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Six quarterbacks among the harvest Bill Hayes reaps in banner recruiting year

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When Bill Hayes' Winston-Salem State football team ended its 1983 season with a lopsided, disheartening loss to Virginia Union in the CIAA championship game, Hayes didn't sit around and sulk.

Instead, the coach set a few recruiting goals for himself in preparation for the 1984 season. With quarterback Karlton Watson graduating and only Mike Winbush in the fold for next season, coming up with at least one good signal-calling prospect was at the top of Hayes' list.

Hayes finally wound up his recruiting efforts this week and, from the looks of his ledger of signees, he must have made a trip to quarterback heaven along the way, as he lured no less than six outstanding quarterback prospects to the Twin City.

"With only Mike (Winbush) coming back next year, it was essential that we get at least one good quarterback prospect," says Hayes. "But I had no idea that I would be able to sign six kids who have the talent, the arms and the size of the group we have."

Heading the list of quarterback prospects is 6-3, 185-pound Haywood Workman of Myers Park High School in Charlotte. Workman, who played in the Shrine Bowl, was one of the top prospects in the state.

"He can run the option, and is an excellent passer," says Hayes of Workman. "He could have gone to any school that he wanted but he was at a couple of our football games and a couple more of our basketball games. When he came here to visit, the students made him feel at home and he just kept coming back."

Hayes says Workman was at the top of his list when it came to getting a quarterback but he is just as happy to have signed the player who was second on his list at that position. Charlotte Olympic's Bobby Junior, at 6-3, 180

pounds, also has the size and Hayes says he may be an even better passer than Workman and runs the option well.

Another top-flight prospect inked by Hayes is Dana Walker. The 6-3, 190-pounder spent last season at Eastern Arizona Junior College after playing high school ball at Armstrong-Kennedy High in Richmond, Va., the same school that produced Kermit Blount.

