BLACK COLLEGE REPORT

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football's all-time winningest coach.

In his 45th year as the Tigers' mentor, Robinson has only had three losing seasons. He has had nine seasons with 10 or more wins and seven seasons with nine victories.

Moreover, since such records have been kept, only two of his teams have been outscored. But no Grambling team has been outscored since 1952 ....

• Aggie Pride: North Carolina A&T was off its best start since 1972 when it opened with five straight wins.

The Aggies would equal their best start since 1969 with a win over Mississippi Valley Oct. 11 in Greensboro, N.C.

But the most difficult part of their schedule comes in November. After a date at Howard University Oct. 25, the Aggies will play Bethune-Cookman, Delaware State, North Carolina Central and Appalachian State, ranked sixth in the NCAA Division I-AA poll.

Still, the B-CC and DelState games will be played in Greensboro. A&T, B-CC and DelState all were unbeaten in conference play at press time.

If A&T finishes with nine wins, Coach **Mo Forte** should be named the black college Coach of the Year after going 13-28-1 in his first four years at the school ....

• Easy Street: Central State's **Alvin Street** didn't take it easy on Lincoln University, setting single-game school records for the most touchdowns (five) and points (30) in a 65-6 win Oct. 4.

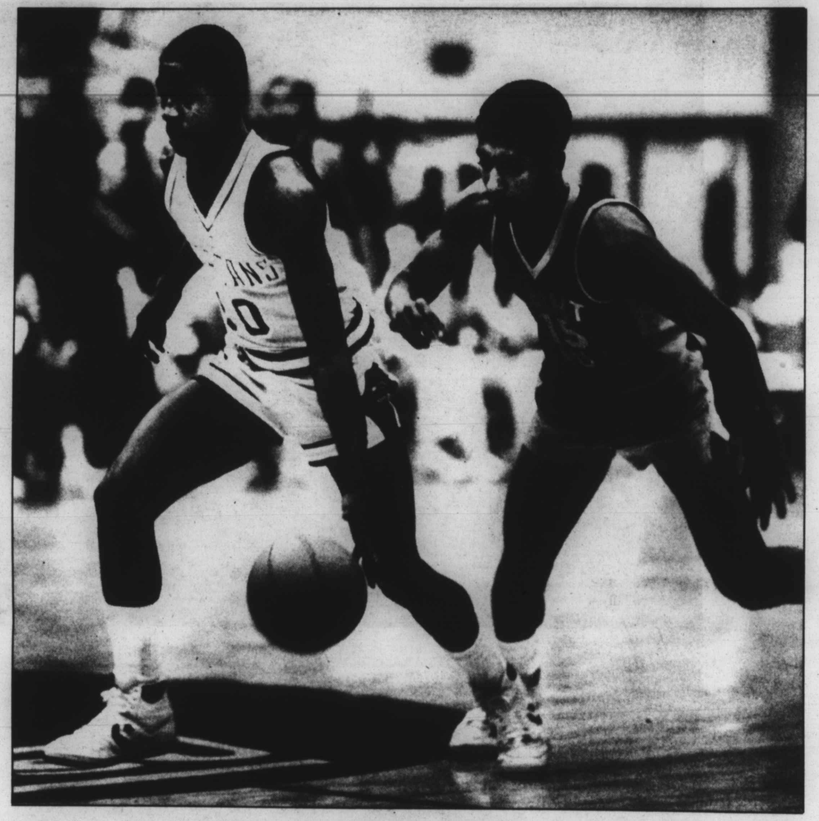
The Marauder running back had 112 yards on 16 carries, a 46-yard kickoff return and a 40-yard pass reception in the rout ....

• Flying With The Eagles: By the time you read this, North Carolina Central quarterback **Earl "Air" Harvey** will probably hold the CIAA career passing record, held previously by his predecessor, **Gerald Fraylon**.

The sophomore from Fayetteville, N.C, had 5,198 passing years through the first 16 games of his career, good for third place on the CIAA's all-time list behind second-place **Elroy Duncan** of Johnson C. Smith and Fraylon. Duncan, who played from 1967-70, passed for 5,414 yards and Fraylon, who played at Central from 1981-84, passed for 5,794 yards ....

