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Tex Harrison Globetrotters 'Disciple'

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Former North Carolina Central All-American Tex Harrison no longer performs basketball wizardry on the basketball court for the Harlem Globetrotters, but Tex is still trotting the globe as an advance publicity man for the world famous basketball clowns.

Harrison, a member of the Trotter organization since 1954, was in Winston-Salem last week to promote the team's upcoming appearance in the city on November 22. "I'm to the Globetrotters what Billy



Tex Harrison

Graham is to evangelism. I'm the disciple. I carry the word," he says with a broad smile, the same

smile that made him a favorite of fans for more than 20 years.

During his 24 years of association with the club, Harrison has seen a number of changes both in the Trotters and in society. "When I was at NCC the NBA didn't even look at players from all-black schools, and as a result the Trotters got the cream of the crop.

"The Trotters scouted me when I was in college, but they really got interested in me when I played on an All-American team that played against them. At that time I was the first player from a black school

to be named a national All-American," he added.

As for the changes that have come about since he joined the Harlequins, Harrison says with a laugh, "There have been so many changes; let's see, well, the days of riding model T's and covered wagons are gone, and so are the days of sleeping two in a bed in people's homes."

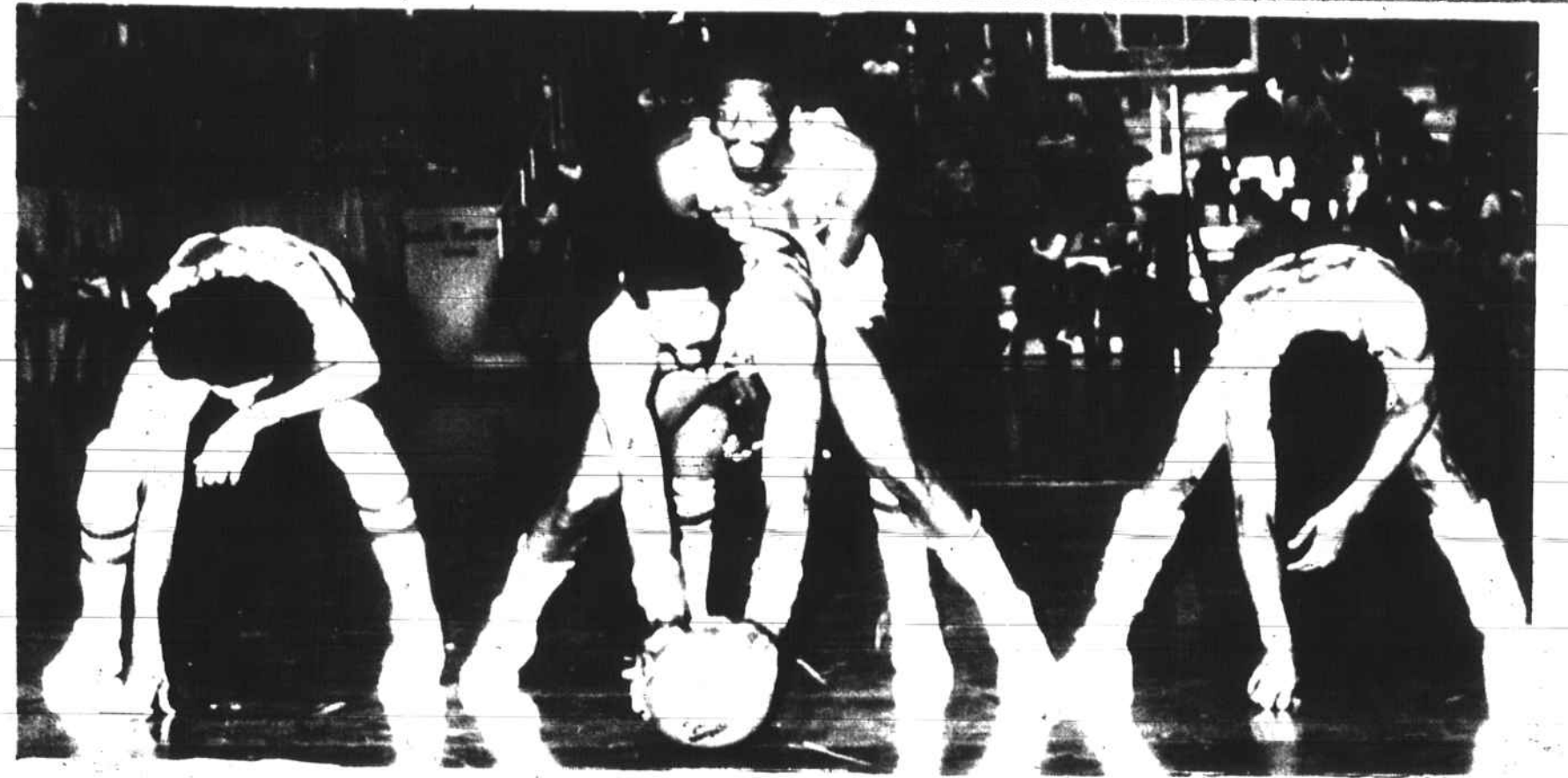
We don't ride the bus 3-400 miles for a game anymore and, oh yes, a rookie now makes more than I did when I was a ten-year veteran. Today we travel first class and fly any distance over 200 miles.

"Then the Trotters were the proving grounds for black players. The NBA watched us and got their black players from our team. Now with the huge salaries we have to wait for the pro league to make their choices and then choose our players," Harrison added.

The Globetrotters may have changed over the years, but their popularity has continued to grow. The team has played in 94 countries and in more than 150 cities in their 51 years of existence. They have been seen by more than 82 million fans around the world.

