

SPORTS BEAT



Bill Johnson

TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!.....
We always formulate opinions at a time when our judgement is at its weakest!

The NCAA announces its pre-tourney elimination round will qualify four teams for the regular bracket as the No. 12 seeds in each of the four regionals. A total of 52 basketball teams will get a shot at the major college championship, which will be held at Albuquerque, N.M. Some view the move as a setback to black colleges, especially the ones who elected to compete in Division I-AA several years ago. These teams will no longer receive the automatic invitations to the NCAA Division I basketball tournaments. They will have to compete in the pre-tourneys.

The Arthur Ashe-United Negro College Fund Tennis Championships expect to attract more than 500 participants at the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, Queens, next week.

One of the greatest boxers of our times, Sugar Ray Robinson, is ailing. During his brilliant career, he moved and boxed like a ballet dancer in scoring 109 knockouts and winning 174 bouts. Only Archie Moore has a better knockout record.

Are you aware that to be tactful you must lie about others as you would have them lie about you?

North Carolina State, which is rated as one of the strongest quintets in the ACC, opens its 1982-83 cage campaign against North Carolina A&T State. ...That's tantamount to sending David after Goliath without his trusty sling shot.

Did you know that pro football is upon us? First game will be played Saturday afternoon, August 7. It's an exhibition, of course! But the college season is only four weeks away Hot Dawg!

There must be a joke here some place. Jake LaMotta, former world middleweight boxing champion, states, "I fought Sugar Ray so many times it's a wonder I didn't get diabetes." Get it?

If Earl Weaver retires, major league baseball will lose one of its most colorful characters--and a darn good manager. Aside to those who argue Johnson C. Smith does not need more money to improve and expand its athletic program--according to an article in the Charlotte News Monday, the University of North Carolina athletic budget is \$8 million.

George Allen is back in the news. The former NFL coach says the USFL will make drug tests on players, and, he warns, "if any one of them (players) thinks it's dehumanizing they can go ask Ed Garvey for a job."

I am of the opinion that it's about time sports writers on the major publications stop listing the Yankees as pennant contenders. Do you believe that tight drawers are the reason men become hostile and start wars? Neither do I! However, it's reported as a historical fact.

At this early date it looks as if the Phillies and the Braves are the best teams in the National League and the Brewers and the Angels are the top clubs in the American loop.

Guess what Reggie Jackson's favorite pastime is? Who cares? Anyway, he reportedly spends his spare time playing Pac-Man, eating meatball sandwiches and drinking beer. Reggie claims he scores 197,000 on the machine.

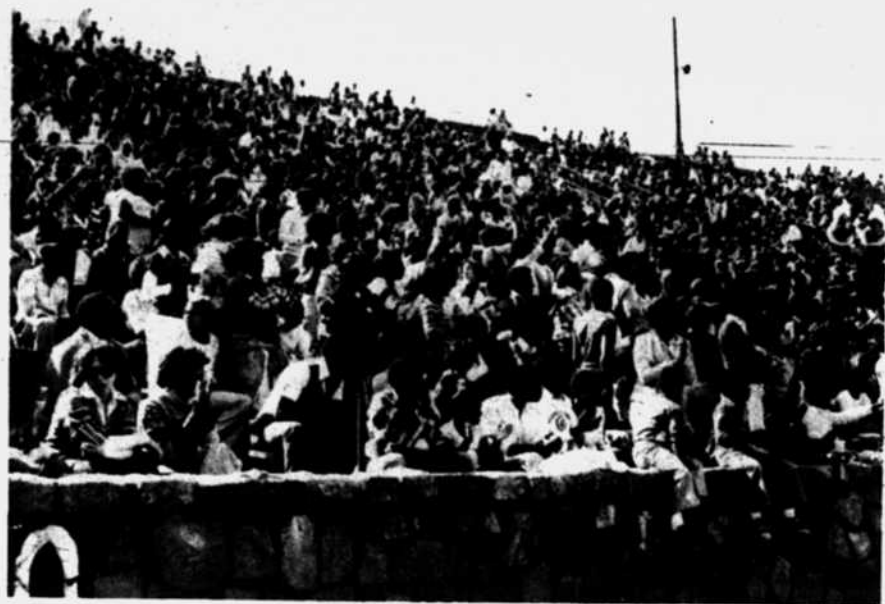
Five of the eight major college basketball conferences experimenting with the three-point play have set the distance at 19 feet. Two others have settled on 21 feet, and one for 20 feet. The NBA will have an orange leather basketball this season rather than the brown ones they have used in the past.

The Los Angeles Dodgers will battle the Atlanta Braves on the tube in the Major League Baseball Game-of-the-Week Saturday, starting at 2:15 p.m.

Is Putt-Putt golf your thing? The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International Fund-Raisers have set an 18-hole miniature golf tournament on Friday, July 30, at the Food Town Shopping Center in Huntersville. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hats Off To: Jim Boulter for the exceptional round of golf he played in qualifying for the Charlotte City Amateur Golf Tournament. Promoters in Philadelphia have scheduled the first Sports Classic for September 11. It will match Howard against Cheyney State at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field. A crowd of more than 50,000 is expected.