• A Catchy Clark: An Eagle already had established a CIAA career record when wide receiver **Robert Clark** caught five touchdown passes in a 44-16 win over Fayetteville State Sept. 27.

Clark, who already owns the career reception yardage record, moved past St. Paul's **James Woodson**, who caught 192 passes from 1974-77. Through NCCU's sixth game, Clark had 197 career receptions for 4,004 yards.



Norfolk State all-America Ralph Tally: Honors are starting to trickle in already.

His five TD receptions against Fayetteville State equalled his conference single-game record he set last year against Johnson C. Smith ....

• Dynamic Duo: Clark and teammate **Robert Green** were closing in on a unique national record. Each had caught at least one pass in 35 consecutive games through Central's 22-21 loss to Winston-Salem State. The national record is 38 straight ....

• A Southern Cook: Texas Southern's **Sean Cook** was racking up some Harvey-like numbers for the Tigers. The 6-foot-2, 185-pound Cook had 1,970 yards and 18 touchdowns in six games. TSU wide receiver **Ronald Narcisse** had caught 53 passes for 654 yards and 10 scores and teammate **Darrell Colbert** 48 passes for 663 yards and seven touchdowns ....

• A View On A Vote: Prairie View A&M cracked the Sheridan black-college poll for the first time this decade during the first week of October. What was strange about this was that the Panthers were 1-5 at press time. Yet, whoever voted for the Panthers had a sense of history. For, when they beat Grambling State 24-19 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas Oct. 4, it was their first SWAC win since 1978.

Although it's hard to view such a vote as responsible with the credibility problems that are inherent in sports polls, such a rare win -- and one over college football's winningest coach -- deserved all the recognition it could muster ....

• Low Point For Delta Devils: When Southern University beat Mississippi Valley State 28-7 Oct. 4, it marked the Delta Devils' lowest scoring output since 1982, when they edged Alabama A&M 7-6.

Sounds like hard times for MVSU, which averaged 57 points a game in 1984 and 42 last season. Still, the Delta Devils recorded 14.5 sacks in the loss to Southern ....

• The Union Label: Label the Virginia Union Panthers serious contenders for the CIAA Northern Division title.

Big fullback **Adrian Wright** (6-foot-2, 252 pounds) rushed for 573 yards and eight touchdowns in Union's first five games. The Panthers at press time were in sole possession of the division lead with a 3-0 mark, 5-0 overall.

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plus I'm concentrating on leading the defense. I like to lead by example."

Elam's physical attributes are considerable. However, his greatest asset, according to TSU Defensive Coordinator Craig Gilliam, is exceptional mental ability.

"He gets my signals from the sidelines and instructs every player on their individual assignments," Gilliam explains. "After the call is made, he's able to make instant judgments on what adjustments to make, just as if I was out on the field."

Elam has matured greatly, Gilliam adds, and it shows in his self-discipline, particularly when it comes to handling stress. "Onzy has an innate skill to direct people to a common goal and remind our players of all the little things that make our defense work to perfection," Gilliam says.

Gilliam's approach on defense is for his unit to attack the offense; that is, to dictate to an offense what it will do. That philosophy, along with Elam's presence, enables Gilliam to employ a variety of looks that are limited only by the defensive coach's imagination.

TSU's loyal followers got an early taste of what '86 will be like for their favorite team's defense as the Tigers turned back two nationally ranked teams at the start of this season.

Against Middle Tennessee State, an in-town rival who was ranked No. 4 in the I-AA poll at the time, the Big Blue defense dominated in a 7-6 win. MTSU boasted many of the same players that went undefeated last year, yet the Tigers gave up just two field goals and limited the potent Blue Raider offense to seven first downs and 176 yards total offense.

MTSU is the defending Ohio Valley Conference champion, which TSU joined this past summer.

The following week, the Tigers prevailed 20-10 over 14th-ranked Jackson State. Captain Onzy's crew again played a significant role, first allowing 10 first-half points and then slamming the door on JSU for the rest of the contest.

