

# Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



## THE WAY IT LOOKS TO ME .....

You'll have to agree with coach Bill Foster that his Duke Blue Devils didn't deserve to win over Rhode Island here Sunday afternoon.

The Devils, who played as if they left their game plans back home in Durham, got to be the luckiest team in basketball. There were times when it looked like Duke would have difficulty defeating the old ladies of Aunt Jane's sewing circle.

Sly Williamson was the best performer on television last weekend. The gifted Rhode Island star is a picture-book player, with velvet smooth moves and one of the softest shooting touches I've seen.

North Carolina A & T State University, which is enjoying a banner year with its new look in athletic, will showcase its powerful football team at the West Charlotte High Stadium here Saturday, April 8.

Our prediction last week that UCLA would regain the NCAA basketball title, is on shaky grounds this week. I'd like to correct the forecast to point out that UCLA will win it all if it escapes the powerful teams in the far west playoffs.

Add this writer to the list of those who do not believe the ballyhoo about the best basketball in the land is played in the ACC.

It's good to see old friend Jim Dent pick up good checks on successive weekends. The big, likeable long-ball hitter has won close to \$4,000 on the PGA tour in the last two weeks.

Are you aware that blacks dominate the NCAA basketball playoffs? Last weekend, the University of North Carolina was the only team exposed to TV that played as many as three white players. The other schools fielded as many as four black players at one time or another.

And blacks led the individual scoring and rebounding in all but one contest.

Good buddy Matt Snorton, a former Michigan State football standout, is of the opinion that Earvin Johnson, Michigan State's prized rookie, may be the best ever to suit up for the game. Snorton's opinion is the consensus of the majority of the game's experts who have seen the gifted 6'7" athlete in action. Nicknamed "Magic" because he makes things happen, Johnson is the first freshman ever selected for the "All-Big Ten" team, and, to date, his name has appeared on three all "All American" teams.

Would you believe the famed Indianapolis Clowns are still barnstorming? The Clowns are currently preparing for their 49th year of coast-to-coast competition on the baseball fields. They will play a 75-game schedule.

ABC will televise nationally the heavyweight bout between Ernie Shavers and Larry Holmes Saturday, March 25. Black promoter Don King is the producer of the fight which is being billed as a "heavyweight elimination" 12-rounder at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

Don't believe the rumor that Muhammad Ali and heavyweight champion Leon Spinks have secretly made the "arrangement" of the century. Word is out that there is a deal for Ali to recapture his crown from Spinks and become the first heavyweight in history to reclaim the title three times.

NBC has appointed a black man as Director of Olympic Administration. He's Jarobin Gilbert Jr., who will play a major role in the business and planning aspects of the network's sports coverage of the 1980 Olympic games in Moscow.

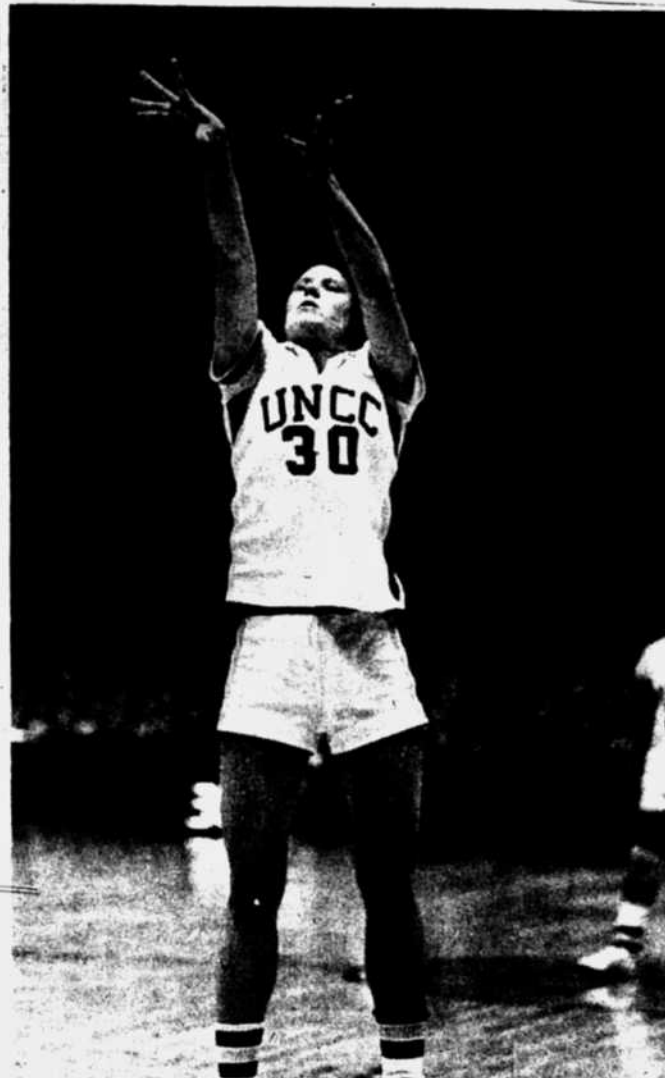
Are you aware that speeding is profitable only for the undertakers?