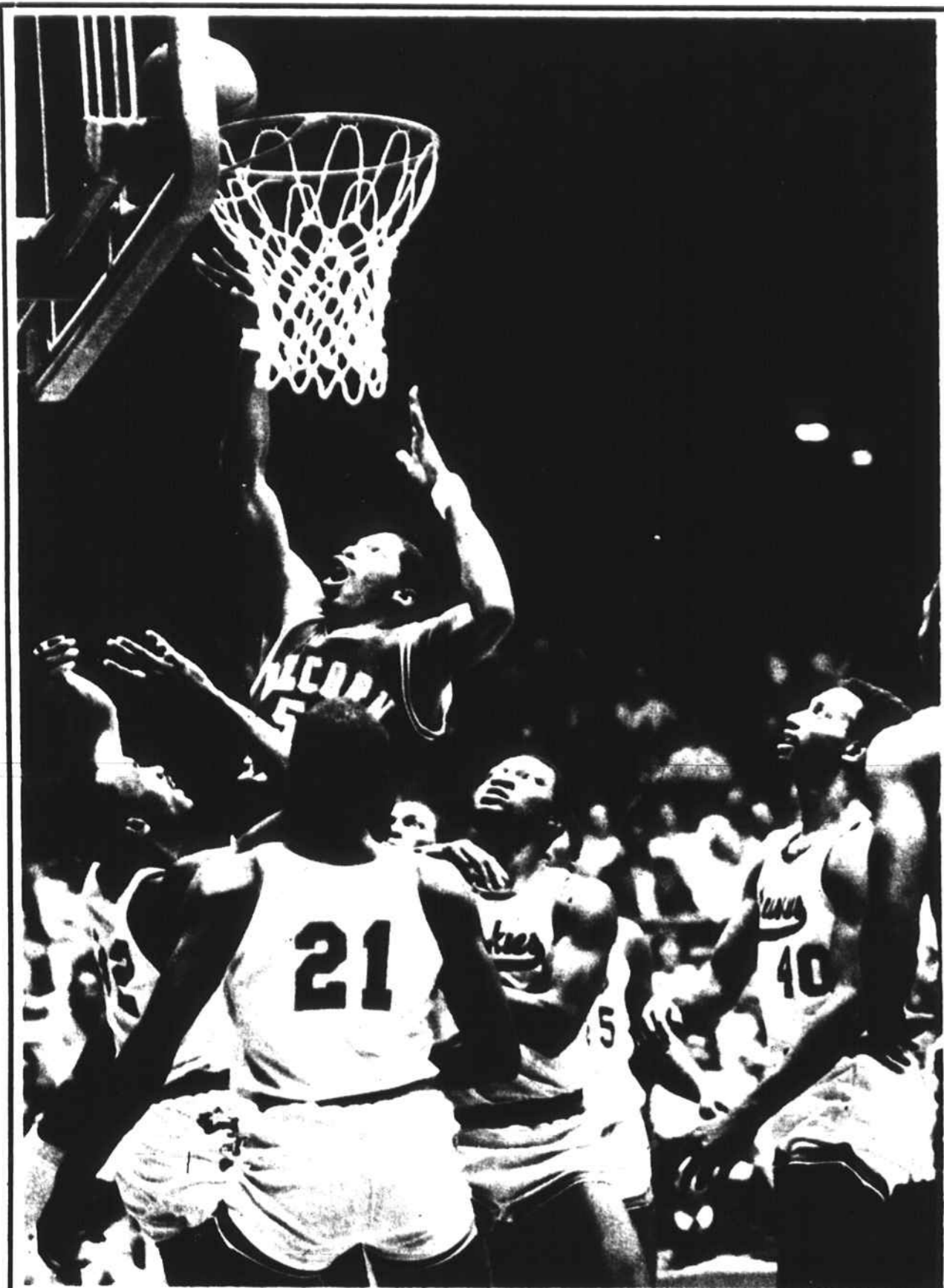
"We wanted him when he came out of high

who, says Hayes, reminds him of Joe Gilliam.

Steve Lee (6-3, 185) of William Fleming High School in Roanoke, Va., is considered by Hayes to be the potential surprise among the group.

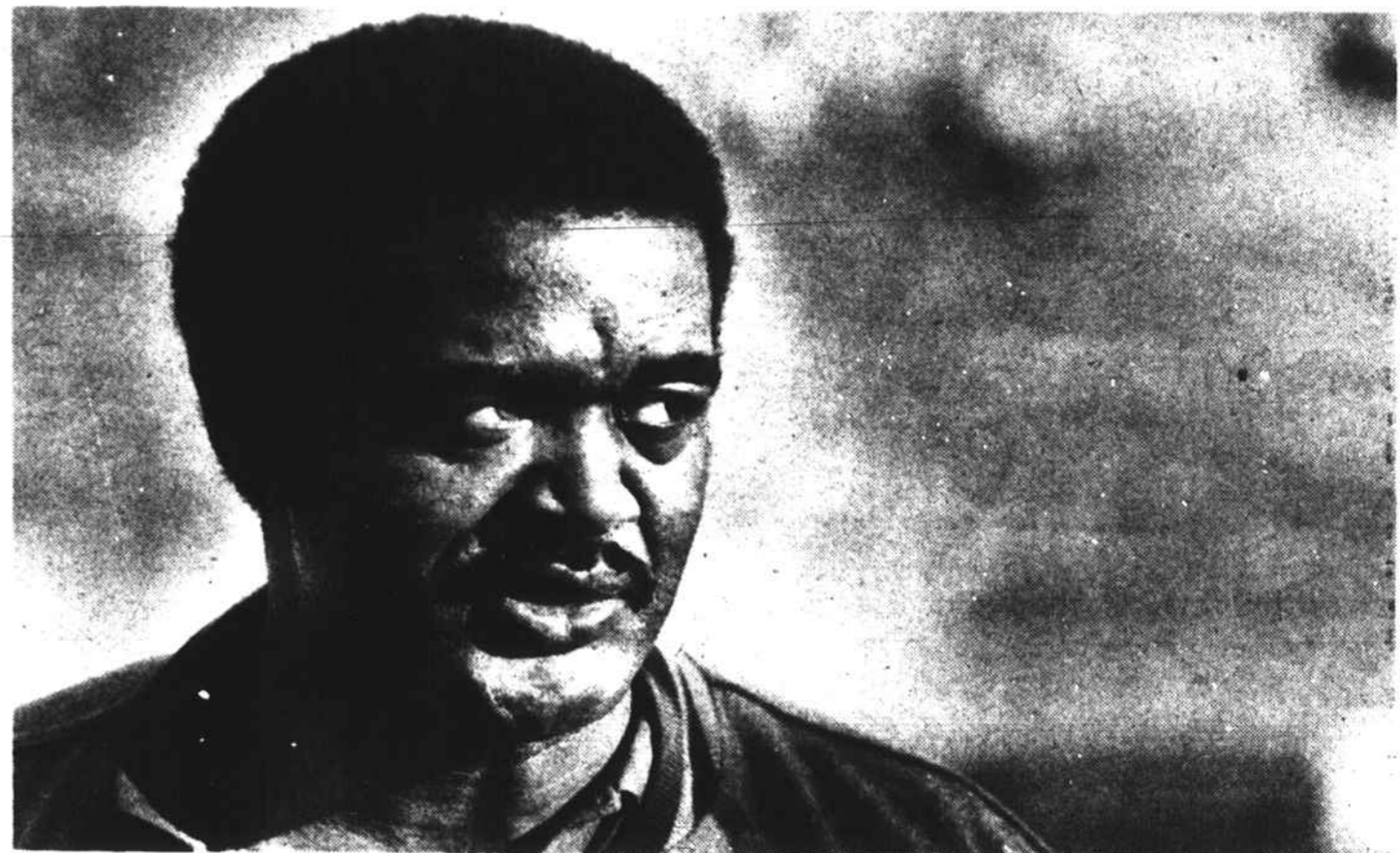
"He has a good arm, runs the option well and is an excellent field general," Hayes says. "With the type of competition he has played against, he might just be a sleeper."

