

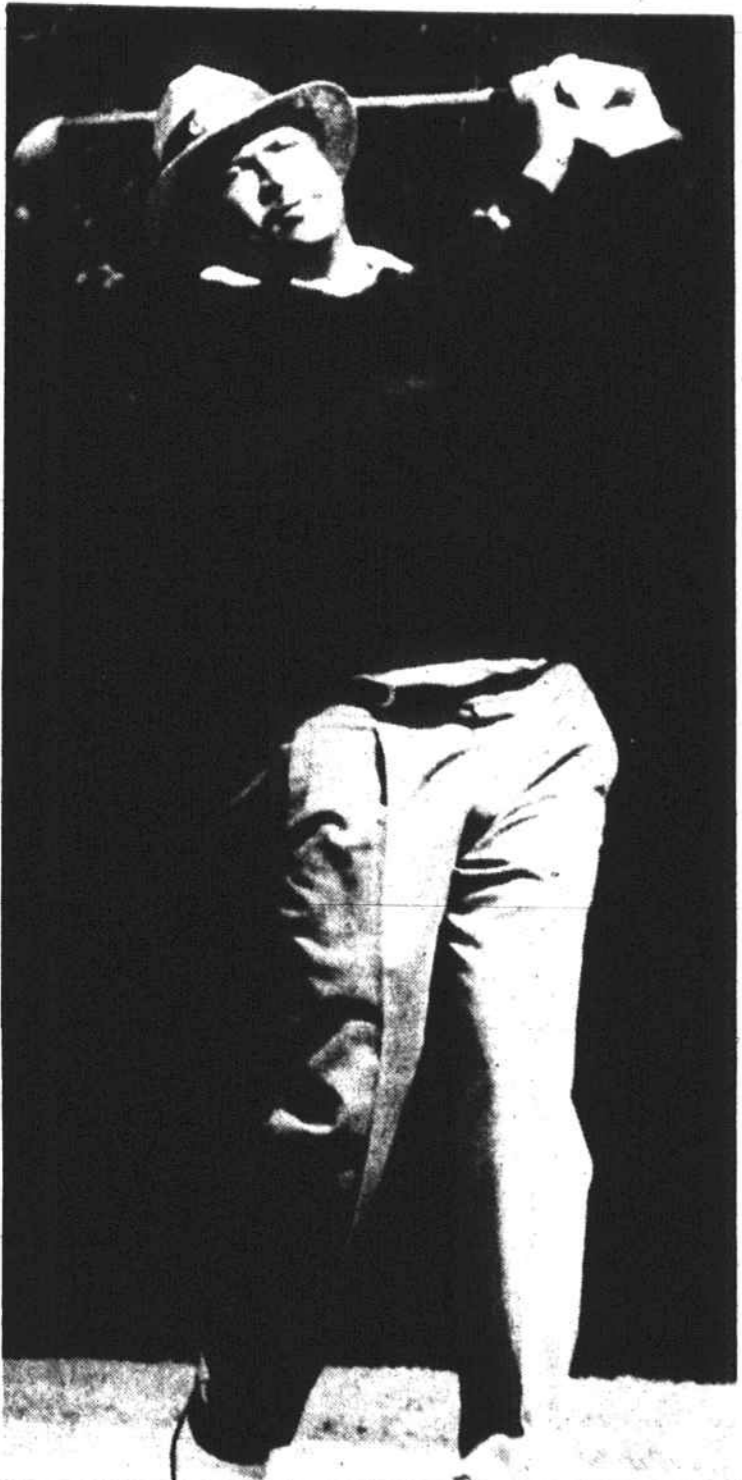
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PGA SENIOR TOUR

The Brothers are Doing It for Themselves



Jim Dent

By Chronicle Staff

At last week's rain-shortened Vantage Championship played at Tanglewood, avid golf fans who follow the few blacks who play for pay, got an up close and personal look at three guys who have already become integral parts of the game's history.

All three started their careers on the regular tour with little fanfare and minimal success in terms of tournament victories and earnings. But on the Senior PGA Tour (for players over 50), it's been a much different story.

Jim Dent, Charles Owens and Charlie Sifford are the black prime-time seniors and should rightfully be acknowledged as legends of the game.

