SPORTS BEAT



TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!...... The reason some people can't do their Christmas shopping early is they don't know who their friends will be by holiday

List this reporter among those who believes Dalls will win the Super Bowl next month and become the king of professional football. The way I figure it, the Cowboys have had their low moments and are not playing well at the moment. They, however, should pick themselves up to the level of play that projected them as the best team in all of football and get on with the business of chalking up victories.

Another reason I like Dallas is its stingy defense....And Tony Dorsett...Any knowledgeable people in the game will readily tell you that defense is where it's at in the world of football!

SUDDEN THOUGHT - The end of the world will probably catch most of us promising to do better!

Eddie Hurt, one of the all-time greats in black college coaching circles, was among the honorees at the first Golden Bear Roast at Morgan State College in Baltimore Monday night. Now in retirement, Hurt coached the Bears through 57 straight victories without a setback in the 50's.

Big David Pope is off to a great start with the Norfolk State basketball team. He hit 28 points in his first outing...Don't be too surprised if the California Angles go after Reggie Jackson if the New York Yankee outfielder and Yankee owner George Steinbrenner do not come to terms.

Did you know that 52 rookies made the NBA teams this season? New Jersey and Dallas have five each. Darryl Dawkins, who was off to his best start since joining the Philadelphia 76ers, will be sidelined for a while with an injured knee. The top four leading rushers in the NFL - George Rogers, Tony Dorsett, Earle Campbell and Billy Sims - are all Heisman Trophy,

The great Muhammad Ali will celebrate his 40th birthday in late January, 54 days after he fights Trevoe Berbick at Queen Elizabeth Sports Center in Nassau, Bahamas Friday night...What does that mean? Well, in my opinion, a 40-year-old does not have any business fighting anyone...not even his wife!

Bill Davis will send his South Carolina State Bulldogs against Idaho State Saturday in the biggest contest of his illustrious coaching career. A victory in the contest, which will be televised regionally, will project the Bulldogs into the NCAA 1AA Champiomship game in Wichita Falls, Texas, a week from Saturday. Bill and his Bulldogs are showing how small colleges in general and black colleges in particular can reap the countiful harvest of television richness.

Progress would be faster if people could

go forward on excuses!

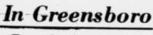
Curt Peter's recent letter to the white media regarding "better coverage to the CIAA Football Championship Contest Here November 21, was, in my opinion, oft of tune with the times. Mr. Peters completely overlooked or completely ignored the fact that the Charlotte Post gave the event major coverage through a 16-page insert that has received praise from a wide variety of sources.

In addition, he apparently did not read the seven pre-game stories that appeared in the Charlotte Observer the week of the game. WBT and WBTV spent countless man hours and a large sum of money promoting the game, even in what is generally regarded as 'prime time."

The point I'm making is that a crowd of 12,000 people does not mean very much to the white media. Even when one remembers that the local white media went all out with the coverage of the championship game, it must be pointed out that the Black Press is the only media/in Charlotte that fully concentrates on selling black products.

I thought the dailies and the local radio stations gave exceptional coverage to the same and it is suggested here that each of you, especially the members of the Westside Optimist Club and local CIAA officials, send letters / to the Charlotte Ob-server, The Charlotte News, radio stations WBT and WSOC, as well as WBTV, WSOC-TV, and WPCQ-TV congratulating them for a job well done.

They're deserving of your enthusiastic support!



Golden Bulls Enter Miller-Aggie Classic

Bob Moore's Golden Bulls basketball patch-up job now leaps out of the frying pan into the fire as Johnson C. Smith travels to Greensboro Friday and Saturday for the Miller-Aggie Classic.

While the Bulls battled powerhouses Belmont Abbey and Gardner-Webb for narrow victories in the WBTV Classic, Moore was pleased with the hustle and spirit of the team.

"It was a tremendous amount of pressur eon our young players with only one game under their belts," assessed Moore. "Give us three more weeks and we'll be ready for the Limestones down the

Unfortunately for the Smith coach, he has only until Friday before running 4 into national power Alabama State in the 7 p.m. game of the Miller-Aggie Classic. The Hornets are undefeated (6-0) having blistered opponents for an average 106 points a game including a 143-90 thumping of Stillman. Other Hornet victims have been Georgia

College, Miles, Southern, Talledega and NAIA national runner-up Alabama Huntsville.

St. Augustine's challenges A&T State in the 9 p.m. nightcap with the championship bracket set at 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday at the Corbett Sports Center on A&T State's campus (7,500 capacity). Tournament books sell for \$6. Per ses sion prices are \$4 adults, \$2 students with IDs.

If there were any doubts about Bill Tibbs' comeback after a knee injury, the junior forward from Elmsford, N.Y., erased them in impressive fashion. "Mr. Tibbs" is averaging 26 points and 10.5 rebounds a game on 66 percent shooting from the field after four

"Many of our players are off in their game right pointed out Moore. "The 45 percent team shooting is an indication that we are overdue as far as shooting. Right now a tremendous defensive effort by our players is winning games for us.

Smith followers who are

run and gun are surprised against Abbey and

to find tenacious defense and patterned offenses instead. "We had to run host Bowie State next Limestone," noted Moore. We were 15 points behind: But playing under control

used to the Bulls' blitz of pressure won the games Gardner-Webb.

