

# Sports Beat

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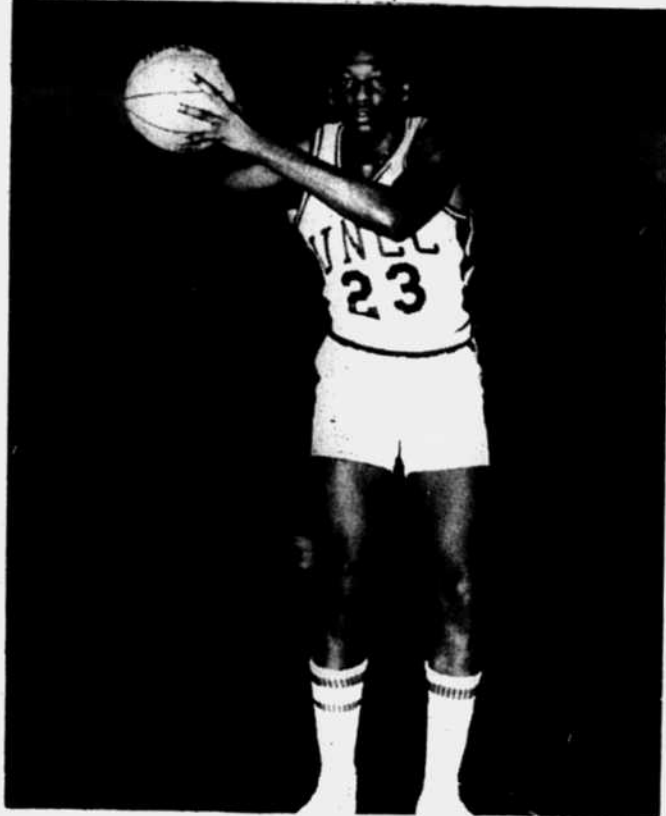
## Bona Fide All-American

# Massey Unstoppable In 49ers Opener

CHICAGO TRIBUNE reporter Bill Jauss cited "a bona fide All-American candidate named (Lew) Massey" as being a primary ingredient in the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 49ers' 68-64 opening game road victory over the University of Illinois last Friday night in Champaign, Ill.

Jauss wasn't exaggerating. UNCC's premiere 6-6 senior forward only scored 32 points and pickpocketed a game-high four steals. But it wasn't necessarily his final point production (although Fighting Illini fans may beg to differ) that allowed Lee Rose's scrappy basketball team to hand the Illini only their second opening game setback in 32 round-ball campaigns since 1946. It was WHEN Massey decided to take control of the game in the final 10 minutes that nailed the Illinois coffin shut and allowed Rose to up his opening game slate at UNCC to a perfect three for three.

The Charlotte native tallied 13 of the 49ers' final 19 points during the game's waning nine and a half minutes as he repeatedly felled his team within striking distance of the Illini. Most importantly to the 49er cause, however, was



LEW MASSEY  
...Sensational 49er

Massey's scoring of UNCC's final 11 points down the stretch before 6-8 freshman center George Devone iced the victory with a three-point play as a mere six ticks of the clock

remained. Massey's clutch 10 and 11 points during the spree were a brace of one-and-one free throws with 39 seconds left that proved to be the game-winner.

"...Massey was hot and we couldn't stop him..." Illini mentor Lou Henson said in post-game comments.

Henson employed four different players during the contest in an attempt to shut down the "Machine Gun." But it was to no avail as Massey did nothing but create foul problems for the Illini, especially for sophomore forward Neil Bresnahan, who was sent to the bench early with three fouls and eventually was disqualified after fouling Massey.

"It was hard work, but I was getting open and just taking my shot," Massey said of his 54 percent (14 for 26) field goal shooting effort. "We had good movement inside, and I got physically worked over real good. But I expect it to be that way all year long."

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# All CIAA Football Team Announced

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HAMPTON, VA...The CIAA 1977 Football season ended last week and the CIAA coaches have picked their choices for the ALL-CIAA team. On offense are quarterback Kermit Blount, Winston-Salem State; wide receivers Reggie Midgett, Hampton Institute and James Woodson, Saint Paul's; tight end Fred Hargraves, Elizabeth City State University; offensive tackles are Herbert Hines, Virginia State, Gary Raiford, Winston-Salem State and Ernesto Young, Virginia Union University; Curtis Lyman, Virginia Union and Julius Simms, Virginia State are the offensive guards. At center is Robert Weeks of Winston-Salem State; the running backs are LaRue Harrington, Norfolk State and Timmy Newsome, Winston-Salem State.

