when he took over at Wichita State prior to the 1978 season before returning to S.C. State in 1989.

Florida A&M, disappointed by the three-way tie in 1977, captured the title in 1978. In addition, the Ramblers won the first-ever Division I-AA playoff title that year.

On a humorous note, one interesting element of this saga had to do with the emergence of a fourth contender. In South Carolina State's final game of the 1977 season, it lost to Wofford.

"All I remember is that had we won that game, we were going to win the national black college championship," Jeffries said. "But Wofford beat us 39-21 to make us 9-1-1. The comical thing was, after the game, one of the white players from Wofford came over to me, and said, 'Coach, I guess this makes us the national black college champions!' That's what I'll always remember from the 1977 season." □

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**DR. VIVIAN L. FULLER
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

Dr. Vivian L. Fuller was introduced as the new director of athletics at Tennessee State University on October 1, 1997. Dr. Fuller comes to TSU after spending the last five years as the director of intercollegiate athletics at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. In addition to her position at Northeastern Illinois, she has served on numerous committees and advisory boards.

"Dr. Fuller brings to us remarkable organizational ability, excellent marketing skills, and a broad base of experience," stated Dr. James Hefner, Tennessee State University's president. "Dr. Fuller's credentials are impeccable, and she is widely respected in her profession. She has served on numerous NCAA committees, including the management council which aids in the governance of the entire organization."

Dr. Fuller is a nationally known speaker on the topics of women in sports, academic support programs for student-athletes, academic advising, women in management positions, gender equity, and the importance of networking in the profession. She began her career in higher education at Bennett College in 1978 as the director of intramurals and instructor of physical education. From 1984-87 she served as assistant director for advisement programs for student athletes at North

Carolina A&T University, earning a promotion to assistant director of athletics. In 1987 Dr. Fuller became associate director of intercollegiate athletics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she was responsible for internal operations of the program and developing the academic component for student-athletes.

Fuller's accomplishments have been recognized by a number of organizations, including American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), Boy Scouts of America, and the Chicago Youth Success Foundation. Her achievements have been chronicled in national and local publications, including *Black Issues in Higher Education*, *Jet Magazine*, the *NCAA News*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. She has published numerous articles and given presentations on the national and regional levels on a variety of topics related to athletics administration. In the spring of 1996, the baseball team at Northeastern Illinois won the Mid-Continent Conference Championship and the NCAA Play-In series to advance to the NCAA West Regionals at Stanford University.

Fuller earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Fayetteville State University in 1977, a Master's of Education from the University of Idaho in 1978, and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Iowa State University in 1985. Her main two goals in athletics administration have been and continue to be development of a competitive broad base program for intercollegiate athletics without compromising integrity, academics, and the welfare of student-athletes, and to create an avenue for other women and minorities aspiring toward careers in athletics administration.

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vs. "Home Finale"

Murray State
"Racers"
(6-4, 4-2)



1997 Ohio Valley Conference Standings:

	OVC Games				All Games			
	W	L	PTS	OPP	W	L	PTS	OPP
Eastern Kentucky	5	0	173	32	6	3	285	120
Eastern Illinois	5	1	152	75	8	2	260	164
Murray State	4	2	142	89	6	4	276	165
TENNESSEE STATE	3	2	94	134	3	6	215	291
Tennessee Tech	3	3	101	93	5	4	161	116
Middle Tennessee	2	3	142	120	4	4	252	179
Southeast Missouri	1	5	82	148	3	6	144	195
Tennessee-Martin	0	7	66	275	0	10	87	358

Last Week's Games:

Tennessee State 28, Tennessee Tech 21
 Eastern Kentucky 20, Southeast Missouri 10
 Murray State 24, Eastern Illinois 17
 Middle Tennessee State 59, Austin Peay State 10
 Samford 14, Tennessee-Martin 7

This Week's Games:

Middle Tennessee at Eastern Kentucky - 12:30 p.m. CST
 Southern Illinois at Southeast Missouri State - 1:00 p.m. CST
 Tennessee Tech at Alabama-Birmingham - 1:00 p.m. CST
 Murray State at Tennessee State - 1:30 p.m. CST
 Tennessee-Martin at Austin Peay State - 1:30 p.m. CST

The **Tigers** of Tennessee State (3-6, 3-2 OVC) celebrate their "home finale" today playing host to Ohio Valley Conference foe **Murray State** (6-4, 4-2 OVC). While **Tennessee State** enjoyed a 28-21 upset win over Tennessee Tech for homecoming last week, **Murray State** surprised Eastern Illinois at home, 24-17. **Tennessee State** will be out trying to avenge a 50-14 loss at Murray State last season.

Tennessee State's **Tyrone Butterfield** answered a game-tying touchdown by Tennessee Tech in the fourth quarter with an 82-yard kickoff return for a score to lift the Tigers to victory. Sophomore quarterback **Todd Valentine**, making his first start since the season opener, was 16-of-34 passing for 265 yards and three touchdowns. **Butterfield** had six receptions for 82 yards, while senior **Juan Hall** caught four passes for 48 yards and two touchdowns. Also, senior **Kevin Jackson** had a career-high 119 receiving yards on three receptions.

Valentine was named Ohio Valley Conference's offensive player of the week, while **Butterfield** earned the OVC's specialist of the week.

Murray State upset ninth-ranked Eastern Illinois, 24-17. With the scored tied 17-17 late in the fourth quarter, the Racers scored the game-winning touchdown on a 57-yard pass from **Dan Loyd** to **Reginald Swinton**. Swinton had six catches for 120 yards and two touchdowns, while tailback **Anthony Downs** ran for 135 yards and a touchdown on 30 carries. Junior defensive end **Marcus Stepp** earned the OVC's defensive player of the week, making eight tackles and five tackles for loss, including three sacks.

Tennessee State has also posted wins this year over Middle Tennessee State (25-16) and Tennessee-Martin (27-20). The Tigers have lost to Florida A&M (43-28), Jackson State (31-28), South Carolina State (34-28), North Carolina A&T (49-37), Eastern Kentucky (49-7), and Chattanooga (28-7).

Murray State, besides last Saturday's victory, has posted wins this year over Indiana State (13-0), Southeast Missouri State (17-3), Middle Tennessee State (35-17), Tennessee-Martin (45-7), and Austin Peay State (51-0). The Racers have

lost to Western Kentucky (52-50/OT), Southern Illinois (24-20), Eastern Kentucky (29-8), and Tennessee Tech (16-13/OT).

Tennessee State leads the series with Murray State, 5-4. However, Murray State has won the last two meetings, which includes a 24-19 win in 1995 in Hale Stadium. The Tigers are 2-1 against the Racers in Hale Stadium.

Tennessee State salutes the 1997 seniors playing in their final game at Hale Stadium. They are offensive linemen **Terrance Dixon** and **Raymond Jones**, wide receivers **Juan Hall** and **Kevin Jackson**, and linebacker **Jon Mitchell**. Seniors **Stanley Cook** and **Ryan Falke** have been out since the Florida A&M game to injuries.

Tennessee State is 2-1 in 1997 in Hale Stadium. Head coach **L.C. Cole** is now 6-2 in games played in Hale Stadium.

Next week: **Tennessee State** will wrap up the 1997 season at Southeast Missouri State. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. CST.

Junior wide receiver **Tyrone Butterfield**, who has 44 catches for 802 yards in nine games, needs only 198 receiving yards in the last two contests to give TSU its first-ever consecutive 1,000-yard receivers. Last year, **Juan Hall** had 72 catches for 1,021 yards.

Tennessee State is 19-10 (.655) against OVC teams in Hale Stadium since joining the conference in 1988. Overall, the Tigers are 131-26-5 (.824) in Hale Stadium.

DID YOU KNOW... **Tennessee State** has lost three straight home finales. The Tigers' 26-13 win over Murray State in 1993 was the last time Tennessee State enjoyed a victory in a home finale.

1997 Stats Leaders:

Tennessee State

Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	Avg/Carry	TD
Calvin Davenport	9	125	599	4.8	6
Arcenta Broome*	7	21	126	6.0	0
Michael Durden	9	28	109	3.9	0
*-injured					
Passing	G	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD
Leon Murray	9	119-219-12	54.3%	1,794	12
Todd Valentine	6	31-74-3	41.9%	579	5
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	TD	Yds/Rec
Tyrone Butterfield	9	44	802	5	18.2
Juan Hall	9	31	440	5	14.2
Corey Sullivan	9	21	466	4	22.2

Murray State

Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	Avg/Carry	TD
Anthony Downs	9	181	878	4.9	11
Wilbert Smith	10	130	628	4.8	3
Mike Johnson	10	18	82	4.6	0
Passing	G	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yards	TD
Dan Loyd	10	131-279-7	47.0%	1,798	14
Josh Allen	4	5-16-1	31.3%	58	1
Receiving	G	Rec.	Yards	TD	Yds/Rec
Reginald Swinton	9	32	622	7	19.4
Brandon Warfield	10	31	463	3	14.9
Sam Greer	10	19	215	1	11.3

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY 1997-98 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CST)
NOV. 11 (TUE.)	SPORTS REACH (EXHIBITION)	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
NOV. 14 (FRI.)	VASDA (EXHIBITION)	NASHVILLE, TN	7:45 P.M.
NOV. 18 (TUE.)	ASBURY COLLEGE	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 24 (Mon.)	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN	7:00 p.m.
NOV. 29 (SAT.)	FSK UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 4 (Thur.)	* Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, MO	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6 (Sat.)	* Eastern Illinois University	Charleston, Ill.	7:35 p.m.
Dec. 14 (Sun.)	Northern Iowa University	Cedar Falls, Iowa	1:05 p.m.
Dec. 18 (Thur.)	Indiana State University	Terre Haute, Ind.	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 21 (Sun.)	Appalachian State University (ESPN2)	Boone, NC	11:05 a.m.
Dec. 29-30	Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay Tournament	Green Bay, Wis.	
Dec. 29 (Mon.)	Tennessee State vs. Dartmouth		6:00 p.m.
	Wisconsin-Green Bay vs. Lafayette		8:00 p.m.
Dec. 30 (Tue.)	Consolation Game		6:00 p.m.
	Championship Game		8:00 p.m.
JAN. 3 (SAT.)	* AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:45 P.M.
JAN. 8 (THUR.)	* MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
JAN. 10 (SAT.)	* EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:45 P.M.
JAN. 13 (TUE.)	* SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 15 (Thur.)	* Tennessee Tech University	Cookeville, TN	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 17 (Sat.)	* Middle Tennessee State Univ. (WNAB-TV)	Murfreesboro, TN	7:30 p.m.
JAN. 22 (THUR.)	* UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-MARTIN	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
JAN. 24 (SAT.)	* MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY (WNAB-TV)	NASHVILLE, TN	7:45 P.M.
Jan. 31 (Sat.)	* Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN	7:45 P.M.
FEB. 3 (TUE.)	* EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 5 (Thur.)	* Morehead State University	Morehead, KY	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 (Sat.)	* Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, KY	3:15 p.m.
FEB. 12 (THUR.)	* TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
FEB. 14 (SAT.)	* MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:45 P.M.
Feb. 19 (Thur.)	* University of Tennessee-Martin	Martin, TN	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21 (Sat.)	* Murray State University (FOXSS)	Murray, KY	1:05 p.m.
Feb. 24 (Tue.)	OVC Tournament-First Round	TBA-Higher Seed	TBA
Feb. 28 (Sat.)	OVC Tournament-Semifinals	Nashville Arena	TBA
Mar. 1 (Sun.)	OVC Tournament-Championship Game	Nashville Arena	TBA

All dates are subject to change.

*denotes Ohio Valley Conference Game

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY 1997-98 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CST)
NOV. 14 (FRI.)	FREESTYLE EXPRESS (EXHIBITION)	NASHVILLE, TN	5:45 P.M.
Nov. 21-22	St. Louis University Tournament	St. Louis, MO	
Nov. 21 (Fri.)	Tennessee State vs. St. Louis		6:30 p.m.
	Wake Forest vs. Texas Arlington		8:30 p.m.
Nov. 22 (Sat.)	Consolation Game		5:00 p.m.
	Championship Game		7:00 p.m.
Nov. 24 (Mon.)	Belmont University	Nashville, TN	6:00 p.m.
DEC. 1 (MON.)	TENNESSEE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	6:00 P.M.
DEC. 3 (WED.)	UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 8 (Mon.)	* Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, MO	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 14 (Sun.)	* Eastern Illinois University	Charleston, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 18-19	Host Team Classic	Atlanta, Geo.	
Dec. 18 (Thur.)	Tennessee State vs. Norfolk State		4:00 p.m.
	Georgia State vs. Brewton-Parker		6:00 p.m.
Dec. 19 (Fri.)	Tennessee State vs. Brewton-Parker		4:00 p.m.
	Georgia State vs. Norfolk State		6:00 p.m.
JAN. 3 (SAT.)	* AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:45 P.M.
JAN. 5 (MON.)	BELMONT UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
JAN. 10 (SAT.)	* EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:45 P.M.
JAN. 12 (MON.)	* MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
JAN. 14 (WED.)	* SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 17 (Sat.)	* Middle Tennessee State Univ. (WNAB-TV)	Murfreesboro, TN	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 (Mon.)	* Tennessee Tech University	Cookeville, TN	7:00 p.m.
JAN. 24 (SAT.)	* MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY (WNAB-TV)	NASHVILLE, TN	5:45 P.M.
JAN. 26 (MON.)	* UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-MARTIN	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 31 (Sat.)	* Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN	5:45 p.m.
FEB. 4 (WED.)	* EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 7 (Sat.)	* Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, KY	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 9 (Mon.)	* Morehead State University	Morehead, KY	6:30 p.m.
FEB. 14 (SAT.)	* MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	5:45 P.M.
FEB. 16 (THUR.)	* TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY	NASHVILLE, TN	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 19 (Thur.)	* University of Tennessee-Martin	Martin, TN	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 21 (Sat.)	* Murray State University	Murray, KY	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 24 (Tue.)	OVC Tournament-First Round	TBA-Higher Seed	TBA
Feb. 28 (Sat.)	OVC Tournament-Semifinals	Nashville Arena	TBA
Mar. 1 (Sun.)	OVC Tournament-Championship Game	Nashville Arena	TBA

All dates are subject to change.

*denotes Ohio Valley Conference Game

William Jasper Hale Stadium Records

Tennessee State-Individual:

Most Rushing Yards: 230, Lee Derrick vs. Bluefield State, 11/25/54
Most Passing Yards: 484, Gilbert Renfroe vs. District of Columbia, 11/5/83
Most Receiving Yards: 186, Charles Hunter vs. Southeast Missouri State, 11/21/92
Most Receptions: 12, Lawrence Segree vs. Southeast Missouri State, 11/19/94
Most Touchdowns Rushing: 5, Charles Thomas vs. Central State, 11/20/71
Most Touchdowns Receiving: 4, Mike Jones vs. North Carolina A&T, 11/15/80
Most Points: 30, Charles Thomas vs. Central State, 11/20/71
Most Rushes: 36, Darron Davis vs. UT-Martin, 10/17/92
Most PAT Attempted: 11, Roy Meneese vs. Kentucky State, 11/24/66
Most PAT Made: 9, Roy Meneese vs. Kentucky State, 11/24/66

Tennessee State-Team:

Most Rushing Yards: 410, vs. UT-Martin, 11/5/77
Most Passing Yards: 484, vs. District of Columbia, 11/5/83

Most Points: 83, vs. Kentucky State, 11/24/66
Fewest Passing Yards Allowed: 0, vs. Morris Brown, 10/3/64
Fewest Completions Allowed: 0, vs. Morris Brown, 10/3/64
Fewest First Downs Allowed: 0, vs. Morris Brown, 10/3/64
Most Touchdown Passes: 8, vs. Kentucky State, 11/24/66

Opponents-Individuals

Most Rushing Yards: 221, Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky, 11/2/91
Longest Rush: 90, James Jackson, Kentucky State, 1964
Longest Kickoff Return: 100, Larry Douglas, Southern, 10/28/78
Longest Interception Return: 92, Collier, Florida A&M, 10/21/67
Longest Punt Return: 85, Donald Davis, Grambling State, 10/9/71
Longest Pass Play: 96, Matthew Reed to Lee Fobbs, Grambling State, 10/9/71



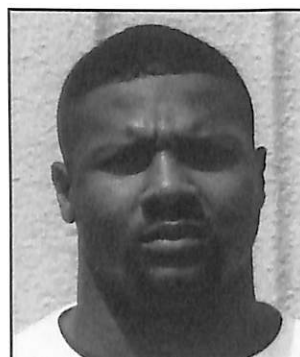
Denver Johnson
Head Football Coach



#76-Dan Brown
(OT/6-5/295/Sr)



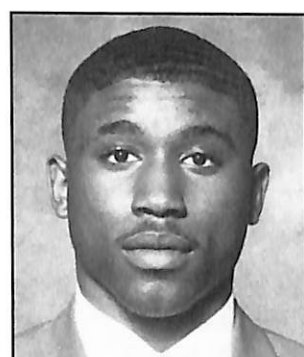
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#3-Anthony Downs
(TB/6-2/205/Sr)



#5-Mancel Elam
(LB/6-4/232/Jr)



#6-Sam Greer
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#95-Rob Hart
(PK/5-9/170/Sr)



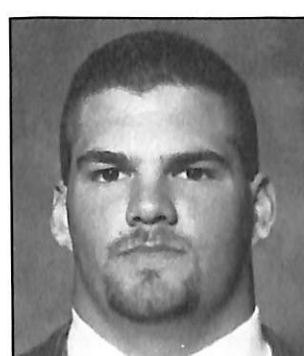
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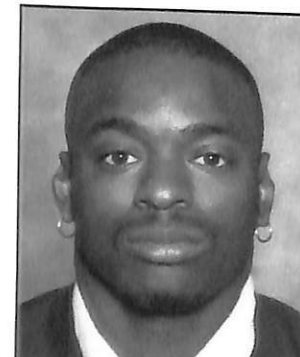
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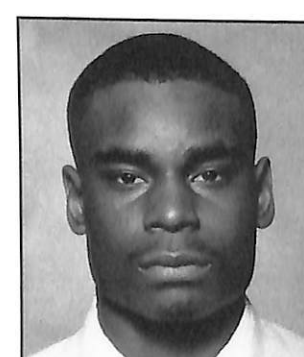
#34-Maurice Pollard
(TE/6-0/250/Sr)



#71-Mark Robinson
(OL/6-3/280/Sr)



#2-Reginald Swinton
(WR/6-2/180/Sr)



#27-Kenny Thomas
(DB/6-3/185/Sr)



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#59-Jarrod Webb
(DT/6-0/255/Jr)

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Coaching Staff

Jake Cabell
Defensive Coordinator
 (Nebraska '77)
 Second Year at TSU



A native of Danville, Virginia, Jake Cabell begins his second year with the Tigers of Tennessee State University. He is in his second season as defensive coordinator for TSU in charge of the entire defensive operations.

Before joining the staff at Tennessee State, Cabell was the defensive coordinator this past season at Iowa Wesleyan College. He began his coaching career as a part-time assistant secondary coach at the University of Nebraska from 1977-79, while completing his master's degree.

Cabell served as the defensive line coach at Eastern Washington University from 1980-85, before taking over as the inside linebacker coach from 1985-87. He was also the defensive coordinator at EWU from 1982-87. Then, he became the assistant recruiting coordinator at Oregon State University from 1987-92.

The second-year TSU coach joined the head coaching ranks at Southwestern College (KS) in 1992. His 5-4 squad ranked sixth nationally in the junior college rankings in total offense, averaging 446 yards per outing.

Cabell accepted an assistant coaching position the following season at Western Illinois University, coaching the defensive backs in 1993 and wide receivers in 1994.

Cabell received a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from the University of Nebraska in 1977, where he lettered one year as a defensive back. He added a master's degree in education from his alma mater two years later.

He is married to the former Allison Bruce of Danville, Virginia. Allison is a recent graduate from Western Illinois University. They have two daughters, Farra (20), who is a member of the women's basketball squad at TSU, and Jade (14), and two sons, Jacques (16) and Cagg (6).

Coach Cabell at a Glance:

Born: April 25, 1954
Spouse: Allison
Children: Farra, Jacques, Jade, and Cagg

Johnnie Cole
Offensive Coordinator
 (Texas Southern, '86)
 Second Year at TSU



Johnnie Cole, younger brother of head coach L.C. Cole, is in his second year affiliated with Tennessee State University. He enters his second season as offensive coordinator, overseeing the entire offensive operations.

Cole was an assistant coach at the University of Cincinnati last year, in charge of the wide receivers. In addition, he was the wide receivers coach at Southern University in 1993 and 1994. While at Southern, he helped develop Frederick Bailey, the school's all-time leading pass receiver.

Following the 1994 season, he left Southern University to become defensive coordinator of the Hamburg (Germany) Blue Devils of the Football League of Europe.

Prior to working at Southern University, Cole was offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Southwestern College in 1992 and assistant coach at Texas Southern University from 1986 to 1991, working with the quarterbacks and receivers coach.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Cole earned All-Southwestern Ohio honors as a quarterback at Dunbar High. He went on to become a two-time all-conference selection (second team) as a quarterback at Texas Southern University, where he received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1986.

Cole is the youngest of nine brothers. Johnnie is married to the former Djuana Lynn Roberts of Springfield, Ohio. They have a daughter, Keosha (9).

Coach Cole at a Glance:

Born: August 4, 1963
Spouse: Djuana Lynn
Children: Keosha
Hobby: Fishing

Russ Ehrenfeld
Offensive Linemen
 (Tennessee-Chattanooga, '81)
 First Year at TSU



Russ Ehrenfeld begins his first season as an assistant coach at Tennessee State University. His primary focus will be overseeing the offensive linemen.

Russ comes to TSU from Austin Peay State University, where he was the offensive line coach for the past two years. L.C. Cole was the assistant head coach at Eastern Michigan when Ehrenfeld served as an assistant coach there in 1993.

A 38-year-old native of Hillside, New Jersey, Ehrenfeld graduated from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in history. He also completed graduate work in educational administration in 1984 at the University of South Carolina. Playing under Roy Gregory at UT-C, he was a part of three consecutive Southern Conference championship teams.

Coach Ehrenfeld brings a wealth of experience with him to Tennessee State University. He began his coaching career at the Tennessee Military Institute (TMI) in Sweetwater, serving as offensive line coach from 1982-83. He then joined the staff at the University of South Carolina in 1984, where he was a graduate assistant offensive line coach. The 1984 South Carolina Gamecocks made an appearance in the Gator Bowl.

Ehrenfeld spent three seasons as the offensive line coach at Austin Peay State University from 1985-87. After a two-year stint from 1988-89 as an assistant coach at Itawamba Community College in Fulton, Mississippi, coaching the defensive line and inside linebackers, he became the defensive line coach at Southeast Missouri State for the next three seasons (1990-92).

After coaching the offensive line and outside linebackers for two years (1993-94) at Eastern Michigan University, Ehrenfeld joined Roy Gregory's staff at Austin Peay State in 1995.

Ehrenfeld was a former all-state football player and a state shot put champion in track at Hillside High School in Hillside, New Jersey. In addition, he has been a member of the American Football Coaches Association since 1982.

He is married to the former Karen Smith of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have one son, Brennan (ten months).

Coach Ehrenfeld at a Glance:

Born: January 10, 1959
Spouse: Karen
Child: Brennan
Hobby: Racquetball and Water Skiing

Willie Jones, Jr.
Defensive Linemen
 (Morgan State, '91)
 Second Year at TSU



Willie Jones is in his second season as an assistant coach at Tennessee State University. His primary responsibility will be coaching the defensive linemen for the second year.

Before coming to TSU, Jones was an assistant coach at the University of Albany in New York for the past two seasons. In 1993, he served as the defensive coordinator at Longwood High School, located in Middle Island, New York. Jones was also an assistant coach at Morgan State University in 1991 and 1992.

A native of Gordon Heights, New York, Jones graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Morgan State in 1991. While at Morgan State, he was a NCAA I-AA All-America selection as well as all-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and all-ECAC at nose guard. Also, he gained black college freshmen All-America honors as well. In addition, Willie has completed work towards a master's degree in African-American studies from the University of Albany.

Jones is married to Beverly Taylor-Jones, formerly of Queens, New York. They have one son: Jaison (2).

Coach Jones at a Glance:

Born: July 17, 1969
Spouse: Beverly
Child: Jaison
Hobby: Football & Landscaping

TSU Team Physicians



Dr. Michael Pagnani
Head Team Physician

Dr. Michael Pagnani enters his fifth season as the Tigers' head team physician. A graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Dr. Pagnani returned to Nashville from New York City in 1993. While in New York, he served as assistant team physician to the New York Giants and New York Mets.

In addition to his current duties at TSU, Dr. Pagnani is team physician to the Nashville Kats Arena League Football Team and orthopaedic consultant to the Chicago White Sox and Nashville Sounds Baseball Club.

Dr. Pagnani and his wife Kelly live in Nashville with their children Connor and Sarah.



Dr. Harvey Wayne Bowles
Team Physician

Dr. Harvey Bowles begins his first year associated with the athletics program at Tennessee State University. A native of Stanton, Tennessee, Dr. Bowles received his medical degree in 1985 from Meharry Medical College after earning a bachelor's degree from TSU in 1973 and a master's degree in 1976. He did his residency in

internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Texas, completing the program in 1988.

Dr. Bowles, in addition to working with TSU athletics, is in private practice in internal medicine.

Dr. Bowles and his wife Farideh live in Brentwood with their son Daniel.

William Jasper Hale Stadium Year-by-Year Results

Year	Games Played	W-L-T	Year	Games Played	W-L-T
1953	1	1-0-0	1976	4	3-0-1
1954	4	4-0-0	1977	4	4-0-0
1955	5	5-0-0	1978	4	4-0-0
1956	4	4-0-0	1979	4	3-1-0
1957	4	3-0-1	1980	2	2-0-0
1958	4	2-2-0	1981	2	2-0-0
1959	4	4-0-0	1982	3	3-0-0
1960	5	4-1-0	1983	3	3-0-0
1961	5	2-2-1	1984	2	2-0-0
1962	4	1-2-1	1985	3	3-0-0
1963	5	3-2-0	1986	3	2-1-0
1964	6	6-0-0	1987	3	1-2-0
1965	4	4-0-0	1988	2	1-0-1
1966	4	4-0-0	1989	3	2-1-0
1967	3	2-1-0	1990	2	2-0-0
1968	5	5-0-0	1991	4	2-2-0
1969	4	4-0-0	1992	3	3-0-0
1970	4	4-0-0	1993	3	2-1-0
1971	3	3-0-0	1994	4	2-2-0
1972	4	4-0-0	1995	4	1-3-0
1973	3	3-0-0	1996	5	4-1-0
1974	4	4-0-0	1997	3	2-1-0
1975	3	2-1-0			

Hale Stadium TSU Attendance Records

1. Tennessee-Martin	Won	37-14	*10/19/96	21,331
2. Florida A&M	Won	33-20	10/25/69	20,000
3. Jackson State	Tie	26-26	09/10/88	18,954
4. Austin Peay	Won	35-14	*10/24/92	18,341
5. UT-Chattanooga	Won	27-21	10/16/82	18,200
6. Eastern Kentucky	Lost	20-27	*11/02/91	18,150
7. Jackson State	Won	23-20	09/11/76	18,106
8. Grambling	Won	41-35	10/09/71	18,000
9. Tennessee Tech	Won	28-21	*11/08/97	17,255
10. Grambling	Lost	25-28	10/11/75	17,000
11. Texas Southern	Won	48-25	09/26/81	16,300
12. Grambling	Won	24-13	10/16/79	16,200
13. Tennessee Tech	Lost	24-28	*11/04/95	16,128
14. Texas Southern	Won	38-15	09/30/72	16,000
15. Grambling	Won	19-13	10/06/73	16,000
16. Jackson State	Won	20-10	09/14/86	16,000
17. Middle Tennessee	Won	24-14	09/07/96	15,761
18. Middle Tennessee	Lost	10-45	09/03/94	15,511
19. Middle Tennessee	Won	25-16	09/06/97	14,983
20. Hampton Institute	Won	20-14	09/03/83	13,500
North Carolina A&T	Won	31-15	08/31/85	13,500

Coaching Staff/Staff

Fred Kaiss
Wide Receivers
(Maryland, '86)
First Season at TSU



Fred Kaiss (rhymes with rice) enters his first season as an assistant coach at Tennessee State University. His main duties will be centered around coaching the wide receivers and special teams.

