

Hampton Squad Is Classy

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HAMPTON, Va., Oct. 6.—After three weeks of intensive practice the Hampton Pirates squad is looking very promising. Coach Gideon Smith has stressed the importance of blocking and sure tackling throughout the opening drills, while Coach Neilson has been developing fine punters and passers.

The Pirates squad shapes up as one of the leading contenders for the C.I.A.A. title. With the opening game still two weeks away, it is certain that there will be a strong, well-trained group of Pirates warriors awaiting the call to arms. With a wealth of fine material coming up from last year's freshmen team, the reserve strength will be better than usual.

Captain Griffin will lead a very speedy, backfield which is sure to bring many sad and gloomy moments into the enemy's camp. Griffin has been one of the most sensational players in the C.I.A.A. for the past three years, and he is surrounded by three very capable backs. All of these men are excellent kickers, and better than fair passers. Horace Thompson, Samuel McGhee, Jules Jackson and Carlton Smith are the other leading backfield candidates.

These speedy backs will be supported by a fast charging line. William Hudgins, and James Stuart are the outstanding line men. Hudgins, a veteran Pirate end, has been one of the most dependable pass catchers, and promises to end a very colorful grid career by making this season his best. James Stuart, Hampton's best bet for all C.I.A.A. guard, will be the fifth man in several backfields this season. He is also one of the best blockers in the conference.

Others who have been very impressive in the pre-season drills are: Moton, tackle; Nash, end; Payton, halfback.

With a powerful offensive headed by the elusive, fast stepping Griffin, and a strong defense, it is certain that after the smoke of the gridiron wars have cleared away, the Pirate crew will have had their share of victories. The Pirates open October 21 in Bluefield.