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One of the hardest secrets for a man to keep is his opinion of himself...

If you do not yet have the Super Bowl Mania, WBTV will put you in the mood with a record nine hours of sports broadcasting, on Sunday, beginning at 12-Noon. WBTV also has a grand treat scheduled for Thursday night, January 18. It's the first regular season confrontation of North Carolina's Tar Heels and the "Wolfpack" of North Carolina State. The following Saturday, if you care to look that far ahead, Channel 3 will air the ACC doubleheader, with Maryland and UNC battling in the first tilt and Virginia and Clemson squaring off in the second.

The ACC twinbill on television this Saturday will have Virginia facing N.C. State in the opener and UNC meeting Duke in the nightcap.

Ever heard of Kim Fox and Kathy McAmis? They're the budding stars in UNCC's women's basketball program. Miss McAmis holds 14 team records. Miss Fox is currently averaging 17 points and 14.5 rebounds. She is the team leader in both departments.

UNCC's Lew Massey has picked up the nickname "Machine Gun" because of his sensational shooting. He's .515 percent from the field and .667 percent from the line. The Pineville native, who likely will go high in the NBA draft, is also averaging 6.7 rebounds and nine assists per game.

Charlie Scott reportedly asked the Boston Celtics to be traded. "Right now," the former North Carolina standout explained last week, "I think it would be better for all concerned. I'm tired of keeping quiet. I'm not keeping quiet anymore. They are always talking about changing. Why is it me that always has to change?"... Needless to say, he got his wish.

Bet you have forgotten Reggie Jackson's historic contribution to the world series record books. The fabulous New York Yankee outfielder not only is the first man to hit four home runs in four consecutive swings of the bat, he is also the first man to hit five home runs in a world series. Talking about setting records. Walter Payton, the wondrous Chicago Bears running back, toted the pigskin to a record 275 yards in a single contest this past season. That one will most likely stand for a long, long time.

I wouldn't be surprised if the top joke of 1978 will be found in the headline in the current issue of the Cleveland Call & Post newspaper which reads "Richard Pryor Starts New Year With A Bang!" The reference was to a story about Pryor's marital problems which apparently got out of control during the holidays.

In case you're looking for material for future arguments, Dig this!...O.J. Simpson and Johnny Rodgers are among the Heisman Trophy winners since 1966 who have not graduated. It's also interesting to note that Earl Campbell of Texas, the 1977 winner, will lack about 12 hours of fulfilling his graduation requirements.

The impressive Basketball Guide that Joe Foust has put together at North Carolina A&T lists Steve Cassell and Willie Robinson, both natives of Charlotte, on the Aggie roster.

A graduate of J.C. Smith, Foust also informs that A&T has had only one losing season in basketball since 1954. Yup, you guessed right! It was last campaign when the Aggies limped through a 3-24 campaign.

Look for the heavyweight fight between Muhammad Ali and young Leon Spinks, slated for sometime in February, to be called off.

The loud noise you hear is that the Golden Bulls are going to capture the CIAA Southern Division crown. Local JCSU supporters are apparently overlooking the fact that the Bulls are currently giving up an average of 85.5 points a game.

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Fred Coleman Is "Cager Of Week"

By Chase Vance Post Staff Writer

Fred Coleman, center for the Garinger Wildcats, is a big reason his team is challenging for top honors in the Southwestern 4-A Conference

Last week, he scored nine points against the Olympic Trojans and 28 against the South Mecklenburg Sabres in two crucial games which propelled the Wildcats to the top of the conference.

The victories over the Trojans and the Sabres were games Garinger needed to win to assert themselves at the top of the conference.

The 6-3, 184 pound center wears jersey number 32 and lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman in North Charlotte.

Presently, he is averaging almost 20 points per game and is pulling down 13 rebounds. How does Fred Coleman get

ready for a ball game? "I prepare myself by going home after school and going in my room," he said. "I close the door and listen to music, something soft and mellow. A lot of love records like Barry White and Marvin Gaye."

He calls this his best year ever, because his Coach Rollie

Sumwalt is "really letting me

His brother James Coleman Jr. is the person responsible for his athletic growth and the development of his basketball

The Salvation Army's center on Belmont Avenue was the spawning ground for the athlete. He started playing for the team there when he was in the seventh grade. In eighth grade, he moved to Eastway where he also played in the ninth grade.

perform from the stands, he wants them to say, "He is a great ball handler and he moves the ball well to be a big In addition to playing bas-

For the people watching him

ketball, he plays baseball in the summer with the semi-pro Charlotte Hawks. One of the schools interested in Coleman is Mt. Olive, one of the state's best junior college programs in Mt. Olive, N.C., a small town near Goldsboro.