Picks for the defense were defensive ends Herman Cuthrell, Livingstone College, Reggie Doss, Hampton Institute and Plummer Bullock, Virginia Union; Chris Moore of Virginia State and James Winbush, Winston-Salem State, were selected as the defensive tack-

les; linebackers are Curtis Pleasants, Virginia State, Lester Farrington, Elizabeth City State and Calvin Young, Virginia Union; Frank Dark, Virginia Union, Michael Ellis, Norfolk State, Cornelius Washington, Winston-Salem State and Johnny Stoutamire, Livingstone College make up the defensive back field. Michael Crawley, punter, Virginia Union and Rufus Crawford, return specialist, Virginia State round out the coaches' picks. The Coach of the Year was undefeated Winston-Salem's Bill Hayes.

The CIAA Football Champions, Winston-Salem State, takes on MEAC Champions, South Carolina State, in the Gold Bowl in Richmond (VA) City Stadium on December 3 at 2 p.m.

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## TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS.....

The only thing worse than being old and bent is being young and broke.

Generally the pre-season polls are not worth the paper they're written on. An example can be found in the fact that Winston-Salem State was not given much chance for copping top honors in the CIAA football race.

However, the gallant Rams of coach Bill Hayes will journey to Richmond, Va. this weekend to represent the CIAA in the second annual Gold Bowl Football Classic.

The contest, which annually pairs the champion of the CIAA against the title-winner of the MEAC in Richmond City Stadium, has created the most excitement since women first raised their skirts high above their knees in everyday dress.

The contest has overwhelming appeal simply because one team (Winston-Salem State) is unbeaten and the other (South Carolina State) has lost only once and was tied once in 11 starts. Both are champions of their respective leagues and the winner will wear the proud mantle of being champions of Black college football for the year 1977.

This reporter's first impression after reviewing the rosters, schedules, and game results is to predict the Bulldogs of South Carolina State will de-horn the proud Rams of Winston-Salem State. Moreover, South Carolina State should not be overly awed by the glamour of performing in a post-season contest before an unusually large crowd. They have played in these kinds of surroundings and have performed under the pressure of post-season atmosphere in three of the past four years...and have done extremely well.

On the other hand, Winston-Salem State is somewhat like a band of gypsies in that they are the new kids on the block, having joined the ranks of black college football powers only this season. As a matter of fact, coach Bill Hayes' undefeated Rams had to climb the ladder of public acceptance the hard way, with incredible performances week after week until their impressive string of victories reached 11 straight at the season's end.

Hayes will send his upstarts against a team that has several key performers on the sidelines with a variety of injuries. The Rams have been reported as being relative free of injury to key personnel.

Winston-Salem will also carry unmatched credentials into the battle. Timmy Newsome, their superstar whose performance this year should easily earn him all-star rating with every all-conference, all-state, and any other all-anything team imaginable, he has run for 908 yards with 159 carries in nine games for a contribution of slightly over 100 yards per contest.

Then there is Kermit Blount, the dandy little field general who runs the Rams attack with the incredible skills of a professional. Blount is the conference total offense leader, having averaged 123.9 yards a contest with 1,030 yards passing and 333 yards rushing. With this super pair setting the pace, Winston-Salem State captured the conference rushing offense and the total offense titles.

They play defense as if they believe it to be a matter for the U.S. Army or the U.S. Navy to take care of, and, as a result, they failed to place among the loop's top four teams in passing defense, rushing defense and total defense. These are vital departments on which football warfare is won.

You can bet your last week's paycheck that Willie Jeffries, S.C. State's cagey coach, will exploit these glaring weaknesses. Jeffries is a well-known pick-pocket expert who has surrounded himself with exceptionally quick, hard-

hitting youngsters who made things happen. It is our feeling, then, that this one is well worth the price of admission. It should go down to the final whistle and the winner will more than likely be the team that handles the ball last.

Winston-Salem is our choice in a high-scoring, crowd-pleasing contest that should keep a stadium full of people on the edge of their seats.

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