



TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!
 ...Just because no one disagrees with you doesn't necessarily mean you are brilliant -- maybe you're the boss!

Wonder why coach Robert Moore was so elated over whipping Barber-Scotia? The tiny school up-the-road-apiece is not a good test for J.C. Smith or any other team's worth on the basketball courts, and, what is more, one game does not make or break a season.

Cal Thornton and our sports reporter James Cuthbertson deserve credit and lots of applause for the excellent way they handled the play-by-play accounts of the local high school football games on radio station WGIV. ...Are we to get more of the same during the prep basketball campaign?

Is the offense in college football slipping ahead of the defense? Statistics of games played this season agree that it has. For an example, there were 375 points scored in eight college games last weekend. That's an average of slightly more than 46 points per contest.

Look for Tom Landry, the legendary Dallas Cowboys football coach, to step down at the end of the regular NFL season. The veteran mentor has suddenly come face-to-face with the fact that the disciplinary problems with the younger generation of athletes is too difficult to cope with. Tom recently levied a \$1,000 fine and possible suspension on any Dallas Cowboy who publicly criticize the Dallas coaching staff or his teammates.

I wouldn't be surprised if heavyweight champ Larry Holmes calls it quits any day now. The champ has won 46 straight bouts, but, at 35, his legs appear gone and his punches have lost their flicker. Besides, he doesn't need the money.

The victorious Detroit Tigers collected \$51,386 apiece for their share of the World Series loot. That's approximately \$14,000 per man less than the Baltimore Orioles were paid a year ago.

One for the Books: "The only thing I worry about is winning: Nothing else matters." Who said that? Patrick Ewing, probably the best basketball player in America today. Records reveal the 6-11 Georgetown center has had little to worry about during his playing career. His high school team won 77 of 78 contests and he has led the Hoyas to the NCAA tourney three straight years, including two times to the Final Four.

Did you know that Maryland-Eastern Shore's basketball team is coached by Howie Evans, sports editor of the Amsterdam News, a black weekly out of New York City? ...Old sportswriters never die, they just fade away and turn to coaching.

George Steinbrenner has offered to trade New York Yankee outfielder Dave Winfield to the Boston Red Sox for outfielder Jim Rice, even up. Boston's hierarchy said "No Thanks!"

Figures show the average NFL player salary is \$160,000, up from \$81,000 three seasons ago.

HOW TIMES CHANGE! - In the short span of two seasons Northwestern coach Dennis Green, the first black man to hold a head coach position in the Big 10, was the toast of the conference, earning its "Coach of the Year" honors. He's now sitting on the hot seat, waiting to be fired, following his team's very poor 2-7 record this season. However, the statistics are in his favor. Northwestern only won three games in the five years prior to Green's arrival.

When Appalachian State walloped S.C. State, 24-0, two weeks ago, it marked the first time since 1972 that the Bulldogs have not had a winning football season. "It's tough to end your season this way," lamented Bill Davis, "but this will be a learning experience for all of us. If anyone had told me in August that we would finish 4-6-1, I would have given them an argument."

In my opinion, Florida A&M bigwigs will make a decision shortly to join the Southwestern Athletic Conference. They are currently toying with several options; to rejoin the MEAC, throw in with a predominantly white conference, or SWAC.

A crowd of 63,000 turned out in Jackson, Mississippi, to watch Alcorn State outscore high-scoring Mississippi Valley State. The 42-28 victory unofficially won the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship for Alcorn, which raised its record to 7-0.

The Braves will clash with Louisiana Tech in the second round of the Division 1-AA Playoffs Saturday afternoon. Tech walloped Mississippi Valley State, 66-19, last week. The winner will meet the victor of the game between Arkansas State and Montana State.

HOW ABOUT THAT WILLIE TOTTEN!The rifle-armed Mississippi Valley quarterback threw for 385 yards and two touchdowns in the loss to Louisiana Tech last week. He hit with 43 of his 75 passes. Because of his versatility, MVS led the nation in scoring this season with 609 points in 10 contests.

