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**OPINIONS I, OBVIOUSLY, SHOULD KEEP TO MYSELF.**

A point on inflation can be found in the fact that it now takes 14 cents for you to say your two-cents worth on a penny post card!

Wonder why good buddy Wylie Harris is prancing like a peacock these days? (Maybe I should have said "strutting.") Could it be that he has finally cranked up the Winston-Salem State Rams and has them moving in high gear? Sugar Ray Leonard is a class guy. To steal a word from the days of yore -- he reflects great credit to his race -- the human race! Wish I could truthfully say that about our new heavyweight champion, Michael Spinks.

Does exercise dent heart disease? According to U.S. Government physical fitness expert, Richard O. Keelor, it does. Keelor cites findings showing that for the first time in nearly a decade, American deaths from cardiovascular disease fell below one million. Could it be that I've finally found the reason my good buddy James Peeler is walking a mile each day? You can bet your Sunday boots it's not to get one of those Camels. He doesn't smoke.

It looks kind of strange to see Livingstone on top of this week's CIAA football standings. It also seems kind of strange to note that the Blue Bears are 4-0 in all games and 2-0 in the league at this late date. Quick now! Can anyone recall when Livingstone was having it so good on the gridiron? Can you remember when once-powerful Virginia Union was this far down near the bottom of the Northern Division pack? They're just ahead of St. Paul's, the division's last-place club, with a 1-2 conference record.

How about Charlie Smith, Livingstone's 5'10", 175-pound junior cornerback? The Wadesboro native had two interceptions, 19 yards in returns, recovered a fumble, had 10 tackles and broke-up two passes. Wow, what a day! Small wonder he was such an easy choice for "Defensive Back of the Week" by CIAA experts. Guess who provided the most competition for the honor? His teammate Russell Rice, a freshman cornerback from Winston-Salem who caught three interceptions, including one on the three-yard line to preserve Livingstone's first victory in history over Virginia Union. He also had 11 tackles and broke up two passes.

Looks to me like North Carolina Central coach Henry Lattimore has found an adequate replacement for Gerald Fraylon, the Charlotte lad who set a bucket full of passing records for both the Eagles and the CIAA.

Prior to going up against Wylie Harris' tenacious defense at Winston-Salem State Saturday night, freshman quarterback Earl Harvey had thrown for more than 300 yards in three consecutive starts. The 6-foot-4, 195-pound youngster from Fayetteville stands atop the conference individual passers with an impressive 47 percent completion record. He has connected with 73 of his 155 aeriels for 1,197 yards and seven touchdowns. Eight of his tosses fell into the hands of the opponents for interceptions.

Now it can be told, etc. Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins' super quarterback who demanded that his contract be renegotiated, quickly returned to camp upon learning he was about to lose about \$800,000 in endorsements.

New York Mets' all-star outfielder Darryl Strawberry finished the baseball season in manager Davey Johnson's doghouse for removing himself from the lineup during an important contest. He complained of a sore thumb.

The Atlanta Braves will probably spend the winter months searching for pitchers. Their current starting rotation won a mere 11 times in their first 58 games after the All-Star break. They lead the National League in runs, hits and walks allowed and were last in complete games.

In the meantime, the young man they let get away, reliever Donnie Moore, has been placed on the California Angels' "Most Wanted" list. He's headed for the free agent class in 1986.

Pat Ewing, who exceeded his wildest dreams of becoming a very rich man, has money coming in from all avenues. He's close to reaching an agreement with signing the richest shoe endorsement contract in sports history. He already has secured the most lucrative deal in NBA history.

Get this! Unless they make a trade before the season opens in a few weeks, the Boston Celtics will begin the new NBA campaign with only three black players on its roster.

Here's a new twist! James Worthy would have had to pay the Los Angeles Lakers a substantial sum of money if he didn't receive his diploma from Carolina this past summer.

As if you didn't know already, there are 46 football players playing with NFL teams who performed with USFL teams this past summer. The NFL reportedly paid \$3 million buying players out of USFL contracts. It suddenly occurs to me that the United States Football League would possibly become more firmly secured if they realign themselves as "farm" teams to the NFL.

Paul Silas will be an assistant coach with the New Jersey Nets this winter...Did you read about the legendary Minnesota Fats getting himself arrested in Nashville, Tn., for shoplifting a \$1.99 box of Ex-Lax? The Utah Jazz is giving former North Carolina A&T standout Joe Binion another chance to perform in the NBA. He recently signed with the Utah team as a free agent.

The Old Crystal Ball will attempt to improve on its 34-6-1 record with 10 picks this week. St. Paul's should experience very little trouble defeating Bowie State; Hampton should sneak by Elizabeth City; North Carolina A&T will edge Fayetteville State; Virginia State will whip J.C. Smith; Norfolk State will beat up on North Carolina Central; Kentucky State will add further embarrassments to Virginia Union's losing season; Winston-Salem is too strong for Howard; Bethune-Cookman will outscore Georgia Southern; Delaware State will squeak by University of Connecticut; and South Carolina State will win easily over Morgan State.