Before his arrival to Tennessee State, Kaiss spent the last four seasons as the running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Southern University-Baton Rouge. In addition, he was in charge of the special teams, helping Southern post the best kickoff return average in the nation in 1995.

Fred's coaching career began as an offensive coordinator for two high schools in the Baltimore (MD) area. He was at Brooklyn High School from 1984 to 1988. Also he was at Andover High for a one-year stint in 1989. Kaiss spent the next two years as head coach of Baltimore's Southwestern High, restoring a program that was 0-28-1 in the three seasons prior to his arrival. He posted records of 5-4 in 1990 and 7-3 in 1991. He joined the college coaching ranks in 1992 as the offensive coordinator at Morgan State University. Coaching on the same staff as L.C. Cole, Kaiss was in charge of the quarterbacks and wide receivers for one season prior to his move to Southern.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Kaiss graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1986. Plus, he is expecting to earn a master's degree from LaSalle University this year.

Married to the former Dorthy Hensler of Harrisonburg, Virginia, the couple have one daughter, Alicea (4), and one son, Jonathan (17 months).

Coach Kaiss at a Glance
Born: January 6, 1959
Spouse: Dorthy
Children: Alicea and Jonathan
Hobbies: NASCAR and Watching Sports on Television

James Reese, III
Running Backs
(Tennessee State, '91)
Seventh Season at TSU



James Reese, who is a former fullback at Tennessee State University, starts his sixth year as a full-time assistant with the Tigers. He was also a graduate assistant in 1991 with TSU. His primary responsibility will be coaching the running backs.

Reese can take partial credit for former tailback Darron Davis establishing numerous TSU rushing records, including most yards in a career (2,844 from 1991-94) and most yards in a single season (1,101 in 1994).

A native of Nashville, Reese attended Whites Creek High School. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Tennessee State in 1991. Later, in 1995, he added a master's degree in educational administration supervision from TSU.

Before beginning his coaching career at TSU, he served as a project accounting coordinator for a property management firm in Nashville.

Lettering for three seasons with Tennessee State (1988-90), Reese finished his playing days with 501 career rushing yards.

Reese is single.

Coach Reese at a Glance:
Born: December 5, 1968
Marital Status: Single
Hobbies: Running and Collecting Music

Football Staff



Jon Carr
Restricted Earnings Coach
(1st Season at TSU)



Mark Davis
Strength & Conditioning
(1st Season at TSU)



Johnny Franks
Sports Information Director
(10th Season at TSU)



Richard Freeman
Restricted Earnings Coach
(2nd Season at TSU)



George James
Football-Academics
(5th Season at TSU)



Joshua Johnson
Administrative Assistant
(2nd Season at TSU)



Kevin McKinley
Assistant Equipment Manager
(6th Season at TSU)



Leon Moore
Equipment Manager
(12th Season at TSU)



Rod Newman
Head Trainer
(3rd Season at TSU)



Derrion Snead
Restricted Earnings Coach
(1st Season at TSU)

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Black College Conferences Prosper

As Oldest Marks 85th Birthday

If you want to talk about some serious history and tradition, you need only to take a look at the major Black College athletic conferences.

For example, the grand-dad of them all, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season celebrates its 85th birthday.

How old is that among other conferences? Well, the CIAC is 42 years older than the Atlantic Coast Conference. It is 70 years older than the Big East Conference. Fact is, the CIAC is exceeded in longevity by only the Big Ten Conference, which was founded as a formal collegiate alliance 101 years ago.

Leon Kerry, commissioner of the CIAC, said, "When you consider that this season we mark our 85th anniversary, it is truly an accomplishment and a tribute to the vision of those men who saw the need to band together in a common cause. Our conference, as well as the other three major Black College conferences are thriving."

One year after the CIAC was founded in 1912, another group of Black Colleges got together to establish the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference—and that was two years before the Pac 10 opened its doors.

By 1919 a third Black College conference was formed, the Southwestern Athletic Conference. The SWAC this year honors its 77th birthday.

The fourth of the conferences, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference was founded in 1970, more than a decade before the Atlantic 10 was considered.

Starting with basically football as a sport, the four conferences now boast of participating teams in basketball, baseball, track and field, softball, tennis, golf, cross country and so forth. And, bear in mind, most of the programs have doubled in size with the emergence of women's sports.

When considering the overall history of Black College football, it is well to remember that the 1997 season celebrates the 105th anniversary of the first football game ever played between two Black Colleges. It was on December 27, 1892 that Johnson C. Smith University met Livingstone College in a challenge match, a game won by the men from Smith, 5-0.

Though most of the Black Colleges of America are members of one of the four conferences, a few inde-

pendents, such as Cheyney, Tennessee State University, Kentucky State and Central State of Ohio boast well-rounded sports programs.



Conference Commissioners are pictured above, left to right, Leon Kerry CIAA; Wallace Jackson, Southern Intercollegiate; James Frank, SWAC; and Charles S. Harris, Mid-Eastern Conference.

The Conferences And Their Member Schools

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

- Bowie State University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Livingstone College
- North Carolina Central University
- St. Augustine's College
- St. Paul's College
- Shaw University
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Union University
- Winston-Salem State University

Southwestern Athletic Conference

- Alabama State University
- Alcorn State University
- Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- Grambling State University
- Jackson State University
- Mississippi Valley State University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Southern University
- Texas Southern University

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

- Alabama A&M University
- Albany State College
- Clark College
- Fort Valley State College
- LeMoyne-Owen College
- Miles College
- Morehouse College
- Morris Brown College
- Paine College
- Savannah State College
- Tuskegee

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

- Bethune-Cookman College
- Coppin State College
- Delaware State University
- Florida A&M University
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NO.	NAME	POS	CL	HT	WT	EXP	HOMETOWN(HIGH SCHOOL)
1	Calvin Davenport	RB	Jr	5-9	185	2L	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Brainerd High)
2	Tyrone Butterfield	WR	Jr	5-9	190	TR	Miami, Fla. (Central High/Michigan)
3	Kevin Jackson	WR	Sr	6-0	195	1L	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Dillard High/Cincinnati)
4	Al Phillips	DB	Jr	5-10	190	TR	Euclid, OH (Euclid High/Kent State)
5	Jarrick Hillery	TB/FS	Jr	6-0	200	*2L	Brunswick, Geo.(Brunswick High)
6	Quincy Falker	ILB	Jr	6-1	235	TR	Cincinnati, OH (Winton Woods High/Kent St.)
7	Arcentae Broome	FB	Jr	5-10	210	*2L	Nashville, Tenn.(Stratford High)
8	Larry Floyd	DE	So	6-0	205	*1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale High)
9	Bennie Zeigler	DE	So	6-3	225	*1L	St. Petersburg, Fla. (Gibbs High/Clemson)
10	Darrell Hinton	SS	Jr	6-0	175	2L	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Brainerd High)
11	Larry Henderson	QB	Fr	6-3	165	*RS	Dayton, Ohio (Dunbar High)
12	Ted Williams	QB	Fr	6-2	195	*RS	Houston, TX (Lamar High)
13	Todd Valentine	QB	So	6-2	205	*1L	Richmond Dale, Ohio (Chillicothe High)
14	Leon Murray	QB	So	6-3	195	TR	Cincinnati, OH (Pittsburgh)
16	Jemaine Smith	QB	Fr	6-3	190	HS	Darlington, SC (Darlington High)
18	Robert Mitchell	WR	Fr	5-11	180	*HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn High)
19	Kippie Cork	DB	Jr	6-1	180	TR	Weir, MS (French Camp Academy/Holmes C.C.)
20	Byron Holloman	DB	So	6-1	180	*1L	Decatur, Geo. (Lakeside High)
21	Eric Joyce	DB	Fr	5-11	180	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Whites Creek High)
22	Antonio Jones	CB	Fr	5-10	175	*RS	Birmingham, Ala. (Wenonah High)
23	Michael Durden	RB	Fr	5-7	170	*RS	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Norland High)
25	Camron Howard	WR	Fr	6-0	170	HS	Tallahoma, Tenn. (Tallahoma High)
27	Lamar Carter	DE	So	6-2	205	*1L	Tallahoma, Tenn. (Tallahoma High)
28	Eric Tippens	FB	Jr	5-7	190	*1L	Fort Worth, TX (Eastern Hills High)
29	D'Andre Ash	DB	Fr	5-11	180	HS	Atlanta, Geo. (Cross Keys High)
30	Marvin Jones	RB	Fr	5-11	180	HS	Dayton, OH (Patterson High)
31	Kelvin Simmons	RB	Fr	5-10	225	HS	Tallahassee, Fla. (FAMU High)
32	Donell Brantley	RB	Fr	5-10	210	HS	Jonesboro, GA (Jonesboro High)
33	Jonathan King	DB	Fr	5-9	170	*RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech High)
34	Ed Sanders	FS	Fr	6-1	195	*RS	Nashville, Tenn. (Maplewood High)
35	Rossi Spiller	WR	So	5-11	185	HS	Sugarland, TX (Dulles High)
37	George Gamer	P	Fr	6-0	170	*RS	Decatur, Geo. (Southwest DeKalb High)
39	Buck Billings	PK/P	Jr	6-0	205	TR	White House, TN (Goodpasture High/Carson-Newman)
40	Walter Reese	DE	Fr	6-1	200	HS	Ft. Wayne, IN (Southside High)
41	Karon Key	RB	Fr	5-10	230	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Maplewood High)
42	Ligarius Jennings	CB	Fr	5-10	195	*RS	Birmingham, Ala. (Wenonah High)
43	Abdul Roux	FS	Fr	6-2	185	*RS	Sebring, Fla. (Sebring High)
44	Ashley Johnson	FB/P	Fr	6-0	215	*RS	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Brainerd High)
45	T.J. Smith	FS	Jr	6-1	205	2L	Atlanta, Geo. (Woodward Academy)
46	Anos Anace	DB	Fr	5-9	160	HS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard High)
48	Chanè Price	DB	Fr	5-11	165	HS	Des Moines, Iowa (Roosevelt High)
49	Jamill Dye	LB	Fr	6-0	220	HS	Clinton, Tenn. (Oak Ridge High)
50	Rayburn Hall	NG	Jr	6-1	250	*2L	Nashville, Tenn.(Stratford High)
51	Terrance Gist	DE	Fr	6-4	200	*RS	Dayton, Ohio (Dunbar High)
53	David Clark	DE	Fr	6-3	220	HS	Miami, Fla. (Coral Park High)
55	Brent Sterling	ILB	So	6-0	225	1L	Oxford, Ala. (Oxford High)
56	Daron Cochran	DE	Fr	6-2	220	*RS	Decatur, Geo. (Southwest DeKalb High)
57	Jon Mitchell	ILB	Sr	6-2	230	1L	St. Louis, MO (Universal City High/Santa Monica CC)
58	Armand Williams	ILB	Jr	6-2	235	TR	Detroit, MI (Benedictine High/Eastern Michigan)
59	Garr Holland	LB	Fr	6-3	235	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Central High)
62	Lawrence Smith	OL	Fr	6-4	305	HS	Atlanta, Geo. (Booker T. Washington High)
64	Loranzo West	OG	Jr	6-4	285	2L	Memphis, Tenn. (Melrose High)
65	Shawn Thompson	OG	Jr	6-2	270	*2L	Pensacola, Fla.(B.T. Washington High)
67	Bennie Anderson	OT	So	6-5	305	*1L	St. Louis, MO (Cleveland Jr. Naval Academy)
68	Terrance Dixon	OT	Sr	6-4	305	*2L	Phenix City, Ala.(Central High)
69	John Haskin	OT	So	6-6	325	*1L	Lima, Ohio (St. John's High)
70	Raymond Jones	C	Sr	6-3	280	3L	Eads, Tenn. (Fayette-Ware High)
73	Preston Ratliff	DT	Fr	6-3	255	*RS	Greenwood, Miss. (Greenwood High)
74	Ike Boone	OL	So	6-1	275	1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven High)
75	Detoy James	OL	Jr	6-5	300	TR	Chicago, IL (Linblom Tech High/Alabama A&M)
76	Tim Ratliff	OG	Jr	6-3	280	*2L	Demopolis, Ala. (Demopolis High)
77	Isiah Heyward	DT	Fr	6-4	280	*RS	Jersey City, NJ (Dickinson High)
79	Mingo Abemathy	OT	Fr	6-3	300	*RS	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven High)
80	Corey Sullivan	WR	So	6-3	190	*1L	Miami, Fla. (Miami Killian Senior High)
81	Toriano Morgan	WR	Fr	5-10	170	*RS	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard High)
82	David Jones	WR	So	6-2	190	HS	Memphis, Tenn. (Westwood High)
83	Avion Black	WR	Fr	6-0	185	*RS	Nashville, Tenn. (Maplewood High)
85	Carlo Thomas	TE	Fr	6-4	225	*RS	Madison, Tenn. (Maplewood High)
86	Phillip Hammonds	TE	Jr	6-3	250	2L	North Augusta, SC (North Augusta High)
87	Ryan Falker	TE/LB	Sr	6-2	250	*3L	Cincinnati, OH (Winton Woods High)
88	Juan Hall	WR	Sr	5-8	170	*3L	Nashville, Tenn. (Maplewood High)
89	JaMar Toomer	WR	Fr	6-2	205	*RS	Trotwood, Ohio (Chaminade-Julienne High)
90	Thomas Graham	DT	So	6-2	250	*1L	Louisville, KY (Central High/Hawaii)
91	Nate Doss	DT	Fr	6-4	250	*RS	Park Forest, Ill. (Rich East High)
92	Brian Hubbard	DT	Jr	6-2	280	1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Trezevant High/Tennessee)
93	Charles Ingram	DL	Fr	6-3	270	*TR	Memphis, TN (White Station High/Austin Peay)
94	Terrance Guyton	DL	Fr	6-1	285	*TR	Midway, GA (Liberty County High/Austin Peay)
95	Eric McCray	DT	Jr	6-4	295	*2L	Birmingham, Ala. (West Birmingham High)
96	Lloyd Houston	DL	Fr	6-5	225	HS	Dayton, OH (Patterson High)
97	Lamont Ford	DL	Fr	6-2	280	*TR	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Dillard High/Louisville)
98	Luther Dollar	DE	Fr	6-2	220	HS	Miami, Fla. (Northwestern High)
99	Jamil Graham	DT	So	6-5	245	*TR	Atlanta,GA (Druid Hills High/Mississippi St.)

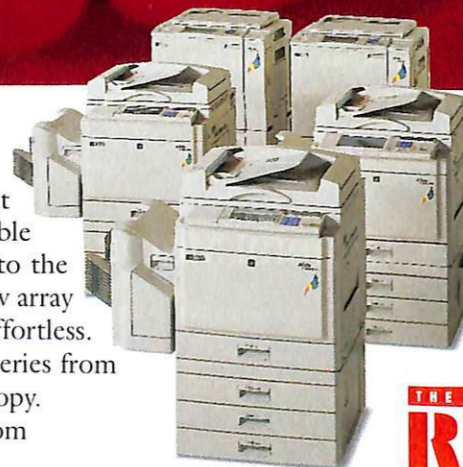
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NO.	PLAYER	POS	CL	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
1	Willbert Smith	TB	Jr	5-9	188	Panorama, Calif.
2	Reginald Swinton	WR	Sr	6-2	180	Little Rock, Ark.
3	Anthony Downs	TB	Sr	6-2	205	Greenville, S.C.
4	Sean Nolen	DB	Sr	5-9	175	Memphis, Tenn.
5	Mancel Elam	LB	Jr	6-4	232	Hickman
6	Sam Greer	WR	So	5-9	175	Holly Springs, Miss.
7	Cliff Branch	WR	So	6-2	185	Sanford, Fla.
8	Rod Thompson	CB	So	5-9	170	Memphis, Tenn.
9	Dan Lloyd	QB	So	6-1	185	San Gabriel, Calif.
12	Beau Guest	FS	Fr	6-2	200	LaGrange
13	Mike Johnson	FB	Sr	6-1	200	Memphis, Tenn.
14	Chauncey McGee	CB	Jr	5-8	180	Atlanta, Ga.
16	Brandon Warfield	WR	So	5-10	180	Paducah
17	Matt Burstein	WR	Fr	5-8	170	Orlando, Fla.
18	Jabir Walker	DB	Fr	5-11	175	Louisville
19	Josh Allen	QB	Fr	6-2	195	Edmond, Okla.
20	Deon Mimms	CB	So	6-0	181	Louisville
21	Sebastrian Jackson	DB	Jr	6-1	170	Memphis, Tenn.
23	Chris Sutton	CB	Jr	5-10	175	Savannah, Ga.
25	Jerome Warren	TE	Jr	6-0	220	Hickman
26	Len Cooper	DB	Sr	6-0	185	Springfield
27	Kenny Thomas	DB	Sr	6-3	185	Memphis, Tenn.
28	Otis Steen	RB	So	5-10	190	Pine Bluff, Ark.
29	Darrick Dickerson	WR	Fr	5-11	180	Germantown, Tenn.
30	Mat Davis	TB	Jr	5-11	185	Medford, Ore.
32	Tommy Willis	DB	Sr	6-2	190	Griffin, Ga.
33	Greg Taylor	LB	So	6-2	220	Burnside
34	Maurice Pollard	TE	Sr	6-0	250	Monroe, La.
36	Myron Newton	FB	So	6-0	230	Douglas, Ga.
38	Gary Wheeler	DB	So	5-9	172	Louisville
40	Tony Esters	LB	Jr	6-3	220	Lexington
41	Gary Humphrey	LB	So	6-2	222	Owensboro
42	Bentron Parker	LB	Jr	6-0	210	Little Rock, Ark.
44	Ronnie Merritt	LB	Sr	6-2	225	Russellville, Ark.
45	Travis Kruse	FB	So	6-2	227	Louisville
46	Tim Linville	FB	Fr	6-0	215	Cynthiana
48	Jai Williams	LB	Fr	6-1	218	El Dorado, Ark.
49	Dallas Rice	LB	So	6-0	195	Murray
51	Chris Vaughn	LB	Jr	6-1	215	Tallahassee, Fla.
52	Brian Cox	C	Sr	6-1	255	Memphis, Tenn.
53	Kevin Smudrick	LB	Fr	6-3	220	Centralia, Ill.
54	Brian Hensley	DL	Fr	6-2	275	Cincinnati, Ohio
55	Scott Simons	DL	So	6-2	220	Memphis, Tenn.
56	Cedric Tatum	DL	Sr	6-1	235	Liberal, Kan.
58	Sharo Richardson	LB	Fr	6-0	196	Memphis, Tenn.
59	Jarrod Webb	DL	Jr	6-0	255	Dyersburg, Tenn.
61	Rob Reynolds	OT	So	6-6	315	Fort Thomas
62	Daniel Harwell	DL	Sr	6-4	250	Stanton, Tenn.
63	Billy Dipaola	OL	Fr	6-2	267	Bradenton, Fla.
64	Jason Williams	OL	So	6-3	263	Hopkinsville
65	Wes Shumate	DS	So	6-2	230	Union City, Tenn.
66	Ed Blair	OL	Fr	6-2	270	Gainesville, Fla.
68	Terrell Black	DE	So	6-4	212	Bristol, Fla.
69	Adam Settle	OL	Sr	6-2	262	Conway, Ark.
71	Mark Robinson	OL	Sr	6-3	280	Milford, Ct.
72	Jud Carter	OL	Jr	6-3	275	Gainesville, Fla.
75	Buddy Butler	OL	So	6-3	270	Madisonville
76	Daniel Brown	OT	Sr	6-5	295	Orlando, Fla.
78	Adam Blalock	OL	Jr	6-1	250	Murray
79	Drew Williams	OL	Jr	6-1	275	Hopkinsville
81	Josh McKeel	TE	Fr	6-3	210	Murray
83	Brandon Gabriel	DE	Sr	6-3	243	N. Ridge, Calif.
88	Shawn McDermott	WR	Sr	5-11	175	Sherwood, Ark.
90	Carson Gream	P	Jr	6-2	185	Mayfield
93	Frank Wilson	DT	So	6-4	295	St. Louis, Mo
94	Kirk Barnett	DE	Sr	6-4	240	Hickman
95	Rob Hart	K	Sr	5-9	170	Bath, England
96	Tim Hinton	P	Fr	5-8	185	Murray
97	Eric Mathies	DT	Sr	6-2	285	Forest Park, Ill.
98	Marcus Stepp	DT	Jr	6-0	270	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
99	Kenneth Knotts	OC	Jr	6-4	255	Houston, Tex.

An American Hero

Eddie Robinson In "Last Hurrah" After 57 Years With Grambling

The 1997 season marks the 128th anniversary of college football.

Did Eddie Robinson invent the game? Or does it just seem like? Think about it.

The first college football game was played on November 6, 1869 when Rutgers played a challenge match against Princeton. Amazingly, Grambling's legendary Mr. Robinson has been coaching for perilously close to half of those 128 years.

This season is Eddie Robinson's "Last Hurrah", the culmination of a spectacular 57-year career that has seen him march to the forefront as the winningest coach in the history of college football.

Maybe Joe Paterno, himself a legend as coach at Penn State, succinctly summarized Robinson's career when at the 1991 annual National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Award Dinner he said, "Eddie Robinson is one of my personal heroes. Nobody has ever done or ever will do what Eddie has done for this game. Our profession will never, ever be able to repay Eddie Robinson for what he has done for our country and the sport of football."

It's a moral certainty Robinson will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in due course. And, of course, it will be an appropriate honor, but merely an inkling of the impact Mr. Robinson brought to the table.

The records set by Coach Robinson, while remarkable and perhaps never to be broken, are truly secondary in importance. Eddie would be the first to tell you that. For example, he has often been quoted as saying, "I never threw a pass, never made a tackle, never set a block. The young men at Grambling did all that stuff."

The important thing about Robinson has been his stature off the field, his philosophy of the meaning of football and his powerful position as a believer in America.

When it comes to patriotism, Eddie Robinson is what one might describe as an "old-fashioned square". Many audiences around the country have heard Robinson say, "I do not believe anyone can out-America me. Sometimes when I'm giving a speech to a sports group I know I can sound like a politician at a July 4th picnic, but I mean it when I tell people we live in the greatest country in the world." Robinson, in truth, should be recommended for an American Freedom medal.

If the late President John F. Kennedy hadn't said it first, Eddie Robinson is the

person most likely to have said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." That strong feeling has been ingrained in Robinson, something he deeply believes and a credo he has passed on to the hundreds and hundreds of young men who experienced the wealth of Eddie's program at Grambling.

"It's simple, really," says Robinson. "I've tried to bring people together. We're all Americans. Truthfully, I am moved to talk about things like that. I've tried with every young man who has been part of our Grambling program to instill the concept and belief that in our country we have unlimited opportunity if we reach for it and work towards a goal. I feel I have been successful if each young man leaves our campus a better human being than when he first arrived. We have stressed education. Have fun playing football, yes, but strive to win every game, but more important strive to achieve the accomplishment of a college degree. I'm proud that a very high percentage of our players have that degree."

Robinson, of course, did not earn his place as the all-time winningest coach by running a soft football program.

"Heck, no," says the coach. Make no mistake about it, Robinson through the past 56 years has insisted on winning. Says Robinson, "We've stressed that winning is not a sometime thing. It's an all the time thing. There is no room for second or third place. It has always been an American zeal to win and in order to win the players have to pay the price. We have always looked for young men who are ready to make that commitment."

Robinson is living testimony to his own philosophy. He did it the hard way. Eddie was a star quarterback at tiny Leland College. When he finished at Leland it was difficult to get a job. He worked in a feed mill for 25 cents an hour. He knew he wanted to coach and, finally, in 1941 the break came.

Dr. Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones, president of what was then Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institution (later to be re-named Grambling) was looking for a football coach. Dr. Jones interviewed Robinson, liked him and hired him on the spot. It was the start of the best romance in college football history.

"It was a little different in those years," recalls Eddie. "Yes, I was the football

coach, but all of us on the staff had to handle more than one task."

Adds Robinson, "I had to mow and line the field before each game. At halftime I had to direct the girls' drill team. After the game I had to write up an account of the game and then deliver it to the newspapers so that we had a little coverage of our scores. Heck, Dr. Jones directed the band and was coach of the school's baseball team. That's what life was like at our small Black Colleges. I wouldn't trade a moment of it."

The first season in 1941 could be evaluated as "on-the-job" training for the new coach. His first team posted a 3-5-0 record. Says Robinson, "I learned. We got rid of a few players that did not fit in with what I expected." In other words, entering his second season he was a coach in command.

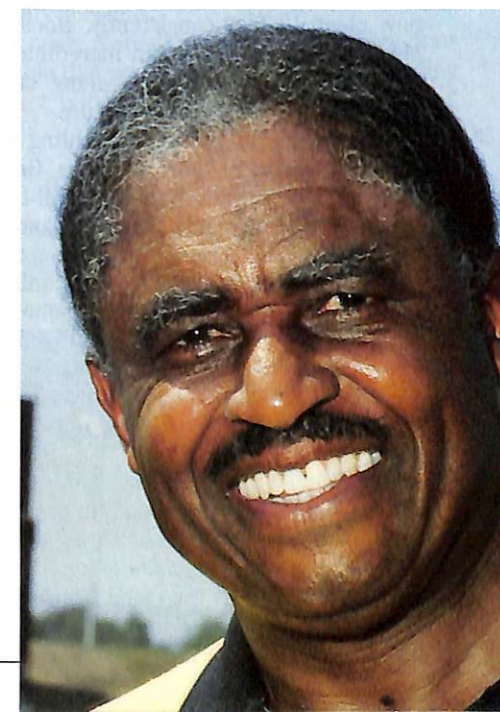
That 1942 team went undefeated at 8-0-0. Not only did the team win every game, but did not even give up a touchdown! The Robinson Decades were underway.

Black College football was gaining some attention and Robinson and Grambling began to establish a reputation, one that continued to flourish over the next half century and continues to this day.

Year after year after year the winning

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Eddie Robinson . . . always a smile



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Goes Out As Winningest Coach In College Football History

seasons piled up. Truth be known, Grambling became so powerful that big-time college football programs wanted no part of playing Robinson's Tigers.

Overlapping many of those seasons was a coach by the name of Paul (Bear) Bryant who earlier had established several winning programs, most notably at the University of Alabama where he finished a career with 323 gridiron victories, then the all-time record.

Without meaning to by design, Robinson and Grambling pursued that record. During Grambling's 1982 season, Robinson won his 300th game, a 43-21 triumph over Florida A&M. Three years later, in the 1985 season, Grambling defeated Oregon State, 23-6, for win No. 323 that tied Bear Bryant's record. A week later, October 5, 1985, Grambling smashed Prairie View, 42-0, for the victory that fixed Mr. Robinson as the winningest coach in college football history.

The glare of the national spotlight was on Black College football and Grambling and Robinson in particular. After that historic win over Prairie View, Robinson was asked how he felt about beating Bear Bryant's record. Robinson, in typical fashion, responded, "I've never been concerned with personal records. All the 324 wins means is that I have been around for a long time."

There is an old adage in sports that records are meant to be broken. Babe Ruth hit an impossible 60 homers. Roger Maris slugged 61. Once Cornelius Warmerdam cleared 15 feet in the pole vault, no one would ever top that. Vaulters now clear 19 feet consistently. Hockey's Maurice Richard scored an incredible 50 goals in one season. Then along came Wayne Gretzky. You get the picture.

Since that 1985 season, Grambling and Robinson added 81 more victories. Going into the 1997 season, Robinson's all-time mark stood at 405, only 157 losses and 15 ties.

Old adages be darned, it is most unlikely that any coach will ever remotely approach that mark, nor is it likely that in today's high-pressure, high-turnover world of college football will anyone ever equal Robinson's record of coaching 57 years at one school.

As Robinson himself has said many times, "I guess you could say I'm proud of the fact that I can summarize my life by saying I've had one wife and one job."

Now that he is in the countdown of his final year of coaching, Robinson was asked

how he felt about leaving the sidelines at his beloved Grambling. Scratching his head, Robinson replied, "Well, I have the opportunity to watch others retire. Some like it. Some don't. I'm 78 years old and maybe I'll enjoy it. I know my wife is sure looking forward to it. I guess most of all I will miss the daily contact with the players and the coaches, both those on our own staff and the many coaches I have competed against."

Robinson added, "I know this for certain. God has blessed me. I have loved every minute of the past 57 years. I am one of the happiest persons on this earth. I will leave hoping I was able to give back a portion of what I have received."