The sixth signee is Pontiac, Mich.'s Jeff



The Best

Alcorn State's Tommy Collier scores inside on Houston Baptist in the NCAA tournament. Alcorn, which won one NCAA tourney game and lost one, has been the only black Division I school to consistently fare well in postseason play (photo by Joe Daniels).



Bill Hayes: Determining what he needed and going out and getting it (photo by James Parker).

school, but he decided to go away to junior college," says Hayes. "Now he wants to come home and we are glad he is coming home to us."

East Orange, N.J.'s Angelo Garnett was an all-state pick there while leading his team to a 10-1 record. Garnett is a fine drop-back passer,

Douglas. At 6-2, 180 pounds, Douglas also runs track and is an excellent field goal kicker.

But quarterback wasn't the only position Hayes wanted to shore up for next season. Linebacker was another spot where he aimed to recruit heavily.

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NCAA Division II

Double national championship achieved, but not by Panthers

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Prior to the 1983-84 basketball campaign, there were rumblings within the Division II ranks that a tiny black school in Richmond, Va., just might achieve an unprecedented double in postseason play.

Lou Hearn's Virginia Union women's team had claimed the 1983 national title and was returning no less than nine veterans from that team.

At the same time, Dave Robbins, the Panther men's coach known also as "The White Shadow," already had

6-8 center Charles Oakley, two other starters and six more lettermen returning to a team that finished 20-8 the



year before. Add a strong recruiting year and a couple of hot-shot

transfers, and Robbins' team was picked as a top contender for the NCAA title. Robbins had captured that title in 1981.

But a not-so-funny thing happened to the Panther teams on the way to their respective crowns. The Pantherettes were derailed in the conference tourney and had to go into NCAA play as an at-large team.

Robbins' team, meanwhile, ran into St. Augustine's in the semifinals of the CIAA tourney and fell, but bounced back to take the South Atlantic Regional by taking its rubber match with top-ranked Norfolk State, making the Panthers the only team to mar Norfolk's record for the

year. All seemed well again until the Panthers ran into second-ranked Kentucky Wesleyan in the quarterfinals, losing by a point.

