AFRO SPORTS

Howard at Morgan

Bears can see end of slide Saturday

By Sam Lacy

Having fallen victim to a succession of obviously superior teams thus far, Morgan State figures to end the slide this weekend.

If that reads like wishful thinking or like a pep - talk for the frustrated Bears, it is neither. For the first time in their last 14 games going back to early '84, coach Jesse Thomas and his youngsters are hosting a Howard University eleven that is close to their level.

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Although comparative scores mean little in ordinary circumstances, an attempt to assess the chances of either team in this instance would be extremely trying.

Performances against two common foes offer encouragement to followers of neither Morgan nor Howard.

But on Saturday, Morgan will be the hungrier and they will be appearing in their home finale.

Both played North Carolina A and T and South Carolina State.

The Aggies had it relatively easy against the Bears, 48-20, on Sept. 28 at Greensboro, then thumped the Bison, 40-14, on Oct. 26, also at Greensboro.

South Carolina had it tougher but scored victories nevertheless. The Bulldogs downed Howard, 27-21, on Sept. 28 at Washington, then edged Morgan, 14-10, two weeks later in the Baltimore team's homecoming.

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To correct an earlier AFRO statement that Morgan may have played the tougher schedule, it is noted that neither did Howard lose to relative "patsies."

Morgan games included Delaware State, Massachusetts, Central State, South Carolina State, Towson State, Tennessee State and Jackson State, SWAC leader.

Howard on the other hand, scheduled University of Maine, Rhode Island, Winston - Salem and Bethune - Cookman in addition to S.C. State and A and T.

Double incentive for CIAA

Winning their own CIAA division titles will be the main priorities for Hampton and Winston-Salem football teams when they oppose their chief rivals Saturday.

But for each there may be a hidden incentive.

Hampton must beat pesky Virginia State at Hampton to clinch the Northern Division title, and Winston will have to turn back ambitious Livingstone to capture the South.

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Should both be successful, they then will clash for the conference championship on Nov. 23.

The hidden incentive? In the latest NCAA Division II ratings, Winston-Salem is ranked ninth and Hampton is placed 18th. The Pirates may be thinking to reverse that . . . LACY.

The football weekend

COLLEGE GAMES
Saturday

Howard at Morgan State
Bowie State at Univ. of D.C.
Delaware State at N. Eastern
Virginia State at Hampton
Elizabeth City at Va. Union
N. Carolina Central at A and T
Livingstone at Winston-Salem
Fayetteville at Johnson C. Smith
S. Carolina State at Grambling
Bethune at Morris Brown
Hillsdale at Central State
Southern at Fla. A and M (N)
Tuskegee at Alabama A & M
Miss. Valley at Ala. State (N)
Prairie View at Alcorn St.

NFL SCHEDULE
Sunday Afternoon

Buffalo at Cleveland
Chicago at Dallas
Cincinnati at Los Angeles Raiders
Kansas City at San Francisco
Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta
Minnesota at Detroit
New England at Seattle
New Orleans vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
Pittsburgh at Houston
St. Louis at Philadelphia
San Diego at Denver
Tampa Bay at New York Jets

Monday Night

New York Giants at Washington

COLLEGE RESULTS

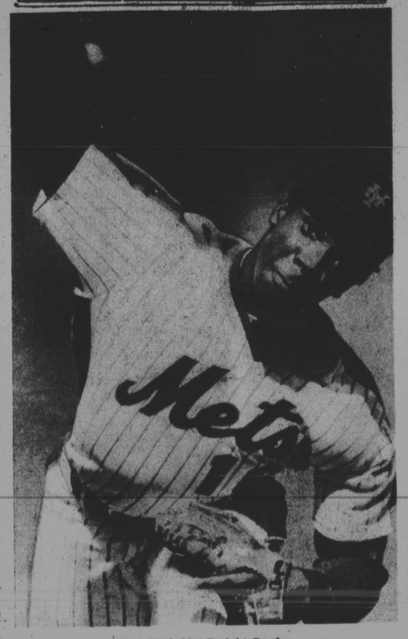
Livingstone 30, Bowie State 0
Hampton 15, St. Paul's 3
Va. State 27, Norfolk State 17
Howard 35, Morehouse 26
Fayetteville 34, U of DC 31
N.C. Central 41, Johnson C. Smith 28
W. Salem 33, Elizabeth City 18
S.C. State 32, Virginia Union 7
N.E. Missouri 46, Central St. 45
Tenn. State 24, Bethune 17
Mansfield 12, Cheyney State 6
W. Va. State 16, Ky. State 2
Fort Valley 29, Savannah St. 0
Morris Brown 28, Albany St. 14
Tuskegee 39, Miles College 7
Grambling 28, Ala. State 0
Texas Lutheran 31, Bishop 27

