



## Miller, Matthews Share Olympic Dream

John Matthews, a 163-pound wrestler from Flint, Mich. is a late bloomer.

Only a fair prep wrestler by his own admission, he improved considerably while in college. However, he receive no scholarship aid and sometimes had to work two jobs to pay for his education.

It was not until he was 24 years old that he became a consistent winner in the 163-pound weight division in national and international competitions.

Now 30 and working a full time job as a sales supervisor for Sullivan and O'Sullivan Inc., distributors of Miller Brewing Company products in Flint, Matthews anticipates winning a Gold Medal in the 1984 Olympic Games.

To prepare for wrestlers of world class caliber, Matthew spent six weeks this summer perfecting his techniques at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Earlier this year, Miller Brewing Company's Miller High Life brand committed a minimum of \$3 million to keep the center operating through the 1984 Olympic Games.

Matthews' achievements as a wrestler include making the U.S. Olympic wrestly teams in 1976 and in 1980; winning the national Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) championship in the 163-pound weight class from 1976 to 1982; and competing on U.S. World Cup teams from 1977 to 1980.

In his eight years as an amateur, he has competed in the Soviet Union, Hungary, France, Sweden, England, Egypt, Mexico, Ireland, Cuba, Canada and Puerto Rico.

This May, Matthews competed in the National AAU Grego-Roman Championships in Cincinnati, where he placed first in his weight class. He also spent two weeks competing in Russia and Rumania in July before going to the OTC to prepare for the World Wrestling Championships in Poland in September.

Matthews' achievements on the mat are many, they haven't come easy. He put himself through college with a series of grants and by working, sometimes at two jobs.

He wrestled for Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mich., without scholarship aid. In 1974, he was the Mid-



COLORADO SPRINGS — John Matthews (right), demonstrates world class form during a practice session at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

American Conference Champion in his weight class.

Looking back at his high school years, Matthews rated himself only an average prep wrestler. He didn't start winning titles consistently until he was 24, he said.

"When I got to college, I decided that being a world-class wrestler was my goal.

"In my junior year, I set my sights on the 1976 Olympics," he said. Although he made the U.S. team, he did not win a medal at Montreal.

Matthews' six-week stint at the OTC was his second, having trained there in 1978. "The facilities are much nicer and are much larger. When I was here before, there was no wrestling room," he said.

The OTC's new \$4.5-million multisport sports center was completed recently. Its gymnasiums include a wrestling room.

Matthews started working for the Flint distributorship in September 1980 after the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

"My bosses were very receptive when they heard I still wanted to train. I took a year off from wrestling when I started working so I could learn the job. At that time, working was more important to me and I wanted to learn my position," he said.

At the same time, he finished a master's degree in counseling at Central Michigan, where he earned an undergraduate degree in

physical education.

In addition to being a sales supervisor, Matthews heads Sullivan and O'Sullivan special events planning and is active in community events.

He works his training schedule in with the job, getting up in the morning to run for 45 minutes before work. At lunch he lifts weights or jumps

rope. "Right now, my job comes first. But, as long as my bosses are behind me, I'll keep up my training.

"I'm not going to wrestle all my life, but I know I have at least two good years ahead of me," Matthews said. Two years are all he needs.



## Eagles Capture First CIAA Victory

BOWIE, MD — Senior forward David Binion scored 20 points and picked off 19 rebounds in leading North Carolina Central to a 96-73 CIAA win over Bowie State on Monday. The Eagles notched their first win of the season and evened their seasonal mark at 1-1. Bowie State dropped to 0-2, 1-3.

Central scored the first six points and was never headed as they built a 47-31 halftime lead. The

Bulldogs cut the margin to 56-46 at 14:30 before the Eagles gradually began to pull away.

Sophomore guard Michael Wright led the Eagles fast break with 14 points and dished out 6 assists. Ken Davis, a freshman from Charlotte, chipped in 11 points; Richard Kilgore 10.

Charles Warner led all scorers with 26 points.

NCCU (96) Kilgore 10, Faucette 8, Evans 5, Wright 14, Green, Binion 20, Hughley 4, Taylor 8, Nicholson 2, Jannette 7, Griffin, Davis 11, Perry 4, Winston 3, Simmons.

Bowie St (73) Williams 6, Bryant 2, Brown 13, Faison 2, Banks 15, Holloway 3, Warner 26, Polgrim, Contee 3, Morris, Johnson 3  
Halftime: NCCU 47-31  
Records: NCCU 1-0 CIAA, 1-1; Bowie 0-2, 1-3.

## Eagles Host Bull City/Miller Tourney

North Carolina Central (1-1) make their 1982-83 home debut in the nightcap of the Bull City/Miller High Life Tourney this Friday, December 4 at 9 p.m. when they face St. Paul's Tigers of Lawrenceville, Va. The 7 p.m. opener will find St. Augustine's College going against Fayetteville State.