MORE ABOUT MICHAEL!Former North Carolina standout, Michael Jordan will earn more than \$6 million in the next five years. He recently negotiated a 5-year contract with Nike worth \$2.5 million to endorse their footwear.

Delaware State has lost some of its luster. The school that is supposed to strongly challenge North Carolina A&T for the MEAC cage title this season, has lost two of its top reserves. Forwards Greg Whittington and Dave Taylor did not return to school.

Charley Christian and his vaunted Norfolk State Spartans are headed this way. The CIAA defending champions will take on Winston-Salem State in Winston-Salem Tuesday night before facing J.C. Smith here Wednesday night and North Carolina Central in Durham on December 8. They're the preseason favorites to win the Northern Division this year.

Word out of Richmond, Va., is that coach Dave Robbins has an impressive array of basketball talent and his Virginia Union Panthers are set to give Norfolk State an interesting battle for the Northern title. Heading the cast is three time All-CIAA center senior Charles Oakley, who was third in scoring, second in field goal percentage, second in rebounding and eighth in blocked shots a year ago.

Bulls Look Towards CIAA Top Ranking Season With Optimism

The opening week for the Johnson C. Smith basketball program revealed a few surprises that has both the men and women teams looking towards the upcoming CIAA wars with optimism.

Coach Bob Moore had predicted the Bulls would be back in Brayboy, but he didn't mention that the Bulls could fly. Of Smith's top seven scorers, six are guards. Five Bulls average double figures, led by sophomore forward Dante Johnson (24 points per game). Then comes Moore's army of fleet-footed guards led by Thomas White (14.5 points per game), Rodney "Jimmy" Richardson (14.0 points per game), Reggie Moses (13.5 points per game), James Shockley (10.5 points per game), John Rousey (8 points per game) and Darin Park (7 points per game).

A wellspring of new faces displayed solid talent in guard Jimmy Richardson and forwards Kevin Hinton and Keith Green. Freshman center Allan "JJ" Simpson has the makings of a big man that can physically dominate the boards.

"The entire team is composed of scrappy fighters," acknowledged Moore. "There will be a few teams in the CIAA with more talent on paper, but this bunch isn't going to be intimidated by anyone's reputation."

The Smith women (3-1) are also off to a good start. As a team, Smith is shooting 53.3 percent, well above the national average. Scoring is balanced with four averaging double figures in Odelia Jones (21 points per game), Caryl Hardin (15.5 points per game), Cassandra Howell (14 points per game) and Sandra McCracken (10.5 points per game). Newcomers Janie Young (6 points per game), Regina Pitts (6 points per game) and guard Shar-rion Beard have shown they'll make big contributions in the season ahead.



Dante Johnson
Talented Bull sophomore

The second annual Johnson C. Smith's Women's Invitational Tournament gets underway Friday at 6:30 p.m. when defending champion Virginia State meets West Virginia Tech. at 8:30 p.m. JCSU hosts St. Augustine's. The consolation and championship game is set for 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday night at Brayboy.

If the Golden Bulls are out of the WBTV Classic after Thursday's round, Sunday's scheduled 2:30 p.m. game against Elizabeth City State will be moved to Saturday night. The schedule would then be WIT consolation at 5 p.m., JCSU men vs ECSU at 7 p.m. and the WIT championship at 9 p.m. The Bulls will next host the powerful Norfolk State Spartans in Brayboy on Wednesday, December 5.

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10. SOUTH MECKLENBURG
 Two players transferred out and the Sabres are without a lot of depth again.
 Herb Davis' team was 0-18 and 1-22 last year. Look for improvement. Roman Phifer, a 6-2 horse comes back with his 12.6 points per game. He is joined by Dennis Sabren, a 5-11 point guard who transferred from West Mecklenburg.
 Eric Heath, Brian Blue, Jeff Hagans are all expected to help the Sabres.

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