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# Prep Chatter



The Independence Patriots' track team won the boys' and girls' events for the second consecutive year edging Garinger, 92-83, in the girls' race and Garinger 132½ to 107 in the boys' race.

Jeryl Todd is the Independence track coach. The Patriot girls got strong performance from Katrina Sloan, Tina Jenkins, Toyna Kiser and Sheila Green with a win in the 800 meter relay and Cheryl Weaver in the 100 meter hurdles.

Sloan and Green picked up points in the 100 meter dash. Two conference records fell in the boys' events. Myers Park's Alvin Blakeney long jumped 24 feet 4¾ inches to break a Dwight Clark record of 22-8 3-4 that he had held since 1975.

Independence's Teddy Pauling 22-10½ and Greg Clifton 22-9½ also broke Clark's record.

Mike Hailey tossed the discus record with a toss of 161-8½ which wiped out Mike Rodrigues's record throw in 1978 of 159-3½.

Garinger got a strong performance from Maurice Lowery who won the 110 meter high hurdles in 14.4 seconds and finished second in the 100 yard dash and 800 yard relay.

Harold Simpson of the Pats won the 100 in 10.6 and teamed with Mitch Stewart, James Crawford, and Clifton to win the 800 in 1:27.9.

John White of West won the high jump with 6-6.

Tony Lindsey of South won the triple jump with 44-5.

Elton Bailey of Independence won the shot with 54-11½ 3-4.

David Parker of Garinger won the pole vault with 3 13-0.

## SOUTHWESTERN 4A BASEBALL RANKINGS

1. Independence, 2. West Mecklenburg, 3. Myers Park, 4. Olympic, 5. South Mecklenburg, 6. Garinger, 7. North Mecklenburg, 8. West Charlotte, 9. East Mecklenburg, 10. Harding.

Outstanding performances during the week... Jamie Furr of Olympic struck out 13 to better his record of 8-1 as the senior lefthander beat North, 9-2; Brian Dillon of West two-hit Harding; Derrick McGowan of West hit a lead-off homer in the first and an RBI in single in the 2-1 win over Harding; Tony Garagiola of Independence scattered five hits as the Pats beat West, 3-1; Kelly Hill of Garinger struck out nine Rams to beat Harding, 8-1.

## SOUTHWESTERN 4A TENNIS RANKINGS

1. South, 2. East, 3. Myers Park, 4. Independence, 5. West Charlotte, 6. North Mecklenburg, 7. Garinger, 8. Olympic, 9. West Mecklenburg, 10. Harding.

## SOUTHWESTERN 4A GOLF RANKINGS

1. South, 2. Independence, 3. Myers Park, 4. Harding, 5. East Mecklenburg, 6. North Mecklenburg, 7. Garinger, 8. West Mecklenburg, 9. West Charlotte, Olympic does not field a team.

Outstanding Southwestern 4A golfers were Tom Padgett of Harding and Tommy Funderburk of East with a 74 and 75, respectively, at Forest Pawtucket... George Payne of Myers Park for a 75 at Myers Park Country Club... J.D. Koontz with a 70 and Brett Wright with a 74 at Eastwood and Tony Snead of North with a 77.

## SOUTHWESTERN 4A SOFTBALL RANKINGS

1. West Charlotte, 2. South, 3. Independence, 4. East, 5. North Mecklenburg, 6. Harding, 7. Myers Park, 8. Garinger, 9. Olympic, 10. West Mecklenburg.

Nineteen Mecklenburg County seniors were up for the First Union Phil Hughston Memorial Award, an athletic-oriented honor which was presented last week.

The students nominated and their schools are: Kenneth Cutts and Lisa Kowalske from East; Gene Brown from Garinger; J.D. Cauthen and Renee Eppley from Harding; Michele Losesch and Teddy Pauling from Independence; Mary McDonough and Herbert Turner from Myers Park; Willie Campagna and Sherry Myers from North; Tony McRee and Veronica Harris from Olympic; Jane Stover and Mark Turner from South Mecklenburg; Katie Boyer and Reed Cooley from West Charlotte; Guy Earley and Leah Smith from West Mecklenburg.

The award was named for a 16 year old Garinger High School athlete who died a month after being injured in a 1971 football game. It is given to the male and female student who best exhibits the characteristics of scholarship, character, leadership, service and athletics.

Since 1972, the First Union National Bank has given the award to the best student athletes in the Southwestern 4A Conference, which encompasses public senior high schools in Mecklenburg County.

The winner received a large bronze trophy cast from an original sculpture commissioned by First Union for the awards program.