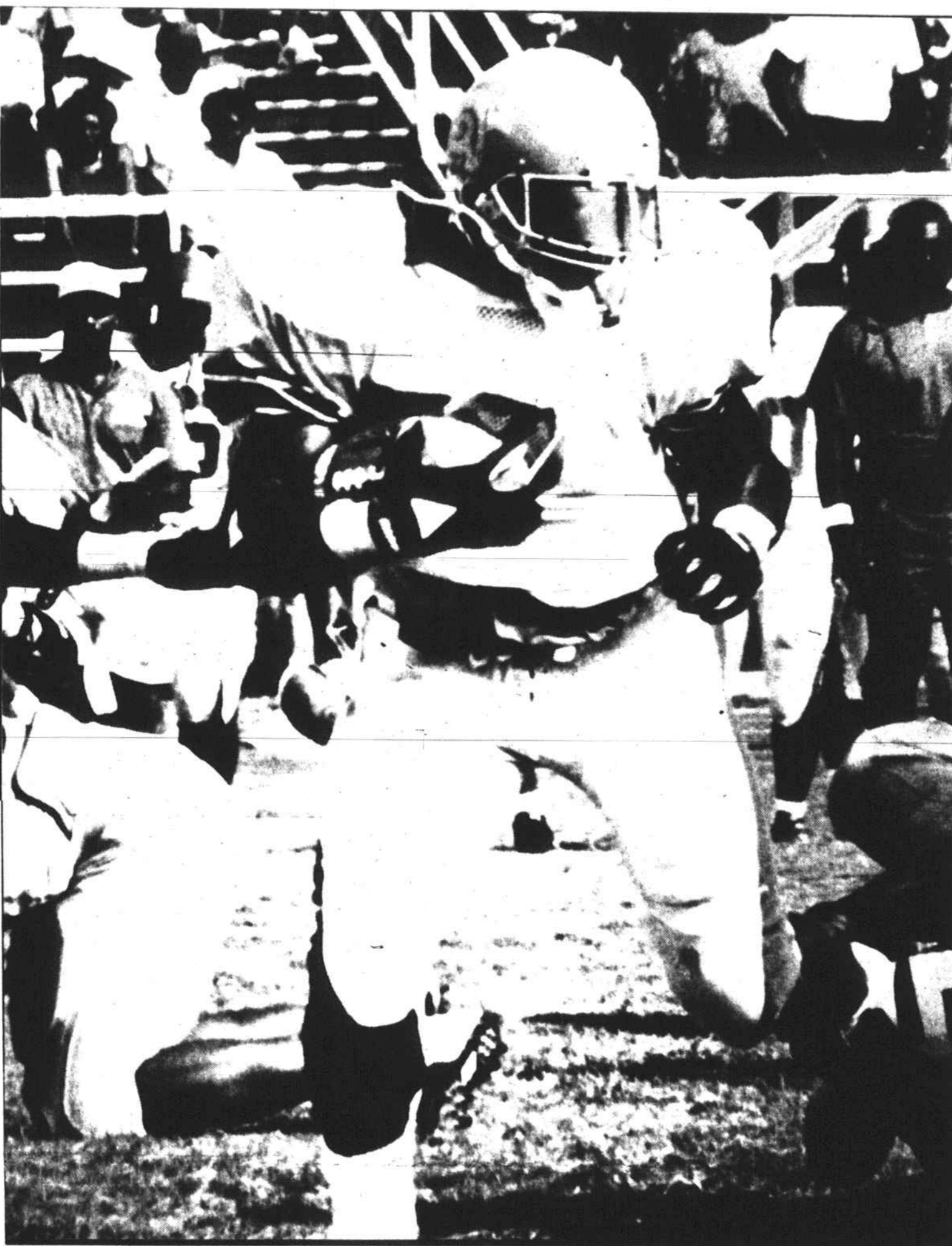
Dent shot a two-day total of 134 at the Vantage, to finish two strokes behind champion Jim Colbert and bag \$118,800 in prize money in the richest event in golf's senior division. Owens also earned some cash, carding a 145 to earn \$7,341. Sifford, 70, didn't have one of his better performances. He finished last in the field with a 155 total.

Dent, the runner-up for the second straight year at the Vantage, made a serious charge at Colbert with a sizzling second-round, seven-under par 65. With seven events left on the '92 senior tour, Dent ranks among the top 15 on the money list at \$474,079.

