

Sports Beat

with Bill Johnson



IT OCCURS TO ME THAT.....

All men are not homeless, but some are homeless than others.

Coach Joe Alston should have a large turnout next Thursday night for the first of two appearances his Golden Bulls will make at the Charlotte Coliseum this campaign.

The big doubleheader features the return of highly-rated South Carolina State to the J.C. Smith schedule. Alston's Bombers will take on the Bulldogs in the nightcap of a twinbill that will have Winston-Salem State facing St. Paul's in the 7 o'clock opener.

It is odd that Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali are both training in the Philadelphia area for their January 28 bout in New York's Madison Square Gardens. The promoters are calling the match "The Second Fight Of The Century." The winner will get a crack at George Foreman's heavyweight title later in the year.

The Harlem Globetrotters will close their world's travelers image this year. It seems that the world famous funmakers are going to perform in only 200 cities in 1973-74.

There are those who never harbor ill feelings against individuals who disagree with their views, although they often regret that so many people can be so wrong.

The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, better known as IFCO, has a good thing going. IFCO is promoting a basketball tournament at City College in New York City December 28-30 with Lincoln, Howard and Shaw Universities, South Carolina State, Norfolk State and Elizabeth City State Colleges making up the field.

How Silly Can You Get Dept. - Dr. Frank Bannister of Jet Magazine this week rates Johnson C. Smith's fine football team 11th among the top 20 Black college football teams in the country. Livingstone, which finished second in the CIAA, was listed 14th and S.C. Carolina State, second place finishers in the tough MEAC, was 13th.

Dr. Bannister proves that selecting a top 20 among Black colleges is about as ridiculous as going fishing without bait.

Virginia Union against J.C. Smith here Saturday night and Norfolk State against Livingstone in Salisbury Monday night are two basketball games well worth your considerations.

It takes a long time to feather a nest on a wild goose chase.

Earl "The Pearl" Monroe has organized the Earl Monroe Productions Inc. It's a firm that will serve its clients in the area of artist management, music publishing, public relations and recording production. The former Winston-Salem State great, who is now starring with the New York Knicks; works off-season as Director of Special Events for Springs Records where his activities included working with racks, one-stops, disc-jockeys, program directors and music directors.

The big guns in business are generally those who have never been fired.

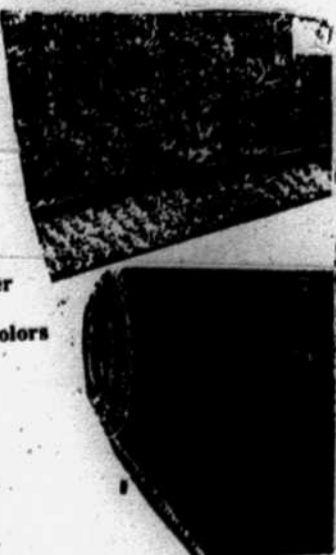
Bet You Didn't Know That Johnson C. Smith topped the CIAA in total offense this season? Livingstone was first in total defense. Quarterback Luther Carter was the league's No. 1 passer and loose-as-a-goose - Stanley White its No. 1 receiver.

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J.C. SMITH TRIO-CAPTAINS - From left to right are Senior James "Twiggy" Sanders, senior Willie Joplin and senior Ellis Allen.

Great Year Predicted

CIAA Cage Campaign Begins Friday Night

By BILL JOHNSON
Post Manager - Editor

The dribbling will begin Friday night and it will end sometimes around the first of March in 1974.

Generally considered the finest basketball season in the storied history of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the campaign has quietly muscled its way on the sports scene.

And, during the interim between now and March, 12 members of this famous conference will attempt to make believers out of the fans and the experts in an concerted effort to win both the conference and the tournament titles.

The jockeying for the top position begins Friday night with five games. In all, there are 16 contests on the agenda for the next seven days.

Only one tilt on Friday's

schedule will involve the conference standings. That one has Winston-Salem State playing host to Virginia Union in Winston-Salem. The non-conference games pit North Carolina A&T against Fayetteville State in Fayetteville, St. Augustine's against High Point and Shaw against Elon in a big twinbill at Raleigh, and St. Paul's against Christopher Newport in Newport News, Va.

Actions picks up quite a bit Saturday night, with three conference contests on tap. Johnson C. Smith will meet Virginia Union in a tough battle in Hartley Woods Gym on the Smith campus, while Virginia State tests St. Paul's in Lawrenceville, Va. and Elizabeth City battles Livingstone in Salisbury. The non-loop encounter on Saturday's schedule has North Carolina Central playing at

Winston-Salem State. Livingstone, one of the two teams seeing action three times during the period, will host Norfolk State in an important contest in Salisbury Monday night and Virginia State will take on Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va. Both are conference bouts.

Johnson C. Smith travels to Raleigh to meet Shaw Tuesday night.

Wednesday night will find St. Paul's visiting St. Augustine's in Raleigh. Belmont Abbey journeying to Salisbury to face Livingstone, Randolph-Macon in Petersburg, Va. to meet Virginia State and Fayetteville in Hampton, Va. to test Hampton Institute.

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Elon at Shaw
St. Paul's at Christopher Newport
Virginia Union at Winston-Salem

MONDAY, DEC. 3
Virginia State at Hampton
Norfolk State at Livingstone

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5
St. Paul's at St. Augustine's
Belmont Abbey at Livingstone
Randolph-Macon at Virginia State
Fayetteville at Hampton

SATURDAY, DEC. 1
Virginia State at St. Paul's
Virginia Union at J.C. Smith
Elizabeth City at Livingstone
N.C. Central at Winston-Salem

TUESDAY, DEC. 4
J.C. Smith at Shaw

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