Touching a few other bases, Robinson said, "We at Grambling have had a chance to play Broadway (his reference to the 25 times his team has appeared in the New York Urban League Football Classic played annually at Giants Stadium). This year, more than ever, I have reflected on the fact that so much of our reputation is because the people in the media have treated us so kindly. My friends among the sportswriters and the radio and television sportscasters have been good to me and to Grambling. I am also grateful that over the past 50 years I have attended numerous football clinics and have been exposed to the teaching of some of the greatest football coaches in America, going all the way back to Pappy Waldorf at Northwestern, Frank Leahy at Notre Dame, Joe Paterno at Penn State and many other greats of the game."

He has been the shining beacon of Black College football, but he knows and acknowledges the great men of Black College football who preceded him, the earliest pioneers who gave so much to establish football programs at the many Black Colleges spread throughout the nation.

Eddie Robinson wasn't even born when in 1882 the first game was played between two Black Colleges, Johnson C. Smith University and Livingstone College. Those pioneer coaches were W.H. Hannum of Smith and Ben B. Church of Livingstone. Being a student of history, Robinson knows of and appreciates the contributions of such pioneer greats as Samuel Howard Archer (Morehouse College), Ernest Marshall (Howard University), Charles H. Williams (Hampton), Burwell T. Harvey (Morehouse), Edward Morrison (Howard), Jubie B. Bragg (Talladega College), Harold D. Martin (Virginia Union), Cleve L. Abbott (Tuskegee), Harry

Jefferson (Bluefield State), Harry C. Graves (Wilberforce), Henry Arthur Keane (Kentucky State and Tennessee State), Bill Bell (Florida A&M), Arnett W. Mumford (Wiley College), William J. Nicks (Morris Brown and Prairie View), and John Merritt (Jackson State and Tennessee State).

"They were the true pioneers," said Robinson. "They worked for next to nothing, just a love of the game and a desire to help young men grow. How can we truly measure the importance to our history? When you list the greats I can not help but think back to the enormous contributions of my friends such as Jake Gaither (Florida A&M), Earl Banks (Morgan State), Willie Jeffries and Oliver Dawson (both at South Carolina State), Eddie Hurt (Morgan State) and Marino Casem (Southern University)."

Jim Martin, now athletic director at Alabama A&M University, said of Robinson, "I think throughout this 1997 season every football coach and every football fan in America will shed a tear because Eddie is leaving the coaching ranks. But, at the same time, we will rejoice in his extraordinary contributions to the game and to the lives of so many young men who played for him. He is a true hero."

No, Eddie Robinson did not invent the game of football. He just made it better.

Jake Gaither . . . A great at Florida A&M



The Turkey Day Classic Was First Of The Special Black College Games

Even the name has a special ring to it. The annual Turkey Day Classic.

At first blush you might conjure images of a bunch of guys with long rifles shooting at a target. You know the scene from an old western movie. Best shot wins the turkey.

However, at Tuskegee University and Alabama State University the annual Turkey Day Classic is much bigger. Yes, it is still a shootout, but this one is performed on the football field when every year for the past 73 years these two intra-state rivals have met to decide the outcome of a football game.

The first game was played in 1924 in Montgomery, AL, and it has been played there ever since on Thanksgiving Weekend. And although the game is one of the heartbeats for both Tuskegee and Alabama State University, it stands as the forerunner to what has become to Black College football the success of "special classic games".

That first Tuskegee-Alabama State game 73 years ago was the forerunner to the creation of many such special Black College football games, games that draw heavy media attention, bigger crowds and higher gate receipts for badly needed funds for the athletic budgets.

Three years after that first Turkey Day Classic, North Carolina Central University and North Carolina A&T State University launched what has become known as the Aggie-Eagle Classic. This season marks the 70th anniversary of that first intra-state rivalry.

Tuskegee, Alabama State, North Carolina Central and North Carolina A&T were leaders who showed the way. They demonstrated that a special promotion could draw big crowds to the stadiums.

Since those initial special football games emerged more than 70 years ago, there has been a proliferation of Black College football games promoted as special events and they are drawing huge crowds.

In 1936, for example, Tuskegee and Morehouse College fashioned another annual event, the Tuskegee-Morehouse College Classic. This year's game will be the 62nd annual. The game has established itself as a highlight of the schedule between the two rivals.

Despite the success of those games that were promoted as "specials" on the football schedule, there was a lull until six years later Alabama State University and Alabama A&M University, two fierce intra-state rivals, established the Magic City Classic, an annual game played at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL.

Dr. W. Curtis Williams, athletic director at Alabama State University, said, "I've only been at Alabama State for three years, but it did not take me long to recognize the importance of the Magic City Classic. This is a tremendous game between two fine schools, and in many ways it is our biggest game of the year. We usually draw about 55,000 fans at Legion Field in Birmingham for this annual Classic."

Dr. Williams added, "This year marks the 56th anniversary of the Magic City Classic. To draw that kind of crowd is vital to the athletic budgets for us and Alabama A&M."

Jim Martin, who until a year ago was athletic director at Long Island University in New York, and then left to become AD at Alabama A&M, said, "I do not think there is an exception. Every person who is athletic director at any school in the nation is looking for ways to raise revenue. The Magic City Classic is, perhaps, the most important game on our schedule. Aside from the fact that Alabama State is a big rival, this special classic is vital toward the goal of helping our athletic budgets."

With the need to create funds for athletic budgets starving for every dollar, more and more of the Black College football programs have turned to special events, a game that is not only another game on the schedule, but one that involves the entire community.

Jump to the Bayou City Classic, which today is one of the most high profile of the Black College games. It is an annual game, the last game of the season played between Southern University of Baton Rouge and Grambling State University. The Bayou Classic is played at the Louisiana Superdome and is almost always assured of a crowd of 70,000. And, this is the sixth year the game will be televised nationally by NBC.

Says Marino Casem, athletic director at Southern University, "We could not ask for anything better. We draw a crowd of 70,000. More important, the entire community of New Orleans is behind this special event. It's a weekend-long parade of special events, from marathon races to basketball events. The game has been important enough to draw national television coverage. And, of course, we have a natural rivalry with Grambling that automatically makes the game very special."

Casem added, "How many football games in the country draw 70,000 people? It is a game that goes a long way toward supporting our entire athletic budget, not only for football, but other sports."

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They are part of the important history. Shown below are vintage photos of the Tuskegee team (left) and the Alabama State University squad (right) that played in the first Turkey Day Classic on Thanksgiving Day in 1924. The game was started by two white Montgomery businessmen, Cliff Green and Fred Cramton. Today, the annual classic fills the 24,600 seat Cramton Bowl.



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Classic Games Now Involve The Entire Community

Then, along came Earl Wilson, who only five years ago started the St. Louis Gateway Classic. Wilson, a man with a vision of what a special Black College football event could create, added new dimensions. Under the slogan "Giving Back to The Community". Wilson launched the Gateway Classic. He Established the St. Louis Gateway Classic Foundation. He procured an important sponsor, Budweiser of the Anheuser Busch family, and set forth to achieve special results for Black College football.

Wayman F. Smith III of Anheuser Busch is chairman of the Gateway Classic. Looking back at the initial success of the Gateway Classic, Mr. Smith said, "The concept of this special game was to put money back into the community. I am, frankly, amazed by the growth of this event in only a few years."

Smith, who is vice president of corporate affairs at Anheuser-Busch, said, "The success of this special Black College football game has put six-figure income back into the community. Budweiser is a substantial supporter of all college football, but the Budweiser Gateway Classic is significantly different."

Wilson has gotten all levels of the St. Louis community involved in the Gateway Classic, from churches to insurance companies, to banks to Missouri Black Expo. Said Wilson, "With this total community effort, we have been able to give back \$900,000 to the African-American Community. We have been able to provide funds to two historically Black Colleges in the St. Louis area, and we have provided scholarships that are awarded by Black Colleges to 10 St. Louis high school students and two from East St. Louis high schools.

The Budweiser St. Louis Gateway Classic, which last year was attended by 47,000 at the Trans World Dome, will this season be played between Howard University and Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

There is another Gateway Classic which is much older. The two participants, Bethune-Cookman College and Howard University, have been going at each other for the past 43 years. This year's 44th annual Gateway Classic will be played in Jacksonville.

It was in 1968 that a special Black College football event made its debut on the New York stage when Grambling and Morgan State met for the first time at Yankee Stadium. It was anyone's guess as to how New York area football fans would react to a Black College game. History shows they came out in droves to fill Yankee Stadium with a crowd of 60,811. What they also saw was big-time, exciting football as Morgan State scored a late safety to edge Grambling, 9-7.

The game was so successful that a rematch was scheduled and in 1969 Yankee Stadium was again filled to capacity to watch Grambling beat Morgan State, 30-12. A few years later the game was sponsored by the New York Yankees and *The New York Daily News* and it was decided that the proceeds would go to the Whitney M. Young, Jr., Scholarship Fund, scholarships established to the memory of one of America's greatest civil rights leaders.

The New York Urban League was eventually asked to administer the game and has done so since 1971. The game has since been moved to Giants Stadium and this season, the 30th year since that first game in 1968, Grambling will play Hampton University in a game that will draw 70,000 to the New Jersey Meadowlands.

Fourteen years ago, in 1984, the Circle City Classic was established in Indianapolis and played in the RCA Dome. It was an instant success, drawing in crowds in excess of 60,000. A few years

later, Coca Cola USA became its prime sponsor, thereby guaranteeing continued success. Over the years such teams as Tennessee State, Mississippi Valley State, Florida A&M, Alabama A&M, Alabama State University, Alcorn State, Howard, South Carolina State, Southern University, and North Carolina A&T have participated in the event.

Like the Bayou Classic, the Circle City Classic has developed the game into a weekend-long event involving the entire area. Big concerts, a beauty pageant, marathon races, special breakfasts and luncheons, golf tournaments, youth football clinics and parades are part of the week's activities.

Today, Black College football is surely enjoying the success of special promotions of classic events. There are now three Labor Day Classics that kickoff the beginning of the football season. Norfolk State plays Virginia State at Norfolk, Alabama State meets Jackson State in Birmingham, and Morris Brown plays Clark in Atlanta. All draw big crowds.

The Sportsman's Classic features Fayetteville State and Elizabeth City State in Wilmington, NC; the big Florida Classic matches Florida A&M against Bethune-Cookman in Orlando; the Magic City Classic celebrates its 56th year of a battle between Alabama State and Alabama A&M in a game that last year drew 50,000 at Legion Field in Birmingham; the Southern Heritage Classic features Jackson State against Tennessee State in Memphis; Southern University and Alabama State are the opponents in this season's 24th annual Gulf Coast Classic; Tuskegee and Morehouse College go against each other in the 62nd annual Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic in Columbus, GA; the 44th Gateway Classic pits Howard and Bethune-Cookman; Virginia Union plays Liberty in the 21st Gold Bowl; Norfolk and Morgan State will play in the annual Fish Bowl in Norfolk; Prairie View A&M University plays Grambling in the State Fair Classic in Dallas; South Carolina State faces Tennessee State in the annual Atlanta City Classic; Albany State goes against Fort Valley State in the annual Fountain City Classic, the Battle of the Bay Classic features Hampton versus Norfolk and the Capital City Classic matches Jackson State and Alcorn State in a game that has attracted up to 63,000 fans.

Perhaps North Carolina Central University athletic director Dr. William E. Lide sums it best for all Black College ADs when he said, "The Classics have become vital to financing our athletic programs. Last year our annual game against North Carolina A&T drew 47,000 fans. The proceeds from that game go a long way towards helping us to finance our entire athletic budgets and scholarships."

One of the men who has helped to keep track of the changes and growth of the special Black College football games is Eric Moore, formerly the sports information director at Fayetteville State University. Moore, who remains on the staff at Fayetteville, some years ago established an organization called the Onnidan Group which specializes in keeping tabs on Black College schedules, history, scores and other important statistical data.

Said Mr. Moore, "The Onnidan Group is an idea I conceived when I was sports information director. I felt there was a vital need to be able to provide these services to Black Colleges. The growth of Black College sports and in particular the emergence of the special football classics is quite amazing and we felt it was necessary to document the events and provide a sense of continuity through better record keeping."

♪ TENNESSEE STATE PLAYS THE CLASSICS ♪

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	ATTND
—/—/47	W	26-0	Arkansas State	Memphis, TN	—
—/—/50	W	20-0	Lincoln	Memphis, TN	—
—/—/51	W	26-21	Lincoln	Memphis, TN	—
—/—/52	L	12-20	Lincoln	Memphis, TN	—
—/—/53	T	19-19	Lincoln	Memphis, TN	—
09/25/54	W	33-13	Lincoln	Memphis, TN	—
09/17/55	W	7-0	Lincoln	Memphis, TN	—
11/10/56	W	52-6	Alcorn State	Memphis, TN	—
12/01/56	W	41-39	Florida A&M	Miami, FL (Orange Bowl)	41,808
11/13/65	W	31-6	Lincoln	St. Louis, MO (Busch Stadium)	—
11/12/66	W	28-6	Lincoln	St. Louis, MO (Busch Stadium)	3,500
11/22/69	W	49-14	Bishop	Dallas, TX (Cotton Bowl)	12,000
09/12/70	W	24-14	Alcorn State	Los Angeles, CA (LA Coliseum)	—
09/19/70	W	62-7	Kentucky State	Memphis, TN (Crump Stadium)	15,000
11/21/70	W	21-3	Parsons	St. Louis, MO (Busch Stadium)	—
09/25/71	W	18-7	Alcorn State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	17,006
09/09/72	W	55-6	Norfolk State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	—
09/15/72	W	14-0	Morgan State	Atlanta, GA (Atlanta-Fulton Co.)	10,093
09/23/72	W	40-13	Alcorn State	Chicago, IL (Soldier Field)	40,000
09/13/74	W	44-12	Central State	Chicago, IL (Soldier Field)	—
11/04/78	W	41-7	No.Carolina Central	Washington, D.C. (RFK Stadium)	—
09/22/79	W	21-3	Texas Southern	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	32,000
10/12/80	W	35-17	Alabama State	Birmingham, AL (Legion Field)	—
10/03/81	W	21-20	Alabama State	Birmingham, AL (Legion Field)	18,233
11/13/82	W	63-41	Mississippi Valley	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	16,000
10/22/83	W	21-19	Bethune-Cookman	Orlando, FL (Tangerine Bowl)	6,000
11/12/83	L	38-51	Mississippi Valley	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	25,000
09/08/84	W	34-14	Jackson State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	34,500
10/20/84	W	71-0	Kentucky State	Louisville, KY (Cardinal Stadium)	9,200
11/03/84	W	41-15	Bethune-Cookman	Tampa, FL (Tampa Stadium)	9,200
10/05/85	L	13-28	Mississippi Valley	Indianapolis, IN (Hoosier Dome)	40,000
11/02/85	L	10-13	Southern	Detroit, Mich.(Tiger Stadium)	23,000
11/01/86	T	17-17	Southern	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	25,000
09/12/87	T	17-17	Jackson State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	26,853
10/03/87	L	28-31	Central State	Indianapolis, IN (Hoosier Dome)	47,417
09/17/88	W	13-6	Mississippi Valley	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	15,232
09/15/89	W	14-13	Central State	Cleveland, OH (Cleveland Stadium)	8,078
09/23/89	L	9-21	Florida A&M	Atlanta, GA (Bobby Dodd Stadium)	47,373
09/08/90	W	23-14	Jackson State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	39,579
09/22/90	W	20-16	Florida A&M	Atlanta, GA (Bobby Dodd Stadium)	46,024
09/29/90	L	14-35	Central State	Louisville, KY (Cardinal Stadium)	28,842
08/31/91	L	7-10	Mississippi Valley	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	25,891
09/14/91	L	19-41	Jackson State	Birmingham, AL (Legion Field)	17,581
09/28/91	L	7-43	Florida A&M	Atlanta, GA (Atlanta-Fulton Co.)	49,767
09/12/92	L	18-38	Jackson State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	37,437
09/26/92	L	12-20	Florida A&M	Atlanta, GA (Atlanta-Fulton Co.)	43,211
09/04/93	L	15-23	Florida A&M	Jacksonville, FL(Gator Bowl)	30,097
09/11/93	L	18-24	Jackson State	Chicago, IL (Soldier Field)	43,800
09/18/93	L	28-33	Grambling State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	41,669
10/09/93	L	13-52	Eastern Kentucky	Louisville, KY (Cardinal Stadium)	21,863
09/10/94	L	12-31	Jackson State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	50,047
09/24/94	W	32-28	South Carolina State	Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome)	58,131
09/09/95	L	19-24	Jackson State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	48,533
09/23/95	L	7-24	Florida A&M	Orlando, FL (Citrus Bowl)	20,079
09/30/95	W	15-14	South Carolina State	Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome)	52,387
09/14/96	L	14-21	Jackson State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	55,212
09/28/96	L	18-19	Southern	Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome)	45,894
09/13/97	L	28-31	Jackson State	Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl)	61,171
09/27/97	L	28-34	South Carolina State	Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome)	41,293
10/04/97	L	37-49	North Carolina A&T	Indianapolis, IN (RCA Dome)	59,011

1997 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES



EASTERN ILLINOIS (8-2, 5-1 OVC)

Aug. 28	at Western Illinois	L 0-41
Sept. 6	* vs. Tennessee-Martin	W 42-6
13	vs. St. Joseph's	W 41-20
20	at Illinois State	W 25-14
27	* at Tennessee Tech	W 10-7
Oct. 4	* at Southeast Missouri	W 32-7
18	* vs. Middle Tennessee State	W 30-17
25	vs. Austin Peay State	W 42-14
Nov. 1	# at Indiana State	W 21-14
8	* at Murray State	L 17-24
22	* vs. Eastern Kentucky	

EASTERN KENTUCKY (6-3, 5-0 OVC)

Sept. 6	at Troy State	L 12-21
13	vs. Western Kentucky	L 21-37
20	at Appalachian State	L 23-27
27	vs. Austin Peay State	W 56-3
Oct. 11	* at Tennessee State	W 49-7
18	* at Murray State	W 29-8
25	* vs. Tennessee Tech	W 26-7
Nov. 1	* vs. Tennessee-Martin	W 49-0
8	* at Southeast Missouri	W 20-10
15	* vs. Middle Tennessee	
22	* at Eastern Illinois	

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (4-4, 2-3 OVC)

Sept. 6	* at Tennessee State	L 16-25
13	at Chattanooga	L 24-33
27	* vs. Murray State	L 17-35
Oct. 4	vs. Jacksonville State	W 27-16
11	* at Tennessee-Martin	W 37-24
18	* at Eastern Illinois	L 17-30
25	* vs. Southeast Missouri	W 55-6
Nov. 8	vs. Austin Peay State	W 59-10
15	* at Eastern Kentucky	
22	* at Tennessee Tech	

MURRAY STATE (6-4, 4-2 OVC)

Aug. 28	vs. Indiana State	W 13-0
Sept. 6	at Western Kentucky	L 50-52(3OT)
13	at Southern Illinois	L 20-24
20	* vs. Southeast Missouri	W 17-3
27	* at Middle Tennessee	W 35-17
Oct. 4	* at Tennessee-Martin	W 45-7
11	vs. Austin Peay State	W 51-0
18	* vs. Eastern Kentucky	L 8-29
Nov. 1	* at Tennessee Tech	L 13-16(OT)
8	* vs. Eastern Illinois	W 24-17
15	* at Tennessee State	

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (3-6, 1-5 OVC)

Aug. 30	vs. Lambuth	W 24-6
Sept. 13	vs. Illinois State	L 7-41
20	* at Murray State	L 3-17
27	* at Tennessee-Martin	W 42-7
Oct. 4	* vs. Eastern Illinois	L 7-32
11	* vs. Tennessee Tech	L 14-17
25	* at Middle Tennessee	L 6-55
Nov. 1	at Austin Peay State	W 31-0
8	* vs. Eastern Kentucky	L 10-20
15	vs. Southern Illinois	
22	* vs. Tennessee State	

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (0-10, 0-7 OVC)

Aug. 28	vs. Western Kentucky	L 0-42
Sept. 6	* at Eastern Illinois	L 6-42
20	at Southwest Missouri	L 14-27
27	* vs. Southeast Missouri	L 7-42
Oct. 4	* vs. Murray State	L 7-45
11	* vs. Middle Tennessee	L 24-37
18	* at Tennessee Tech	L 2-33
25	* vs. Tennessee State	L 20-27
Nov. 1	* at Eastern Kentucky	L 0-49
8	vs. Samford	L 7-14
15	at Austin Peay	

TENNESSEE STATE (3-6, 3-2 OVC)

Aug. 30	at Florida A&M	L 28-43
Sept. 6	* vs. Middle Tennessee	W 25-16
13	vs. Jackson State	L 28-31
27	vs. South Carolina State	L 28-34
Oct. 4	vs. North Carolina A&T	L 37-49
11	* vs. Eastern Kentucky	L 7-49
18	# at Chattanooga	L 7-28
25	* at Tennessee-Martin	W 27-20
Nov. 8	* vs. Tennessee Tech	W 28-21
15	* vs. Murray State	
22	* at Southeast Missouri	

TENNESSEE TECH (5-4, 3-3 OVC)

Sept. 6	at Chattanooga	L 10-13
20	at Samford	W 14-7
27	* vs. Eastern Illinois	L 7-10
Oct. 4	at Austin Peay State	W 36-3
11	* at Southeast Missouri	W 17-14
18	* vs. Tennessee-Martin	W 33-2
25	* at Eastern Kentucky	L 7-26
Nov. 1	* vs. Murray State	W 16-13(OT)
8	* at Tennessee State	L 21-24
15	at Alabama-Birmingham	
22	* vs. Middle Tennessee	

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Aiming high ... and headed straight for success



Photo by Mike Sanders reprinted from *The Leader*, the newsletter of Air Force ROTC.

Gen. Lloyd W. Fig Newton (second from left) and Delaware State president William DeLauder congratulate the Air Force ROTC cadets who completed a summer program to earn their private pilot's licenses. TSU cadet Roosevelt Loveless Jr. stands at right.

If you're searching for tomorrow's leaders, the Air Force ROTC would put you in touch with many. The program trains students for leadership roles in a dynamic organization and offers them some of the best benefits available. Air Force ROTC made a believer out of Roosevelt Loveless.

Loveless served a term as commander of Tennessee State University's corps of cadets (Detachment 790) in 1996. He received his private pilot's license last year through a Flight Awareness Summer Training program at Delaware State University. The competitive program admits only three students from the nation annually.

"I earned my license in nine weeks; it usually takes up to two years to complete the training," Loveless said. The field of transportation interests him, and learning about aviation fits well with Loveless's career plans. He is considering receiving additional pilot's training when he completes his undergraduate degree in civil engineering, and enters the Air Force full time.

The Air Force has offered Loveless more than flight training. It has given him the skills he needs for success in his professional, civic and personal lives.

"Air Force ROTC develops dedication, decisiveness, discipline and responsibilities in the cadets. These are traits companies and organizations expect of their professional staffs," said Capt. Ken Wiggins, a TSU Air Force ROTC grad, who now coordinates admissions efforts for Detachment 790. He said that during their years in Air Force ROTC, future officers benefit from the peace of mind and self-confidence that come from meeting standards for physical fitness and leadership and management, sharpening abilities in written and spoke communication, and developing a first-class demeanor. He knows; he spent four years in the TSU program, one of the oldest at a historically black institution.

"I knew what I was going to be doing upon graduating during my second semester of my freshman year," Wiggins said. "It gave me an opportunity to focus on classes and my degree program."

Loveless agrees. "I can focus on being the best at my job, rather than on finding a job. I also can talk in front of many people and communicate a message effectively.

Wiggins said those who enroll in Air Force ROTC and complete the program hold the rank of second lieutenant once they graduate. That classification means the new officers automatically outrank about 85 percent of the active-duty Air Force.

"In civilian organizations, that is the exception, not the rule," he said.

Clearly, the Air Force has impressed Roosevelt Loveless. He joined Junior ROTC in high school and won scholarships from the Navy, Army and Air Force. He chose TSU's Air Force ROTC because the university offered civil engineering and paid not only for his tuition, but also for his room and board. According to Col. Sam Brown, commander of Detachment 790, the Air Force offers \$30 million in scholarships each year to American students.

When Loveless graduates next year, he walks into even more security — including a salary of close to \$30,000, which rises to more than \$50,000 in the first four years of service; free medical and dental insurance; on-base housing free of charge or an off-base housing allowance; and 30 days annual leave with pay.

"The Air Force treats people right," Loveless said. Wiggins agrees.

"As a product of this detachment, I can't say enough about the program. It's more than just a class; it's an opportunity to serve your country and get experience you might not find anywhere else.

"It's not necessarily a lifelong commitment, but it is a lifelong experience."

For more information on how you can take advantage of the benefits of Air Force ROTC at Tennessee State University, contact Capt. Ken Wiggins at 615-963-5978.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

What other recent graduates of TSU's Air Force ROTC program are doing

Name	Class Year	Current position	Location
Derrick Britain	1997	graduate student and reserve officer	Indiana
Jeff Griffith	1995	information management officer	Florida
Harry Guess	1995	intelligence officer	Texas
Stephanie Hill	1996	missile officer	California
Jamilla Manning	1997	research officer	New York
Tara Roy	1996	personnel officer	Alabama
Warren Turner	1985	security forces officer	Ohio
John Wooden	1984	maintenance officer	New Mexico
Seanta Young	1987	personnel officer	Texas.

A TSU GENERAL

The U.S. Air Force recently promoted Gen. Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton, a Tennessee State University alumnus and Detachment 790 graduate, to four-star status, making him the highest-ranking African American in that branch of the military. Gen. Newton now serves as commander of the Air Force's Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Mingo Abernathy
Offensive Tackle
 6-3, 300, Freshman
 Memphis, Tennessee
 (Whitehaven High)

#79



... will compete for playing time at offensive tackle ... sat out last year ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Stan Collins ... played offensive tackle in high school ... made the All-Memphis Super Team ... helped his team to the third round of the playoffs as a senior ... **Personal:** Mingo Jamunn Abernathy ... born 5/27/78 ... has one sister (Ashley) ... is undecided on major.

Bennie Anderson
Offensive Tackle
 6-5, 305, Sophomore
 St. Louis, Missouri
 (Cleveland Junior Naval Academy)

#67



... is a projected starter at offensive tackle ... is one of the top offensive tackles in the conference ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** started all 11 games ... **1995:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Barton Davis ... named all-district on offense ... also named team's most valuable player ... helped his team to four district crowns ... played offensive and defensive tackle ... was a team captain ... also lettered in track & field as a senior ... **Personal:** Bennie Tyron Lamar Anderson ... born 2/17/77 ... has one brother (Orlando) and three sisters (Bridgette, Tina, and Kellie) ... is majoring in history.

Buck Billings
Placekicker/Punter
 6-0, 205, Junior
 White House, Tennessee
 (Goodpasture High/Maryville College/ Carson-Newman College)

#39



... is the projected starter at placekicker ... kicked a 54-yard field goal in the spring game ... **1996:** transferred from Carson-Newman College ... **1995:** sat out at Carson-Newman College ... **1994:** lettered as a punter at Maryville College in Tennessee ... coached by Phil Wilkes ... **High School:** coached by David Martin ... was all-state as a sophomore and senior as a placekicker ... named all-city, all-mid-state, all-region, and all-district his last three years ... was a Boy's State representative ... also was a member of the student government association ... received the Civitan's Award for community service ... **Personal:** Buckley Dale Billings ... born 9/4/75 ... majoring in political science ... has three brothers (Darrell, Keith, and Gary) and one sister (Tina).

Avion Black
Wide Receiver
 6-0, 185, Freshman
 Nashville, Tennessee
 (Maplewood High)

#83



... will push for starting time at wide receiver ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Ed Vanhoose ... played tailback, wide receiver, and defensive back ... was all-metro at tailback as a senior ... also named all-district (second team) ... rushed for 850 yards as a senior ... lettered four years in track ... **Personal:** Avion Carlos Black ... born 4/24/77 ... majoring in health, physical education and recreation ... has one sister (Carla).

Ike Boone
Offensive Guard
 6-1, 275, Sophomore
 Memphis, Tennessee
 (Whitehaven High)

#74



... is making the switch from the defensive line ... will push for starting time at offensive guard ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in five games at defensive tackle ... recorded three tackles, one fumble recovery, and one caused fumble as a freshman ... **High School:** coached by Stan Collins ... named all-region and All-Memphis ... also made the top 100 Mid-South football squad ... helped his team to the third round of the state playoffs as a senior ... also lettered in track as junior and senior ... played offensive guard and

defensive tackle as a senior ... had 63 tackles (45 solos) and five sacks as a senior ... credited with 70 tackles (50 solos) and six sacks as a junior ... **Personal:** Ike Brian Boone ... born 12/4/78 ... has one brother (Claude) and one sister (Erica) ... plans to major in accounting.