CIAA football teams are doing very well in the National Polls. Norfolk State (5) and Hampton (15) are in the NCAA Division II Top 20 and the Sheridan Poll has Norfolk in sixth place, Winston-Salem State ninth, Hampton 11th, and Livingstone 15th.

# Burden Of Carrying Bulls To Promised Land Rest On Westmoreland's Shoulders

By James Cuthbertson  
Post Sports Writer

The burden of carrying Johnson C. Smith's football team to the promised land rests on the shoulders of a six foot, 173-pound basketball player, who transferred to Golden Bulls land from Maryland Eastern Shore.

Recruited by UMES for his basketball ability, Mel Donte Westmoreland shunned Boston College, East Carolina, Georgia Tech, and Wake Forest in search of his first love -- basketball.

Times have changed and fate has been good enough to the young man to place him a top leadership position on one of the CIAA's emerging powers, the Johnson C. Smith University Golden Bulls of coach Horace Small.

The 19-year-old advanced freshman from Greensboro's Dudley High School was All-Central Piedmont Conference and All-City in football and made the All-Metro Basketball team after leading his team to the playoffs with his 14 points per game average.

Always a quarterback, he remembers an exciting game his senior year in which he threw one touchdown, rushed for one and threw for over 200 yards total rushing even though his team lost to Greensboro Grimsley, 28-14.

The young man was marked for an exciting career from the start. He was MVP of the varsity team at Allen Junior High School in seventh, eighth, and ninth grades.

"We were the city champs when I was in eighth and ninth grades," said the affable and articulate young man.

The major difference in college ball and high school ball?

"They hit harder in college ball," he answered, "and you have to make more decisions on your own. You have to be mature. I sur-



Mel Donte Westmoreland  
....Budding quarterback star

vey the opposing defense and sometimes I call a different play after I see what defense they are set up in."

The toughest game in which he has played since receiving the starting nod when Wendell Dixon became injured in the first game was against Norfolk State. The Bulls lost that game by a 38-0 count.

"I think that the Norfolk game was the first game in which I had ever been hit that hard," he said

smiling. "The line felt real bad because they could not hold them out, but they were a big unit."

Basically a scrambler, Westmoreland had to run for dear life at Norfolk after the big 280 pound linemen had broken through.

"The Norfolk game was a learning experience for me," he revealed.

With five games on the road under his belt, Westmoreland said the biggest problem is that you don't feel comfortable.

"I like to relax before a game," he said. "When you are at home it is easier to relax."

Westmoreland said that coach Horace Small and coach Ike Fullard have been a big help to him.

"John Thomas, the quarterback coach, tries to show me how to react in different situations," he said. "He has helped me a lot by telling me things that I need to know."

Also helping him is his brother Rodney who was the quarterback at N.C. A&T before he graduated in 1979.

Westmoreland has the skills of which a dynasty is made.

With a little seasoning under his belt, he could go down in the Bulls' record book as one of the best quarterbacks ever.

## Golden Bulls To Test Virginia State In Petersburg Saturday

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The Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University will tackle the Virginia State Trojans of Petersburg at 13,500-seat Rogers Stadium in Petersburg, Va., Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The Bulls will be trying to ruin Homecoming for the Trojans by scoring a major victory.

Virginia State beat Winston-Salem State in its first game, 17-7, lost a close one to Mid-Eastern contender Bethune-Cookman, 14-13, tied Fayetteville State, 7-7, and lost to Elizabeth City, 14-3.

The Bulls lost 10-6 to Hampton, 24-20 to Catawba, and 38-0 to Norfolk before getting on track to beat Bowie State, 24-21.

They lost to N.C. A&T, 25-7, last week in Greensboro.

JCSU is 1-1 in the CIAA and 1-4 overall.

State is in the Northern Division of the CIAA. JCSU is in the Southern Division.

## Volleyball Marathon

Volleyball teams throughout the Charlotte area will be joining forces on November 1-3 for the WBCY-Cablevision Volleyball Marathon for Easter Seals at CPCC gymnasium in Charlotte. The event is being sponsored by WBCY-FM, Cablevision, Bud Light (Bealer Wholesale) and Pepsi.

The volleyball marathon is open to all male, female, or coed teams, whether in a league or just friends getting together for the marathon. Each team rates its own playing ability from "highly skilled" to "what's a volleyball?" Teams may participate in the marathon by securing pledges and playing against other teams of similar abilities during two-hour playing shifts.

Prizes will be awarded to top fundraising teams and individuals, including a team pizza party at Pizza Hut, including salad, pizza and soft drinks, a ski vacation--double accommodations for three weekdays at the Plaza Motel in Boone, N.C., with complimentary equipment rental from Alpine Ski Center and two free ski lessons and lift passes at Sugar Mountain Resort, and a dinner for two at Steak and Ale. Marathon participants may also qualify for T-shirts, visors, duffel bags, and trophies.

Funds raised in the WBCY-Cablevision Volleyball Marathon will help Easter Seals continue to provide direct services to physically handicapped children and adults in North Carolina. Easter Seal services include equipment purchases and loans, speech, occupational, and physical therapy clinics, adapted swim programs, respite care services and residential camping opportunities.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the marathon can contact Easter Seals, toll-free at 1-800-722-0652.

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