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TERRENCE J. MILLER
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Terrence J. Miller Is "Player Of The Week"

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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 Mahoney.

"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 league according to his coach, Leroy Holden, who is credited with building up his confidence.

S.C. State

Tackles

Idaho State

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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 match-up 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.

In Greensboro

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 WBTU Classic, Moore was pleased with the hustle and spirit of the team.

"It was a tremendous amount of pressure on 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 road."

Unfortunately for the Smith coach, he has only until Friday before running 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 session 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 Elmsted, 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 games.

"Many of our players are off in their game right now," 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

used to the Bulls' blitz of run and gun are surprised to find tenacious defense and patterned offenses instead. "We had to run Limestone," noted Moore. "We were 15 points behind. But playing under control and putting on defensive

pressure won the games against Abbey and Gardner-Webb."

Johnson C. Smith will host Bowie State next Thursday, December 17, at Brayboy before a three-week break for the Christmas holidays.

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