

Black Seniors on the Tour

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\$72,181. Additionally, Sifford's driving accuracy of 81.5 percent is good enough for second place on the senior tour.

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last July. Dent fired a 12-under 204 to win the Newport's \$60,000 purse. In addition, he has the lowest 18-hole score for the season, a 10-under 62 at the Bank One Classic last month.

In '91, Dent set a new senior record for most money won in a single season without a victory, amassing \$565,245 in the process.

Owens, the guy who designed the 50-inch "Slim Jim" putter used by several players on the regular and senior tour, plays in the super seniors division (for players who are 60 and older).

This year, Owens ranks among the top 10 on the Vantage Classics money list with \$74,684 and is one of 15 players in his division to sink a hole-in-one, his ace coming at the GTE North Classic three weeks ago.

The fact that Owens is playing at all is miraculous. As a paratrooper in the Army, he suffered a severe leg injury which required his knee to be permanently fused. As a result, Owens is unable to bend his knee. In his 11 years as a senior, Owens has earned \$697,377.

Sifford will always be remembered as the trailblazer for black golfers in the PGA. He was the first black to win at the PGA level. Fact is, he won two PGA Tour events, in '67 at the Hartford Open, and in '69 at the Los Angeles Open, when he won in a playoff round.

Sifford ranks among the game's all-time money leaders (\$1,162,230), is among the top 45 on the seniors career money list (\$820,896) and is among the top 10 in earnings in this year's Vantage Classics standings at

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per game because we have a great following," Lockett said. "But both teams are going to make some money."

If school enrollment played a major role in the outcome of this upcoming contest, the Rams would be at a decisive disadvantage. Southern has 9,100 students, WSSU has 2,600 students.

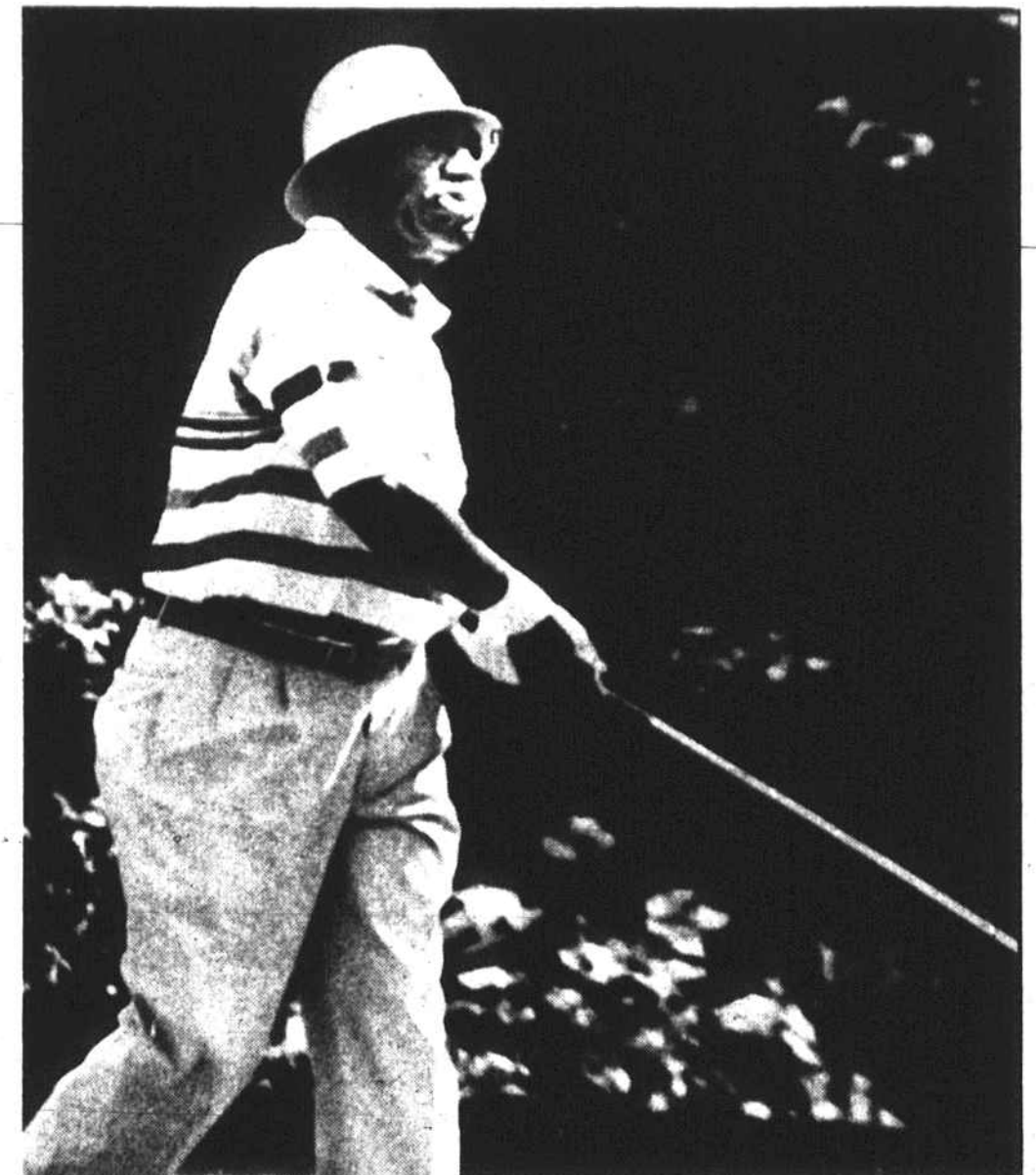
The Rams, however, more than make up for that with a surplus of talent. Winston averages more than 329 yards total offense per contest, which is nearly 100 yards more than the Jaguar's defense allows.

