

Basketball scouting reports

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favorite to win the crown, but who 21-7 record of a year ago. knows what'll happen come tournament time? A&M is led by 6-6 junior played the role of spoiler recently, forward Leafus Thomas, who averag- seems poised to challenge for regulared 19.1 points and 8.8 rebounds last season honors this season. The Rams,

The Bulldogs have two other starters who can light up the scoreboard, too. Donald Reddus, a junior forward, averaged 17.8 points last year, guard Calvin Staten 18.1. With the addition of 6-4 freshman guard Ondreay

coached by Oliver Jones (brother of professional players Wilbert, Caldwell and Major Jones, all of whom played under Oliver) made it to the semifinals of the Division II championship last year before losing to North Alabama.

Chamberlain Campbell, a 6-7 the Bulldogs could improve on their points and 8.5 rebounds in his rookie Lee. The 6-3 sophomore enjoyed an

season. Curtis Redden, a 6-5 senior, chipped in with nine points a game from the other forward post.

Running the show for Jones will be 6-3 senior point guard Carl Faison, who averaged seven points and four assists in '83-84.

Clark College, which had a respectable 17-12 record a year ago, will also challenge A&M. The Panthers, coached by Robert Pritchett, have one of the Wagner and 6-5 transfer Bobby Lloyd, sophomore forward, racked up 13 premier guards in the SIAC in Ernest

impressive freshman season in which he averaged 21.6 points and 5.7 assists per game. Backcourt mate Willie Fields, who averaged nine points last season, also returns.

Rounding out the list of potential contenders are Russell Ellington's Savannah State Tigers, who finished 10-13 last year, but return standouts Charlie Askew and Greg Hillman. Highly-touted freshman Calvin Lainge will also offer immediate help.

- SAM DAVIS and EDWARD HILL

Do scouts know their stuff?

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Or do they?

annual player draft, the player is left to rookie season and led the NFL in ineither cast his lot with the United States Football League or sign with the NFL as a free agent.

Despite the emergence of the USFL and its big bucks, many undrafted players sign with the NFL as free agents, and, over the years, the NFL has saved itself a small fortune by signing cheap talent.

NFL clubs passed on Grambling cor- best to ever play the game. nerback Everson Walls. Walls, from

When the NFL ignores a player in its free agent, won a starting job in his drafted, including current players like reception record at Florida A&M. terceptions.

> For about \$50,000 a year, the Cowboys had themselves a cornerback who was easily worth \$200,000 a

The pro scouts similarly overlooked South Carolina State defensive end David "Deacon" Jones, who went on The best example of this fire-sale ac- to sign as a free agent with the Los over black college talent. tivity occurred in 1981, when all 28 Angeles Rams and become one of the

Many other players who have made

Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Billy "White Shoes" Johnson and Chicago Bears safety Gary Fencik.

> Oftentimes, such players are from small colleges, including predominantly black ones. That is not to suggest that the NFL is racist in its playeracquisition policies, although that theory is drawn by some who wonder

Last season, black-college coaches raved about Ray Alexander, a 6-5 wide

how the league can consistently pass

Dallas, signed with the Cowboys as a it to the NFL, despite not being receiver who broke virtually every pass

The pro scouts were unimpressed, though. And Alexander, who thought he might be picked in the first three rounds of the 1984 draft, wound up signing with the Denver Broncos as a

Why? It is growing increasingly clear that the NFL operates by a rigid set of standards. If a player violates just one of them, his chances of being drafted are greatly reduced.

In the case of Walls and Alexander, the players were said to lack the blazing Please See Page 24



Black College Report

Kincy captured CIAA championships in the 177- and 190-pound weight classes, respectively, during 1983 and or "la gazelle noire," as she is known both should be much-improved in their internationally -- was applauded bids for national championships this

Anthony Daniel was a runner-up in both the CIAA and NAIA District 26 and goodwill ambassador for the championships in the 126-pound class during 1983 and should also challenge. for national honors.

Says Gorney: "We certainly have the caliber of athletes to challenge for national honors. They work hard, study hard and seem to keep the sport in proper perspective."

Still Moving Fast

as successful as was her career in track.

Seniors William Wright and Archie Since those fateful days that placed her name in the record books, she has continued to win acclaim. Rudolph around the world while serving as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Labor's nationwide training program United States to French West Africa.

She has been an administrative analyst at UCLA, human resources executive at Commerce Union Bank in Nashville and special consultant for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

She also has been named one of the 10 most popular lecturers on the college circuit.

Rudolph told her life story in her her life as the 20th of 22 children, from her bouts with a series of agonizing

for-profit amateur athletics program

"I enjoy mingling and supporting