Jim Tunney, a Los Angeles educator who is best known nationally as a referee for the National Football League, was the guest speaker.

The Charlotte Metros' Junior Olympics AAU team advanced to the national tournament in Orlando, FL, in June in the 19-and-under category with a win over the Charlotte Hornets.

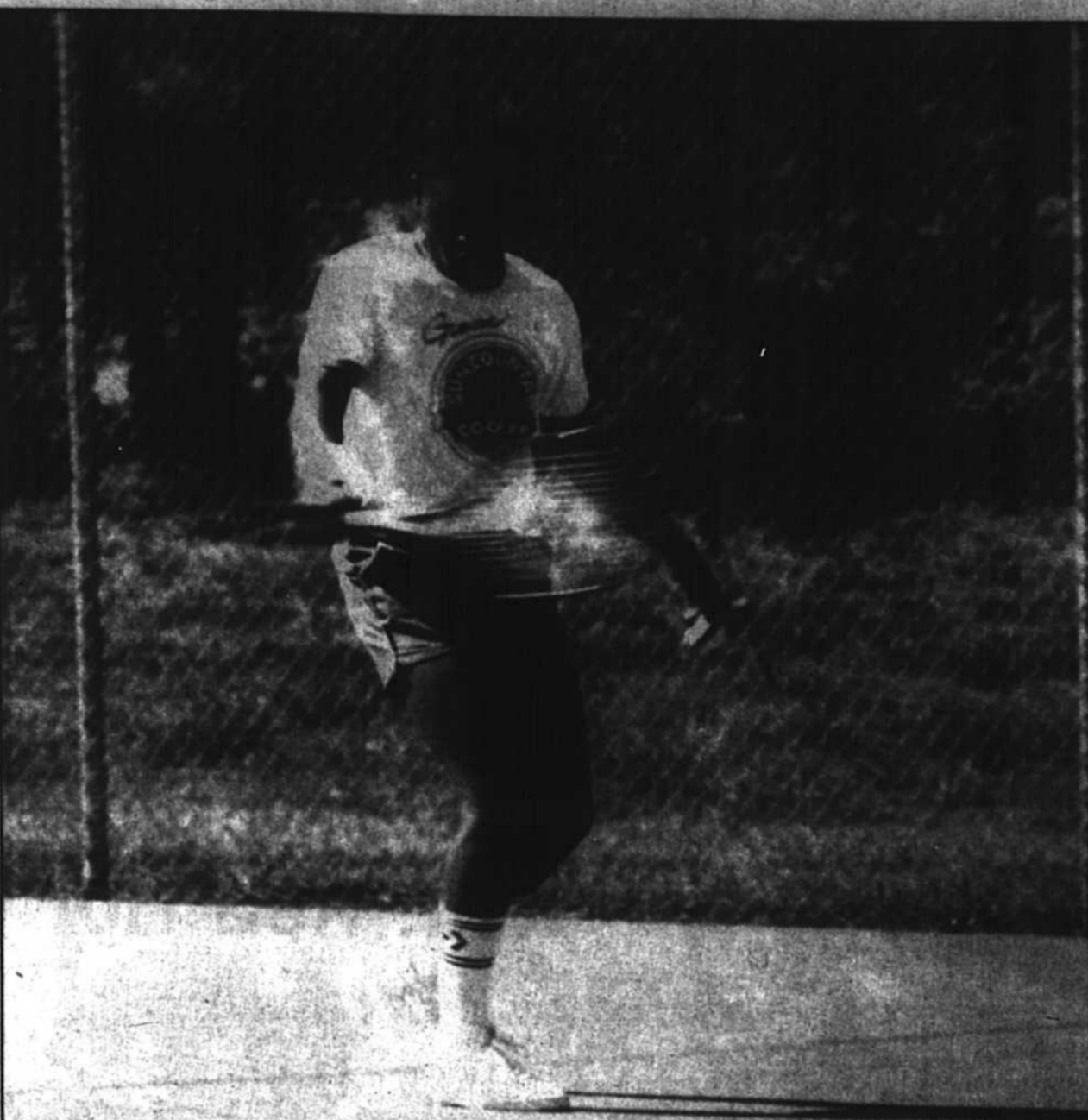
The Charlotte Monarchs, led by "Miss Basketball" Andrea Stinson also advanced in the 17-and-under category.

Milton Moore of West Mecklenburg was named as the "Most Valuable Player" for the champion Metros, scoring 31 points and contributing a strong defensive effort that harassed the Hornets out of their offense in the second half.