Arcentae Broome
Fullback
 5-10, 210, Junior
 Nashville, Tennessee
 (Stratford High)

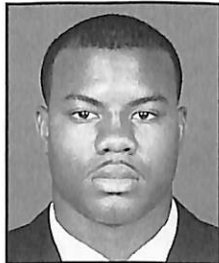
#7



... is the projected starter at fullback ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 11 games ... carried 14 times for 67 yards in '96 ... caught two passes for 19 yards and a touchdown in '96 ... had a 20-yard TD reception at Murray State (11/16/96) ... **1995:** played in eight games, missing the Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky and SEMO contests ... carried two times for 9 yards in '95 ... returned three kickoffs for 44 yards (14.7 yards per return) ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by James "Bubba" Spears ... helped his team to a three-year record of 35-5 ... named all-region as a senior ... named MVP of his track team as a senior ... voted president of his junior and senior class ... **Personal:** Arcentae Jacquee Broome ... born 12/21/75 ... majoring in elementary education ... has one sister (Donna).

Rashad Buchanan
Fullback
 6-1, 225, Freshman
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
 (Tyner High)

#47



... will compete for playing time at fullback ... is a walk-on ... **High School:** coached by Wayne Turner ... is a 1996 graduate ... played fullback, linebacker, and defensive end ... was all-city and all-state (second team) at fullback ... rushed for over 600 yards as a junior ... rushed for over 500 yards as a senior ... **Personal:** Rashad Jameel Buchanan ... born 2/7/78 ... is undecided on major ... has one sister (Rashell).

****All-America Candidate****
****All-Ohio Valley Conference Candidate****
Lamar Carter
Defensive End
 6-2, 205, Sophomore
 Tullahoma, Tennessee
 (Tullahoma High)

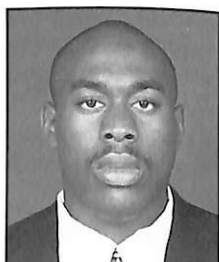
#27



... is a projected starter at defensive end ... was named all-conference (first team) last season ... **1996:** named All-Ohio Valley Conference (first team) ... named OVC's defensive player of the week for his game against Middle Tennessee State (9/7/96) ... named OVC's newcomer of the week for his games against Southern (9/28/96) and SEMO (11/23/96) ... recorded 67 total tackles (46 unassisted/21 assists), two fumble recoveries, two pass breakups, and two caused fumbles in '96 ... also had a league-leading 21 tackles for loss of 126 yards, including a conference-high 12 sacks for 95 yards ... **1995:** was a red-shirt ... **High School:** coached by John Olive ... named all-region and honorable mention all-state ... played free safety and wide receiver as a senior ... his 37 catches for 1,127 yards as a senior ranked fourth in the state ... lettered as a junior and senior in basketball and as a senior in baseball ... was also all-district in basketball and baseball as a senior ... **Personal:** Lamar Kinti Carter ... born 5/11/77 ... has one brother (Jermaine) and one sister (D.D.) ... plans to major in health care administration.

Daron Cochran
Defensive End
 6-2, 220, Freshman
 Decatur, Georgia
 (Southwest DeKalb High)

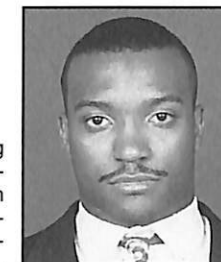
#56



... will push for playing time at defensive end ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Buck Godfrey ... lettered at defensive end ... also lettered in track as a junior ... recorded 84 solo tackles and 10 sacks as a senior ... **Personal:** Daron Louis Cochran ... born 7/19/78 ... plans to major in economics and finance ... has two brothers (Bernard and Darrick).

Stanley Cook
Cornerback
 5-8, 185, Senior
 Fontana, California
 (Damien High)

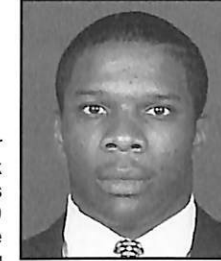
#24



... made the switch to defensive back in the spring of 1996 ... will compete for starting time at cornerback ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in nine games, making six starts ... recorded 19 tackles (14 unassisted), four pass breakups, an interception for no return at Tennessee Tech (11/9/96), and a caused fumble in '96 ... also returned two kickoffs for 19 yards ... **1995:** played in nine games, missing the MTSU and Jackson State games ... carried 11 times for 38 yards (3.5 yards per carry) at tailback ... also caught one pass for four yards in '95 ... returned 17 kickoffs for 291 yards (17.1 yards per return) ... **1994:** missed season due to knee injury suffered in pre-season drills ... **1993:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Dick Larson ... lettered two years as a running back ... also lettered three years on the track team ... was named all-league and All-California Interscholastic Federation as a senior ... rushed for 1,050 yards and 13 TDs as a senior ... was a member of the Black Student Union ... was on the city's all-academic team ... also was on the school's honor roll for four years ... **Personal:** Stanley Charles Cook ... born 6/12/76 ... majoring in criminal justice ... has one sister (Sirlina).

Calvin Davenport
Running Back
 5-9, 185, Junior
 Chattanooga, Tennessee
 (Brainerd High)

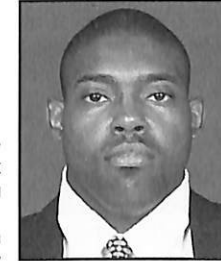
#1



... is a projected starter at tailback ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** started the year at cornerback before seeing action at tailback in the last six games ... was the team's third-leading rusher with 139 yards on 44 carries (3.2 yards per carry) and three touchdowns ... also recorded three tackles playing cornerback ... returned eight kickoffs for 162 yards (20.3 yards per return) ... **1995:** played in five games at wide receiver ... caught nine passes for 277 yards (30.8 yards per catch) and four touchdowns ... scored 24 points (4.8 points per game) for the season ... **High School:** coached by Eddie Lambert ... named all-city and all-metro as a junior and senior ... also earned honorable mention all-state honors as a senior ... had 2,338 yards and 42 TDs in his career ... named team's most outstanding offensive back last three years ... also lettered in track four years ... earned numerous academic honors ... **Personal:** Calvin Lebron Davenport, Jr. ... born 4/28/77 ... has no brothers and sisters ... majoring in business administration.

Terrance Dixon
Offensive Tackle
 6-4, 305, Senior
 Phenix City, Alabama
 (Central High)

#68



... will compete for the starting nod at offensive tackle ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** lettered at offensive tackle ... played in all 11 games, starting at left guard at Murray State (11/16/96) ... **1995:** did not see action, recovering from injury suffered in '94 ... **1994:** suffered a season-ending knee injury in the second quarter of the MTSU game ... was a letterman ... **1993:** was redshirted ... **High School:** coached by Wayne Trawick ... was a member of VICA and FBLA ... played offensive tackle ... **Personal:** Terrance Alonzo Dixon ... born 8/13/74 ... has 4 brothers (Dale, Kenneth, Thaddeus and Greg) and one sister (Carol) ... majoring in criminal justice.

Nate Doss
Defensive Tackle
 6-4, 250, Freshman
 Park Forest, Illinois
 (Rich East High)

#91

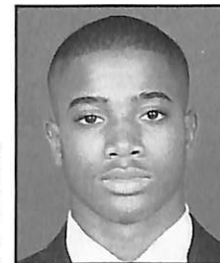


... sat out last season ... will push for playing time at defensive tackle ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Bob Lombardi ... named team's most improved player ... was on the honor roll ... was honorable mention all-conference ... helped his team to conference crowns last two years, including a semi-finals appearance as a junior ... credited with 462 total tackles (360 solos), 38 sacks, and 23 caused fumbles in his four-year career ...

also lettered in wrestling as a freshman ... lettered in track as a freshman and sophomore ... **Personal:** Nathan E. Doss ... born 9/7/78 ... has no brothers and sisters ... plans to major in marketing.

Michael Durden
Running Back
 5-7, 170, Freshman
 Pembroke Pines, Florida
 (Norland High)

#23



... will compete for playing time at tailback ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by John Osborne ... lettered in football for three years ... also lettered in track in for four years ... named school's best athlete ... was All-Dade County two years in football and three years in track ... carried 89 times for 621 yards and 9 TDs as a senior ... **Personal:** Michael Lynn Durden ... born 9/26/78 ... plans to major in electrical engineering ... has two sisters (Misha and Erica).

Quincy Falker
Inside Linebacker
 6-1, 235, Junior
 Cincinnati, Ohio
 (Winton Woods High/Kent State University)

#6



... will compete for starting time at inside linebacker ... transferred from Kent State after the 1996 season ... is the brother of TSU tight end Ryan Falker ... **1996:** lettered at Kent State ... had 36 tackles (17 unassisted), two tackles for loss of two yards, and one caused fumble ... **1995:** played in all 11 games ... stepped immediately into a starting role at outside linebacker, starting the first seven games ... **High School:** coached by Lou Cynkar ... earned three letters in football and one each in basketball and baseball ... received first team all-league and all-district honors as a senior ... also awarded all-city honors and all-state honorable mention ... served as a team captain in both football and basketball as a senior ... was the Queen City National League Player of the Year in football as a senior ... recorded 71 solo tackles and a school-record 60 assists as a senior, including eight tackles for loss ... **Personal:** born 7/18/77 ... majoring in business administration.

****All-Ohio Valley Conference Candidate****
Ryan Falker
Tight End/Inside Linebacker
 6-2, 250, Senior
 Cincinnati, Ohio
 (Winton Woods High)

#87



... will compete for the starting nod at linebacker or tight end ... is older brother of TSU linebacker Quincy Falker ... is a three-year letterman ... has 161 total tackles (107 unassisted), 2.5 sacks, two interceptions, and one fumble recovery in his TSU career at linebacker ... **1996:** appeared in the first eight games, missing the last three contests due to neck injury ... was fourth on the squad with 48 total tackles (25 unassisted/23 assisted) ... also recorded five tackles for loss of 13 yards, including a sack for seven yards, as a junior ... credited with an interception, pass breakup, and a caused fumble ... **1995:** played in 11 games, all starts ... led the team with 113 total tackles (82 unassisted) ... also had 11.5 tackles for loss of 39 yards, including 1.5 sacks for 12 yards ... registered one fumble recovery, one interception, one pass breakup and one caused fumble in '95 ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **1993:** played in the first five games ... missed the last six contests due to shoulder injury ... was used at tight end ... **High School:** coached by Lou Cynkar ... named all-city, all-district, and all-state (2nd team) ... received award of distinction for academic pursuits from Ohio Board of Education ... caught 16 passes for 350 yards and 2 TDs as a senior ... **Personal:** Ryan Jason Falker ... born 8/15/75 ... majoring in criminal justice ... has two brothers (Quincy and Benjamin).

DID YOU KNOW ... Tennessee State University has not suffered a shutout since a 10-0 loss at Eastern Kentucky on October 1, 1988, a period of 94 games.



Tennessee State University Aristocrat of Bands



Edward "Prof" Graves
Band Director

In the fall of 1946, after six weeks of practice, a 100-piece marching band took to the field at Tennessee State University and a tradition of excellence was born.

The idea for a show band at Tennessee State University originated with its second president, the late Dr. Walter S. Davis. President Davis selected J. D. Chavis to serve as the first band director. Under Chavis' leadership, the marching band grew and developed into a premier university band that gave spectacular performances in parades and half-time shows at

football games. In 1947 and 1948, the marching band performed in the Washington Classic in Washington, D.C., where top historically black colleges and universities competed for national championships.

Chavis' tenure as band director ended in 1951 and the baton was passed to Frank T. Greer. Tennessee State University's distinctive style was further developed under Greer. The band continued to earn invitations to special events.

Four years after Greer began his work, the TSU band was invited to perform during the half-time show of a Chicago Bears-Los Angeles Rams professional football game. The performance was the first of a series of nationally televised half-time shows for the band. It was also the first time a historically black university band had appeared on national television.

Between 1956 and 1978, the TSU band performed half-time shows for nine professional football games. Reportedly, it was during one of these half-time performances that a sportscaster called the marching band from Tennessee State University "The Aristocrat of Bands." Needless to say, the name stuck.

The Aristocrat of Bands has also appeared in the Orange Blossom Classic in Miami, the Blues Bowl in Memphis and the

Grantland Rice Bowl in Wichita Falls, Texas.

In 1961, the TSU band claimed another first for historically black universities when it was invited to march in President John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade. One of the students who marched in that parade was Edward L. Graves, who is the present director of the Aristocrat of Bands.

Since 1979, Graves has continued to build the legacy. The Aristocrat of Bands has shared its characteristic precision and distinctly soulful style with people throughout the country and in foreign lands.

"Greer taught us to dream and to really work hard," Graves recalled. "He taught us not to be satisfied with just anything. You don't put a man on the moon without a lot of work. He instilled those standards in us. He taught us to excel."

Students who achieve membership in the Aristocrat of Bands adhere to those standards today. Noted as one of the finest and most spectacular university bands in the United States, the Aristocrats are the featured attraction during pre-game and half-time performances at all home games and at most out-of-town competitions.

Still in demand for half-time performances, parades and other special events, the band's recent special appearances include a spot in the 1981 CBS television movie "The Concrete Cowboy," a 1982 ad for WSMV, Nashville's NBC affiliate, a 1984 performance at the Mirage Bowl Football game in Tokyo, Japan, and a performance at Disney World.

In January of 1993, the Aristocrat of Bands participated in the 52nd inaugural presidential parade for President Bill Clinton, marching in the streets of Washington, D.C.

This year, the tradition will continue. Audiences will be thoroughly entertained by the band's unique marching style and musical versatility. A group of various majorettes enhance the dynamic style and sound of the Aristocrat of Bands.

Graves is assisted by Kevin Davenport, associate band director, Tommy L. Davis and James Sexton, assistant band directors, and Judy Gentry, majorette coordinator.

Larry Floyd
Defensive End
6-0, 205, Sophomore
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
(Riverdale High)

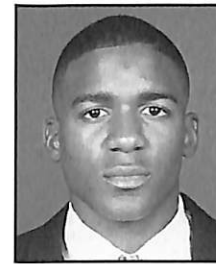
#8



... will compete for playing time at defensive end ... is one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in seven games ... **1995:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Gary Rankins ... named all-county, all-region, all-midstate, and all-state honorable mention ... helped his team to the state championship and a #9 ranking in the nation by *USA Today* ... also lettered in track ... **Personal:** Larry James Floyd ... born 3/3/77 ... has two brothers (Marlo and Eric) and one sister (Lakitha) ... is majoring in health, physical education and recreation.

George Garner
Punter
6-0, 170, Freshman
Decatur, Georgia
(Southwest DeKalb High)

#37



... will compete for the punting duties ... sat out last year ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Buck Godfrey ... lettered in soccer as a sophomore and junior ... was the football squad's punter as a senior ... helped his football team to the state crown as a senior ... punted 15 times for an average 39.2 yards per punt ... was a member of Omega Psi Phi ... won several academic honors ... had a 3.4 GPA ... **Personal:** George Robert Garner, IV ... born 12/30/77 ... has one brother (Justin) and one sister (Kedra) ... plans to major in electrical engineering.

Terrance Gist
Defensive End
6-4, 200, Freshman
Dayton, Ohio
(Dunbar High)

#51



... will compete for playing time at defensive end ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Tom Montgomery ... named all-city first team and all-area second-team ... played linebacker and strong safety as a senior ... lettered three years in football ... also lettered two years in basketball ... recorded 73 tackles (52 solos) as a senior ... had a three-year total of 167 tackles (130 solos) ... **Personal:** Terrance Sean Alexander Gist ... born 12/1/77 ... has no brothers and sisters ... is undecided on major.

Thomas Graham, Jr.
Defensive Tackle
6-2, 250, Sophomore
Louisville, Kentucky
(Central High/Univ. of Hawaii)

#90



... will compete for playing time at defensive tackle ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** recorded eight tackles (five unassisted) in 10 games ... **1995:** was a redshirt at the University of Hawaii ... **High School:** coached by Steve Serottee in high school ... graduated with honors ... was also a magnet student ... was a member of the National Youth Leadership ... named team's defensive MVP ... also made all-state (2nd team) ... lettered four years in football, playing defensive end and linebacker ... also lettered in track and wrestling ... **Personal:** Thomas William Graham Jr. ... is undecided on major ... has one brother (Adrian).

DID YOU KNOW ... Tennessee State has had 101 players drafted in the National Football League since 1961. In addition, six of the players were drafted in the first round.

****All-America Candidate****
****All-Ohio Valley Conference Candidate****

Juan Hall
Wide Receiver
5-8, 170, Senior
Nashville, Tennessee
(Maplewood High)

#88



... has emerged as one of the premier receivers in the nation ... handles holding duties on field goals and extra points ... is a three-year letterman ... **1996:** started all 11 games ... named all-conference (first team) ... set TSU record for most catches in a single season with 72 receptions for 1,021 yards (14.2 yards per catch) and five touchdowns ... tied TSU record with five 100-yard receiving games in a single season ... returned two kickoffs for 25 yards ... **1995:** played in all 11 games as a holder ... had one reception for 13 yards at Tennessee-Martin (10/14/95) ... returned five kickoffs for 63 yards (12.6 yards per return) ... **1994:** played in all 11 games as a holder ... also saw limited action at wide receiver ... had one reception for 12 yards in '94 ... **1993:** was a walk-on ... was redshirted ... **High School:** coached by Robert Williams ... lettered as a wide receiver for four years ... also lettered four years in basketball and baseball ... named all-city, all-district, and all-Nashville Banner as a junior ... earned all-metro and all-district honors as a senior ... caught 20 passes for 520 yards and seven TDs as a junior ... had 16 receptions for 380 yards and four TDs as a senior ... was a member of the student council, Beta Club, math club and Spanish club ... was voted senior class vice president ... **Personal:** Juan Alexander Hall ... born 3/3/75 ... majoring in hotel and restaurant administration ... has three brothers (Phillip, Phelpe and Larry).

Rayburn Hall
Nose Guard
6-1, 250, Junior
Nashville, Tennessee
(Stratford High)

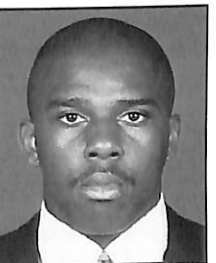
#50



... is the projected starter at nose guard ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** saw action mainly on special teams ... **1995:** played in the last two games (Murray State and SEMO) ... saw limited action ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by James "Bubba" Spears ... helped his team to a three-year record of 35-5 ... had 352 career tackles and 20 sacks, including 162 tackles and eight sacks as a senior ... named the city's best defensive player as a senior ... had a 3.45 GPA ... voted vice president of his senior class ... **Personal:** Rayburn Manning Hall, Jr. ... born 9/2/76 ... majoring in education.

Philip Hammonds
Tight End
6-3, 250, Junior
North Augusta, South Carolina
(North Augusta High)

#86



... will compete for playing time at tight end ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in seven games ... did not make any catches ... **1995:** played in seven games, missing the first four contests ... started the last seven games ... did not make a reception ... **High School:** coached by Gyles Hall ... was all-region and all-state in football ... also lettered three years in basketball, earning all-region honorable mention honors ... **Personal:** Philip Cornelius Hammonds ... born 7/16/77 ... has three sisters (Claine, Kimberly and Cathy) ... is majoring in English.

John Haskin
Offensive Tackle
6-6, 325, Sophomore
Lima, Ohio
(St. John's High)

#69



... will compete for starting time at offensive tackle ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 10 games, making seven starts ... **1995:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Vic Whiting ... lettered three years at offensive tackle ... was named All-Northwest Ohio ... **Personal:** John Steven Haskin ... born 1/30/77 ... has two sisters (Holly and Heather) ... is undecided on major.

Larry Henderson
Quarterback
6-3, 165, Freshman
Dayton, Ohio
(Dunbar High)

#11



... will push for playing time at quarterback ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Tom Montgomery ... also lettered three years in track ... had a 4.0 GPA ... was president of the National Honor Society and president of the student council ... helped his team to the city crown and state playoffs ... **Personal:** changed last name from Dews to Henderson this summer ... born 10/28/77 ... plans to major in engineering ... has one brother (Aaron) ... is on academic scholarship.

Isiah Heyward
Offensive Tackle
6-4, 280, Freshman
Jersey City, New Jersey
(Dickinson High)

#77



... will compete for playing time at offensive tackle ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Joe Marsella ... was all-county, all-district, and all-region ... helped his squad to the county championship ... had 46 total tackles (36 solos), 12 pass breakups, and three caused fumbles as a senior ... played offensive and defensive tackle as a senior ... also was second team all-county in track, hurling the shot put ... **Personal:** Isiah Jahi Heyward ... born 7/9/78 ... has one sister (Samiya) ... plans to major in physical therapy.

Jarrick Hillery
Free Safety/Tailback
6-0, 200, Junior
Brunswick, Georgia
(Brunswick High)

#5



... is the projected starter at free safety ... making the switch from tailback ... made a smooth adjustment from quarterback to tailback in 1995 ... is a two-year letterman ... had 988 rushing yards in the last two years ... **1996:** started all 11 games at tailback ... was the team's second-leading rusher with 344 yards and two touchdowns on 109 carries, 3.2 yards per attempt ... also was the team's third-leading receiver with 28 catches for 243 yards and three TDs ... was 3-of-6 passing for 117 yards ... **1995:** played in 11 games, starting the last 10 contests ... led the team in rushing with 644 yards on 163 carries (4.0 yards per carry) and five TDs ... was the team's second-leading receiver with 35 receptions for 321 yards (9.2 yards per catch) ... recorded the second highest total of points with 30 for the season ... returned two kickoffs for 39 yards (19.5 yards per KO return) ... returned two punts for 13 yards ... carried 18 times for 132 yards against Jackson State to earn MVP honors from TSU for the Southern Heritage Classic ... carried 22 times for 163 yards and four TDs (11, 11, 40, and 5 yards) vs. Morehead State, earning national and OVC offensive player of the week honors ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by John Willis ... named team's MVP as a junior and senior ... helped his team to the city crown in basketball in his last three years ... passed for over 2,400 yards in his last two years ... named to the Super 11 team by the *Florida Times-Union* ... had a 3.4 GPA ... **Personal:** Jarrick Lashon Hillery ... born 3/29/76 ... plans to major in computer science ... has no brothers or sisters.

****All-America Candidate****
****All-Ohio Valley Conference Candidate****

Darrell Hinton
Strong Safety
6-0, 175, Junior
Chattanooga, Tennessee
(Brainerd High)

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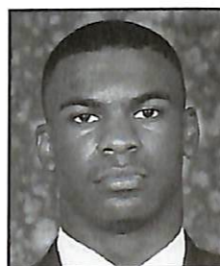


... named all-conference (second team) last year ... is the projected starter at strong safety ... was a starter the last two years ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in nine games, all starts, missing two games (Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky) to injury ... named All-OVC (second team) ... recorded 27 tackles (20 unassisted), four tackles for loss of nine yards, five interceptions, three pass breakups, and a fumble recovery as a sophomore ... **1995:** started nine games ... missed the UT-Martin and SEMO contests ... was the

team's fifth-leading tackler with 56 stops (38 unassisted) ... also recorded eight tackles for loss of 37 yards, three pass breakups, a fumble recovery vs. Morehead State (10/7/95), a caused fumble at MTSU (9/2/95), and an interception for 11 yards vs. South Carolina State (9/30/95) as a freshman ... **High School:** coached by Eddie Lambert ... named all-city ... also played wide receiver ... lettered in basketball and baseball as well ... had the team's highest batting average as a junior ... named most improved basketball player as a senior ... **Personal:** Darrell Dewayne Hinton, Jr. ... born 7/24/77 ... is majoring in education ... has no brothers or sisters.

Byron Holloman
Cornerback
6-1, 180, Sophomore
Decatur, Georgia
(Lakeside High)

#20



... was a 1995 signee ... will compete for playing time at cornerback ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 10 games ... recorded one tackle in '96 ... **1995:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Phil Lindsey ... also lettered in basketball and track ... was a team captain for track as a senior ... **Personal:** Byron Douglas Holloman ... born 1/27/77 ... has two brothers (Jason and Jonathan) ... majoring in business administration.

Brian Hubbard
Defensive Tackle
6-2, 280, Junior
Memphis, Tennessee
(Trezevant High/Univ. of Tennessee)

#92



... transferred from Tennessee in '96 ... will compete for starting time at defensive tackle ... making the switch from nose guard to tackle this year ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in the last 10 games, making nine starts at nose guard ... was the team's sixth leading tackler with 36 tackles (24 unassisted) ... also had three tackles for loss of 15 yards, a pass breakup, three caused fumbles, and a sack in '96 ... **1995:** was on the squad at Tennessee, but did not see action ... **1994:** attended Tennessee, but did not see action ... was a redshirt ... **High School:** was a '94 graduate ... coached by Earl LeFlore ... played on the offensive and defensive lines ... lettered four years in football ... also lettered as a senior in track ... was all-district and all-state at defensive tackle ... named to the super prep team ... played trombone in the band ... **Personal:** Brian Benard Hubbard ... born 11/5/76 ... majoring in criminal justice ... has one brother (Brandon).

Kevin Jackson
Wide Receiver
6-0, 195, Senior
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
(Dillard High/Univ. of Cincinnati)

#3



... will compete for playing time at wide receiver ... was a '93 graduate from high school ... came to TSU from the University of Cincinnati in '96 ... saw limited action at Cincinnati in '93 ... **1996:** lettered at wide receiver ... played in 11 games ... had four receptions for 44 yards (11.0 yards per reception) ... **1995:** sat out the season at Cincinnati ... **High School:** coached by Ken Scott in high school ... lettered three years in football ... also lettered in baseball and basketball as a junior and senior ... was a '93 graduate from high school ... was all-county in football and baseball ... **Personal:** Kevin L. Jackson ... born 9/2/75 ... majoring in criminal justice ... has one brother (Cedric).

Detoy James
Offensive Lineman
6-5, 300, Junior
Chicago, Illinois
(Linblom Tech High/Alabama A&M University)

#75



... will compete for playing time at left guard ... making the switch from nose guard ... sat out last season after transferring from Alabama A&M University ... **Alabama A&M:** was a redshirt in 1994 ... did not play in 1995 ... **High School:** coached by David Byrd ... played defensive tackle and offensive lineman ... played in the Chicago all-star game as a senior ... lettered in basketball as a junior and senior ... **Personal:** born 6/18/76 ... has four sisters (Michelle, Keisha, Krissy, and Latoya) ... majoring in civil engineering.