They hold the all-time basketball attendance record, set in 1951 when 75,000 watched them play in Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

Globetrotters will play in the Winston-Salem Coliseum on November 22 and some of the changes they have made over the years will be evident. The routines will be basically the same, but Geese Ausbie will take over as the clown prince from the now-retired Meadowlark Lemon. Still, there is no team that plays the game quite like the Harlem Globetrotters.



FIRST AND TEN— Geese Ausbie, the successor to Meadowlark Lemon as the 'Clown Prince of Basketball' calls signals as the Globetrotters take a break from basketball.

Rams Finish Unbeaten

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conversion put the score at 28-0.

Raleigh— The WSSU Rams took the field Saturday afternoon in Raleigh with only the winless Shaw Bears standing between them and their second consecutive unbeaten regular season. With one eye on the NCAA Division II poll, which they have led for eight straight weeks, and the other on their 22nd straight regular season win, the Rams scored in almost every way possible as they humiliated the Bears 72-0 in front of a homecoming crowd of more than 5,000.

The rout began with less than two minutes gone off the clock, when Andrew Sharpe hauled in a Russell Patterson punt at the Bear 48 and raced untouched into the endzones for the score.

Five minutes later Timmy Newsome scored the first of his three touchdowns on a three yard run for a 14-0 lead after Derek Brewington's second PAT.

A little over two minutes later, after Shaw's third punt of the quarter, Kermit Blount hit Billy Diggs with a 70-yard scoring bomb and the conversion made the score 21-0, with 8:07 still left in the first quarter.

The Bears did manage to stop the Rams on their next series but with 14:06 left in the half Arrington Jones, who ran for 178 yards on the day, capped an 8 play 63 yard drive with a 6-yard run. The first of his three scores and another Brewington

Hayes then began to flood the game with substitutes but to little avail as the score continued to mount. Jones 31 yard run at 10:12 and Robert Johnson's five yard interception return for another Ram score gave WSSU a 40 point bulge with 9:40 left to play before intermission.

A minute and a half later Johnson picked off the second of his three first half interceptions setting up a 29 yard Brewington field goal, and Newsome's 41 yard run on the first play following another Shaw punt gave the Rams 49-10 halftime lead.

Newsome scored again on a one yard run at 6:44 of the third quarter and Jones ran it to 63-0 with a 64 yard gallop exactly four minutes later.

Meanwhile the Ram defense, which was on its way to ending the season with a string of 15 scoreless quarters, brought their scoring output for the day up to eight when Elbert Grinnell, Albert Redd and Tony Pierce saced Tony Nimmons for a safety with 2:08 left in the third quarter.

The Rams mercifully ended their scoring parade with 3:17 left when Randy Bolton scored from one yard out ending a 5 play 56 yard drive.

Brewington's seventh conversion in ten tries set the final margin at 72-0.

Coach Bill Hayes was somewhat apologetic after the slaughter. "I knew this thing could happen early in the second quarter.



Two Different Kinds of Basketball

One kind is championship collegiate basketball as practiced (left) by Mark Clark (30) of the WSSU Rams as they opened their season by drubbing the Yung-Kung team from the Republic of China. Another kind is wheel

chair basketball as practiced in the National Wheel Chair Basketball Association. The Winston-Salem Smokers, the local team, won it's first game of the season. See story on page 15.



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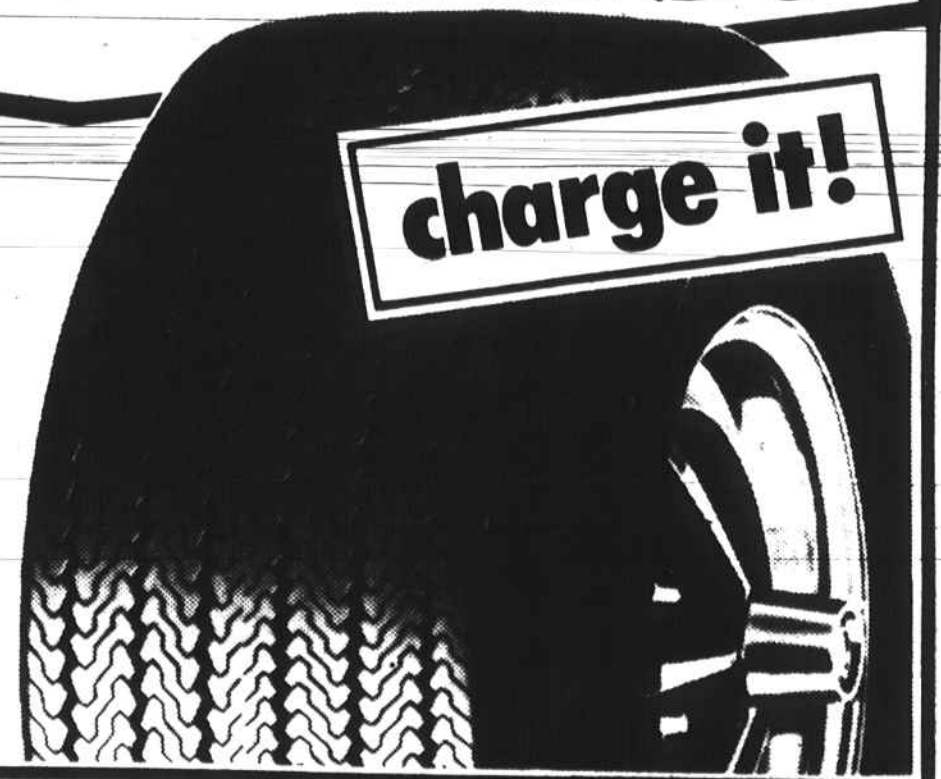
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