Defensively, the Rams are second in the CIAA in total defense allowing 221 yards per game. SU's offense hasn't been particularly awesome. The Jags average 14 points and 204.3 total yards per game. Both those totals rank them seventh in the eight-team SWAC.

Saturday's game will mark the first time since 1986 that Southern has played in Shreveport. A crowd of 30,000 is expected. WSNF-FM 90.5 will provide live radio coverage.

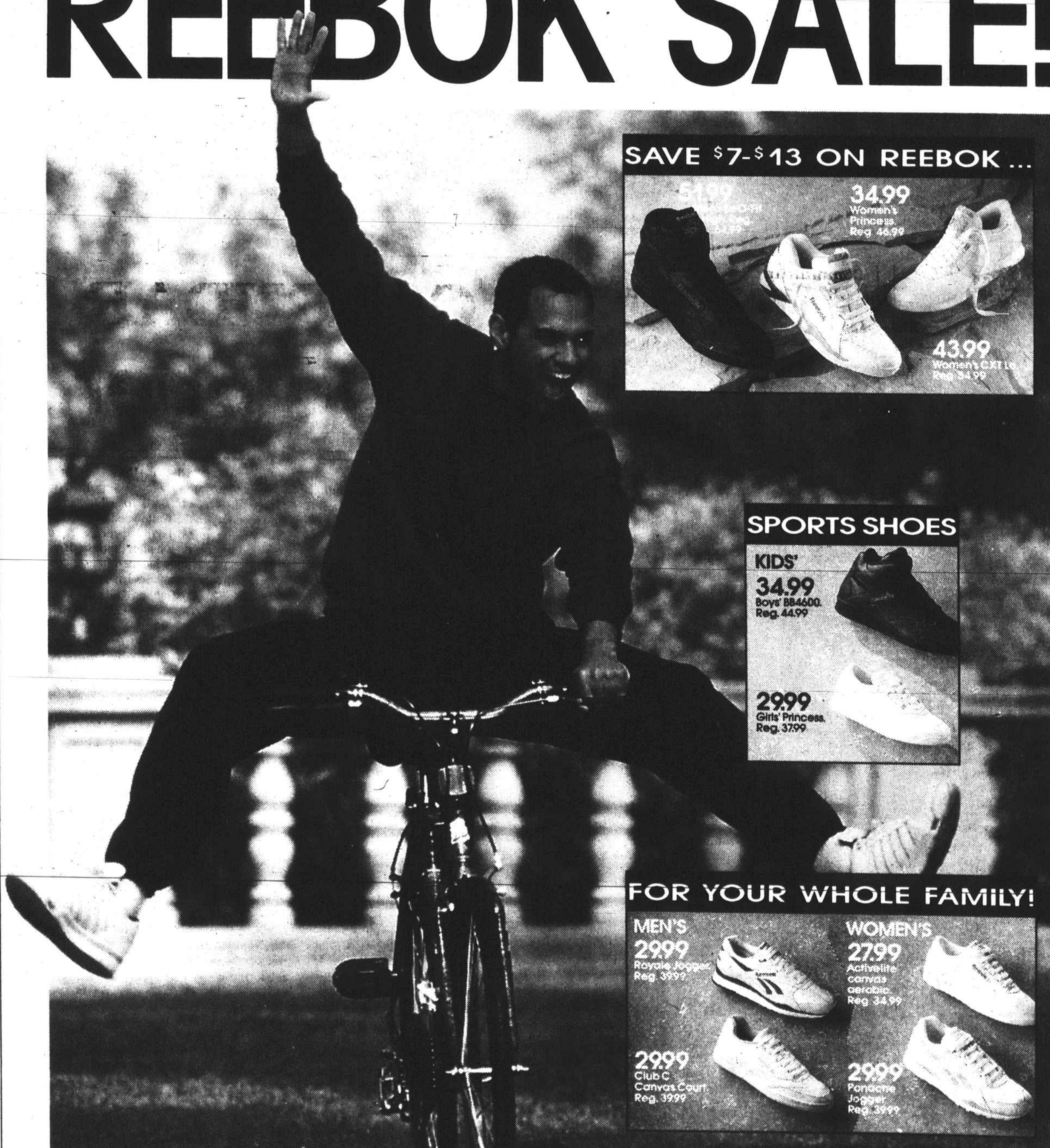


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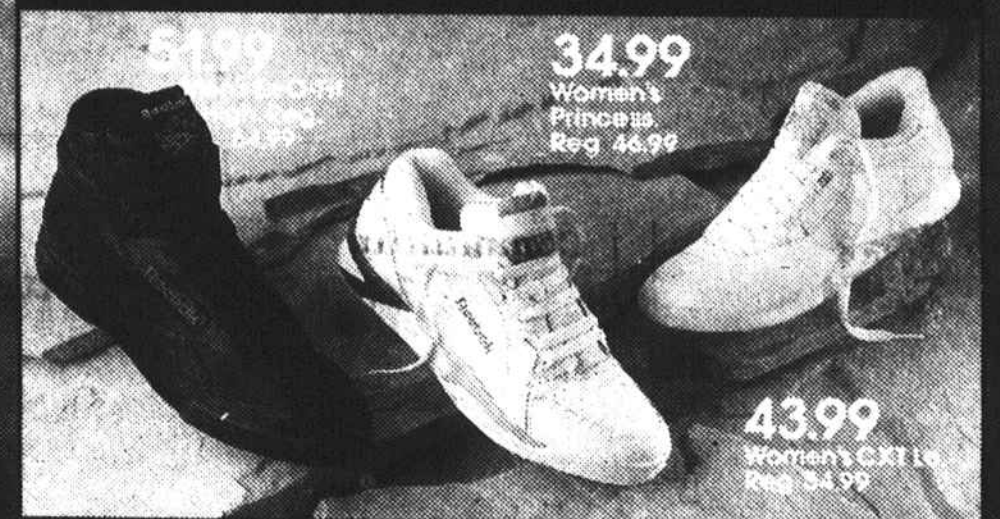


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