

WILLIAMS RECEIVES HONOR

By Everett Jackson

Horace Williams, a native of Farmville, N.C., received All-American honors at the NCAA Wrestling Tournament recently held at Davis, California. Williams, despite the defeat he suffered in the NAIA regionals, was selected to compete in the NCAA as a wild card favorite. While participating in the NCAA Tournament, Williams recorded three impressive victories and one dueling setback to Jim Vilaliev (7 to 6), the defending NCAA national champion.

Williams placed second in the tournament and was proclaimed All-American because of his outstanding ability, motivation and poise. "At first there was a lot of pressure on me, but I became more confident and relaxed as I began to meet and talk with various persons competing in the tournament," says Williams. "Everyone felt I would do well and was behind me all the way. I felt...well, I felt a little hesitant about my performance and sometimes questioned myself."

Williams, junior captain of the Ram wrestling team, led the squad to their second consecutive CIAA Champion-



HORACE WILLIAMS

ship. Williams concluded the season with a 26-4 record and has compiled an 80-14 record overall at WSSU. He was named NAIA most valuable wrestler, but admits being named All-American is his ultimate accomplishment. "It feels great!" reveals a smiling Williams. "Although I wanted to win the NCAA, I was pleased. There is a myth that representatives from black colleges can't compete in the 'superior' NCAA Tournament. I wanted to prove I could, and I did," expresses Williams, the All-American.

Ask E.J.



Q. What CIAA team currently has the most players in the NBA? J.B.

A. Overall, there are numerous players from black colleges in the NBA. However, the CIAA has only four representatives, ironically three are on the same team. They are: from the San Antonio Spurs, Mike Gale; Elizabeth City, and from the Washington Bullets, Bobby Dandridge, Norfolk State; Ricky Mahorn, Hampton Institute; and Carlos Terry, Winston-Salem State University.

Q. Was Robert Eller, sports editor of *The W-S. Chronicle*, a graduate of WSSU? T.C.

A. Not only was Eller a '74 graduate of WSSU, he was also sports editor of yours truly (*News Argus*) in his senior year. Incidentally, Eller was recently chosen CIAA Sportswriter of the Year and is a credit to the black press.

Q. What was the highest ranking Oregon State received last year and what was their final ranking in the polls? C.H.

A. Oregon State was ranked sixth in the nation by both the Associated Press (AP) and United Press International (UPI) for their highest ranking during the 1979-80 season. During the conclusion of the year Oregon was ranked seventh by AP and eighth by UPI.

Q. Was Earl Monroe the first player from WSSU to be drafted in the first round by the NBA? W.B.

A. Monroe, a '67 graduate of State, was the first Ram player to achieve instant fame in the NBA. Cleo Hill, a '62 graduate of State, was the first black athlete from Winston-Salem State (or from any predominantly black school) to be selected in the first round by the NBA. Hill was chosen by the Atlanta Hawks in 1962 and is currently a highly successful basketball coach at the Essex County College in Newark, New Jersey.

Have a question...Ask E.J. Please submit questions to the *News Argus* office, located in the lower level of the Alumni Building or at 110 Brown Hall.

MINI SPORTS

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Resorting to the rule "practice makes perfect," Coach Bill Hayes and his potential Ram football team are conditioning for the upcoming '81 season. After a mediocre 5-5 season in 1980, Hayes, through key recruits and cast-iron determination, seeks to bring the CIAA Title back home in '81.

Junior, Shelia McCray, 17, the star forward for the Hendricks Senior High School (HSHS) in Seattle, Washington, recently led the Lady Wildcats to a 48-47 exhibition victory. Shelia was "McNificent" as she scored 21 points and snatched 9 rebounds to lead her team in both categories. Although the game was a meaningless exhibition, her opponents were humiliated and frustrated...the men's basketball team at HSHS.

Timmy Newsome, the former Ram star and current running back for the Dallas Cowboys, states football is certainly not a game of roses. "It's a business, and a very serious one," admits Newsome. "You must be mentally prepared in college to take such a step. Also while in college you should obtain all the education you can because...hey...you're going to need it."

Smokin' Joe Frazier, the former heavyweight champion and arch-rival of Muhammad Ali, is seriously considering a boxing comeback. The 36-year-old Frazier will try to regain his patented "comin' at ya" style of boxing which annoyed many of his opponents (with the exception of George Foreman). When asked if he would consider fighting Ali (although the chances are slim-to-ZIP), Frazier smiled and said, "Sure, things have not changed that much between Ali and myself. I still have my 'smoke' and Ali still has his 'mouth.'"

Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the star guard (forward, center, etc.) of the Los Angeles Lakers, admits he would like to challenge the field of acting following his NBA career. The 6-8 Johnson is currently seen on various television commercials; however, he won fame when he portrayed Kareem Abdul Jabbar in "Magic Comes to Town" (last year's classic Los Angeles-Philadelphia championship series).

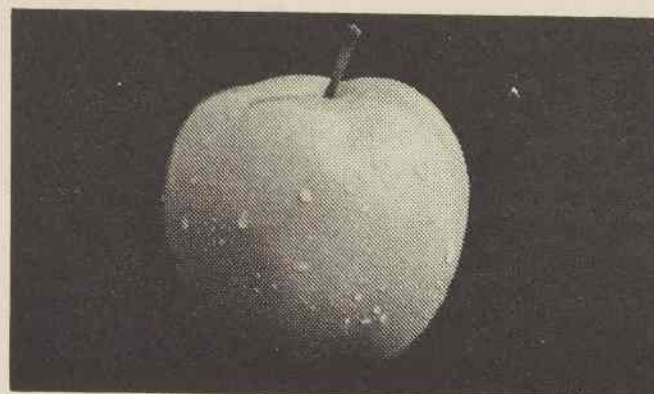
Major League Baseball is days away from the season opener and the attention is focused on those "boys wearing the pinstripes" (Yankee's). There is speculation that Reggie (Jackson) and Dave (Winfield) are having "who's the better player" disputes. However, both Jackson and Winfield denied reports and are looking forward to working together as the league's most expensive (\$\$\$) outfielders.

Kareem Abdul Jabbar, dean of centers at the age of 33, reveals he will compete four to five more seasons in the NBA. When asked what milestone he has yet to achieve, Kareem jokingly said, "There's a 7-footer in Virginia who is a future star in the NBA. I've had great duels (Chamberlain, Cowens, Walton, Reid, etc.) and I'd like to leave my 'mark' on the 'kid.'" Now just who is that "Kid?"

Who's going to win it? Now that the NBA playoffs are underway, this question is commonly asked. The league has adopted computers to assist in determining the possible outcome of the NBA Championship. Their choice...Boston. To prove the accuracy of these computers, they chose Depaul to win the NCAA, Philadelphia to win the Super Bowl, Kansas City to win last year's World Series, etc. Now that's accuracy.

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