



Several Black Colleges Are Represented In NBA Draft

By Larry Barber
In the annual National Basketball Association draft held Tuesday, June 9, eight players from seven different historically black colleges were selected as potential professional stars.

Kevin Loder of Alabama State was chosen by Kansas City in the very first round. The 6-6 forward averaged 23.3 points per game and 14.0 rebounds for the Hornets last year. Despite playing independently and in NCAA Division II, Loder was well scouted, and the KC decision was no real surprise.

Larry Spriggs, a 6-7 "horse" of a forward from Howard University, became the second of this lot to be named when Houston picked him in the fourth round. He averaged

16 ppg and ten rebounds last season, and led the Bison to a NCAA Playoff date. Spriggs was the MEAC's Player of the Year in 1981, and was named the Tournament's MVP three years in a row.

Hampton Institute of the CIAA was the only black school to have two players drafted. Guard Darryl Warwick was taken by Atlanta in the sixth, while Leonel Marquetti went to San Antonio in the ninth. All-Conference Warwick, at 5-10, pumped out 22.8 ppg a year ago. Marquetti, a 6-7 forward, declared "hardship" after his junior year, but not before he helped lead the Pirates to a CIAA Tournament berth.

The other four players were all SWAC products.

Robert Williams, a 6-6 forward from Grambling,

was drafted by Washington in the sixth. He averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds per contest last year.

Also in the sixth, San Antonio chose Northern Shavers of Jackson State. The 6-6 forward averaged around 20 ppg, nine rpg, shot nearly 60% from the field, and 70% from the free throw line.

David Williams of Southern, another 6-6 forward, was selected by Phoenix in the seventh. He had an 18-point shooting average, and gathered in about ten rebounds per game.

Detroit claimed Eddie Baker of Alcorn in the ninth, which was the next to the last round. Baker, a 6-9 forward, canned over 18 ppg, while hovering over the ten mark in rebounding.



On The Dotted Line

Arrington Jones signs pro football contract with the San Francisco Forty-Niners of the NFL. Looking on (l-r) are: Ronnie Jones, brother; Mrs. Jeannette Jones, mother; Arrington Jones, Neil Schmidt of the 49ers; Alton Waldon, Jr., Jones' agent; and, standing WSSU Coach Bill Hayes.

Arrington Jones Signs With '49ers

WINSTON-SALEM — In a formal ceremony in the lobby of Winston-Salem State University, Arrington Jones, star running back of the WSSU Rams for the past four years, signed a football contract with the San Francisco Forty-Niners of the National Football League.

Jones is a native of Richmond, Virginia and attended John Marshall High School in that city where he was an outstan-

ding football player for three years. He was highly recruited in his senior year and elected WSSU over Grambling State, to Coach Bill Hayes' satisfaction and joy.

His four years with the Rams were all winning seasons, including two CIAA championships. In his senior year, Arrington was selected to the CIAA coaches' all-conference team and also the NAIA District 26 all-star team. Arrington ended his col-

legiate career in the Annual Blue-Gray football game played in Montgomery, Alabama in December.

Coach Bill Hayes considers Arrington and Timmy Newsome, now with the Dallas Cowboys, the two most talented backs he has ever coached.

Present for the signing were Arrington, his mother, Mrs. Jeannette Jones; his brother, Ronnie; Neil Schmidt of the

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Aggies Sign Two Prep Standouts

GREENSBORO — North Carolina A&T Head Basketball Coach Don Corbett, who was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's "Coach of the Year" last season as he guided the Aggies to a 21-8 record and a berth in the National Invitation Tournament, has announced the signing of two prep standouts.

Eric Boyd, 6-4 swingman, from Charlotte's Independence High School, and 6-6 Brendan Mitchell from Schenectady, New York's Mount Pleasant High School, have signed grants to attend A&T in the fall.

Boyd average 19 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists last season for Independence under Coach Dave Christenberry. He was named to the All-Mecklenburg County team and will play in the coveted East-West All-Star game in the Greensboro Coliseum in July.

Mitchell also brings some impressive credentials as he averaged 24 points and 14 rebounds per game last season under Coach David Bleu. He was a first team All-County and All-State selection.

"We feel we have made two excellent additions to our program for the coming season and future. Eric Boyd and Brendan Mitchell are both excellent athletes. Both played quarterback on their respective high school football teams and possess good leadership potential," said Corbett.

"Mitchell has so much talent I haven't decided just where he will play. He has the ability to play in the backcourt," Corbett said.

To lengthen the life of spare batteries kept around the house, try storing them in the refrigerator.

Batteries have a short lifespan and even when not in use, they run down, extension home economists at North Carolina State University, observe.

