

IF YOU ASK ME

Tony Brown says it best in his crusade that urges black people to "Buy Freedom."

The internationally famous commentator and gifted public speaker believes the only way for black people to achieve total freedom is through a stop-gap measure that would keep a larger portion of their dollars in their own community. According to Brown, the dollar turns over a mere five times in the black community and 95 cents of each dollar blacks earn is spent with white merchants.

Brown is not racist in his teaching. He's merely saying that black people must become more aware of the value of their earning power if they're to gain parity.

Makes sense!

Accordingly, it also makes sense to me that the citizens nof Charlotte and surrounding areas are remiss in their support of Johnson C. Smith University's athletics. The great majority do not have high expectations for a winning season, whatever the sports. They look for coach Horace Small to win the CIAA Championship in football while overlooking the fact that they do not attend the games in great numbers nor contribute substantial financial support to the program.

The fact is the Charlotte populace is going to have to 'Buy Victories'' if they want Johnson C. Smith to achieve petter success in the athletic arenas. They'll have to supply coach Horace Small and coach Bob Moore the 'big'' dollars that are needed to develop a competitive athletic program.

Think About It!

If 3,000 loyal followers and supporters of the Johnson C. Smith athletic teams would pay a mere \$50 each year, the athletic department would receive \$150,000 extra dollars per year. And, if 6,000 loyal followers and supporters would pay \$50 each per year, the amount would double to \$300,000.

This extra financial resource would enable Small and Moore to compete with the other small college coaches for athletes, improved facilities, more attractive scheduling, the employment of better qualified assistants, and the improvement of team morale and enthusiasm.

The results would be as contagious as the common cold.

HERE_AND THEREIsn't it about time black reporters quit moaning and groaning about the lack of black coaches in the National Football League? In my opinion, the only way you'll gain equal consideration in the profession is for a black person to buy one of the teams. Until then, there's very little chance of a black person becoming manager of an NFL team or any other professional team.

The well-devised plan to raise the national conscious of college football for African Relief support is definitely a very good idea.

However, there ought to be some questions answered. First of all, should the event, which is scheduled for November 9 at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, with Albany State and Morris Brown and Grambling and Alabama State featured in day-night matchups, be staged to support black colleges? They're in dire need of financial support, too!

Secondly, is two games in one day a bit too much for the average football fan to digest? Finally, will the majority of the supporters (spectators) forsake the game between Morris Brown and Albany State for the more attractive

By James Cuthbertson

Post Sports Writer "We are very excited," said Independence quarterback Jeff Robbins of his team's big 17-14 win over Gastonia Ashbroo

We knew it would be a tough game," he said, "but we scored first and held them off. It was the first time they had been behind in a game this season.

Ashbrook was undefeated in the game and was rated as one of the state's best teams. The Patriots had lost narrowly to East Mecklenburg, 25-24, in overtime.

"It was an important game for us," he informed. "We knew that if we were going to have a chance to make the playoffs we would have to do well in Gastonia. We talked about it before the game and we went out and played like I knew we could."

Jeff Robbins, who engineered this so-called upset, is The Charlotte Post "Player of the Week."

Jeff is the son of John and Mary Robbins of 2019 Cummings Avenue. At Independence, he is active in

the Patriot Singers and the Monogram Club. He is also senior call class vice

president and a member of the track team

He won his school's sportsmanship award last year.

At WBTV Classic agers **Open Season In Rock Hill**

By James Cuthbertson Post Sports Writer

The Johnson C. Smith basketball team will open its 1985-86 season in Rock Hill, S.C., at Winthrop's Coliseum when the Golden Bulls will tangle with Gardner-Webb on No-

vember 22 in the first round of the WBTV Classic. CIAA action for the Bulls begin on November 30, when Virginia State comes to town. On December 5 the

Bulls travel to Elizabeth City and on December 7 they face Hampton. The last Northern swing comes on the 16th when they will face the

Spartans of Norfolk State. On December 20, the Bulls are

home for St. Paul's. On January 4, the Bulls face

Virginia Union.

