



No Small Feat

Players in the East Winston Optimist Soccer League all eye one precious target - the ball - in action during last Saturday afternoon's play. The program exposes youth who might not otherwise get the chance to the internationally popular sport (photo by James Parker).

PEPSI PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



The Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Winston-Salem is pleased to salute Terri Boyd of Parkland Senior High School...She's The Pepsi Prep Athlete of the Week. Miss Boyd has been outstanding in helping Parkland's softball team win a tie for the conference championship. She also had the game winning RBI in a post season tournament win over Southern Guilford.

IN honor of Terri Boyd's selection as The Pepsi Prep Athlete of the Week, The Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Winston-Salem will make a cash contribution to the Parkland Senior High School athletic program. Congratulations to Terri Boyd of Parkland...The Pepsi Prep Athlete of the Week.

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MEAC Tournament moves to Philadelphia

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porate support initially," said Blakeley. "We also plan to ask corporations to purchase blocks of tickets to donate to youths and their employees to fill up open seats on Friday after-

noon." Jones also announced that the All-College Sports Group, based in Durham, plans to televise at least 10 league games live this

season. ACSG's Bob Drakeford said some women's games will be included in the package and that the North

Carolina A&T-Howard game is tentatively set to be the first broadcast.

"Right now, we have our announcers and we hope to

show (the games) nationwide," Drakeford said. "We don't have any sponsors or signed contracts yet, but we are moving in that direction."

From the frying pan

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to take its (financial) lumps until it can build its program, the same way a corporation would."

Only the Bears know the condition of their pocket-books. But their joining the MEAC would appear to give that league yet another weak link during a time when it desperately needs strength.

Some have suggested that Morgan was enticed to join the MEAC a year or two ahead of schedule because of Florida A&M's withdrawal. If the NCAA accepts Morgan as a Division I-AA school this summer, the MEAC will continue to receive all the benefits of a I-AA conference.

Without Morgan, the MEAC is likely to lose its automatic berth to the I-AA playoffs.

Both Morgan and the MEAC deny there was any move to push the Bears into the league ahead of schedule, however.

"They notified me that they were ready to go," says MEAC Commissioner Ken Free. "We could have survived with six teams until they were ready."

Actually, Morgan was a charter member of the MEAC, but withdrew when the league decided to move to Division I. Back then, the clubs were situated within easy driving distance of each other. Now, the

Baltimore to Daytona Beach, Fla.

Still, the Bears remain excited about their move, even if it does mean they'll have to drive 800 miles every other year to play Bethune-Cookman.

"This was basically a move to upgrade our program," says Dean. "We have always felt that Morgan State should have a program that competes on a level with the major universities in the country."

MEAC NOTES: The league is still negotiating with Florida A&M over the payment of an outstanding \$5,000 fine. Sources say that it's the real reason the other league clubs have informally agreed not to play the Rattlers....

The MEAC will announce soon the status of its basketball tournament. All indications are that it will be moved from Greensboro to Philadelphia. Washington, D.C., had been in the running but dropped out....

With Florida A&M's marvelous facilities no longer available, the MEAC will now play its spring championships at South Carolina State....

Speculation remains that Florida A&M will try to form a I-AA league of Florida, Georgia and Alabama schools and that Bethune-Cookman will be

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In the youth groups, Simpson got fine performances from his 4 X 100 and mile relay team of Nicole Bell, Michelle Fair, Sunnie Montgomery and Madonia Ceasar.

Top performers in the Intermediate Boys Division were Randy Jones, who takes part in the hurdles, high jump and 4 X 100 relay, as well as Brian Johnson in the high jump. Harvey Sutton and Rodney Cooper round out the relay team.

Intermediate girls to watch include hurdlers Sonya Love and Lisa Morris. Yolanda Sheppard and Patricia Hall join with these two to form a fine 4 X 100 relay team.

In the young men's division, Simpson's relay team of Murray Miller, Jeff Davis, Perry Johnson and Dan Andrews reached the nationals last year. The coach also expects big things from hurdler Charles Goins.

Simpson gives credit to his coaching staff of DeValdean Penn, Loinel Crawford, John Young and Charles Everette for the strong early showing of the team, which began practice the week after Easter.

Simpson says the team will now speed up its preparation for further competition by practicing each Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon at the WSSU track.

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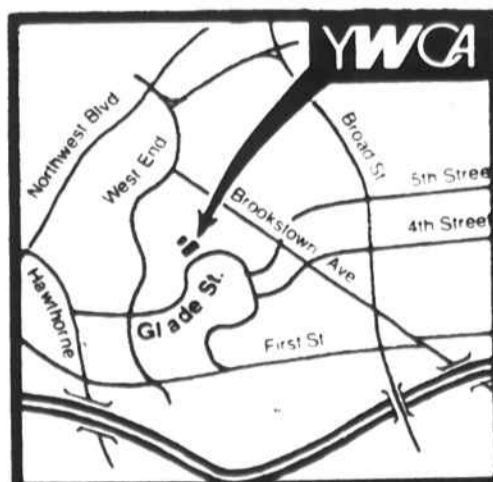
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