He is headed to New Mexico Military School or Lees McRae.

Dee Pritchett of Myers Park scored 35 points in the semifinals. In the championship game, he scored 11 points.

The Metro's team included Antonio Howard, James Elmore, Willie Walker, Chris Johnson, Lonnie Tucker, John Bynum, Byron Dinkins, Dee Pritchett, Mike Washington, Paul Grier, and Milton Moore.



Local tennis champ Terry Neal demonstrates his backhand swing at Sugar Creek Racquet Club. Neal was the winner in the singles event at the Sugar Creek Spring Tennis Classic. (Photo By Calvin Ferguson)

## Livingstone Honored As Outstanding Students

Julius Denson and Rufus Mosely, a pair of outstanding senior football players, have been awarded \$1,500 post-graduate scholarships from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Scholarship Committee.

Densen, a native of Jacksonville, FL, started three years as a defensive back and accumulated a 3.75 average in accounting. He plans to enter the University of Dayton in the fall semester and work for the United States Air Force as a civilian.

Julius is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brown of Jacksonville, FL, and a graduate of Ribault Senior High School.

Mosely earned All-Conference honors at his offensive tackle position and was one of five members on the team from Greenwood, S.C.

Mosely earned a 3.5 average in

## Awards Banquet

The Johnson C. Smith University Athletic Department held its 1985 Athletic Awards Banquet on Monday, May 6 in Grimes Lounge of the University Memorial Union.

Odelia Johns, a senior guard from Danville, VA, received the Mechanics & Farmers Bank Trophy for the senior athlete with the highest scholastic average. Johns, captain of the JCSU Women's Basketball team, maintained a 3.0 grade point average. Her statistics for 1984-85 were 16.4 points per game, and 5.6 assists per game.

Odelia Johns and Dante Johnson, a forward on the Men's Basketball team received the Pettis Norman Award for Outstanding Female and Male athletes.

Al Johnson, editor of the Mecklenburg County Neighbors section of the Charlotte Observer, received the Bill Johnson Media Award in Journalism for his reporting and support of Johnson C. Smith and its athletic programs.

Other winners included Sandra McCracken, Most Valuable Player for Women's Softball and Women's Volleyball; Jessica Ferguson, Most Valuable Runner for the Women's Track team and John Logan, Most Valuable Runner for the Men's Track team; Dante Johnson, Most Valuable Player, Men's Basketball; Odelia Johns, Most Valuable Player, Women's Basketball Team; Co-Awards for Most Valuable Cheerleaders were presented to Phyllis Thomas and Stephanie Benson; Malcom Avant, Most Valuable Player, Tennis; James Saunders, Most Valuable Player for Golf; and Darrell Wesley, Most Valuable Player, JCSU Football.

Other awards presented included Most Improved Player, Most Outstanding Newcomer and the Letter S along with the JCSU National Alumni Hall of Fame Nominees and the Athletic Director's Service Award along with Special Awards of Appreciation and the All conference and All American awards.

political science, and he is still undecided on where he will attend graduate school.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Mosely Sr., he is a graduate of Greenwood Senior High School.

## NFL Drafts Four MEAC Athletes

Greensboro - Four Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference players were selected by National Football League clubs during the 1985 annual college draft held May 1 in New York.


MEAC "Defensive Player of the Year," Jonathan Bostic of Bethune-Cookman, was chosen by the Kansas City Chiefs in the sixth round. The 5-10, 175 pound defensive back from Mims, FL, was the 149th pick overall. Last season, Bostic intercepted four passes, returning them for 199 yards, and he had 84 total tackles. Bostic picked off 16 passes for 308 return yards during his four-year career.

Wide receiver Leon Gonzales, also of B-CC, was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys on the 216th pick in the eighth round. Gonzales led the MEAC in receptions last year with 56 catches for 940 yards and nine touchdowns, giving him a league career record of 21 scoring grabs. The 5-10, 160 pounder from Jacksonville, FL, ended his career third best on the MEAC all-time list with 117 receptions for 2,151 yards.

Leonard Wingate, a defensive tackle of South Carolina State, was taken on the 220th pick of the eighth round by the Los Angeles Raiders. He had 40 tackles and six quarterback sacks in 1984. Wingate is a 6-4, 255 pound native from Charleston, S.C.

Defensive back Tim Williams of North Carolina A&T State was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings, who had the 233rd pick in the 11th round. In his senior season, Williams recorded three interceptions, 109 total tackles, and 10 pass breakups. The 6-3, 200 pounder from Greensboro, N.C., had 12 interceptions during his Aggie career.

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