Charlie Sifford pocketed \$3,572 in the recently held U.S. Senior Open at Portland, Ore. The Charlotte native shot a 69 on the final 18 to finish third in the tourney.



Golden Bulls fans (pictured above) are supporters of black college athletics. They encourage your support of the athletic activities. Your support is needed if there will be a tomorrow for these teams.

In Numerous Fields Success Of CIAA Teams Help Open Doors Of Opportunities

By Phil Busher
Special To The Post
Last week marked the final article of an eight-part series on the history of sports at Johnson C. Smith University. In truth, it was a look into much more than athletic accomplishments on the fields and courts. Many of the battles and struggles that concerned the players, coaches and administrators of the time were a microcosm of the struggles that blacks faced socially and economically during that time. The fact that the CIAA was able to survive and grow into one of the most respected and competitive athletic conferences in the NCAA II today is one of the great success stories in black history. Thanks to the leadership of many dedicated and persistent coaches and school administrators, a great many barriers were overcome, not the least were forms of segregation and hanging on at the bottom rung of the economic ladder. The success of CIAA teams and individual athletes helped open doors of opportunities for graduates of black colleges and universities in many fields.

These opportunities are beginning to dry up. It's no secret that federal money for education has been cut back and will continue to be cut. Small college programs face a major dollar crunch. Competing against the super powers on TV has hurt the gate revenue. More than ever before, all black colleges need your support not only if they wish to field athletic teams, but if they want to continue to keep their academic doors open.

Throughout the eight-part series, numerous examples of how the alumni helped resurrect the Golden Bulls programs were cited. All black colleges need your help now. Many schools, such as J. C. Smith, will begin season ticket sales. The money at the gate is not paying all the bills. Several schools are considering dropping football and other sports. The revenue from season tickets and your support in attending games is the only lifeline from extinction.

So much has been accomplished in the past. So much is needed for the future.

At Gardner-Webb Ivan Jones Has Locks On Wide Receiver Post

Ivan Jones of York Road Park was a successful wide receiver for Harding High in 1981 garnering Shrine Bowl and All Conference honors.

He excelled on the kick-off and the punt return teams and played a little basketball at the guard position.

Now he is at Gardner-Webb College.

"I talked to the coaches at Gardner-Webb and they were really interested in my services," he began. "I liked the campus and I liked the total program at the school. I was not wrong. It has been great there."

Coach Tom Moorehead is the coach and Wendell Davis coaches the defense.

Ivan started as a freshman at the cornerback position and has a lock on that position for next year.

The Bulldogs are in the rugged South Atlantic Conference which includes

Lenoir-Rhyne, Catawba, Presbyterian, Newberry, Mars Hill, Elon and others.

"We were 5-5 in last season," Jones said. "We were 5-0 at the midpoint, but key injuries caused us to lose the last five games of the season."

"The team looks good this year," he continued. "The team has a lot of new guys and is rebuilding. Next year, we should be a very good team."

Jones at 5'6" and 170 pounds hopes to play professional ball one day. He admits that his size may hamper him, but believes that he can overcome this with "sheer determination and will power."

For Ivan Jones, Gardner-Webb is his dream come true. Other Charlotte football players at Webb are former Olympic tight end Tom Pettway and former Olympic wide receiver Wesley McDonald.

Abrams Returns From Tennis Camp

Eric Rudolph Abrams, one of the top ranked 14 and under players in the tennis circles in the state of North Carolina, recently returned from the Nick Builleteri tennis camp in Baltimore, Maryland.

"I had a great time," the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rudolph Abrams of Eastbrook Woods, said. "We drilled constantly and played in some tournaments."

Abrams, who plays with a Prince racquet, said that he met some of the best young players on the East Coast during his three week stay.

Returning to Charlotte on

Saturday, he teamed with James Cuthbertson to win the senior-junior division of the 7th annual Greater BATCH Tennis Tournament at Hornet's Nest Park by a 6-2, 6-2 decision over Junior McGill and Phil Chiles.

Other winners in the BATCH Tournament were Errol Thompson in men's singles by a 0-6, 6-2 retired decision over Dana Berry; Andy Gordon and Derrick Raspberry by a 6-4, 6-3 decision over James Cuthbertson and Dana Berry in men's doubles; Andy Gordon and Ann Duvoisin by a forfeit over Ernie Felder and Brenda

Styles in mixed doubles; Wilbert Young over Ernie Felder by a 6-3, 6-2 count in 35 and older men's singles; Brenda Slade by a 6-2, 6-4 decision over Glen Hadlock in ladies' singles; Brenda Styles and Ella Loven by a 6-4, 6-4 count over Debby Dry and Dora Durante in ladies' doubles and Wilbert Young and Ernie Felder by a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 count over Melvin Pinn and Scott Howard in 35 and over men's doubles.

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