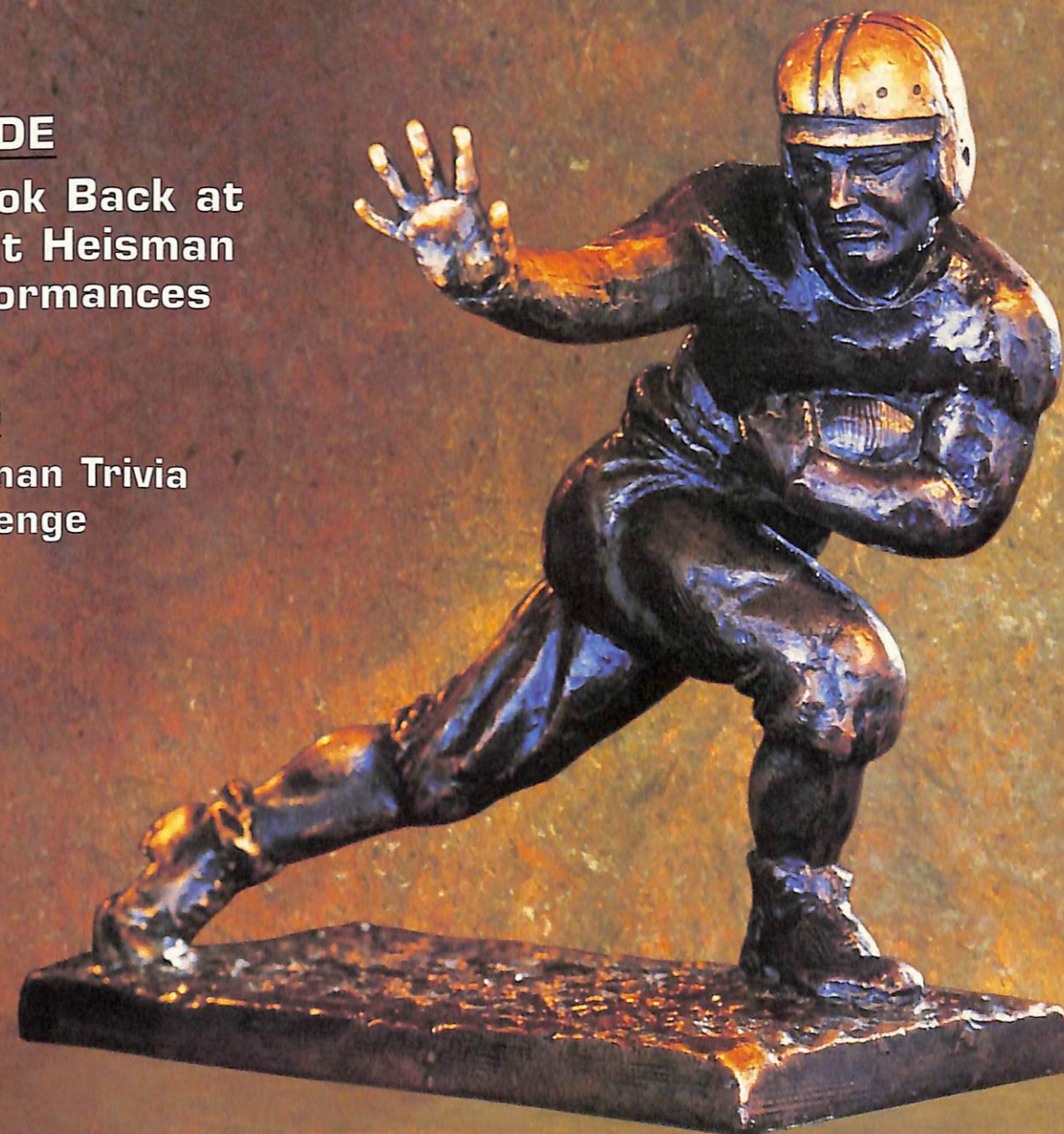
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Larry Henderson
Quarterback
6-3, 165, Freshman
Dayton, Ohio
(Dunbar High)

#11



... will push for playing time at quarterback ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Tom Montgomery ... also lettered three years in track ... had a 4.0 GPA ... was president of the National Honor Society and president of the student council ... helped his team to the city crown and state playoffs ... **Personal:** changed last name from Dewes to Henderson this summer ... born 10/28/77 ... plans to major in engineering ... has one brother (Aaron) ... is on academic scholarship.

Isiah Heyward
Offensive Tackle
6-4, 280, Freshman
Jersey City, New Jersey
(Dickinson High)

#77



... will compete for playing time at offensive tackle ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Joe Marsella ... was all-county, all-district, and all-region ... helped his squad to the county championship ... had 46 total tackles (36 solos), 12 pass breakups, and three caused fumbles as a senior ... played offensive and defensive tackle as a senior ... also was second team all-county in track, hurling the shot put ... **Personal:** Isiah Jahi Heyward ... born 7/9/78 ... has one sister (Samiya) ... plans to major in physical therapy.

Jarrick Hillery
Free Safety/Tailback
6-0, 200, Junior
Brunswick, Georgia
(Brunswick High)

#5



... is the projected starter at free safety ... making the switch from tailback ... made a smooth adjustment from quarterback to tailback in 1995 ... is a two-year letterman ... had 988 rushing yards in the last two years ... **1996:** started all 11 games at tailback ... was the team's second-leading rusher with 344 yards and two touchdowns on 109 carries, 3.2 yards per attempt ... also was the team's third-leading receiver with 28 catches for 243 yards and three TDs ... was 3-of-6 passing for 117 yards ... **1995:** played in 11 games, starting the last 10 contests ... led the team in rushing with 644 yards on 163 carries (4.0 yards per carry) and five TDs ... was the team's second-leading receiver with 35 receptions for 321 yards (9.2 yards per catch) ... recorded the second highest total of points with 30 for the season ... returned two kick-offs for 39 yards (19.5 yards per KO return) ... returned two punts for 13 yards ... carried 18 times for 132 yards against Jackson State to earn MVP honors from TSU for the Southern Heritage Classic ... carried 22 times for 163 yards and four TDs (11, 11, 40, and 5 yards) vs. Morehead State, earning national and OVC offensive player of the week honors ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by John Willis ... named team's MVP as a junior and senior ... helped his team to the city crown in basketball in his last three years ... passed for over 2,400 yards in his last two years ... named to the Super 11 team by the *Florida Times-Union* ... had a 3.4 GPA ... **Personal:** Jarrick Lashon Hillery ... born 3/29/76 ... plans to major in computer science ... has no brothers or sisters.

****All-America Candidate****

****All-Ohio Valley Conference Candidate****

Darrell Hinton
Strong Safety
6-0, 175, Junior
Chattanooga, Tennessee
(Brainerd High)

#10

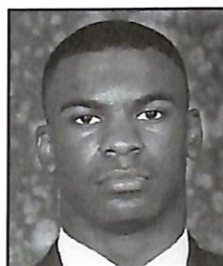


... named all-conference (second team) last year ... is the projected starter at strong safety ... was a starter the last two years ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in nine games, all starts, missing two games (Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky) to injury ... named All-OVC (second team) ... recorded 27 tackles (20 unassisted), four tackles for loss of nine yards, five interceptions, three pass breakups, and a fumble recovery as a sophomore ... **1995:** started nine games ... missed the UT-Martin and SEMO contests ... was the

team's fifth-leading tackler with 56 stops (38 unassisted) ... also recorded eight tackles for loss of 37 yards, three pass breakups, a fumble recovery vs. Morehead State (10/7/95), a caused fumble at MTSU (9/2/95), and an interception for 11 yards vs. South Carolina State (9/30/95) as a freshman ... **High School:** coached by Eddie Lambert ... named all-city ... also played wide receiver ... lettered in basketball and baseball as well ... had the team's highest batting average as a junior ... named most improved basketball player as a senior ... **Personal:** Darrell Dewayne Hinton, Jr. ... born 7/24/77 ... is majoring in education ... has no brothers or sisters.

Byron Holloman
Cornerback
6-1, 180, Sophomore
Decatur, Georgia
(Lakeside High)

#20



... was a 1995 signee ... will compete for playing time at cornerback ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 10 games ... recorded one tackle in '96 ... **1995:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Phil Lindsey ... also lettered in basketball and track ... was a team captain for track as a senior ... **Personal:** Byron Douglas Holloman ... born 1/27/77 ... has two brothers (Jason and Jonathan) ... majoring in business administration.

Brian Hubbard
Defensive Tackle
6-2, 280, Junior
Memphis, Tennessee
(Trezevant High/Univ. of Tennessee)

#92



... transferred from Tennessee in '96 ... will compete for starting time at defensive tackle ... making the switch from nose guard to tackle this year ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in the last 10 games, making nine starts at nose guard ... was the team's sixth leading tackler with 36 tackles (24 unassisted) ... also had three tackles for loss of 15 yards, a pass breakup, three caused fumbles, and a sack in '96 ... **1995:** was on the squad at Tennessee, but did not see action ... **1994:** attended Tennessee, but did not see action ... was a redshirt ... **High School:** was a '94 graduate ... coached by Earl LeFlore ... played on the offensive and defensive lines ... lettered four years in football ... also lettered as a senior in track ... was all-district and all-state at defensive tackle ... named to the super prep team ... played trombone in the band ... **Personal:** Brian Benard Hubbard ... born 11/5/76 ... majoring in criminal justice ... has one brother (Brandon).

Kevin Jackson
Wide Receiver
6-0, 195, Senior
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
(Dillard High/Univ. of Cincinnati)

#3



... will compete for playing time at wide receiver ... was a '93 graduate from high school ... came to TSU from the University of Cincinnati in '96 ... saw limited action at Cincinnati in '93 ... **1996:** lettered at wide receiver ... played in 11 games ... had four receptions for 44 yards (11.0 yards per reception) ... **1995:** sat out the season at Cincinnati ... **High School:** coached by Ken Scott in high school ... lettered three years in football ... also lettered in baseball and basketball as a junior and senior ... was a '93 graduate from high school ... was all-county in football and baseball ... **Personal:** Kevin L. Jackson ... born 9/2/75 ... majoring in criminal justice ... has one brother (Cedric).

Detoy James
Offensive Lineman
6-5, 300, Junior
Chicago, Illinois
(Linblom Tech High/Alabama A&M University)

#75



... will compete for playing time at left guard ... making the switch from nose guard ... sat out last season after transferring from Alabama A&M University ... **Alabama A&M:** was a redshirt in 1994 ... did not play in 1995 ... **High School:** coached by David Byrd ... played defensive tackle and offensive lineman ... played in the Chicago all-star game as a senior ... lettered in basketball as a junior and senior ... **Personal:** born 6/18/76 ... has four sisters (Michelle, Keisha, Krissy, and Latoya) ... majoring in civil engineering.

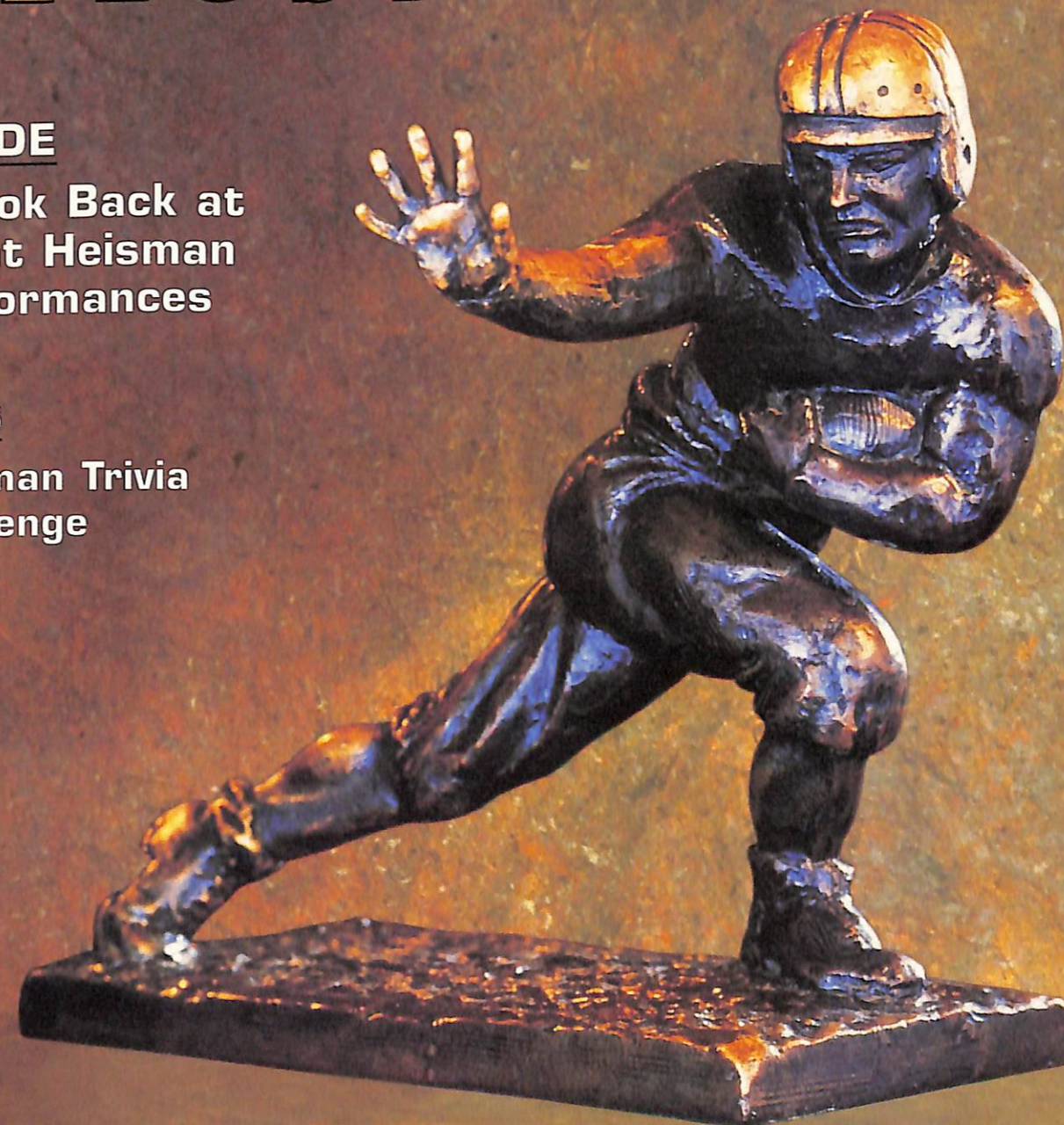
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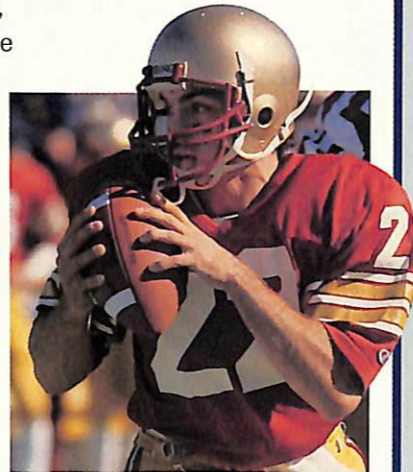
HEISMAN TROPHY QUIZ

- 1 True or False:** The Heisman Trophy was originally called by another name.
- SMU's Doak Walker won the 1948 Heisman Trophy. What player finished fourth in the voting and later went on to win the American League's Most Valuable Player award with the Boston Red Sox?
 - Chuck Bednarik, Pennsylvania
 - Charlie Justice, North Carolina
 - Jackie Jensen, California
 - Stanley Heath, Nevada
- When Archie Griffin won his second Heisman, in 1975, what star running back finished second in the voting?
 - Chuck Muncie, California
 - Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh
 - Ricky Bell, Southern California
 - Joe Washington, Oklahoma
- Who was the last player from a service academy to win the Heisman?
 - Glenn Davis, Army
 - Roger Staubach, Navy
 - Napoleon McCallum, Navy
 - Pete Dawkins, Army
- Who was the only non-quarterback to finish in the top five of the 1989 Heisman voting, won by Houston's Andre Ware?
 - Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, Notre Dame
 - Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State
 - Steve Emtman, Washington
 - Anthony Thompson, Indiana

6 Who is the last player from a Pac-10 school other than Southern California to win the Heisman?

- Jim Plunkett, Stanford
- Troy Aikman, UCLA
- John Elway, Stanford
- Terry Baker, Oregon State

7 Five players from current Big East schools have won the Heisman, including the one pictured at right. Can you name all of these players, and the years in which they won the coveted award?



8 Since 1980, only two Heisman winners have been neither a quarterback nor a running back. Who are they?

9 What future TV personality finished second in the 1957 Heisman voting?

- Dick Butkus, Illinois
- Alex Karras, Iowa
- Don Meredith, Southern Methodist
- Bob Griese, Purdue

10 Who was the only Heisman winner of the last 35 years to not play professional football?

ANSWERS

1. True: In 1935 the trophy was called the DAC (Downtown Athletic Club) Trophy. It was renamed in honor of legendary coach John W. Heisman, who died in 1936. 2. c) Jackie Jensen (1958); 3. a) Chuck Muncie; 4. b) Roger Staubach (1963); 5. d) Anthony Thompson, who was second; 6. a) Jim Plunkett (1970); 7. Ernie Davis, Syracuse (1961); 8. Both Tim Brown (Notre Dame, 1987) and Desmond Howard (Michigan, 1991) were wide receivers; 9. b) Alex Karras was second to John David Crow of Texas A&M; 10. True: In 1993 winner Charlie Ward, who currently plays in the NBA for the New York Knicks.



SIMPLY GREAT HEISMAN MOMENTS

It sounds like a Cinderella story: a small (5-foot-8) running back, overlooked by virtually every major college and then relegated to a backup role for two seasons before exploding onto the national scene and capturing the Heisman Trophy.

In fact, it probably would be a pretty good underdog tale if it weren't for all those records Barry Sanders destroyed along the way in 1988.

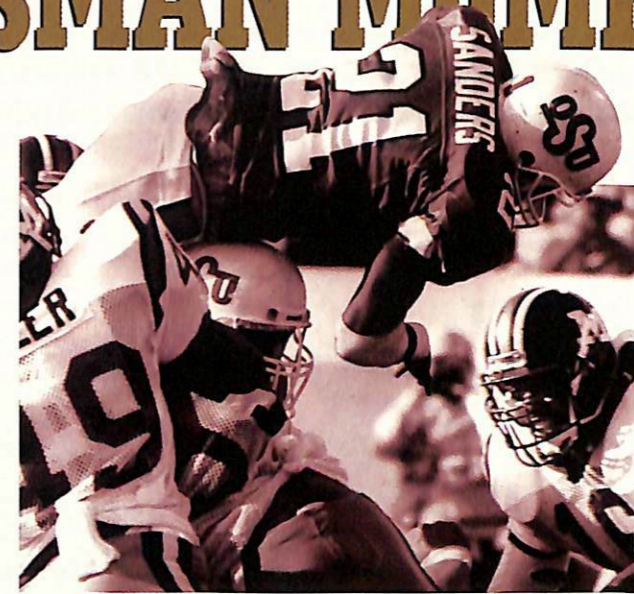
For Sanders, 1988 was the mother of all coming-out seasons. At Wichita (Kan.) North High School, he played in the shadow of his older brother, Byron, who went on to start at Northwestern. Barry did not earn the starting running back job until his senior season. He performed well, but his diminutive stature scared off recruiters — even from local Wichita State, which would later drop its football program.

Sanders arrived at Oklahoma State only to find himself once again squarely set in the shadows. All-American and future Buffalo Bills star Thurman Thomas was the Cowboys' main man, and Sanders was stuck in a backup role, along with kickoff and punt returns.

He made the most of his opportunity. Sanders took the first kick of the 1987 season back for a TD and led the nation with a 31.6-yard average, finishing the year with two kickoff returns and two punt returns for touchdowns.

Once Thomas left for the pros there was no one left between Sanders and the spotlight. He wasted no time in grabbing it. Games of 182 yards vs. Miami of Ohio and 162 yards vs. Texas A&M to open the '88 season were only foreshadowings of greater accomplishments. Even today the numbers he racked up in his Heisman season seem unreal:

- Sanders scored at least two touchdowns in all 11 of Oklahoma State's games. He crossed the goal line five times in two different games and had four TDs on four other occa-



A common sight in 1988: Barry Sanders soaring over the goal line for one of his NCAA-record 39 touchdowns.

sions. His 39 touchdowns was, needless to say, an NCAA record.

- His 295.5 all-purpose yards per game annihilated the old record of 246.3, set 51 years earlier by Byron "Whizzer" White. It was the NCAA's oldest standing football record.
- His NCAA-record 7.6 yards-per-carry average broke the old mark (5.8 by Marcus Allen) so completely that he could have carried the ball for no gain 95 times and still beat the record.
- His four 300-yard games not only set the single-season

mark, but also the career mark — in one season.

- Sanders' 2,628 rushing yards broke Allen's record by 286 yards. He needed 47 yards in Oklahoma State's finale, against Texas Tech, and ended up with a season-high 332 and four touchdowns on 44 carries.
- All told, Sanders set 25 NCAA records in 1988.

When the preseason prognosticators set out to dope the 1988 Heisman race, the two favorites were L.A.-based quarterbacks Troy Aikman of UCLA and Rodney Peete of USC (later a Sanders teammate with the Detroit Lions). Once Sanders got rolling, however, it was clear there would be no denying the junior scatback. He destroyed the field, collecting 559 first-place votes, well ahead of runner-up Peete's 70 and third-place Aikman's 31.

Sanders would have been the odds-on favorite to become the first repeat Heisman winner since Archie Griffin had he returned to the Cowboys in 1989, but he instead opted to declare for the NFL Draft. Any lingering doubts that might have followed him into the pros were quickly dispelled as he won the 1990 NFL Rookie of the Year award with the Lions.

Of course, it was already abundantly clear by then that Barry Sanders wouldn't have to play in anyone's shadow ever again.





BIG TIME BLUEPRINT

SOUTH FLORIDA'S FLEDGLING PROGRAM, ONLY MONTHS OLD, IS ALREADY LOOKING WELL PAST THE GROUND FLOOR.



Head coach Jim Leavitt gets the troops ready for South Florida's inaugural season of Division I-AA football.

By Joey Johnston

The practice field wasn't quite ready last fall, but the University of South Florida's non-stop head coach, Jim Leavitt, already was playing tour guide. He pointed to imaginary blocking sleds. He paced off ground for a still-undelivered video tower. Then he spotted some reality.

"My gosh, isn't that beautiful?" Leavitt said, reverently. "Isn't that the most beautiful thing you've seen in your life?"

It was a goalpost.

Big deal? Actually, it was the first tangible sign of football life on the Tampa, Fla., campus of USF, a 37,000-student giant that has traditionally battled a commuter-school image. No bonfires, no excited alumni on autumn afternoons, no traditional homecoming ceremonies.

Until now. After six years of feasibility committee meetings, fund-raising and meticulous planning, the Bulls have unveiled a full-fledged Division I-AA football program this fall at 74,000-seat Houlihan's Stadium, home

of the National Football League's Tampa Bay Buccaneers (there are no immediate plans to construct an on-campus stadium). Leavitt, formerly the co-coordinator of the Kansas State defense that led the nation in 1995, already has recruited two classes of players. Some 65 recruits, transfers and walk-ons were redshirted last fall, when the Bulls conducted practices and three public intrasquad scrimmages. Last February, USF signed 17 high-school seniors, each of whom declined I-A scholarship offers to follow Leavitt's dream.

COURTESY SOUTH FLORIDA SPORTS INFORMATION

"It gets you excited, being on the ground floor of USF football," said Bulls freshman defensive end Emerson Morris of Miami, who received interest from Memphis, Maryland, Minnesota and Pittsburgh. "That's something unique about being on the first team, being part of history in the making. We're going to have a big-time program."

Some USF faculty have wondered about the timing of football. If anything, because of athletic-department economic hardships and gender-equity concerns, many schools have dropped the sport. Why USF football? Leavitt and the USF administration counter with a resounding, "Why not?"

Before seeking program approval from Florida's Board of Regents, USF raised a \$5-million football endowment. The donations were spearheaded by USF associate athletic director Lee Roy Selmon, a Pro Football Hall of Famer and perhaps the most recognizable sports figure in Tampa. USF athletic director Paul Griffin wants \$10 million in the bank by the year 2000. That's approximately when he anticipates seeking a move to Division I-A and football membership in Conference USA, already the home of all other USF sports. Many USF boosters, emotionally charged by their new football program, want the Hail Mary pass. Perhaps a game with Florida or Florida State. Griffin has been content to methodically move the chains.

"Our focus has been clear all along," Griffin said. "Football will be the driving force in intercollegiate athletics for many years to come, and without it we could be left behind. A football program isn't just nice to have. It's necessary."

Support has been overwhelming. The Bulls sold their 10,000th season ticket last March, before the team's uniforms were finalized and its first-year schedule was announced. So Tampa Bay area fans share Leavitt's vision.

"I see a day when USF is on par with the other three big teams in the state," said Leavitt, a native of St. Petersburg who signed a five-year USF contract on Dec. 12, 1995. "I truly believe that.

Why else would I put my life on the line and come here if I didn't think that could be accomplished? It's going to happen. The only variable is time.

"We have so much to sell here. I mean, can you think of a better place in the entire United States to start a football program? The weather, the facilities, the school. Just go out 60 miles from Tampa-St. Pete and draw a big circle around that area. Every year, it has about 40 guys signing full rides with Division I-A schools. If we hold our own there, we're doing pretty good. We'd never have to go anywhere else."

Indeed, all but one of USF's players hail from Florida. And tight end Chad Johnson of Rincon, Ga., might be an exception. His parents attended USF.

"I know we've got several players on this team who could've started for us at Kansas State," Leavitt said. "And I think we'll continue to attract the talent. Wins and losses? Really, it's not something I'm overly emphasizing right now. Playing hard is my biggest thing. Because if we play hard, we will win, no doubt.

"I have no idea what the record will be. We're playing teams that have been together for a few years and we've mostly got a bunch of freshmen who have never played together. So I don't think we'll be favored in too many. But that's OK. As long as the effort is there and we keep building the program."

Then, one day, the Bulls might be truly dangerous on a national level. Or even dangerous enough to challenge for the state championship, which sometimes carries even more weight in Florida.

"A lot of players from our area sign elsewhere, then end up coming home," said USF freshman quarterback Marquel Blackwell of St. Petersburg Dixie Hollins, Leavitt's alma mater. "If we can get the best of the Tampa Bay area every year, watch out.

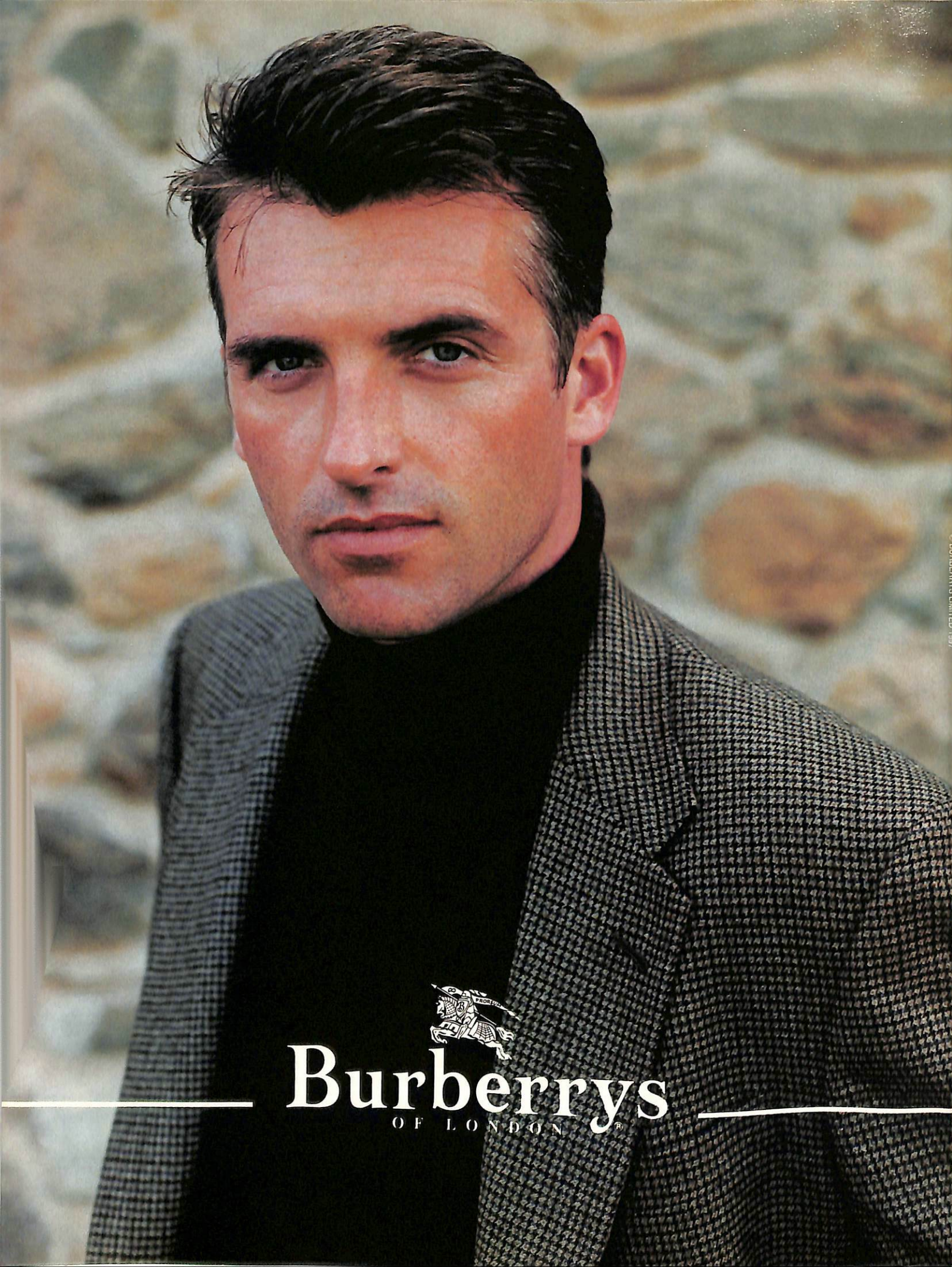
"We'll have a team of great athletes. Who knows? We might grow up pretty quickly, at least a lot quicker than those other schools think." □

JOEY JOHNSTON is a sportswriter for *The Tampa Tribune*.