The members of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church has great admiration for his head coach, Sumwalt, saying, "he is a really good coach and we are going to have a good team.'

CIAA Basketball Roundup

Winston-Salem Running

Away From Competitors

average.

SPECIAL TO THE POST

HAMPTON, VA...Many observers felt that the CIAA might be well balanced this year, but Winston-Salem State is running away from their competitors with a 10-0 re-

After suffering the loss of three starters from last years' CIAA championship team, Coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines has assembled another talented squad led by the brilliant floor general Carlos Terry and the emergence of 6'7" sophomore forward Reginald Gaines, who is coming into his own as a star in the

The Rams are hearing talk of an undefeated season and if the talk is true, what a feat this would be for Coach Gaines who recently recorded his 600th coaching victory.

Virginia Union returned to winning from last week after a bad experience in the holiday tournament. The Panthers defeated Hampton to start in their first game of the new

Keith Valentine of Virginia Union leads the CIAA in field goal percentage with an astonishing .645 average, converting on 40 to 62 attempts. Union's Derwin Lilly tops all free throw shooters with an .88 average connecting on 24 of 29 tosses. Thomas Blue of Elizabeth City continues to lead the CIAA in rebounding, grabbing 133 for a 16.6 average.

Edward Jefferson, carrying a 27.8 scoring average for the Fayetteville State Broncos took the lead over Winston-Salem's Carlos Terry, who dropped to third place with a 24.4 average. Herbert Entzminger of J.C. Smith holds the number two spot with a 25.4

Fastbreaking Virginia State leads the conference in team offense with a 100.7 points per

game average while the Winston-Salem Rams have allowed but 66.3 points per game in defense. Virginia State will journey to Norfolk State for action against the Spartans next week in what is billed as the CIAA Game of the Week. CIAA PLAYER OF THE

WEEK...Edward Jefferson of Favetteville State scored 54 points in last weekend's Capitol City Classic at Raleigh, N.C. Jefferson, a 6'5" sophomore from Emporia, VA erupted for 41 points in the opening round of the tournament against Shaw University and was selected the tournaments most valuable player and to the All-Tournament Team.

CIAA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK...St. Paul's Greg Jackson, a 6'2" freshman guard from Augusta, Ga. Jackson scored 15 points, handed out five assists and recorded three steals in the Tigers' 83-82 win over CIAA opponent Virginia State.

CIAA COACH OF THE WEEK...Clarence house" Gaines, who has guided the Winston-Salem Rams to a 10-0 start. Gaines is the winningest active basketball coach in the country, with over 600 victories to his credit.

CIAA HIGHLIGHT...The Super Bowl will have a special flavor for CIAA fans this year when two alumnus, defensive tackle Jethro Pugh (Elizabeth City class of '66) and offensive guard Herbert Scott (Virginia Union, class of '75) of the Dallas Cowboys take the field to see action against the Denver Broncos in the Superdome at New Orleans on Jan-

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HOT-SHOOTING FRED COLEMAN ... Challenging for top honors

Exciting Prep Basketball

On Tap For Friday Night

By Jim Berry Post Staff Writer

Some exciting high school basketball action is on tap Friday, as the competition so far this year is as balanced as it has been for some time. Here's a look at some of the action on tap

North Mecklenburg at East Mecklenburg.

The Eagles have long been a football powerhouse...but in the basketball doghouse. This year...they're looking to turn that around, as indicated by last week's 3-point victory over Myers Park. They are led by Senior guard Curtis Craw-

But they won't find the going easy against North...a team which features two sharpshooters in Mack Walls and Mike Holmes

Garinger at West Mecklenburg.

West Mecklenburg is having its problems this year, while Garinger is in a battle for the Southwestern 4-A Conference

The Indians have some talent in Tony Maddox...but they will go up against one of the league's better defenses

Harding at West Charlotte..

West Charlotte comes out shooting from all over the floor ... and they have the fire-

power to do it. In last week's victory over West Mecklenburg, the Lions had four players in double

But Harding is a team which has been tough, and they've played with a lot of character so far, coming way behind a couple of times this year to

South Mecklenburg at Independence..

South can ill afford another loss in conference play if they hope to have a shot at the title. and they are up against an Independence team that may be primed for an upset.

But Independence will have to stop South's Jerry Fitch if they hope to pull this one out.

Olympic at Myers Park... The Mustangs...the early season favorites to win the crown...are still in a dogfight.

On paper...the Mustang should be the easy favorite... all of their starters can score points and play defense. But no one has been able to run away from Olympic yet...primarily because of sharpshooting Rickey Stevenson.

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