The Tigers (1-1 in the CIAA, 1-2 overall) are led James Scott, a junior from Lynchburg, Va. Scott leads the Tigers with in scoring with 19.3

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## Panthers Fall To N. Dakota State

FARGO, ND — Jeff Willis scored on a 1 yard run with 1:06 left in the game leading North Dakota State to a comeback 21-20 win over CIAA Champion Virginia Union. The Bison raised their seasonal mark to 12-0 travel to California-Davis for its NCAA Division II semi-final contest.

The Bison marched 80 yards in 16 plays for its winning score but the game was decided on a human error lead in the game. With the ball at the VUU 14 on first down, NDS quarterback Mark Nellermeoe dropped back to pass, was hit by a Panther defender and his pass was intercepted by junior ALL-CIAA defensive tackle Dwayne Drew. Drew picked the ball from

above his shoetops and rambled upfield for an apparent touchdown. However, the referee ruled that he had blown the whistle after Nellermeoe had thrown the ball and before Drew made the interception. Thus by NCAA rules, the ball was returned to its original line - the VUU 14. Willis then bolted up the middle for six yards to the VUU 8 and then Dan Harris skirted his right side for 3 yards and a first down at the 3. Nellermeoe carried to the 1 setting up Willis' winning run. Pete Luedtke converted his third extra point providing the margin of victory.

The Panthers, who outgained the Bison on the ground 251 to 140, scored on drives of 62, 79 and 45 yards in building a 20-7 lead after

three periods. Keith Cathion scored at 1:55 of the first period on a 6 yard run. Ohio State transfer Brian Smith upped the Panther count to 12-0 when he went 26 yards at 9:09 of the first half. The Bison, who were held to 100 yards while Va. Union was gaining 219, scored after blocking a VUU punt at the VUU 2. Nellermeoe sneaked in from the one cutting the Panthers lead to 12-7 at 2:19 of the half.

The Panthers scored their final touchdown on Cathion's 2 yard run at 3:07 of the third stanza. Troy Cauthorn threw to Cathion for the two-point conversion.

The Bison mounted a 59 yard 4 play scoring drive with Harris going in from the 9 at 12:31 of the final stanza.

Senior fullback Philip Davis led all runners with 80 yards on 15 attempts. Smith added 72 yards on 10 carries. Harris led the Bison with 63 yards in 12 carries.

Nellermeoe completed 8 of 21 passes for 105 yards.

	NDS	VUU
First Downs	16	9
Rush-Yds	46-140	67-251
Pass Yds	65	105
Ret Yds	36	0
Passing	8-21-1	6-12-0
Punting	6-26.8	4-31.5
Fumb-Lost	0-0	5-2
Pen-Yds	3-45	9-67
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Va Union	6 6 8 0	- 20

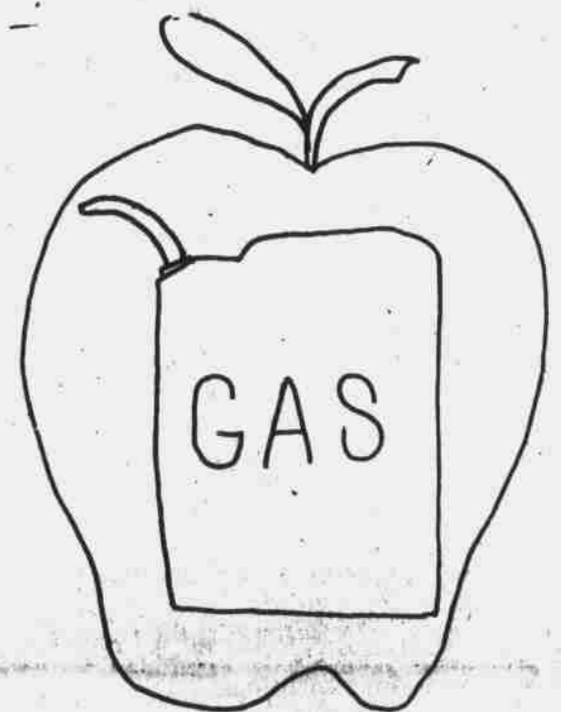
Rushing  
VUU-Harry Mitchell 13-40; Keith Cathion 11-53; Jeffery Haynes 7-23; Phillip Davis 15-80; John Johnson 4-5; Brian Smith 10-72; Troy Cauthorn 5(-15); John King 1(-5). NDS-Mark Nellermeoe 20-29; Dan Harris 12-63; Hank Knox 7-16; Jeff Willis 6-36; Jon Lane 1-6.

Passing  
VUU-John Johnson 3-4-0 34 Otds; Troy Cauthorn 3-8-0 31 Otds; NDS-Mark Nellermeoe 8-21-1 105 Otds

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