THE FOUNDATION

These coaches have the task of building South Florida's program from the ground up:

- **JIM LEAVITT**, head coach — Played football and baseball at Missouri, where he won the Big Eight Conference baseball batting championship in 1976 and was second-team all-Big Eight defensive back in 1977; coached at Missouri, Dubuque, Morningside College, Iowa and Kansas State; co-defensive coordinator at Kansas State when the Wildcats led the nation in defense in 1995.
- **MICHAEL CANALES**, offensive coordinator — Worked with quarterbacks and receivers as Brigham Young graduate assistant from 1985 to '87; spent one year as quarterbacks and kicking-game coach at Pacific, which dropped its program in 1995.
- **RICK KRAVITZ**, defensive coordinator — Leavitt's first hire; defensive coordinator at West Alabama (1994-95) and Florida A&M (1986-93).
- **FRANK HERNANDEZ**, wide receivers/recruiting coordinator — Four-year starting wide receiver at Kansas State (1988-91); taught and coached in Texas high schools.
- **MIKE HOBBI**, tight ends — Captain and Most Valuable Player of 1975 Murray State team; head coach at Bradenton (Fla.) Bayshore High School from 1993 to '96.
- **EARL LANE**, defensive line — Played at Troy State (1979-81); coached at eight different Tampa-area high schools since 1980.
- **CALVIN MAGEE**, running backs — Tight end for Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1985 to '88; started 34 games after joining team as undrafted free agent; assistant head coach/offensive coordinator at Tampa Catholic High School (1989-95), where his wide receiver, Darrell Jackson, set national prep records for receiving yards (2,087) and yards per game (160.5).
- **KEVIN PATRICK**, defensive ends — All-American defensive end at the University of Miami, who played in four different New Year's Day bowl games; signed as free agent with Los Angeles Rams in 1994, but spent entire season on injured reserve.
- **ANDRE WATERS**, secondary — Played 12 years at safety for Philadelphia Eagles and Arizona Cardinals; named United Press International All-NFC in 1991; named small-college All-American at Cheyney State in 1983.
- **ERIC WOLFORD**, offensive line — Four-year offensive line starter at Kansas State; signed free-agent contract with Arizona Cardinals in 1994; offensive line coach at Emporia State University in 1995.




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By Dan Herbst

SECOND IN A TWO-PART SERIES.

Delhi, New York is a quaint farming town of about 3,500 folks. Its rolling hills and blue skies are hardly what one would expect from a place that's launching a revolution. But it's in this upstate

village that Clark Companies is doing for athletic playing surfaces what Thomas Jefferson did for government.

The reason that company president Scott Clark's phone keeps ringing is that, as he said, "when you build a \$300 million stadium you need to host as many events there as possible to pay for it." Until recently that presented facilities with a dilemma: put down an artificial surface that players hated, to accommodate myriad athletic and entertainment events or open the doors only sporadically to protect the grass.

In 1986 Clark Companies built its first sand-based field. "It was a derivative of USGA technology for golf course greens," Scott said.

The result: a playing surface capable of absorbing up to 10 inches of rain per hour while still suitable for action.

Despite allowing for optimum pore spacing to help oxygen reach the roots, the inherent instability of sand-based fields caused players to slip while leaving huge divots. Luckily, subsequent research has yielded several products to address that concern.

The field of the future might just have been introduced at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., in which a tem-



Located in New York City, Columbia University's Baker Field isn't exactly surrounded by acres of practice fields. After much thought the administration opted to ditch its lawn mowers and have the Lions do their tackling on plastic that Clark installed.

porary grass field is actually grown elsewhere and installed above the plastic much as a living room carpet would be put over wood.

Each 45-inch square is one foot thick and weighs about 1,100 pounds. Contained in a plastic cylinder, the units are moved via a forklift truck. Once in place, the sides of the container fall away so that the grass can begin molding to its neighbors. Any of the 6,400 units can be replaced as needed.

"If the middle of the field is worn out we drop a new field in its place and you're ready to go again," Clark said.

Before a 110-ton crane erected a temporary stage, half of the Giants Stadium field was removed prior to a U2 concert this summer.

"The last of their three shows was on Wednesday night," Clark said, "and they played an international soccer game on Saturday."

But, despite all the advancements, even a state-of-the-art grass surface is only so durable.


"In these days of Title IX, with 40 sports going on, there are fields that are used from eight in the morning until two in the morning," Clark noted. "Natural grass just can't handle that."

It is a myth that artificial surfaces causes injuries, according to Clark. "There's no question that grass is more player-friendly," Clark conceded. "You get more abrasions on turf, but scraping an elbow doesn't affect whether you'll play the game."

Introduced when it was discovered that real grass couldn't survive inside Houston's Astrodome, the first artificial surfaces were rock-hard, with thin padding covering concrete.

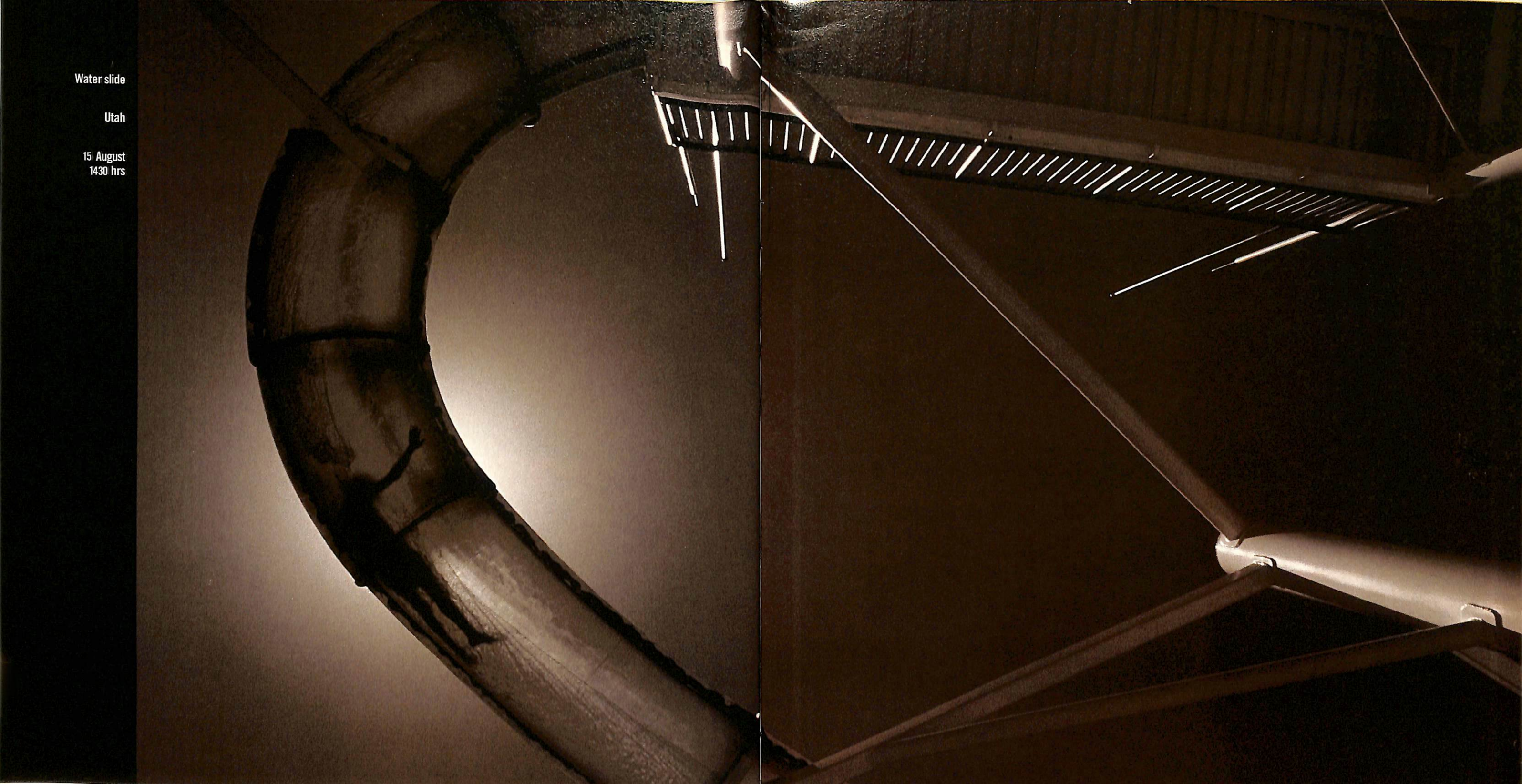
Today's synthetics are laid over bits of rubber known as E-Layer. That makes them, according to Clark, substantially softer. With those advances, he said, there are as many artificial fields going in this year as ever.

Another twist is hybrid field. One product, developed in Holland, uses a huge sewing-like machine to place polypropylene fibers into natural turf. Such fields can handle four times as much usage as natural grass.

And there's a synthetic turf into which sand is filtered with grass. The prototype is Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, the home of the NFL's Ravens. 

DAN HERBST is a freelance sportswriter and regular contributor to *Touchdown Illustrated*.

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CATCHING UP WITH...

MIKE GARRETT

THE FORMER HEISMAN WINNER BRINGS HIS QUEST FOR PERFECTION BACK TO PASADENA AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

By Jack Magruder

Mike Garrett makes waves. Always has. Always will. Perhaps it comes from a competitive drive that never seems to flag. Maybe it is a result of confidence bred from a string of successes in sports, business and academia. It could be just the native Southern Californian in him. My way or the highway? Do it Mike-like, or take a hike.

Selected in the first round of the NFL draft following a Heisman Trophy-winning season in 1965, Garrett shocked the football world by signing a pro contract with the AFL Kansas City Chiefs, who thought so little of their chances that they used a 20th-round pick on him. Four years later Garrett scored the first touchdown of the Chiefs' 23-7 Super Bowl IV victory over Minnesota en route to an All-Pro career.

Yet the choice of football league hardly created the fallout Garrett has experienced as Southern California's athletic director since 1993, during which time he has been publicly vilified for removing both men's and women's basketball coaches Charlie Parker and Fred Williams, respectively, and for questioning the football program under John Robinson when it struggled to a 6-6 season in 1996. He has replaced 10 coaches in his brief tenure.

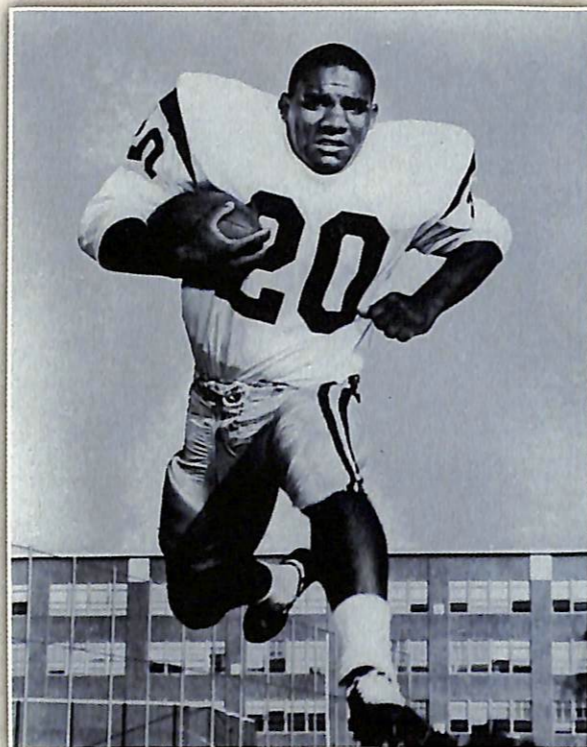
But Garrett — the tailback from Roosevelt High in East Los Angeles who created the legacy that is Tailback U — cringes at the criticism that he is a shoot-from-the-hip administrator without people skills who more often thinks with the Trojan Club half of his brain.

"Everything I do in my job at USC is for the betterment of the student-athletes," Garrett told the *Long Beach Press-Telegram* last spring.

"It is a coach's responsibility to see to it that an athlete during his four years at USC grows academically, athletically and as a person. If this doesn't happen on a widespread scale, then the coach isn't doing his job. There is no one who wants to see the USC athletic teams win more than I do. I give all my coaches freedom to coach the way they want to. I don't micro-manage. But if they're not doing the job, then I have to step in and do something about it."

Garrett, 53, may be the most well-rounded man in college athletic administration. He left USC not only as a two-time All-American tailback who set 14 school, league and NCAA records, but also with a degree in sociology, later earning a law degree from Western State College of Law.

He helped found the Cool-Head Program, designed to defuse racial tensions in L.A., before graduating, and also volunteered at a home for abused children. The Mike Garrett Foundation, established in 1989 as a gang-intervention program offering boxing and educational programs, continues to grow. Before joining the USC athletic department as an associate director in 1990, Garrett spent three years as the director of business development at the Great Western Forum.



Garrett, now USC's athletic director, won the 1965 Heisman Trophy as a Trojan running back.

But there's a thorn in his side. USC, once a perennial football power, has not won a national championship since 1978.

"I'm very aware of that. That's a long drought. Too long. I might sound arrogant, but I think we're capable of winning a national title soon," Garrett said.

"Being someone who attended USC in the '60s when we were a national power, we dominated the Pac-10. I want to dominate the Pac-10 again. I thought we would be further at this time, but I like where we are and I think we are very dangerous. I am real simple. National championships. That is what I want and that is what I work toward." □

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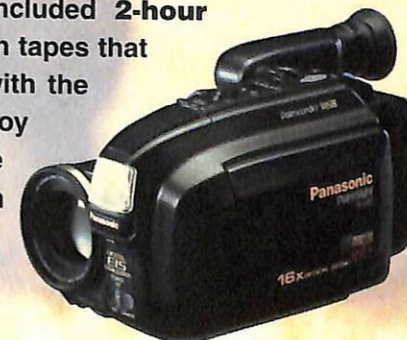
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Former NFL star George Martin found a way to improve on his college career — by going back and getting his degree.

Staying in college for four years doesn't guarantee a degree for regular students, never mind student-athletes. Factor in an opportunity to play in the NFL, and many college football players choose to take the calculated risk on a pro career with little or no intention of ever coming back.

When George Martin, a stellar defensive lineman at the University of Oregon, was faced with that choice, he chose pro football and the New York Giants. But he knew the importance of obtaining his degree. He not only went back and earned his own (in art education), he has also dedicated himself to helping others acquire theirs. Through his efforts, the Giants' Continuing Education Program was born.

Martin, who had a superb 14-year career with the Giants, including a Super Bowl championship in 1986, and is currently vice president of marketing for Mutual of New York, recently took some time to talk about his decision to resume his college career.

TDI: The Giants' Continuing Education Program you started is the one the NFL currently sponsors. What inspired you to start the program?

GM: It was actually started from a very selfish point of view. I had not completed my own degree, and in pursuit of doing so I realized there was nothing unique about my situation relative to some of my teammates, and I thought it would be nice if they did likewise. So instead of pursuing it just for myself individually, I decided to see if anything could be done for the club at large at the time.

TDI: What do you think about underclassmen leaving early for the NFL?

GM: I'm not a proponent of it, particularly when you see that probably 70 percent of the professional football players who are drafted after their fourth year don't have their degrees. Why would you want to see that number go up by drafting underclassmen?

TDI: How do you convince players to go back to school?

GM: Just by talking about the inevitability of life itself. They won't always be football players. They won't always be commanding these large salaries. And if they want to prepare themselves for that eventual transition of life after football, then it would behoove them to pursue continued education.

TDI: Do these big-money contracts make it harder to convince players to go back?

GM: There has always been inherent difficulty in getting young individuals who are very well-endowed physically and have money in their pockets to focus on something that is going to benefit them years down the road. But I think it is becoming increasingly more difficult. The sums of money have gotten larger, and the players feel that they're invincible and that they will always be in that type of situation.

TDI: Do you think that hearing from someone like you, who had a successful NFL career, helps them see "down the road"?

GM: I think it certainly lends some legitimacy to what we're trying to accomplish. We had long, illustrious and successful careers, and



George Martin's stellar career with the New York Giants included a Super Bowl victory, but his greatest success may have been returning to college to earn his degree.

even though they were inordinately long, they did eventually come to an end. A lot of guys won't be fortunate enough to play 14 years as I did, and you have to make that preparation for life after. I can attest to the fact that Stacy Robinson (a Giants wide receiver from 1985-90), an individual who not only went back and got his undergraduate degree, but subsequently earned his master's as well, is currently the director of player development for the NFL Players' Association. He's a great example; he's taken it to what I think is a pretty high level, particularly getting his MBA. That's quite an achievement.

TDI: What are the future goals of the program?

GM: I recently met with Carol Blazejowski, the general manager of the WNBA's New York Liberty. She said that in stark contrast to athletes in other professional sports, 90 to 95 percent of the WNBA's athletes have their college degrees. My goal for the Continuing Education Program would be to make sure that the NFL reflects the WNBA as far as degree completion rates.

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IT'S A MYSTERY WHY OPPOSING QUARTERBACKS KEEP TEMPTING FATE AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA CORNERBACK DRE' BLY, WHO LED THE NATION IN INTERCEPTIONS AS A FRESHMAN IN 1996.

By Jeremy Treatman

It started innocently enough, in just his second collegiate game, with an interception against Syracuse's Donovan McNabb. Then came three more picks against Georgia Tech the following Saturday afternoon.

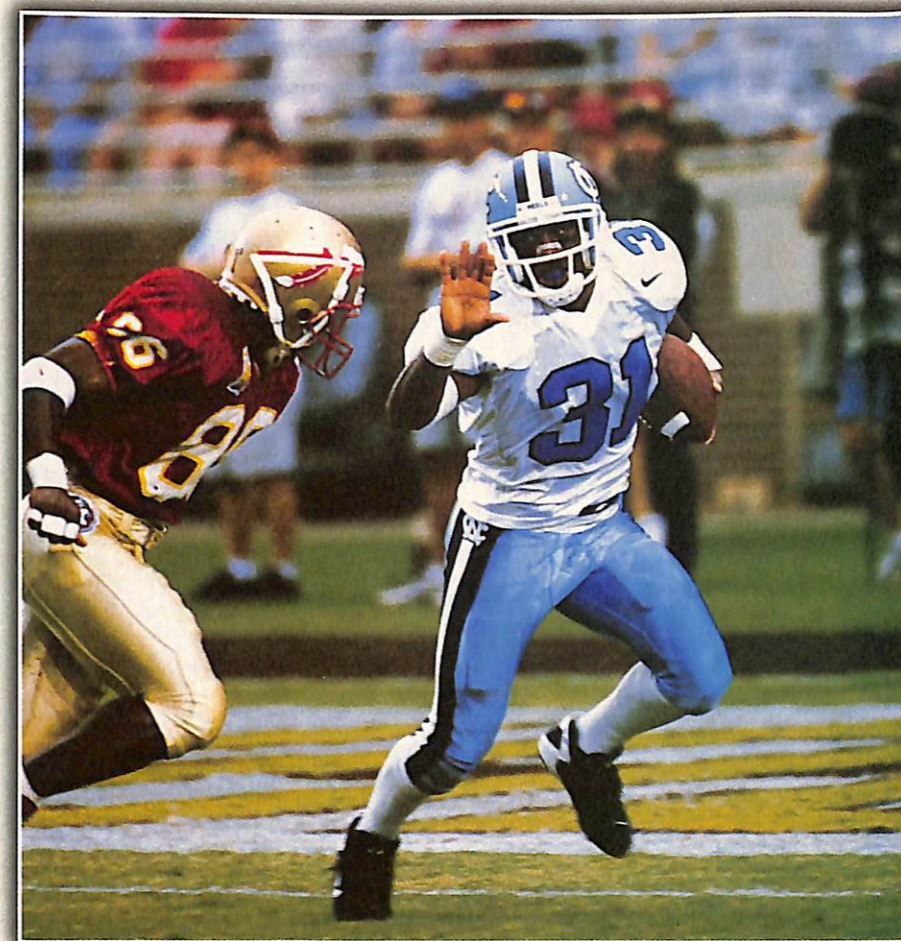
The next game he intercepted two Thad Busby passes and broke up two others in the red zone against Florida State on national television. Suddenly, he was a star. In fact, by the conclusion of his redshirt freshman season, North Carolina's Dre' Bly was almost as popular in Chapel Hill as Dean Smith.

The numbers were staggering. In 12 games played in 1996, the 5-foot-10 cornerback intercepted a nation-leading and ACC-record 13 passes, including two or more thefts in a game on four occasions. There were 13 defensive break-ups, third highest in school history. He also returned 13 punts for 128 yards, including a 25-yard effort against Clemson in his first game ever. And, he helped lead the Tar Heels to a 10-2 record and a 10th-place spot in the final polls. Not too shabby for a guy who didn't even put on a helmet in 1995.

"It was the season I never, ever expected," said Bly. "I thought maybe I could come in and get six or seven interceptions. But I didn't think it was

"If the ball is around him, he's going to catch it."

North Carolina secondary coach Ron Case



Bly turns upfield after one of his two interceptions against Florida State last season. He cemented his reputation in that game by shutting down FSU's all-ACC receiver, Andre Cooper.

possible to have something like this happen."

Bly was equally shocked to discover he was named to the 1996 Associated Press Division I-A All-America first team — the first defensive player ever to be named so after his first season. Running backs Marshall Faulk (San Diego State), Tony Dorsett (Pittsburgh), Herschel Walker (Georgia) and kicker Bjorn Merten (UCLA) were the only

other college rookies to ever achieve such an honor.

"I don't even want to think about that," said Bly. "I'm a young player, I have to do everything I can to make sure I play well again this year. That stuff can't change me."

Most who know him don't think it will, either. Bly's defensive prowess is built on desire, hard work, risk-taking and, perhaps above all, instinct. With-

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CAPTAIN CORNERBACK

It took Bly just one year to gather enough honors to fill a trophy room. He's well on his way to filling a second room this season. Here's a quick look at his rookie loot.

- First-team All-America: The Associated Press, Walter Camp Football Foundation, Football Writers Association of America, *The Sporting News*, *Athlon Sports*
- Second-team All-America: *Football News*
- Finalist, Jim Thorpe Award (National Defensive Back of the Year)
- First-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference
- ACC Rookie of the Year
- Freshman All-America, *The Sporting News*

out even trying to, he's also good at embarrassing opposing players.

Covering all-ACC receiver Andre Cooper in the Florida State game, Bly leaped twice to break up passes, at the 5-yard line and in the end zone, on a key drive. Both times it appeared that Cooper had an opening to catch the ball. Cooper finished the game catchless.

"He was right there all the time," said Cooper, who gained some revenge by forcing Bly to fumble after one of his interceptions. "Every time I looked up, he was there."

On a crucial interception against Virginia, he stepped in front of an intended receiver at the last second at full speed and raced 51 yards untouched for six points.

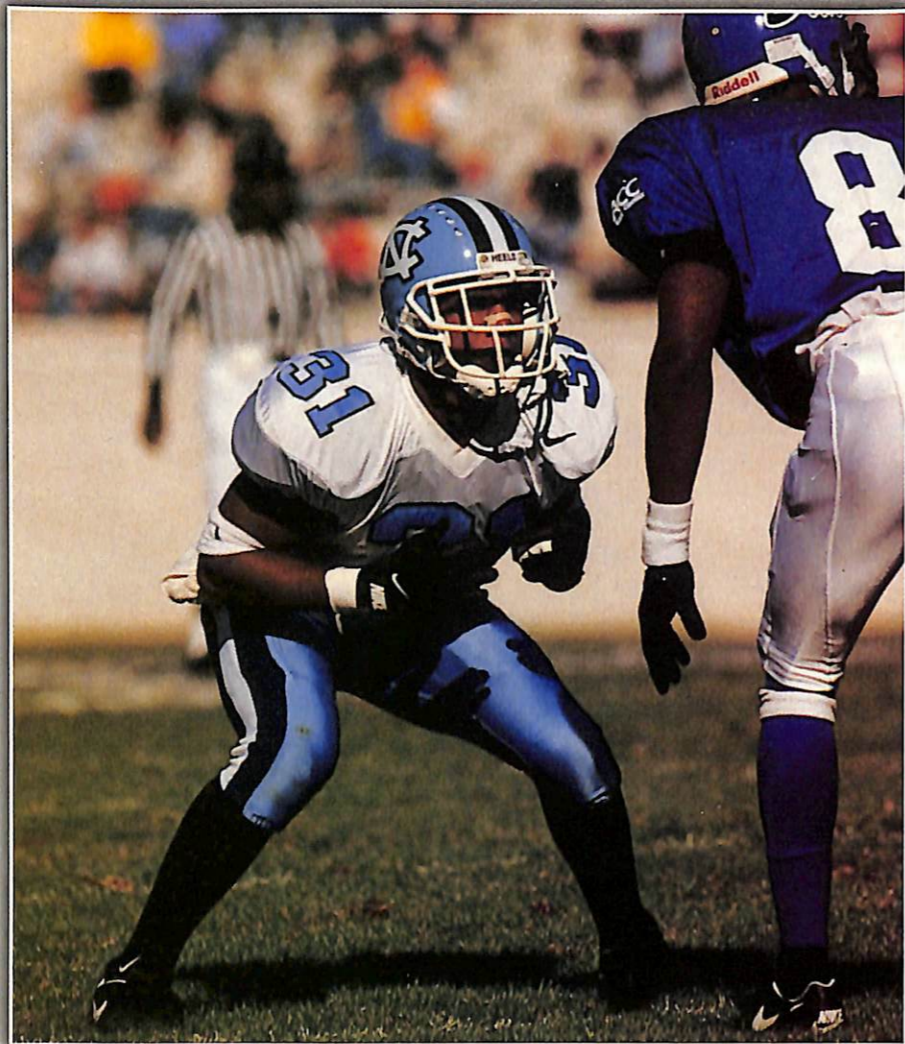
Against West Virginia in the Gator Bowl, he stepped in front of all-Big East performer David Saunders for one interception and two other deflections.

"He's a great player; I didn't even see him a couple of those times," said Saunders. "He deserved every award that came his way."

"All of those plays were mostly instinct," Bly said. "In fact, a lot of what happens to me on the field is just instinct. It comes from baseball. I played center field for a long time, and I'm certain my nose for the ball comes from that."

"I thought maybe I could come in and get six or seven interceptions. But I didn't think it was possible to have something like this happen."

Dre' Bly



In 1996, the 5-foot-10 Bly picked off an ACC-record 11 passes in 11 regular-season games and became the first freshman in ACC history to earn consensus All-America honors.

As an All-American baseball player at Chesapeake High School, Bly attracted as many baseball scouts as football whenever he played. He said he was told he would have been no later than a ninth-round draft pick coming out of high school to play center field in the minor leagues.

Had he been a sure-fire first-round pick, he said he may have considered bypassing college for the pros. Instead, he opted to try and play both football and baseball at

North Carolina. After starring for the football team this season, he played baseball briefly for the Tar Heels before returning to the gridiron for the start of spring football.

"I originally planned to play both sports here," said Bly. "But it's too much. I think the baseball coaches understood how tired I was getting. I probably will focus all my energies on football now. Especially with the year I had and the goals I have for myself."

Bly finds it somewhat ironic to be in this position. He didn't play football until he reached junior high school, and wasn't considered a fast athlete while in grade school.

"When I was really young I started out as a catcher in Little League," he

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said. "Then, when I got a little lighter and quicker, they moved me to short-stop. By high school, I was catching everything, so they put me in center field. Coming over for all those balls just carried over to football."

Has it ever.

After intercepting two passes, breaking up four others, making two tackles and causing a fumble against Virginia, North Carolina coach Mack Brown said that he "never saw a defensive back play a better game." Of course,



Bly is greeted by teammates after one of his two second-half interceptions against West Virginia in the Gator Bowl. The two picks gave him 13 on the season and sparked the Tar Heels' 20-13 victory.

he could have said that every week.

"Every time when I would make my game plan, I would say, 'Will Dre' be up for the challenge? Will he be able to make the plays we're looking for?' So far he's answered everything that has come his way and much more," Brown said.

He added: "The thing about Dre' is he's exciting. He thinks he's going to score every time he touches the ball."

It's that confidence, teammates say, that helped bring the team an air of invincibility it hadn't had in prior years.

"Dre' taught us that he's not afraid to take chances," said Tar Heels wide receiver Na Brown. "He's always expecting to do big things. If you're not afraid to take chances, then you'll probably

make more plays than you miss. He's just very confident."

Said defensive end Russell Davis: "You have to give a lot of credit to our success last year to Dre' Bly. I expect big plays from him

"The thing about Dre' is he's exciting. He thinks he's going to score every time he touches the ball."