College standings

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE
Northern Division

Hampton	5	1	0
Norfolk St.	5	2	0
Elizabeth City	4	3	0
Virginia State	3	2	1
Virginia Union	3	3	0
St. Paul's	0	7	0

AT LONG LAST — Former Georgetown ace Patrick Ewing got into the flow Tuesday night and repeatedly outmaneuvered Phoenix center James Edwards to lead New York to a 103-93 victory at Madison Square Garden. Ewing (33) tallied 25 points as the Knicks registered their first win of the season.



New York Met Dwight Gooden voted best pitcher in National League

He's unanimous!!

Dwight Gooden on Wednesday was declared National League winner of the Cy Young Award, symbolic of the best pitcher in his baseball league.

That the New York Met ace would win appeared certain in advance. What wasn't certain, knowing the frivolous nature of voters, was that he was the unanimous choice.

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His 120 points including all 24 first-place votes, almost doubled the 65 accumulated by St. Louis Cardinal lefthander John Tudor.

Gooden's 1985 accomplishments extended to 24 victories and 4 loses, 1.53 earned run average, 268 strikeouts and eight shutouts in 16 complete games.

After Gooden and Tudor in the point-getting came Orel Hershiser, Dodgers, (17); Joaquin Andujar, Cardinals (6); Fernando Valezuela, Dodgers(4), and Cincinnati's Tom Browning (3).

International Saturday promises Laurel thrill

The Washington, D.C. International, born in the fertile mind of former Laurel Race Course owner John Shapiro, has experienced a sharp down turn in recent years.

So much so, that the one-time glamorous event of turf racing was attracting fewer and fewer horses of recognizable quality.

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All that has changed — as has the entire Maryland racing picture — under the imaginative direction of New owner Frank DeFrancis.

As a result of his aggressive approach tomorrow's (Saturday) 34th running of the International promises not only a well-contested race but a restoration of the festive atmosphere of a Triple Crown event.

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A truly international field has been assembled for the feature test in an afternoon of racing that commences with a 12 noon post time.

Favored will be the American entry named Win. Also expecting strong backing are Creme Fraiche of the United States, Strawberry Road of France and Yashgan of England.

The AFRO will try Mourjane, an Irish entry . . . LACY.

Ask Barry

Q. Are the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders allowed to date any of the players? — Name withheld by request, Savannah, Ga.

A. That is a strict no-no with the Cowboys. In fact, most every other club in pro football has a similar policy. Cheerleaders who become involved with players are forced to choose between their romances and the cheerleading jobs.

Q. How come Tony Dorsett's name always comes up when the Dallas Cowboys and drugs are mentioned? — Samuel Harris, New York.

A. You tell me. Or better yet, tell Tony. The guy is just unlucky as can be. He has never been in trouble with the law, yet when rumors begin with the Cowboys, they generally include Dorsett. That's unfortunate.

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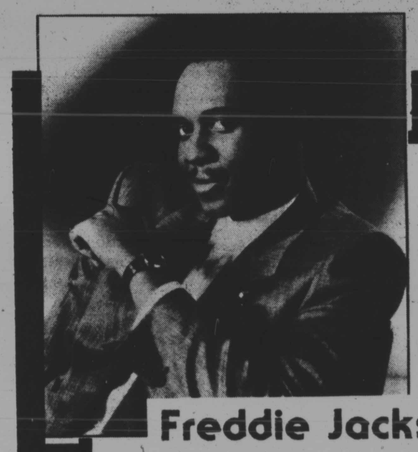

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Jennifer Holliday

With Special Guest:
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Friday, November 15th
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