

# Setting the record straight

There are times when misuse of language leads to a misunderstanding. Such is the case concerning *BCSR's* December '90 commentary on Central State's football team and the fact that some schools tend to duck the Marauders when it comes to scheduling games.

In this instance, Kentucky State's acting athletic director, D. W. Lyons, took exception to the statement "Kentucky State has the same guidelines as Central State, but nobody is dodging the Thorobreds."

The word "guidelines" was a wrong choice.

In retrospect, I must confess that the word "guidelines" produced an incorrect connotation. Kentucky State is a member of the NCAA Division II while Central State is an NAIA school. Those two sanctioning bodies of college sports do have very different academic entrance requirements for student-athletes. The NCAA's academic standards are more stringent.

However, the whole point of that analogy has nothing to do with those school's academic mandates. If your school's athletic program is one of the better ones in the nation, the chances

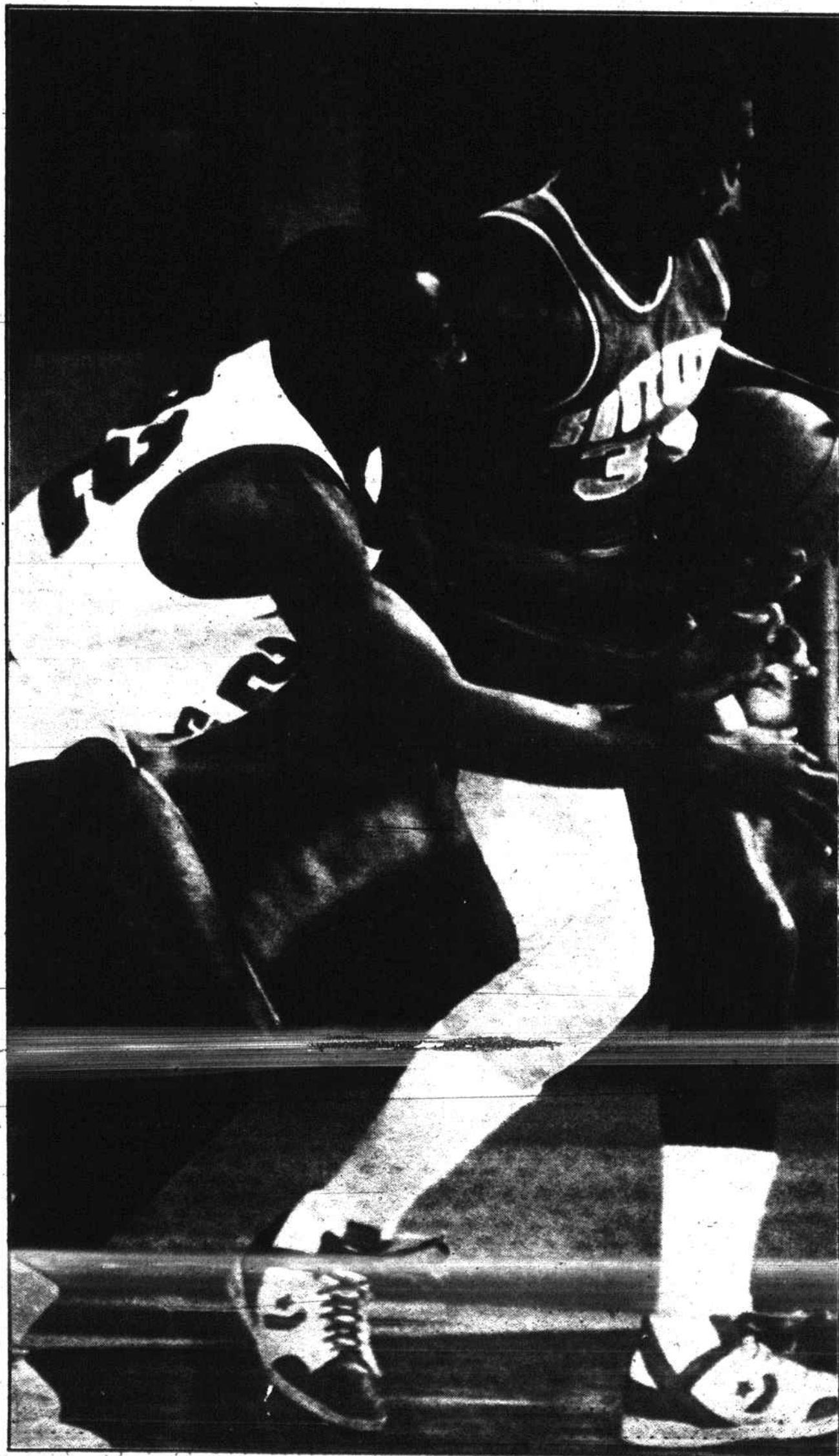
are good that your school will tend to shy away from playing a lower NCAA division school or an NAIA member college that has a better than average chance of winning against you. Central State's example is a classic case of how that works.

What happens is that schools aren't very gun-shy about scheduling "x" amount of games against opposition that they can almost count on for a victory. This happens at the major college level and it's no different at small schools, black or white.

Let's face it, schools who haven't been world beaters do have an easier time getting people on their schedule. If you've had consecutive losing seasons, that tends to be the case. It doesn't matter if it's Kentucky State, Miles College or the University of D.C., three schools who haven't had a lot of fortune on the gridiron in recent seasons.

And that's not just speculation, it's a matter of record.

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## It's Tourney Time!

Roundball fever begins to reach its peak with two black college basketball tournaments taking place in February. In next month's *BCSR*, we'll take a look at the upcoming CIAA, MEAC and SWAC tourneys and which teams are solid shots to make the Final Four at those respective conference shindigs. In addition, you'll get the scoop on the Virginia State Invitational Tournament which tip-offed the 100th anniversary of the invention of the game of basketball. You'll get that plus the latest happenings on the SIAC hoops circuit. So keep in touch with *Black College Sports Review*, the nation's most authoritative source on black college athletics.

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