North Carolina head coach Mack Brown

now. I've become accustomed to it. Before, we saw him play [and] we said, 'Wow, he's just a redshirt freshman.' But now, you expect him to make the plays and he expects that from himself."

But he isn't arrogant and he doesn't showboat after making plays. His parents, Donald and Gloria, saw to that while he was a multisport star growing up.

"He's always been an all-star at whatever he did. Track, soccer, basketball, baseball, football," said his mother. "He just likes to play ball and perform. He knows from his upbringing not to disrespect others, but he wouldn't do it anyway. He's very level-headed. I mean *really* level-headed."

"I'm his mother and I know how good he is, but I never imagined he would perform like that in his first year. But he didn't change at all, because he knows that if he doesn't work hard it could all change for him, and his desire is to always

improve, anyway."

Bly may need to improve, though, if that is possible. He is prepared for teams throwing away from him in 1997, although he doesn't foresee that as a permanent strategy. Teams started to do that last year and fellow cornerback Robert Williams exploded for a school-record 23 pass breakups. Other than Bly, who had 13, only two other ACC players had as many as 10 breakups.

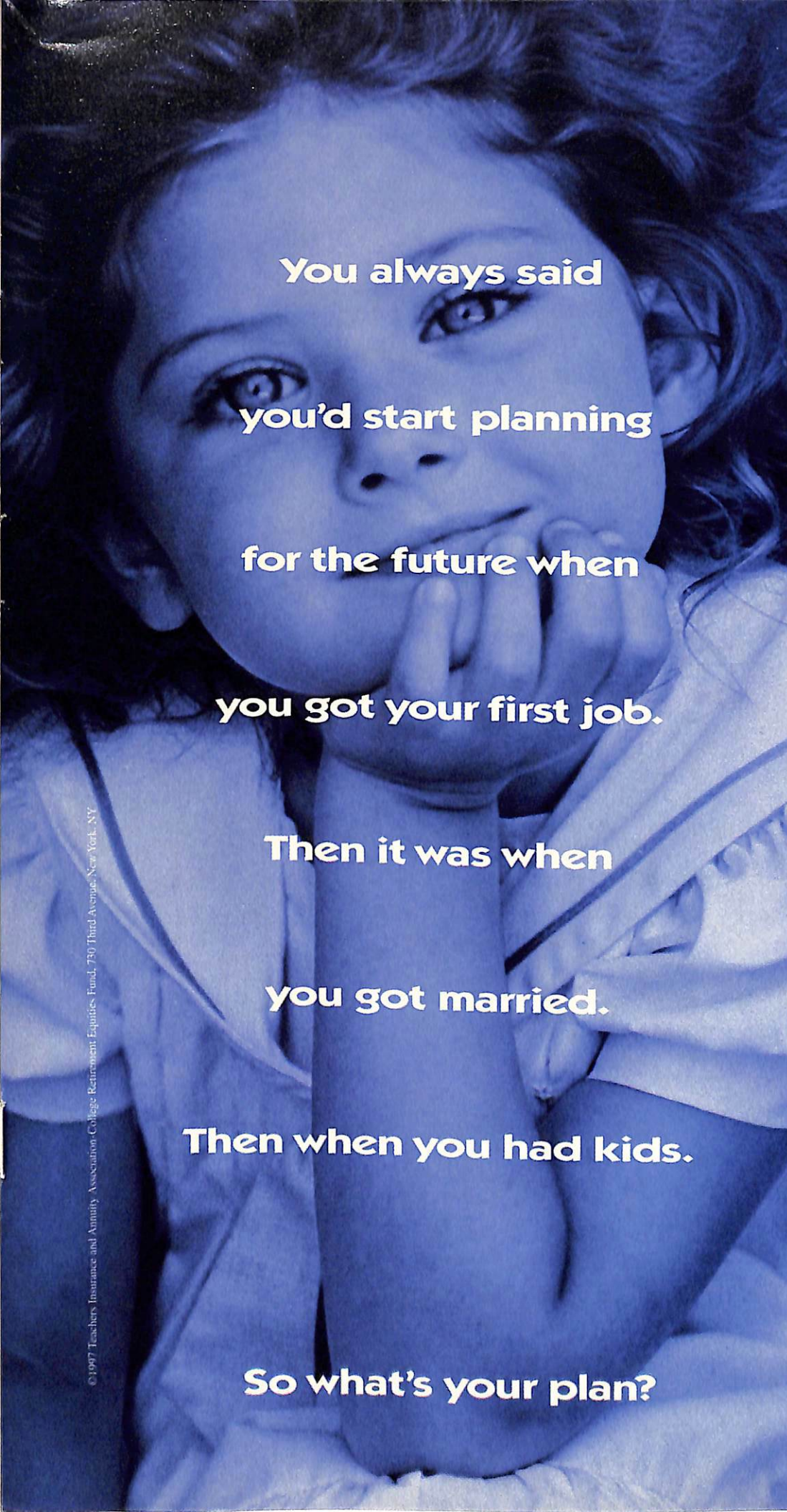
"It doesn't matter to me if they throw to me, throw to Robert's side, if I make five interceptions or if I get 13 again," said Bly. "All I want to do is win, and that's all that is important. I know that expectations on me will be high because of what I accomplished last year, but I'm not worrying about that. I have gained an awful lot of confidence after playing so well after sitting out a year. As long as we win, I'll be just fine."

And as long as Bly is fine, North Carolina will win. ■

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- B. Penn State
- C. Brigham Young
- D. Alabama

2 What school is recognized as the first national champion of college football played with modern scoring rules (1883)?

- A. Princeton
- B. Harvard
- C. Yale
- D. Pennsylvania

3 The last time two schools shared national title honors was in 1991. Name these co-winners.

- A. Miami (Fla.) and Colorado
- B. Colorado and Washington
- C. Georgia Tech and Colorado
- D. Miami (Fla.) and Washington

4 Since 1973, Division II's first national championship, which school has captured the most titles?

- A. North Alabama
- B. Troy State
- C. North Dakota State
- D. Pittsburg State

5 Which is the only school to capture the national championship with more than one loss under its belt?

- A. Minnesota
- B. Louisiana State
- C. Stanford
- D. Cornell

6 Prior to Florida's Danny Wuerffel last season, who was the last individual to win the Heisman Trophy and play for the national champion in the same year?

7 Which was the last school to capture a national championship without playing in a bowl game?

- A. Southern Cal
- B. Oklahoma
- C. Notre Dame
- D. Fordham

8 Nebraska captured back-to-back championships in 1994 and 1995. Which school was the last to accomplish this feat prior to the Huskers, and in what years?

- A. Notre Dame
- B. Alabama
- C. Miami
- D. Oklahoma

9 Only one school has ever won the national title after winning the Holiday Bowl. Name that school.

10 Notre Dame has been selected national champion by The Associated Press eight times since the poll's inception in 1936. Which school ranks second, with six titles won?

- A. Southern Cal
- B. Alabama
- C. Minnesota
- D. Oklahoma

ANSWERS

1. B; 2. C; 3. D; 4. C-5 titles (1983, '85, '86, '88 and '90); 5. A-Golden Gophers finished 8-2-0 in 1960 after losing in Rose Bowl game, but shared the title with Mississippi; 6. Florida State's Charlie Ward in 1993; 7. B-1974 Sooners (11-0-0), on probation, shared the title with Rose Bowl winner Southern Cal (10-1-1); 8. B-1978 (co-winner with Southern Cal) and 1979; 9. Brigham Young, which finished 13-0-0 after beating Michigan 24-17 at the Holiday Bowl; 10. B.

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THE 1988 ORANGE BOWL FORGED A LINK BETWEEN JIMMY JOHNSON AND BARRY SWITZER THAT, THANKS TO MICHAEL IRVIN, HAS SEEN A UNIQUE REVERSAL OF FORTUNES.

By Jon Cooper

As he offered the obligatory handshake following the 1988 Orange Bowl, Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer may have wished never to see Miami coach Jimmy Johnson and Johnson's main weapon, senior wide receiver Michael Irvin, again.

After all, the 20-14 Hurricane victory sealed Miami's second national championship in five years and was the third straight win for Johnson's troops over Switzer's. Adding insult to injury, each defeat marred what would otherwise have been a perfect season for the Sooners.

It hadn't always been this way. In fact, the two started out on the same side. Switzer was Johnson's coach when Jimmy and teammate Jerry Jones were at the University of Arkansas. From 1970 through '72, both Switzer and Johnson were assistants at OU for legendary coach Bud Wilkinson. Johnson returned to Arkansas in 1973, becoming defensive coordinator, while Switzer took over for Wilkinson.

The rivalry between the two began in 1979, when Johnson became head coach at Sooner rival Oklahoma State. Johnson played the role of gracious loser, going 0-for-5 against Switzer's Sooners, but things changed when he moved to Miami. In 1985, UM dominated the Sooners, 27-14. Then the top-ranked 'Canes stymied OU the following season in Miami, winning 28-16 on their way to the Fiesta Bowl.

By the 1987 season, No. 2 UM sought to complete the hat trick against the top-ranked Sooners.

Plenty was said by both teams. Oklahoma All-American Rickey Dixon stated, "We're a better team than Miami. I think that's pretty clear. Isn't it?"

"I think we know the answer to that," countered Miami fullback Melvin Bratton. "Haven't we beaten them twice already?"

The 'Canes started fast as sophomore quarterback Steve Walsh and Bratton hooked up on a 30-yard scoring play on the game's first drive. Bratton would catch eight more passes before leaving the game with a knee injury. OU tied the game with nine seconds left in the half off a Dixon interception.

In the second half, Miami stopped the vaunted Oklahoma offense (499.7 ypg) cold. UM took the lead for good on a Greg Cox 56-yard field goal. Then, after a Sooners' punt, "the Playmaker" made his mark.

Irvin had haunted Oklahoma in the previous two clashes, setting the tone for the 1985 rout with a first-quarter, 56-yard scoring play, and then scoring the winning TD in the '86 showdown. Now, in a steady downpour, Walsh hit Irvin for a 23-yard touchdown that extended the lead to 17-7. Johnson had his second national championship and his third straight win over Switzer.

Both coaches left the college game following the 1988 season, as Johnson moved on to coach the Dallas Cowboys, while Switzer went into retirement. But history brought them



While Johnson had Switzer's number in college...

...Switzer gained a measure of revenge at the pro level in 1996.

together again on March 30, 1994. Switzer was Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' handpicked successor to Johnson, after Jimmy resigned following back-to-back Super Bowl titles. His main offensive weapon was none other than OU nemesis Irvin. (Another piece to this puzzle involves quarterback Troy Aikman, who played for Switzer in '85 as a freshman, but broke his leg during the season, then transferred to UCLA. The game in which Aikman got hurt was against, you guessed it, Miami.)

Switzer stepped out of Johnson's shadow in 1995 when his Cowboys won the Super Bowl. Then last season he broke his personal losing streak against Johnson as the Cowboys defeated Johnson's Dolphins, 29-10, in Miami. Irvin caught 12 passes for 186 yards and a touchdown in the victory.

The whole scenario was familiar, yet somehow different. This time it was Johnson, not Switzer, who was hoping for no future reunions. ☐

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Ligarius Jennings
Cornerback
5-10, 195, Freshman
Birmingham, Alabama
(Wenonah High)

#42



... is a projected starter at cornerback ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Ronald Cheatham ... named school's most athletic as a junior and senior ... played cornerback, runningback, and punter as a senior ... led his team in interceptions last year ... was all-city in baseball ... was a member of the Beta Club ... helped his team to a 10-0 season as a senior ... had a 3.4 GPA ... **Personal:** Ligarius TeRez Jennings ... born 11/3/77 ... has one sister (Telkia) ... is undecided on major.

man his last three years ... was all-conference at offensive tackle as a senior ... also was a long snapper ... **Personal:** born 11/23/74 ... plans to major in hotel and restaurant administration ... has one brother (Wendell) and one sister (Carmen).

Jonathan King
Wide Receiver
5-9, 170, Freshman
Detroit, Michigan
(Cass Tech High)

#84



... will push for playing time ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Sherrell Rowland ... was all-metro in football ... also named all-city, all-metro, and all-state in track ... had 16 catches for 475 yards and three TDs as a senior ... helped his football team to the city championship and the track team to the state crown ... **Personal:** born 9/8/78 ... has no brothers and sisters ... plans to major in biology.

Ashley Johnson
Fullback/Punter
6-0, 215, Freshman
Chattanooga, Tennessee
(Brainerd High)

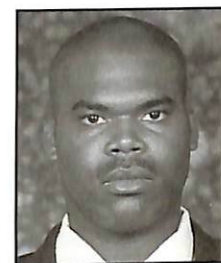
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... will compete for starting time at fullback and punter ... making the switch from linebacker to fullback ... sat out last year ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Eddie Lambert ... was all-city and all-state (honorable mention) ... also was academic all-city ... was the team's MVP as a senior ... led the team in tackles as sophomore and senior ... had 148 total tackles (50 solos) as a senior, while rushing 70 times for 868 yards and 12 TDs ... was a runningback and linebacker as a senior ... also lettered in basketball and baseball ... had a 3.1 GPA ... **Personal:** Ashley Rashad Johnson ... born 9/22/77 ... has two sisters (Erica and Mickka) ... is undecided on major.

DeCarlos Major
Center
6-5, 310, Junior
Birmingham, Alabama
(Ensley High)

#66



... will compete for starting time at center ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in eight games, making five starts at center ... **1995:** played in all 11 games at either offensive tackle or on special teams ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Curtis Coleman ... named all-metro and all-state (honorable mention) ... lettered three years in football ... also lettered in basketball ... had a 3.5 GPA ... was a member of the National Honor Society and math team ... received National Merit Award ... **Personal:** DeCarlos Antonio Major ... born 7/2/76 ... majoring in psychology ... has three brothers (Rafael, Willie, and Mario).

Antonio Jones
Cornerback
5-10, 175, Freshman
Birmingham, Alabama
(Wenonah High)

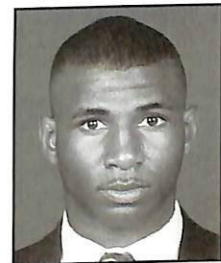
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... is making the switch from tailback to cornerback ... sat out last year ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Ronald Cheatham ... helped his team to the area championship as a senior with a 10-0 record in the regular season ... was all-metro and all-state ... also received an award for outstanding academic achievement ... gained 1,240 yards on 172 carries with 16 TDs as a senior ... played runningback and free safety in high school ... had a 3.2 GPA ... **Personal:** Antonio Montreal Jones ... born 4/19/78 ... has one brother (Herman) ... plans to major in accounting.

DeJuan Marshall
Running Back
5-7, 185, Junior
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
(Dillard High/Univ. of Cincinnati)

#26



... will compete for the starting nod at tailback ... transferred from Cincinnati after the 1996 season ... **1996:** played in five games at Cincinnati ... carried 20 times for 76 yards (3.8 yards per carry) ... had a long run of 16 yards ... caught four passes for 38 yards (9.5 yards per catch) ... had a long catch of 15 yards ... **1995:** lettered at Cincinnati ... was the leading receiver out of the backfield, catching 21 passes for 197 yards and one TD ... played in 11 games, with no starts ... rushed 34 times for 121 yards (3.6 average) and one TD ... had seven catches for 78 yards against Southern Miss ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Ken Scott ... was first-team all-conference, second team all-county, and honorable mention all-state ... rushed for more than 2,600 yards during his career and scored 20 touchdowns ... also was a honorable mention all-conference selection in baseball ... **Personal:** born 10/13/75 ... is majoring in arts and sciences ... enjoys running track.

David Jones
Wide Receiver
6-2, 190, Sophomore
Memphis, Tennessee
(Westwood High)

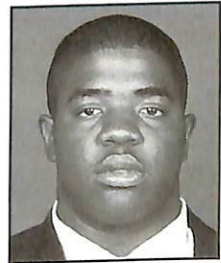
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... will compete for starting time at wide receiver ... sat out last year ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by John Ware ... is a 1995 graduate ... lettered as a wide receiver as a senior ... played drums in the band for two years ... was a member of the National Honor Society ... **Personal:** David Duane Jones ... born 10/6/77 ... plans to major in computer science ... has one brother (Darnell).

Eric McCray
Defensive Tackle
6-4, 295, Junior
Birmingham, Alabama
(West Birmingham High)

#95



... will compete for starting time at strong defensive tackle ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 11 games, making eight starts at defensive tackle (last eight games) ... had 22 tackles (17 unassisted), two pass breakups, a caused fumble, and five tackles for loss of 30 yards, including two sacks for 17 yards ... **1995:** played in 11 games ... had 16 tackles (nine unassisted) and two tackles for loss of 20 yards in '95 ... also had two caused fumbles, a fumble recovery, a pass breakup, and a 34-yard interception ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Ronnie McCarty ... helped his team to a 12-0 record and the North Alabama Christian State Championship as a senior ... named team's most outstanding player as a senior ... named conference's most valuable defensive player ... also was an all-state (honorable mention) selection ... **Personal:** Eric Dwayne McCray ... born 1/15/76 ... majoring in criminal justice ... has one brother (Gabriel).

Raymond Jones
Center
6-3, 280, Senior
Eads, Tennessee
(Fayette-Ware High)

#70



... will compete for starting time at center ... is a three-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 10 games, making 5 starts at center ... saw action at guard and center ... **1995:** played in 11 games, starting eight games (did not start against South Carolina State, Tennessee Tech, and Murray State) ... **1994:** played in five games (Morehead State, Florida A&M, South Carolina State, Eastern Kentucky, and UT-Martin) ... started against FAMU ... missed last three games due to injury ... named team's rookie of the year ... **High School:** coached by Arnett Thomas ... named team's most valuable line-

Jon Mitchell
Middle Linebacker
6-3, 230, Senior
St. Louis, Missouri
(University City High/Santa Monica
Community College, Calif.)

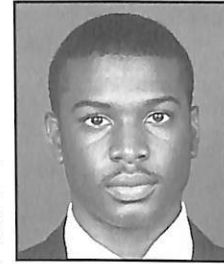
#57



... will push for starting time at linebacker ... lettered last year after transferring from Santa Monica Community College ... **1996:** played in 11 games, making six starts ... had 26 tackles (13 unassisted), a fumble recovery, a caused fumble, and 3.5 tackles for loss of 28 yards, including 1.5 sacks for 16 yards, in '96 ... **Junior College:** plans to major in business administration ... was all-conference at Santa Monica C.C. as a sophomore, also making the honor roll ... recorded 12 sacks and two interceptions in junior college ... **High School:** coached by Ron Villars in high school ... is a 1989 graduate ... **Personal:** Jon S. Mitchell ... born 7/7/71 ... joined the Navy for four years after high school ... majoring in health, physical education and recreation ... has three brothers (Andre, Chris, and Paul) and two sisters (Kim and Heather).

Toriano Morgan
Wide Receiver
5-10, 170, Freshman
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
(Dillard High)

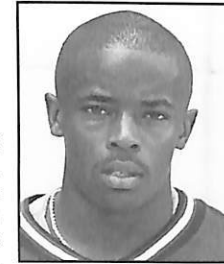
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... will push for playing time at wide receiver ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Tyrone McGriff ... was named team's MVP at wide receiver as a senior ... helped team to the district crown ... also lettered four years in volleyball ... was president of his senior class ... **Personal:** Toriano Jermaine Morgan ... plans to major in mass communications ... born 12/18/77 ... has two sisters (Shibra and Concheyrl).

Al Phillips
Cornerback
5-10, 190, Junior
Euclid, Ohio
(Euclid High/Kent State University)

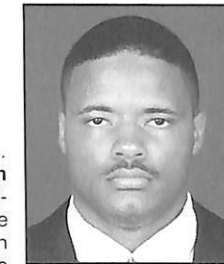
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... is a projected starter at cornerback ... transferred to TSU from Kent State after the 1996 season ... was a starter at strong safety at Kent State ... **1996:** did not play ... **1995:** played in all 11 games, starting the last 10 at strong safety ... was the team's eighth-leading tackler with 79 total stops (28 unassisted) ... also had four tackles for loss of 11 yards ... recovered fumbles against West Virginia and Bowling Green ... returned an interception for two yards against Miami (OH) ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Tom Banc ... lettered two years in football ... was named all-league as a senior after earning honorable mention as a junior ... recorded four interceptions and 70 tackles as a senior ... helped his team to the conference crown as a senior ... **Personal:** born 6/26/75 ... has one sister ... majoring in computer science.

Preston Ratliff
Defensive Tackle
6-3, 255, Freshman
Greenwood, Mississippi
(Greenwood High)

#73

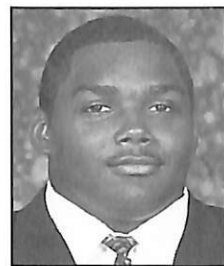


... will push for playing time at defensive tackle ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Terry Moore ... lettered in football as a senior at defensive tackle and defensive end ... **Personal:** Preston Deshaun Ratliff ... born 12/24/78 ... majoring in physical therapy ... has one brother (Jarrad) and one sister (Jasmine).

DID YOU KNOW ... Former Tennessee State defensive end **Richard Dent** was named the Super Bowl MVP in 1986 as a member of the Chicago Bears.

Tim Ratliff
Offensive Guard
6-3, 280, Junior
Demopolis, Alabama
(Demopolis High)

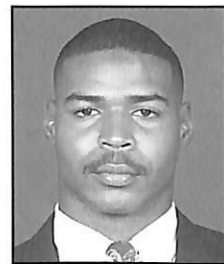
#76



... is a projected starter at offensive guard ... made the switch back from the defensive side of the ball in 1996 ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in four games at offensive guard ... **1995:** played in eight games at defensive tackle, with no starts ... did not play against MTSU, Jackson State, and South Carolina State ... recorded one tackle in '95 ... also had a fumble recovery and caused fumble ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Shaun Barnes ... helped his team to a district championship as a senior ... also lettered in track as a senior ... **Personal:** Timothy Christopher Ratliff ... born 10/24/75 ... majoring in business administration ... has two brothers (Thaddius and Theophalos).

Abdul Roux
Free Safety
6-2, 185, Freshman
Sebring, Florida
(Sebring High)

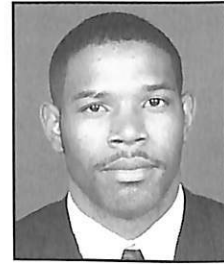
#43



... will push for playing time at free safety ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Roy Allen ... was all-county and all-conference ... also was a student writer for *The Tampa Tribune* ... helped his team to the county crown ... named team's MVP on the basketball squad, earning honorable mention all-conference honors as a junior and senior ... had 70 tackles and four interceptions as a senior ... played strong safety and wide receiver as a senior ... **Personal:** Abdul Rochard Roux ... born 12/29/77 ... has two brothers (Anthony and Joshua) and one sister (Tiffany) ... plans to major in criminal justice.

Ed Sanders
Free Safety
6-1, 195, Sophomore
Nashville, Tennessee
(Maplewood High)

#34



... will compete for playing time at free safety ... has good size and ability ... needs to gain experience ... was not eligible last year ... **1996:** sat out the season ... **High School:** coached by Ed Vanhooose ... played quarterback and free safety ... was all-metro, all-region, and all-state at strong safety as a junior and senior ... played in the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star game ... lettered four years in basketball ... also lettered as a freshman and sophomore in track ... **Personal:** Edward L. Sanders ... born 10/24/77 ... is undecided on major ... has two brothers (LaDonis and Orlando) ... admires Deion Sanders of the Dallas Cowboys and Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls ... likes pizza ... enjoys watching television.

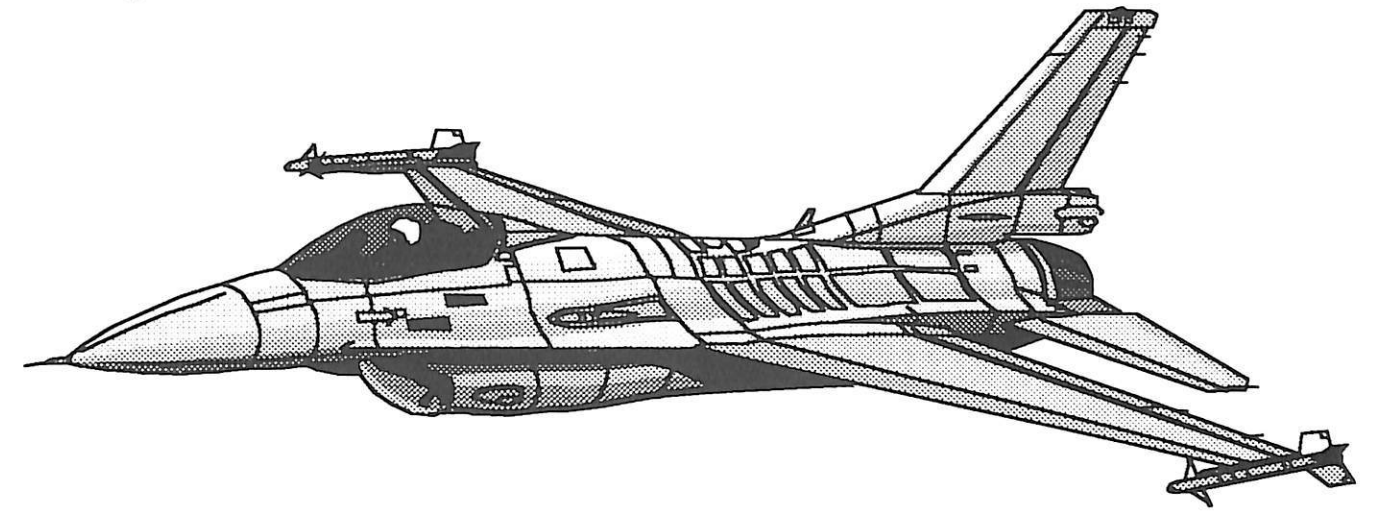
T.J. Smith
Strong Safety
6-1, 205, Junior
Atlanta, Georgia
(Woodward Academy/Univ. Of South Carolina)

#45



... will compete for the starting time at strong and free safety ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** made 11 starts at free safety ... led the team with 81 tackles (51 unassisted) ... also had three pass interceptions, four pass breakups, and three tackles for loss of 7 yards in '96 ... **1995:** played in nine games, making a start at SEMO (11/18/95) ... missed the MTSU and UT-Martin games ... had eight tackles (three unassisted) in '95 ... **1994:** was a redshirt at the University of South Carolina ... **High School:** was a '94 graduate ... coached by Johnny Stallings ... played middle linebacker ... was all-city and all-state (honorable mention) ... lettered three years in football ... also lettered in baseball as a junior and senior ... plus, he was a member of the track team ... **Personal:** Thomas Roland Smith, Jr. ... born 12/23/75 ... has no brothers and sisters ... plans to major in psychology.

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Brent Sterling
Inside Linebacker
 6-0, 225, Sophomore
 Oxford, Alabama
 (Oxford High)

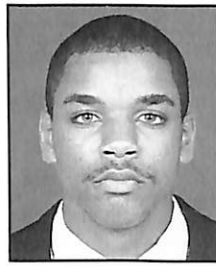
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... is a projected starter at inside linebacker ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in eight games, making seven starts at linebacker ... was the team's ninth-leading tackler with 31 stops (18 unassisted) ... also had four pass breakups, an interception, and two tackles for loss of six yards in '96 ... **High School:** coached by Robert Herring ... was all-county and all-state ... graduated with an advanced diploma ... helped his team to the state championship as a sophomore ... credited with 427 total tackles (257 solos) in his career ... **Personal:** LaBrent Eugene Sterling ... born 2/28/78 ... has one brother (Travis) and one sister (Tyjuana) ... is undecided on major.

Corey Sullivan
Wide Receiver
 6-3, 190, Sophomore
 Miami, Florida
 (Miami Killian Senior High)

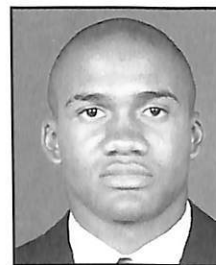
#80



... was a '95 signee ... will compete for playing time at wide receiver ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 11 games ... made 13 catches for 223 yards (17.2 yards per catch) and one touchdown in '96 ... had two receptions for 49 yards, including a 20-yard TD at Tennessee Tech (11/9/96) ... **1995:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Sam Miller ... named honorable mention all-county ... helped his team to a 9-1 record and a #7-ranking in class 6A his senior year ... played quarterback in high school ... **Personal:** Corey Labron Sullivan ... born 8/13/77 ... majoring in criminal justice ... has one brother (Michael) and one sister (Tiandra).

