

# Sports Beat

with Bill Johnson



## Six Former A&T Athletes Named To Hall Of Fame

GREENSBORO, N.C. - Six of the finest athletes ever to compete for North Carolina A&T State University have been selected for induction into the university's Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 7.

He was drafted in the first round by the New York Giants in 1950 and played two years. He has also coached at Johnson C. Smith, Shaw and Southern University.

Maye, a native of Greenville, N.C. competed for A&T from 1934-38. He was a two-time All-CIAA halfback and also a track star.

Before his death, he was principal of Robinson High School in Winterville.

Hamilton, a native of Norfolk, Va., was one of the first A&T boxers to earn All-CIAA honors. He graduated in 1947 and died recently in Trenton, N.J., where he was director of a YMCA program.

Alston, a Greensboro, N.C. native, was an All-CIAA baseball star at A&T before becoming a major leaguer. The St. Louis Cardinals paid San Diego of the Pacific Coast League \$100,000 for his contract.

Raiford, currently a Greensboro bondsman, was an outstanding A&T athlete during the late 1920s.

The second group of inductees includes Art Statum, varsity wrestling coach at LaFayette College, Easton, Penna.; Robert "Stonewall" Jackson, assistant football coach at North Carolina Central; Thomas Alston, former Major League baseball star; Connie Raiford, former A&T track, swimming and baseball star; the late John Maye, football star; and the late Walter Hamilton, a boxing hero.

The athletes will be officially inducted in the Hall of Fame at a luncheon at the Hilton Inn on Oct. 7 at 1 p.m.

Statum, a native of Bethlehem, Pa., won the first national championship for A&T in 1953 when he became the NCAA heavyweight crown. He also was an All-American end in football.

Jackson, a native of Allentown, Pa., earned Negro All-American honors as an A&T fullback in 1946, 1947 and 1948. He was the first Aggie athlete to earn a berth on a professional team.

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## Carolina Cougars Begin

### Pre-Season Action In Boone

BOONE, N.C. The Carolina Cougars, with Billy Cunningham seeing his initial American Basketball Association action, tip off their fourth pre-season schedule, on Thursday by hosting the Virginia Squires at Appalachian State University's 6,500-seat Varsity Gymnasium in this northwestern North Carolina mountain community.

Coach Larry Brown's Cougars, finishing a 17-day training camp here, will begin their rugged, twelve-game exhibition swing with a 16-man squad, headed by Cunningham, a four-time NBA All-Star, and a trio of former ABA All-Stars in Joe Caldwell, Mike Lewis, and Mack Calvin.

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### A&T's Cage

### Assistant

GREENSBORO, N.C. North Carolina A&T's basketball team will welcome a new assistant coach this fall.

James "Frank" Levister, an Aggie graduate and ex-forward under former Coach Cal Irvin, has assumed the assistant position vacated by A&T's basket ball program under Irvin and Reynolds.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Levister will spend 60 percent of his time off the court counseling players. The remainder will be primarily devoted to aiding Reynolds in practice and game situations.

"I've played with and know most of the players," he said, "which should help our team's cohesiveness. This is very important viewing our rough 1972 schedule."

"I won't predict a championship this early," he volunteered cautiously, "but we'll be working hard for one."

Levister worked with Reynolds two years and says, "I have complete confidence in his coaching ability and I believe we will be able to floor a representative team."

Levister entered A&T in 1968 and holds a B.S. degree in social services. He has also accumulated several hours toward his master's certificate in guidance and counseling.

The 25-year-old coach worked with a summer poverty program in Philadelphia this past summer and is unmarried.

and be aired over the Cougar Radio Network.

The Squires, crippled by the loss of Julius Erving at least for the time being, will feature the backcourt play of veterans Bernie Williams and Fattay Taylor, plus the pivot play of 6-11 Jim Eakins. Several promising rookies figure high in Coach Al Bianchi's plans - guards Dave Twardzik of Old Dominion and Billy Shepherd of Butler, and forward Bill Franklin of Purdue.

The Knickerbockers, perennial NBA contenders, boast some of the NBA's top drawing cards in 6-11 comeback center Willis Reed, 6-8 Dave DeBusschere, 6-8 Jerry Lucas, 6-5 Bill Bradley, and 6-3 guards Earl Monroe and Walt Frazier. Rookies also figure prominently in Coach Red Holzman's plans - 6-11 Tom Riker of South Carolina and 6-1 Henry Bibby of UCLA and Franklinton, N.C., both Cougar draft selections.

Tickets for the Durham game may be purchased in advance at Duke's Indoor Stadium Ticket Office and at Will's Bookstores (Northgate and Lakewood) in Durham. In Raleigh, tickets may be purchased at Womble's Downtown, Hackney's in North Hills, and Kerr Rexall in Cameron Village. Tickets are also available through the Cougar office.

The first week of exhibition play finds the Cats battling the Squires in Springfield, Massachusetts on Saturday in addition to Boone, and the Knicks Sunday at Duke University's Cameron Indoor Stadium. All three outings will tip off at 8:00 p.m.

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## Abbey Crusaders Win

### Opening Soccer Game

The Belmont Abbey Crusaders have started their 1972 soccer season on a high note with an impressive 2-0 victory over Pfeiffer College Saturday afternoon at Misenheimer.

The first goal came in the second quarter by Bruce Bini who headed in on a corner kick by Paul Zambito.

With just 5 seconds left to play, Zambito ran down field to put in the second and final score of the match.

Frank Farrell and Chick Hamlin did a great job in battling up the midfield. They were supported by a fine defensive lead by Jim Almon along with Ed Burns and John Keaton.

The teamwork showed by the Crusaders made it possible for goalie Brian Murphy to be credited with the first shutout of the season.

The Abbey booters are looking forward to their next match with the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill on Friday, September 22.

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