MEAC Basketball Was A Nail-Biter — Ten Overtimes

With the first-time-ever NCAA automatic berth on line, the NIT in mind, a wealth of talent around the Conference, and a competitive spirit that goes beyond human imagination; the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's 1980-81 basketball season was one of clanging cliff-hangers and nipping nail-biters. From as early as December 2 to February 21, MEAC teams were involved in 13 overtime games including one triple, four doubles, and of the final results, four had one-point margins, and four were two-pointers. Figures show that at least once a week or every ninth game, a MEAC team forced, or was forced into an overtime. Five of the contests entwined two MEAC teams, while the league split eight games against

outside competition.

Regular season champion NCA&T led the league with six OT games, four in the MEAC, and was one-half of that triple affair, losing to Howard 64-63. That happened to be HU's only extra-period tiff. However, the very next night, A&T beat Delaware State 78-75 in double OT. The Aggies also defeated S.C. State 64-62 in a double, but lost to Bethune-Cookman 46-44 after one OT. Outside the Conference, it took A&T two OTs to down Winston-Salem State (CIAA) 78-74, and one to escape Tennessee State 68-58.

In addition to B-CC's win, the Wildcats got by Albany State (SIAC) 70-62, but lost to SWAC foe Southern 66-63. Florida A&M slipped by S.C. State 87-86 in a Con-

ference encounter, and downed Texas Southern (SWAC) 97-96 in double OT. The Rattlers dropped a 81-79 thriller to Tennessee State in a single OT.

Adding to S.C. State's demise with the two Conference OT losses, the Bulldogs also lost a 77-75 OT game to Southern. Delaware State was also blanked in OT contests, losing to Baptist 62-61 and NCA&T.

The spine-tinglers were not all overtime-wrought, because MEAC clubs were part of ten two-point games, and nine one-pointers in contests played within the allotted 40 minutes.

The MEAC had a 46-36 record against all outside opponents for a winning percentage of .561. One sportswriter reported that

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BASEBALL STRIKE — I COULD CARE LESS

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.
Maybe its the 108° heat that I've had to contend with this past week, or maybe its "kreeeping old age", or maybe its like they said in the movie "Network", "I'm mad as Hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

When the baseball strike began recently, the only thing that I could think of saying was "Whoop Tee Doo!" "Let those over priced players and fat cat owners play their stupid little cat and mouse games, I've just about had it with professional sports."

The owners and players in this soap opera seem to have forgotten the main ingredient for their success, the FAN! That's right, if the fans hadn't supported baseball either through ball park attendance or television, neither the players nor owners would be where they are today.

I have noticed a sickening and dangerous symptom in American pro sports over the past decade and that's a complete disregard for the average fan in favor of the big bucks.

No baseball owner or player will get any sympathy from me by crying that they're going broke when they make more in a year than I'll make in a life time.

Have you been to a sporting event lately? If so, then you know that you virtually have to mortgage your home, if you take your family. First, you have to pay a parking fee, which in some cases costs more than an admission to a high school game. Then there's the highway robbery at the concession stands (the food is usually terrible). Then the good seats are usually out of your price range, and to top it off, the cry baby players sometimes will not sign a kid's autograph.

The owners say that their teams are a business and they should be free to do whatever they feel with them. But just where would that business be without fan support?

The players say they should be free to demand the highest salary possible, but we fans don't have to help pay for them!

With baseball (major league style) mired in this strike, there are rumors that the NFL could follow suit 13 months from now.

That does it!

I happen to be oriented toward collegiate and high school sports and I personally wouldn't miss the pros if they went out of business forever.

As long as they feel that fans are not important (unless they fork out the big bucks), I say nuts to them!

Just look at the way Al Davis, the owner of the Super Bowl Champion Raiders, is spitting in the face of the Oakland fans after they've supported him with sell-outs for over a decade. He wants to move his team to the supposedly more lucrative market in Los Angeles. I guess all that support in the Bay Area doesn't mean a hill of beans to Davis. He wants to go the LA where he will find that unless he wins the Super Bowl EVERY YEAR the fans will not match the loyalty of those in Oakland.

If Al Davis wins his case to move to LA, what can we expect next. Will some fat cat from New York or Chicago make an offer for the perennially powerful Pittsburgh Steelers so they can finally have a championship team?

How about the people in Cleveland who were looking forward to hosting this year's All Star Game? The game would be a much needed shot in the arm for that city but now it is uncertain-as to whether the game will be played at all.

You know, I won't miss major league baseball at all if the strike lasts the whole season. I've still got the Durham Bulls. Then, there's collegiate summer league baseball in the area. I can always play some city league basketball. Then there's time to spend on family outings. No, I won't miss the big leagues a bit.

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Herman Louis Turner, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Turner, Jr., of 1226 Sedgwick St., Durham, was the recipient of the 1981 Duke Children's Classic Celebrity Tennis Championship Award. An entry contest winner, Turner competed with celebrities including tennis pro Bob Lutz, former Dallas Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach and Ahmad Rashad, wide receiver of the Minnesota Vikings. Turner is a member of the Durham Racquet Club and is employed as a Youth Specialist with the Durham Housing Authority.

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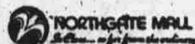


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