Carlo Thomas
Tight End
 6-4, 225, Freshman
 Madison, Tennessee
 (Maplewood High)

#85



... will push for starting time at tight end ... sat out last season ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Ed Vanhoose ... was all-metro and all-midstate (second team) ... lettered four years in basketball, earning all-region honors twice ... also was a member of the Beta Club ... was picked as the top midstate college prospect at tight end ... **Personal:** Carlo Keya Thomas ... born 6/30/77 ... has two brothers (Rodney and Reggie) ... is undecided on major.

Michael Thompson
Offensive Tackle
 6-6, 295, Junior
 Savannah, Georgia
 (Windsor-Forest High)

#78



... is making the switch to offensive tackle from tight end ... has good size ... needs to adjust to his new position ... is a projected starter at offensive tackle ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** switched to tight end from defensive end ... played in 10 games ... had six catches for 71 yards (11.8 yards per reception) ... had a long catch of 18 yards vs. Austin Peay (10/26/96) ... caught two passes for 19 yards vs. Florida A&M (8/31/96) ... also lettered on the basketball team, averaging 1.9 points and 2.3 rebounds in 20 games at forward (made nine starts) ... **1995:** made 11 starts at defensive tackle ... made 32 tackles (17 unassisted), four tackles for loss of 10 yards including two sacks for eight yards and one pass breakup in '95 ... had seven tackles (four unassisted) and two tackles for loss of six yards, including a sack for five yards, vs. Jackson State (9/9/95) ... credited with six tackles (four unassisted) and two tackles for loss of four yards, including a sack for three yards, vs. South Carolina State (9/30/95) ... recorded five tackles (three unassisted) and one pass breakup vs. Eastern Kentucky (10/28/95) ... **High School:** coached by Buddy Hardy ... named all-city as a junior and senior ... earned all-region second team honors as a senior ... was also a three-year letterman in basketball, helping his team to Georgia's Final Four Championship ... had 167 tackles and six sacks as a senior, earning team's MVP honor ... **Personal:** Michael Anthony Thompson ... born 2/11/77 ... has one brother (Darnell) and one sister (Ashley) ... majoring in health, physical education, and recreation.

****All-Ohio Valley Conference Candidate****

Shawn Thompson
Offensive Guard
 6-2, 270, Junior
 Pensacola, Florida
 (B.T. Washington High)

#65



... is the projected starter at right guard ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** made 11 starts at offensive guard ... named all-conference (second team) ... **1995:** played in 10 games, starting four contests (Morehead State, UT-Martin, Austin Peay, and Eastern Kentucky) ... did not play against MTSU ... **1994:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Sam Pickett ... was named all-district (2nd team) as a junior and senior at offensive tackle ... was a Northwest Florida Super Senior ... also lettered in track as a junior and senior ... named team's best offensive lineman as a senior ... **Personal:** Akyeshmon Deshawn Thompson ... born 12/15/75 ... has one brother (Ashlon) ... majoring in business administration.

Eric Tippens
Fullback
 5-7, 190, Junior
 Fort Worth, Texas
 (Eastern Hills High/McMurry University, TX)

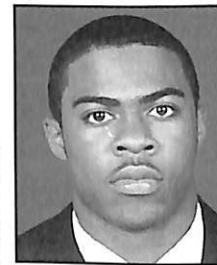
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... transferred to TSU from McMurry University in 1996 ... will compete for starting time at fullback ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 11 games ... carried eight times for 23 yards (2.9 yards per rush) in '96 ... **1995:** sat out the season after transferring to TSU ... **1994:** played at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas ... coached by Joe George ... was all-conference at running back ... **High School:** is a '94 graduate ... coached by Roland Maclin ... lettered four years in football, playing tailback ... also lettered four years in track ... was the district player of the year as a junior and senior ... had 1,600+ yards and 17 TDs as a senior ... rushed for over 4,000 yards in his career, the second highest total in city history ... **Personal:** Eric Demond Tippens ... born 12/2/75 ... has one sister (Linda) ... majoring in marketing.

JaMar Toomer
Wide Receiver
 6-2, 205, Freshman
 Trotwood, Ohio
 (Chaminade-Julienne High)

#89



... will push for playing time at wide receiver ... sat out last year ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Jim Place ... named all-league ... lettered three years in football and three years in track ... had a 3.2 GPA ... **Personal:** Leslie JaMar Toomer ... born 11/3/77 ... has one sister (Ebony) ... majoring in pre-medicine, with an emphasis in biology.

Todd Valentine
Quarterback
 6-2, 205, Sophomore
 Richmond Dale, Ohio
 (Chillicothe High)

#13



... is battling for the starting nod at quarterback ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 11 games, making 10 starts at quarterback ... did not start against SEMO (11/23/96) ... named OVC's new-comer of the week for his games against Lane (10/5/96) and Austin Peay (10/26/96) ... had the ninth best passing season in TSU history ... completed 160-of-316 passes (50.6%) for 2,080 yards and 17 touchdowns ... also threw 11 interceptions ... was second in the OVC in passing, averaging 189.1 yards per game ... rushed 74 times for minus 94 yards in '96 ... had 1,986 total yards in '96, third best in the OVC ... **1995:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Dick Tipton ... named the district's most valuable player ... named all-district twice ... was also third team all-state twice ... lettered in baseball and basketball as well ... passed for 4,743 yards and 45 TDs in his career, including 1,700 yards and 15 TDs as a senior ... **Personal:** Todd Avery Valentine ... born 2/19/77 ... has one brother (Troy) ... majoring in business administration.

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Loranzo West
Center
6-4, 285, Junior
Memphis, Tennessee
(Melrose High)

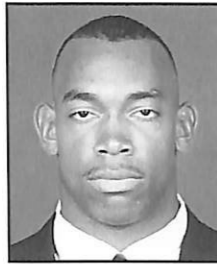
#64



... will compete for starting time at center ... is a two-year letterman ... **1996:** played in seven games at offensive guard, making two starts ... **1995:** played in four games at offensive guard ... **High School:** coached by Will Turner ... named all-city ... also named team's top offensive lineman as a junior and senior ... also lettered two years in basketball and track & field ... helped his football team to the district championship twice ... **Personal:** Loranzo DeShard West ... born 8/14/77 ... has one brother (Co'daryl) and five sisters (Quisha, Erica, Rhonda, Laciasha, and Latonia) ... majoring in health, physical education, and recreation.

Armand Williams
Inside Linebacker
6-2, 235, Junior
Detroit, Michigan
(Benedictine High/Eastern Michigan University)

#58



... is a projected starter at inside linebacker ... sat out last season ... **1996:** did not play after transferring from Eastern Michigan ... **Eastern Michigan:** was a linebacker at Eastern Michigan ... was a redshirt in 1994 ... played in eight games in 1995, but recorded no tackles ... **High School:** coached by Ted Mac ... named All-Catholic all-state (honorable mention) as a senior ... had a 3.0 GPA ... is a 1994 graduate ... **Personal:** Armand Idris Williams ... born 4/7/76 ... has one brother (Donald) ... majoring in arts and sciences.

Ted Williams
Quarterback
6-2, 195, Freshman
Houston, Texas
(Lamar High)

#12



... will compete for playing time at quarterback ... sat out last year ... **1996:** was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Tom Nolen ... was all-district as a senior ... also named team's most improved player ... also lettered one year in baseball ... completed 84-of-162 passes for 1,208 yards and 12 TDs as a senior, helping his team to the second round of the playoffs ... **Personal:** Theodore Williams, Jr. ... born 9/16/77 ... has one brother (Ramian) and one sister (Shana) ... plans to major in business.

Bennie Zeigler
Defensive End
6-3, 225, Sophomore
St. Petersburg, Florida
(Gibbs High/Clemson University)

#9



... made an impact last year after transferring from Clemson ... is a projected starter at defensive end ... is a one-year letterman ... **1996:** played in 11 games ... had 23 tackles (16 unassisted) and 4.5 tackles for loss of 18 yards, including 2.5 sacks for 13 yards, in 1996 ... **Clemson:** was a redshirt in 1995 ... **High School:** coached by Al Davis ... was all-conference ... named team's defensive player of the year ... helped his team to the district crown ... had 98 tackles as a senior ... was the number two outside linebacker in the state ... **Personal:** Bennie K. Zeigler ... born 5/29/77 ... majoring in arts and sciences ... has two brothers (Bobby and James) and two sisters (Cindy and Merinda).



1997 Newcomers



Donell Brantley, Running Back, 5-10, 215, Freshman, Jonesboro, Tennessee (Jonesboro High)—Donell Jamaka Brantley ... born 7/3/78 ... rushed for 1,973 yards and 29 touchdowns on 253 carries as a senior ... was the leading rusher in the county and fifth in the state ... coached by Jed Hodges ... had 284 yards rushing on eight carries in a single game ... also lettered in track and basketball ... is undecided on major ... has one brother (Jerome) and one sister (Latina) ... was also recruited by South Carolina State, Georgia Southern, and Albany State.

Tyrone Butterfield, Wide Receiver, 5-9, 190, Junior, Miami, Florida (Central High/University of Michigan)—Tyrone Anthony Butterfield III ... born 1/7/77 ... transferred from Michigan ... majoring in arts and sciences ... **1996:** caught one pass for 9 yards and returned 14 kickoffs for 301 yards (22.5 yards per return) in 1996 at Michigan ... had a KO return of 59 yards against Michigan State last season ... **1995:** caught three passes for 59 yards in 1995 at Michigan, playing in 11 of 13 games ... also returned two punts for nine yards vs. Miami and a kickoff for 19 yards vs. Minnesota in '95 ... **1994:** was a redshirt in 1994 at Michigan ... **High School:** ranked as the number 13 wide receiver prospect in the nation by *Prep Football Report* at Central High ... played wide receiver, quarterback, running back, and defensive back ... named the second-best all-purpose back and an All-American by the *National Recruiting Advisor* ... set the Central High career record for touchdowns with 39, passing for nine, rushing for 11, catching 14 and returning three punts and two kickoffs for scores ... accounted for 4,529 career yards from scrimmage ... caught 63 career passes for 1,218 yards (19.3 average), while rushing 93 times for 1,158 yards ... was second team All-Dade County as a senior and third team as a junior and sophomore ... was a four-year letterman in track and a three-year starter for the basketball team ... served as vice-president of the junior class.

David Clark, Defensive End, 6-3, 220, Freshman, Miami, Florida (Coral Park High)—David Jolorn Clark ... born 11/30/79 ... coached by Joe Montoya ... recorded 230 total tackles (150 assisted), six caused fumbles, three fumble recoveries, and 12 sacks in his career ... was a third-team all-county selection ... had a 3.2 GPA ... plans to major in agricultural engineering ... has one sister (Sharell).

Kippie Cork, Free Safety, 6-1, 180, Junior, Weir, Mississippi (French Camp Academy/Holmes Community College)—Kippie Kenyanta Cork ... born 12/27/76 ... received best defensive back award at Holmes C.C. ... coached by Bruce Hosket at FCA ... lettered one year in track and four years in basketball in high school ... was the team's MVP in basketball as a senior

at FCA ... majoring in industrial technology ... has one sister (Tulonda) ... was also recruited by Memphis.

Luther Dollar, Defensive End, 6-2, 220, Freshman, Miami, Florida (Northwestern High)—Luther De'Leon Dollar IV ... born 4/3/79 ... coached by Willie Goldsmith ... was all-county honorable mention as a senior ... helped the team to a state championship as a junior and district crown as a senior ... had 29 tackles, three caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and 12 sacks as a senior ... recorded 15 tackles, six fumble recoveries, and six sacks as a junior ... has one brother (Esque) ... plans to major in education ... also recruited by Pittsburgh.

Jamill Dye, Inside Linebacker, 6-0, 220, Freshman, Clinton, Tennessee (Oak Ridge High)—Jamill Dan'iel Dye ... born 10/3/78 ... coached by Joe Gaddis ... played fullback and defensive end ... averaged 13.2 yards per carry as a senior ... also averaged eight tackles per game last season ... helped his team to a 36-4 record in his three years ... his team was district and region champs all three years ... lettered four years in football and three years in track ... was a member of the student advisory board ... has three brothers (Jonathan, Dedrick, and Jamar) ... plans to major in business or education ... was also recruited by North Carolina, Kentucky State, and Allegheny College.

Lamont Ford, Nose Guard, 6-2, 280, Redshirt Freshman, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (Dillard High/University of Louisville)—was a redshirt at Louisville last year ... coached by Ken Scott at Dillard ... was an all-state, all-region, and all-county selection as a senior ... registered 112 tackles and seven sacks as a senior ... was a team captain ... lettered four years in football and three years in track ... was also an all-county performer in track and field as well ... also considered going to Kansas, Kansas State, and Syracuse.

Jamil Graham, Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 245, Sophomore, Atlanta, Georgia (Druid Hills High/Mississippi State University)—Jamil Quanard Graham ... born 12/3/77 ... plans to major in educational psychology ... played in 10 games as a redshirt freshman last year at MSU ... was a reserve on the defensive line for the Bulldogs ... had four total tackles in 1996 ... coached by Gary Bloodshaw at Druid Hills High, graduating in 1995 ... listed as 17th-best defensive line prospect in the southeast region by *Bluechip Illustrated* ... selected to play in the Georgia-Florida high school all-star game ... was honorable mention all-state at linebacker ... made 154 tackles during his senior year at inside linebacker, after registering 64 tackles and five sacks at outside linebacker as a junior ... was also a three-year letterman in basketball.

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Terrance Guyton, Nose Guard, 6-1, 285, Redshirt Freshman, Midway, Georgia (Liberty County High/Austin Peay State University)—Terrance R. Guyton ... born 11/20/77 ... was a redshirt at Austin Peay last year ... coached by Tommy Brennan at Liberty County High ... played defensive end and defensive tackle ... graduated with honors ... plans to major in electrical engineering.

Garr Holland, Defensive End, 6-3, 235, Freshman, Memphis, Tennessee (Central High)—Garr E. Holland ... born 4/17/79 ... lettered as a junior and senior at defensive end ... also lettered three years in track ... is undecided on major ... has two sisters (Nikia and Tammy) ... also considered Grambling State, Ole Miss, and Southern Illinois.

Charlie Houston, Defensive Back, 6-1, 195, Freshman, Dayton, Ohio (Patterson High)—Charles Davis Houston ... born 4/11/79 ... coached by Ron Rowland ... was all-conference and all-area (second team) as a senior ... had 56 tackles, three caused fumbles, five interceptions, one fumble recovery, and 12 pass breakups as a senior ... recorded 64 tackles, four caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries, three interceptions, and ten pass breakups as a junior ... plans to major in business ... has two brothers (TSU football recruit, Lloyd, and Randall) and one sister (Tasha) ... was also considering Ohio, Ball State, Mississippi State, Iowa, and West Virginia.

Lloyd Houston, Defensive Lineman, 6-5, 225, Freshman, Dayton, Ohio (Patterson High)—Lloyd Serome Houston ... born 5/8/78 ... coached by Ron Rowland ... played defensive end ... recorded 49 tackles, six caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries, four sacks, and three pass breakups as a senior ... plans to major in business ... has two brothers (TSU football recruit, Charlie, and Randall) and one sister (Tasha) ... was also considering Ball State, Clark Atlanta, and Central State.

Camron Howard, Wide Receiver, 6-0, 170, Freshman, Tullahoma, Tennessee (Tullahoma High)—Camron Johnson Howard ... is undecided on major ... coached by John Olive ... was a wide receiver and kickoff returner...participated in the Tennessee East/West All-Star game ... was named the region's MVP ... was also all-midstate and all-state ... lettered three years in basketball ... also lettered in track, earning All-America honors in the long jump ... set two state high school records in the long jump and triple jump ... competed in the Pan American Games in Cuba ... is an only child ... also considered Tennessee Tech, Middle Tennessee State, Tennessee, and Alabama.

Charles Ingram, Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 270, Freshman, Memphis, Tennessee (White State High/Austin Peay State University)—Charles Hoesker Ingram ... born 1/25/78 ... sat out last season as a redshirt at Austin Peay ... is a 1996 graduate ... was all-district at offensive guard as a senior ... lettered four years in football ... was a team captain ... named team's best defensive lineman as a junior and senior ... plans to major in electrical engineering ... has three brothers (Cedric, Cortney, and Christopher) and three sisters (Catrina, Chabria, and Desiree) ... also considered Murray State, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee-Martin, Western Kentucky, and Southern Illinois.

Marvin Jones, Running Back, 5-11, 180, Freshman, Dayton, Ohio (Patterson High)—Marvin B. Jones II ... born 11/11/78 ... coached by Ron Rowland ... played tailback, defensive back, and outside linebacker ... rushed for 1,200 yards and a city-leading 15 touchdowns on 220 carries as a senior ... also had six receptions for 105 yards (17.5 yards per catch) as a senior ... had 154 carries for 1,063 yards and 12 TDs and caught nine passes for 48 yards ... had a 3.4 GPA ... was all-city, all-area, all-district, and all-state ... lettered four years in track ... has two brothers (Quincy and Darrell) and two sisters (Keyatta and Brandy) ... also considered Ball State, Akron, Vanderbilt, Bowling Green, Miami (OH), Colgate, and Dartmouth.

Eric Joyce, Cornerback, 5-11, 180, Freshman, Nashville, Tennessee (Whites Creek High)—Eric Tomez' Joyce ... born 11/24/78 ... coached by Richard Coure ... was all-metro, all-region, all-midstate, and honorable mention all-state at safety ... had 88 tackles, one interception, seven pass breakups, and two caused fumbles as a senior, while rushing for 890 yards and nine TDs ... recorded 75 tackles and six interceptions as a junior ... was named the school's athlete of the year ... lettered three years in basketball, earning all-region and honorable mention all-midstate honors as a senior ... averaged 13 points and four assists per game as a senior ... also lettered as a junior and senior in track ... has 4.4 speed ... his cousin is Dontae' Jones of the New York Knicks ... has one brother (Kevin) and one sister (Lasheryl) ... is undecided on major ... also considered Wake Forest, Tennessee Tech, Middle Tennessee State, Austin Peay, and Tennessee-Martin.

KaRon Key, Fullback, 5-10, 230, Freshman, Nashville, Tennessee (Maplewood High)—KaRon Renaal Key ... born 7/16/79 ... coached by Ed Vanhoose ... played fullback and inside linebacker ... was the team's defensive player of the year ... had a 3.7 GPA ... also lettered in baseball ... is undecided on major ... has one brother (Jamal) ... also considered Memphis and Austin Peay.

Robert Mitchell, Wide Receiver, 5-11, 180, Freshman, Nashville, Tennessee (Pearl-Cohn High)—Robert LaShawn Mitchell ... born 3/17/78 ... is a 1996 graduate ... coached by Maurice Fitzgerald ... played running back, wide receiver, and defensive back ... was all-metro and all-region as a senior ... lettered four years in football ... plans to major in accounting ... has one brother (Henry).

Leon Murray, Quarterback, 6-3, 195, Sophomore, Shreveport, Louisiana (Byrd High/University of Pittsburgh)—Everett Leon Murray Jr. ... born 1/10/77 ... transferred from Pittsburgh after the 1996 season ... plans to major in economics and finance ... has one brother and three sisters ... his father, Leon, played football at Kentucky ... 1996: played in seven games ... moved to wide receiver in spring drills to help solidify a very thin unit ... caught five passes for 38 yards (7.6 yards per reception) during the season ... had one carry for a ten-yard loss ... 1995: was a redshirt ... **High School:** coached by Alan Carter ... was an honorable mention all-state selection ... named all-city and all-district three times ... lettered three years, breaking the school's record for career passing yardage ... named *Street & Smith* honorable mention All-American ... was named all-state and district's MVP in basketball, earning the honor to play in the state basketball all-star game.

Walter Reese, Defensive End, 6-1, 200, Freshman, Fort Wayne, Indiana (Southside High)—Walter Lamar Reese ... born 12/14/79 ... coached by Gradlin Pruitt ... had 66 solo tackles, two blocked kicks, two interceptions, 5.5 sacks, and one fumble recovery in his last year ... also caught 14 passes for 300 yards and five touchdowns at wide receiver as a senior...was a three-year letterman ... named all-conference and academic all-state in football ... also lettered in basketball, earning all-conference honors ... has eight brothers (Charlie, Terry, Elgin, Quinten, Julian, Donlaray, Jovon, and Richard) and four sisters (Vnemina, Nedrena, Jana, and Maqube) ... plans to major in pre-medicine ... also considered Ball State, Toledo, Central Michigan, and Ohio.

Kelvin Simmons, Fullback, 5-10, 225, Freshman, Tallahassee, Florida (Florida A&M High)—Kelvin Maurice Simmons ... born 1/21/79 ... coached by Harry Jacobs ... lettered three years in track and baseball ... rushed for 586 yards and three touchdowns on 54 carries as a senior ... helped his track team achieve its eleventh straight state title ... was on the honor roll ... plans to major in engineering ... has one sister (Brianna) ... also considered Florida A&M, South Florida, and North Carolina A&T.

Jermaine Smith, Quarterback, 6-3, 190, Freshman, Darlington, South Carolina (Darlington High)—Jermaine Cortez Smith ... born 7/27/79 ... coached by Gerald Harrison ... was all-area and all-region ... helped his team to the city, conference, and upper state crowns ... completed 156-of-296 passes for 2,491 yards and 30 touchdowns as a senior, his only year playing quarterback ... also rushed for 160 yards and nine TDs ... was number two in the state in passing yardage and touchdowns passing ... named team's offensive player of the year ... was the top rebounder on the basketball squad ... is undecided on major ... has three brothers (Detric, Sedrick, and James) and one sister (Jamie) ... also considered The Citadel, East Tennessee State, North Carolina A&T, and Norfolk State.

Lawrence Smith, Offensive Guard, 6-4, 305, Freshman, Atlanta, Georgia (Booker T. Washington High)—Lawrence Anthony Smith Jr. ... born 8/16/79 ... coached by Rodney Cofield ... played offensive and defensive tackle ... also lettered in soccer and track ... graduated in top ten percent of class ... was all-city ... started 20 consecutive games at offensive tackle in two years ... had 41 tackles, two fumble recoveries, three pass breakups, and three sacks as a senior ... plans to major in accounting ... has one brother (Marquise) ... was also considering Memphis, Albany State, Johnson C. Smith, and Morris Brown.

Rossi Spiller, Wide Receiver, 5-11, 185, Sophomore, Sugarland, Texas (Dulles High)—Rossi Dee Spiller ... born 6/19/77 ... is an only child ... plans to major in accounting ... will compete for playing time at wide receiver ... has great speed and good hands ... is very strong for his position ... is a walk-on ... attended Houston Community College and Blinn College (TX) before coming to TSU ... is a 1995 graduate from Dulles High ... played wide receiver and cornerback ... was all-city, all-district, and all-state (second team) as a senior ... had 12 catches for 520 yards as a senior ... lettered in track as a freshman and senior ... was the state champion in the 400m dash.



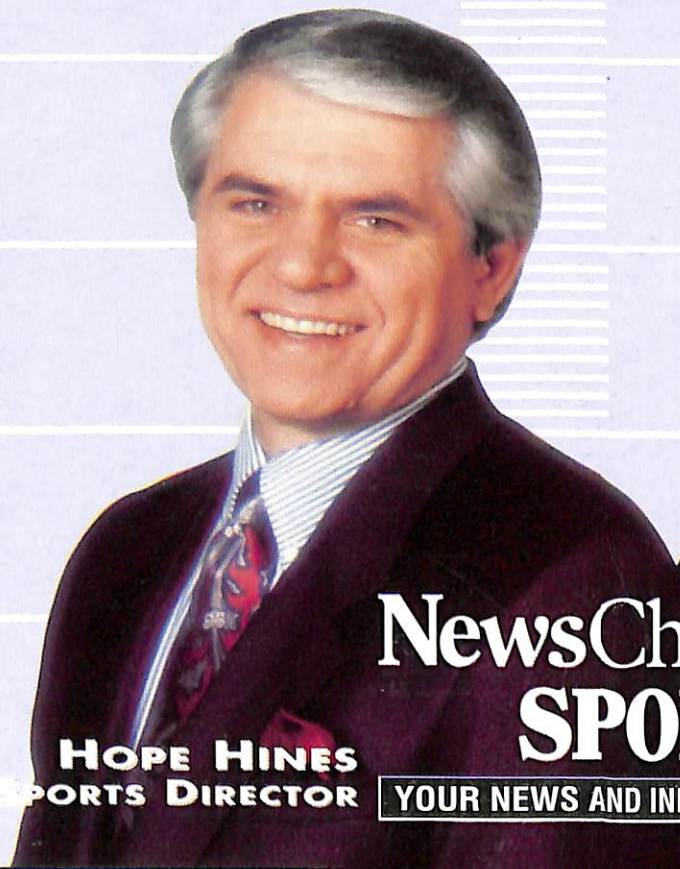
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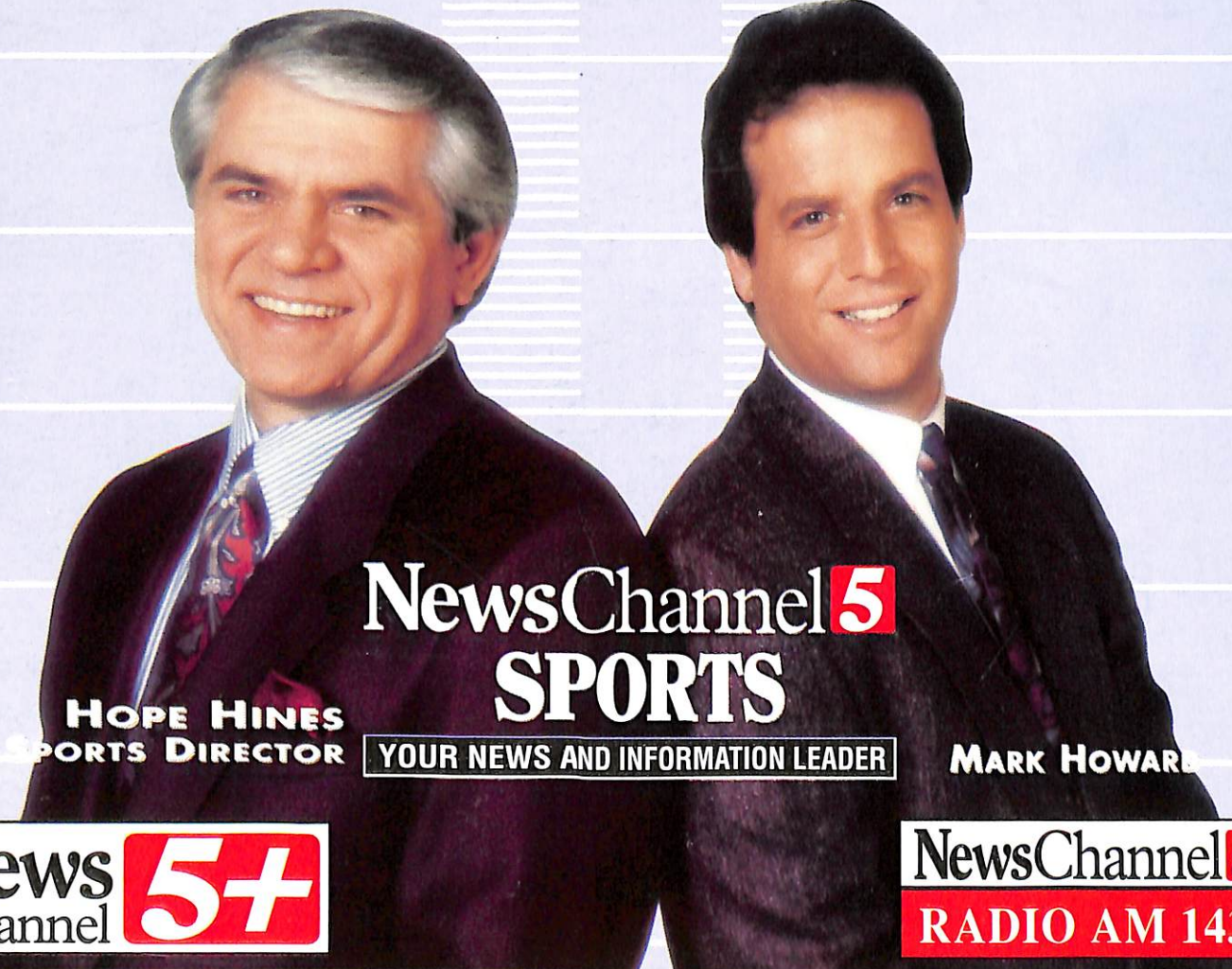
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