Johnson C. Smith will Thursday, December 17, at Brayboy before a threeweek break for the Christand putting on defensive mas holidays

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Terrence J. Miller Is "Player Of The Week"

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Miller believes that the

team's biggest competition

will be Independence.

South Mecklenburg, and

West Charlotte in that

On the Lions-Vikings rivalry, he stated, "I love

to beat them. They beat us

twice last year, but we are

not going to let that happen

sports thrill.

player."

Harding,

agenda.

as a team."

Starting for his team as a junior has been his biggest

Julius Erving is the

"Julius Erving plays

sports star he admires the

with poise," Miller ex-

claimed, "nothing excites

him. He is truly a team

Miller would like to play

college ball one day like his

brother Eric who plays for

St. Andrews Presbyterian

College in Laurinburg, NC.

is taking it one step at a time with Garinger,

and the Myers Park tour-

nament being next on the

revealed, "this is our first

year in it and we would love

to win it. We will if we play

"That's the shootout," he

But for the time being he

Independence

...Sensational cager

'Coach Holden told me." By Chase Vance Post Sports Writer Miller added, "if you see an

The first time I saw the kid, he was a ninth grader hitting a 30-foot jump shot to send a game with Northwest into overtime. He has come a long way since then, but I predicted that one day he would be a viable force on the local basketball scene.

Terrence Jeffrey Miller has graduated from Junior high and now three years later, he is the helm of the North Mecklenburg Viking basketball team and this week's Charlotte Post's Basketball Player of the Week.'

The 5'8", 145-pound senior who wears number 12 scored 26 points in his team's 71-65 win over Mooresville at North and went to Mooresville to score 13 in the Vikings' 72-70 win.

His expectations of the Vikings are high.

"I think that in order to win, we must play as a team and keep out big men out of foul trouble," he remarked in referring to Raymond Philips, Junior Stinson and Charles Ma-

"I am going to try hard to be a team player and take my points as they come," Miller/said. "I want to win the conference, the playoffs and then the state. I would like for us to take the whole thing."

Tomorrow, the Vikings play at Garinger one of the tougher teams in the eague according to his coach, Leroy Holden, who is credited with building up his confidence.

S.C. State

Tackles

Idaho State

By Chase Vance **Post Sports Writer**

The small crowd at South Carolina State's game with the Tennessee State Tigers sent the Bulldogs to the West Coast for the continuation of Countdown To A Championship.

In this semi-final matchup with the Idaho State Bengals of the Big Sky Conference, the Bulldogs are an underdog.

Idaho State was a 51-0 winner over Rhode Island last week while State was being put to the test by Tennessee State.

Twelve thousand fans showed up at the Pocatello, Idaho, Mini dome which holds 15,000. And although it is cold in Idaho at this time of year don't fret because the Bulldogs will be playing on an artificial turf at room temperature.

Coach Bill Davis' squad will play the winner of the Eastern Kentucky at Boise State game in the NCAA I AA championship game in Wichita Falls, Texas, Saturday, December 19, if they win.

The Bulldogs are strong. Quarterback Ben Mungin must have a good day if they are to win. He hit his receivers five of 12 times in the first playoff game for 105 yards

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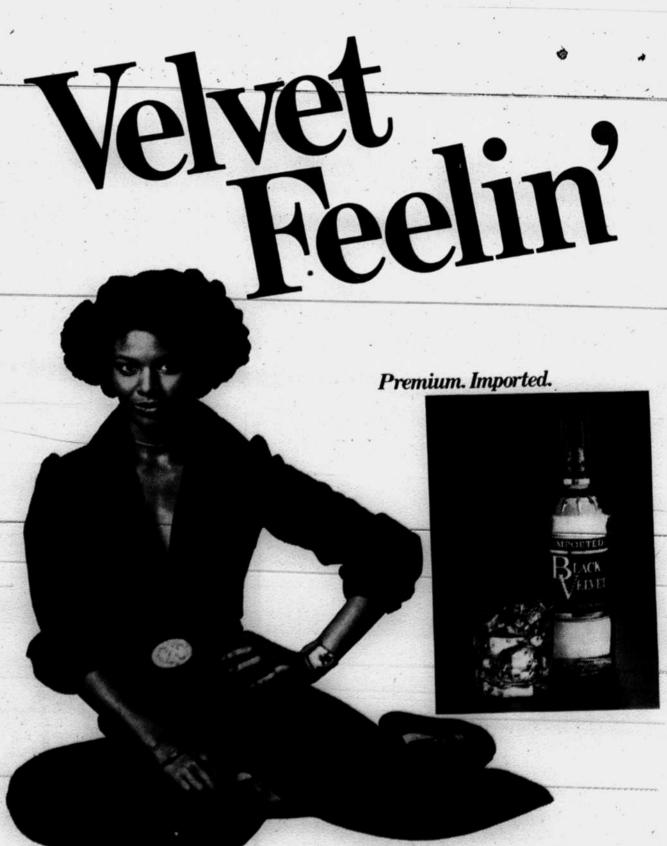
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