The 53-year old Dent is also highly ranked in several categories in tour play. Prior to the Vantage, he led in driving distance (averaging 283.1 yards) and was third in birdies (292) and

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Huntley Shines in Rams Rout



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An unlikely hero emerged in Winston-Salem State's 40-13 thrashing of the hapless Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University last Saturday in Charlotte.

Rams running back Richard Huntley, a red-shirt freshman, took center stage in a homecoming of sorts, since his hometown, Monroe, is near Charlotte.

By day's end, Huntley had burned Smith for 251 yards total offense and four touchdowns. He rushed for 184 yards (averaging a whopping 9.7 yards per carry) and two TDs. He also caught four passes for 67 yards and two more scores.

Entering Saturday's contest, Huntley averaged 82.5 yards rushing. After Saturday's game, he's now No. 4 in CIAA rushing averaging 102.8 yards a game. He's the first to admit that sensational line play is the main factor in his improved rushing statistics.

"The offensive line is the most important part of any offense to a running back," Huntley said. "They deserve all of the credit. Hopefully, now I'll be able to gain some consistency."

Prior to graduation from high school, Huntley was recruited by several major college programs. "I was recruited by Michigan State, Arizona and some others, but I just wanted to play black college football," Huntley said.

But before he could get into a college pre-season camp, he suffered a knee injury in an all-star game played in Indianapolis, which hampered his development so he wound up missing his freshman year. In spite of that, the physical education major turned a negative into a positive and concentrated on his academics.

"I'm aware that everyone doesn't make it professionally," he said. "I have been trying to improve in the classroom because without the grades there wouldn't be any football."

Growing up in a small city, Huntley has also learned the importance of having role models in the community. "If football doesn't work out, I would still enjoy teaching or coaching," he said with a humble grin.

With their second blowout in as many weeks, the Rams have a full head of steam heading into Saturday's showdown against a powerful Southern University team in Shreveport, La.

Photo by Max Dunhill

Richard Huntley's performance vs. J.C. Smith earned him Newcomer Of The Week in the CIAA.

Rams travel to the bayou to square off against Southern

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Winston-Salem State's weekend match-up against Southern University in the Shreveport Football Classic will be the first meeting for these traditionally strong football programs.

The Jaguars, with victories over

WINSTON-SALEM STATE
vs.
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
Saturday, 4 p.m.
at Shreveport, La.

South Carolina State and Mississippi Valley State, will take a 2-1 record into the contest but will need a total effort in order to defeat the Rams, who are 4-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

Even though this game won't

count in the Rams drive to win another conference crown, there are some benefits.

For the first time in a long time, WSSU will face a Division I-AA opponent other than North Carolina A&T, which should help the Rams in their bid to earn a Division II playoff spot and advance past the first round. During the past five years, the Rams have dominated in the CIAA, but have been eliminated from the national title chase after the first post-season game.

Secondly, the Rams will also receive a nice purse for travelling to Shreveport, La. According to Rodney Lockett, Southern's sports information director, money is the reason why the Jaguars added the Rams to their '92 schedule.