We send our congratulations out to a pair of talented women athletes — Kim Fox of UNCC and Candice Council of JCSU. And it's good to know that Lee Rose, the highly successful athletic director and head basketball coach is not leaving UNCC.

Rose, along with Morgana, the Civic Center, Coliseum and the upcoming liquor-by-the-drink, has created the most excitement for Charlotte since the British were chased out of town some years back.

This writer would like to see Gene Little intensify his efforts to get NCA&T in the Sun Belt Conference. It is my feeling that the Aggies would be competitive, and that the Sun Belt would benefit greatly from the large crowds A & T would attract.

Did you notice that the CIAA was represented with two teams in the annual NAIA Basketball Tournament in Kansas City? Winston-Salem State and Hampton are competing



VERSATILE KIM FOX  
...All-Star athlete

## UNCC Kim Fox Is Standout Cager

Kim Fox, standout basketball player for the Lady Fortyniners of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte has been named to the All-Division II basketball team of the

North Carolina Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NCAIAW).

The six foot freshman center from Catawba who averaged 17.8 points and 14 rebounds a game while lead-

ding the 49ers to an 11.8 mark. This was the first winning season in the history of the program.

According to Head Coach Judy Wilkins, Fox is one of her best recruits. She played in the North Carolina East-West All-Star game after leading Bandys High School to a 3-A state championship and a 23-0 undefeated record her senior year.

Totals for Fox for 1977-78 include 32 blocked shots, 23 steals, and 18 assists.

She played in all 17 games shooting 276 times and making 127 shots for a 46 per cent per game average. Shooting at 59

per cent on the free throw line, she hit 49 of 83. The team's leading rebounder with 241, she averaged 14.4 per game.

Ms. Fox fouled out only three times. She committed 57 personals and scored 303 points in the 588 minutes that she played in.

She lead the team in scoring average, minutes played, total points scored, personal fouls, rebounds, field goal percentage, field goals attempted and field goals made.

With her freshman year's total of 303 points, Kim moves behind Kathy McAmis as the second leading scorer in UNCC's history.

## TRC Plans Gymnastics Classes

The Tuckaseegee Recreation Center is offering gymnastics classes for the general public.

The Spring session will start March 3rd and run March, April, and May. The cost is \$10 per month. The program is based on the student's ability and designed for individual attention.

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## Herman Thomas

### Pleased With

### First Workout

Coach Herman Thomas is pleased with the results of the Morris Field Rangers' first workout. "We had a nice session," the veteran mentor said Tuesday morning, pointing out that "We worked mostly on conditioning and some fundamentals."

Herman said he was pleased also that three new players have signed with the team.

They are Harold Robinson, an 18-year-old pitcher from Bamberg, S. C.; Toney Koonce and Alfonso Mobley, outfielders from Johnson C. Smith University.

Thomas expects big things from this trio. According to the Morris Field manager Robinson is a 6'4", 205-pound lefthander who is attending Johnson C. Smith. He pitched Bamberg High to two consecutive championships.

The Rangers will workout at J. T. Williams Junior High School Saturday, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Sunday's practice session will also start at 2:30 o'clock.

### A&T Signs Local

### Grid Standout

Greensboro - Joe Collins, a 6'3", 190 pound linebacker who played his prep football for North Carolina State 4-A Champion East Mecklenburg High, has signed a national letter of intent to attend North Carolina A&T in the fall.

Collins was an All-Conference Selection and was voted East Mecklenburg's Most valuable Defensive Player. East finished the 1977 campaign with a 13-1 overall record.

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