The Pantherettes did make the final, however, but fell to destiny as did Harvey Heartley's St. Augustine's Falcons as Central Missouri State University of Warrensburg, Mo., won both the men's and women's NCAA Division II basketball titles.

The Central Missouri women beat Virginia Union 80-73 while the men topped the Falcons 81-77.

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Black On Sports

Why Georgetown will prevail this time

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Has this been the longest college basketball season?

For some reason, it seems like ages ago when I watched in disbelief as N.C. State, this time without Bailey, Lowe and Whittenburg, beat Houston again as I took in my first college basketball telecast of the 1983-84 season. Maybe it seems that way because, being a basketball addict, I'll watch anything, even Seton Hall and Iona. But now that N.C. State -- reeling from a late-season tailspin that ended in an NIT loss, sits at home in Raleigh -- and there are only four teams left after everybody and his brother seemed to enter the NCAA Tournament, I can think back to the beginning of the season, when I picked Georgetown and Houston to meet in the championship game. I also gave outside chances to Kentucky and Memphis State. And, no, I didn't pick Carolina to make the Final Four.



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My reasons for picking Georgetown and Houston as the two top teams are simple: Pat Ewing and Akeem Olajuwon. You see, I'm still one of those people who say that the good big man is the key to a championship team, no matter what level the game is played on.

After watching most of the playoff, there should be a few people who are ready to agree with me. Kentucky, a fine team with Mel Turpin, turned out to be a super team with Sam Perkins. And, he had a better offensive center than any other team in the East. He ran up against Houston. Keith Lee and freshman William Bedford most likely would have led the Tigers to the Final Four as well.

Looking back, one can see that the only regional where a Cinderella took over the ball was in the East. And in the East there was no legitimate super big man.

Don't get upset, UNC fans; Sam Perkins is a super power forward, but he is not a superstar in the middle, thus, when Michael Jordan had an off night, the Tar Heels fell to Indiana and Uwe Blab, a very poor excuse for an imposing center.

The only team in the East with a better-than-average big man was Arkansas, and Virginia got by Joe Kleine and crew.

This year's Final Four has probably the best group of big men ever in the event. Ewing and Olajuwon will transform a couple of NBA clubs into contenders very soon and Bowie and Turpin, while they won't have the impact of the former pair, will be heard from in the NBA, too.

I'm just about as anxious as NBA owners for Ewing and Olajuwon reach the pros. With Ralph Sampson already there, I can see visions of the days of Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell and Nate Thurmond relived.

But that time hasn't come yet and right now they're in a battle for college basketball supremacy.

Just as I did at the beginning of the season,

I'm going with Georgetown.

The Hoyas are my pick not only because they have Ewing but because I feel John Thompson gives them an edge on the bench over Joe B. Hall. And, he has a better offensive center than any other team last year but lost to N.C. State when he, for some ungodly reason, decided to slow the tempo to protect a lead he got by speeding up the tempo.

Hall has won a national title, may have the most talented and experienced squad in the Final Four with three seniors starting for him, and, in Winston Bennett, has one of the top freshmen in the country as sixth man. Still, I can't see the Wildcats winning.

Even if they get past Georgetown, they must face Houston and the Cougars should have an easier game against Virginia.

And, why would I count out Virginia? Ever hear of the old saying that lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place? For the Cavs to win, that would have to happen. Last year, the N.C. State bolt struck. To hope for another Cinderella to show up at the ball this time is just a little too much.

Really, it's only justice for the Hoyas to win after the kind of berating they've taken from the media this season. Two years ago, Thompson and Ewing were called Idi Amin and Darth Vader. This year, the Hoyas have been tabbed as thugs -- a group that starts a fight every chance it gets, and beats up on every team it faces.

If the officials don't let that propaganda go to their heads, Thompson should become the first black coach to win an NCAA Division I basketball title.



Moses Feat (No. 10 of Hanes Hosliery) soars for an offensive rebound (photo by James Parker).