The pro team that drafts Elam will have an interesting dilemma on its hands. With someone that big and fast, where's the best place to play him? Linebacker or defensive back?

Elam's speed brings up that question.

If it's determined that he's best-suited for the secondary, it won't be the first time a college linebacker has been converted to DB. After all, Lester Hayes, a master bump-and-run cornerback for the L.A. Raiders, was a linebacker at Texas A&M. And Kenny Houston, formerly a strong safety for the Washington Redskins, backed the line during his days at Prairie View A&M.

Gilliam feels Elam can play either position in the NFL, and so does Onzy. Predictably, however, the captain is partial to playing his present position. "But when it comes down to the money," Elam says, "it doesn't really matter which position I play."

Gilliam is very aware of Elam's pro potential, but he doesn't believe that it's essential to focus on that right now. "I'm concerned about two things at this point," the coach says. "One is that Onzy be able to keep his attention on his studies so he'll graduate this December. The other is how he performs for TSU. Once the season is over, we'll concentrate on the pros."

One of Elam's pre-season goals is to earn a berth on some all-America teams. And, with the Tigers' '86 schedule, he'll get a lot of exposure with contests against MTSU, Grambling and East Texas State. All he has to do is maintain his consistency and let the rest take care of itself.

Of course, there's more to Onzy Elam than shoulder pads, defensive

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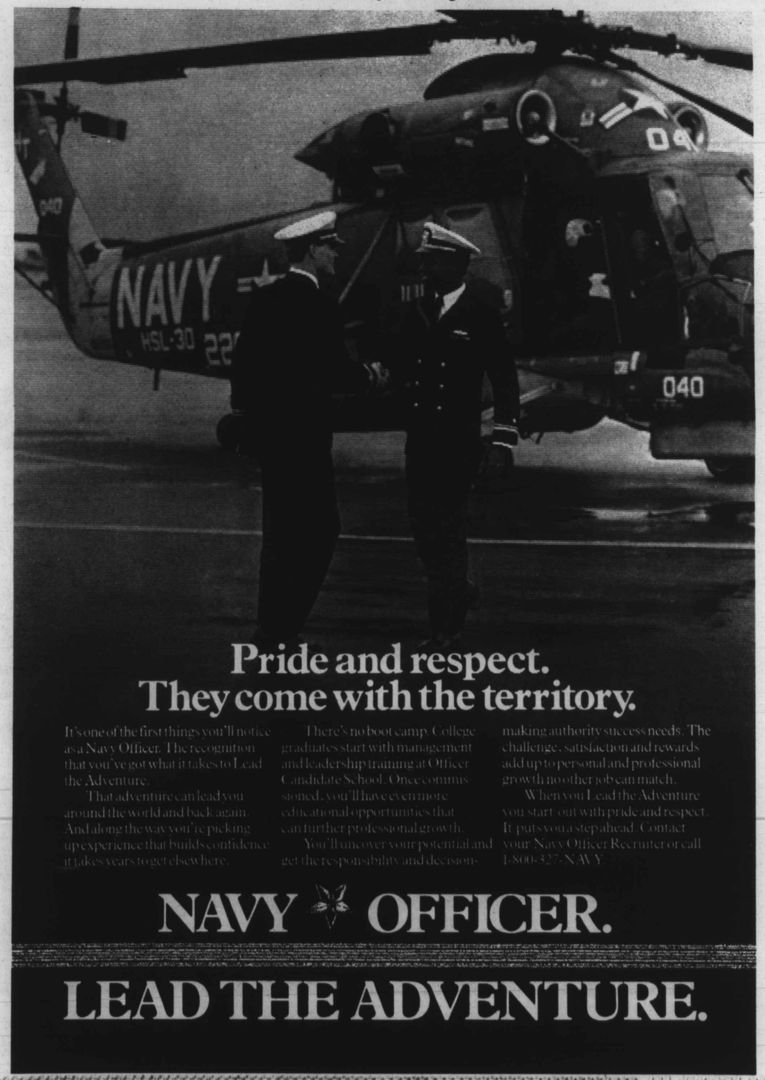

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