"We average about \$127,000

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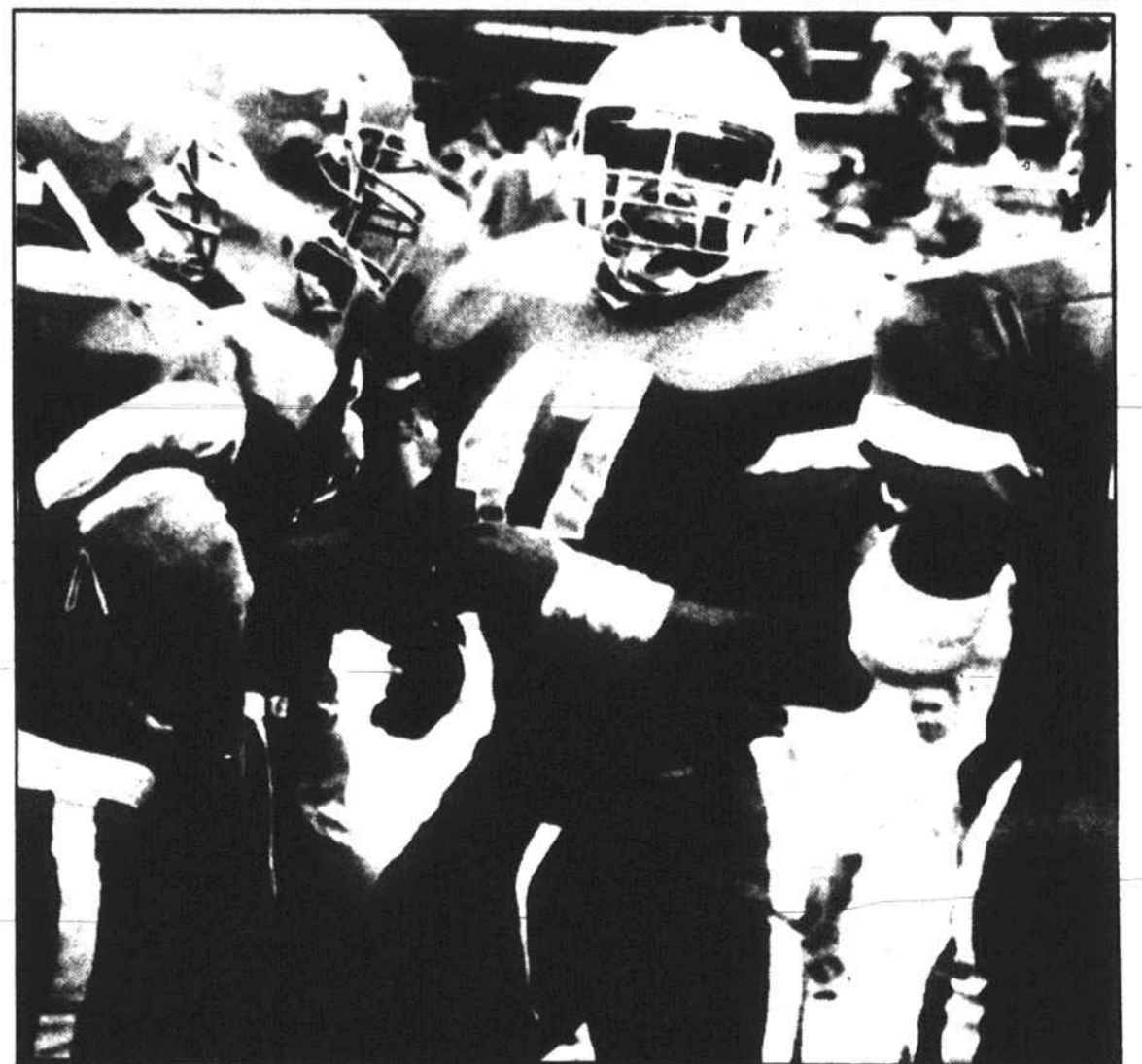


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WSSU linebacker Tim Pittman ranks among the CIAA leaders in tackles with 46. He also has three interceptions, two of those coming against the Golden Bulls last Saturday.c2

Littell Shoots 74 to Win Golf Festival at Winston Lake

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Gary Littell, sparked by steady course management and stellar iron play, won the fifth annual Golf Festival at the Winston Lake Golf Course, posting a score of 74.

Constant showers eliminated Sunday's round and gave Saturday's leader, Littell, his first GF Tournament victory by four strokes over Lester Carpenter. "I was disappointed that we weren't able to play on Sunday, but I am thankful for the win," said Littell.

After paring the first two holes, Littell



surged into the lead with an eagle on the reachable par-5 third hole. "I hit a good approach shot and made a really good putt," he said.

Littell's early lead, however, was short-lived. He shot three-over par over the next six holes, which included a triple bogey seven on the par-four ninth hole. "I hit the ball well all day except on the ninth hole," said Littell.

The eventual tournament champ rebounded from that disaster with six pars and a sensational birdie at the challenging par-3 12th hole. "I made a great putt on 12 which was rare because I wasn't putting well," he said. "I

hit the ball well enough from tee to green to shoot in the mid-60's."

Littell was somewhat surprised by the tournament scores, which were higher than he expected. "Going in, I thought I would have to shoot under par on both days to win," he said.

Other flight winners include: Curtis Hatton (first flight); James Beaty (second flight); Harry Davis (Senior's championship flight); Cornell Mann (Senior's first flight); Geneva Brown (women's championship flight). Brown won her flight by seven strokes, which

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