On January 4, Virginia Union comes to town, followed by Shaw onthe 9th.

They are on the road on January

11 at Livingstone and the 13th at

Gardner-Webb.

N.C. Central comes to town on January 15 On January 18, the Bulls travel to

"We can make the playoffs," he

said of the Patriots who have a game

this week against Garinger and

Paine in Augusta, Ga. Livingstone comes to town on

January 20. On January 23, the Bulls travel to

St. Augustine's. Bowie is in town on the 25th and Barber-Scotia on the 27th.

Then, the Bulls travel to Favetteville on January 29, Winston-Salem on Feburary 1, Barber-Scotia on

February 3. and Shaw on February Paine is in town on February 10. Winston-Salem State is away on February 15, and St. Augustine's comes to town on February 20, and

Fayetteville on February 22. The CIAA men's championship is

February 26 through March 1. In CIAA games, the men and

women are playing double headers at the same sites with two exceptions, St. Augustine's and

Shaw

.....Class vice president

The women's team will play at St. Augustine's at home on November 27 and at UNC-Charlotte on December 3.

close the season at Olympic on

Friday, November 2, and are home

to South Mecklenburg on Friday.

They will host the JCSU Invitational with High Point vs. Belmont Abbey at 6 p.m. on December 13, to be followed by Shaw vs. JCSU at 8 p.m

On December 14, the winners play at 8 and the losers at 6 p.m.

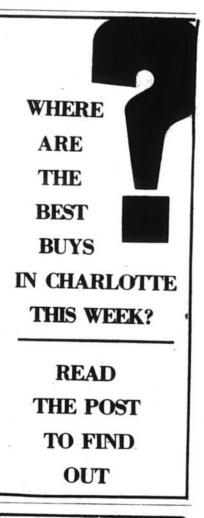
The Lady Bulls play St. Augustine's in Raleigh on January 8, Shaw in Raleigh on the 13th, and in the Winthrop Invitational February 6-8 in Rock Hill.

November 8.

In other games, Derrick McGowan of West Mecklenburg scored three touchdowns and ran for 185 yards in the Indians' win over East Gaston.

East Mecklenburg's Maurice Flowers completed 10 of 15 passes for 181 yards and two touchdowns. Independence's Mr. Golden Toe Whit Neal hit a 36-yard field goal with six seconds on the clock to lift the Patriots over Ashbrook

Charlotte Latin's Chad Grier completed 15 of 23 passes for 305 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 80 yards and two touchdowns and had an interception on defense in the Hawks' 34-27 win over Asheville School.









Jeff Robbins

Thursday, October 24, 1985 - THE CHARLOTTE POST - Page 1A Quarterback Jeff Robbins Engineered "Big" Upset

matchup between Grambling and Alabama State?

Think About It!

It's encouraging to note that all is not bad with black college sports. During a time when black colleges are finding it difficult to finance their athletic programs, the Southwestern Athletic Conference has firmly established itself as one of the nation's premiere football conferences.

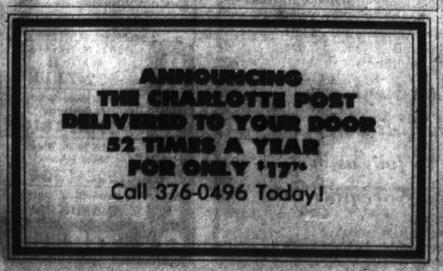
THE SWAC ranks second among conferences in the number of athletes signed by professional organizations. All SWAC member teams are now in Division 1-AA and, more importantly, SWAC led all Division 1-AA conferences and independents with 662,221 spectators for 36 games a year ago to average 18,921 per game, up 17.63 percent from 1980.

Grambling led all SWAC schools with 185,008 paid spectators in six home games for an average of 30,835, up 2,927 from 1984. Jackson State was second with 171,949 for

six home games and Southern drew 118,048 to earn third place in the financially-strong conference. A seven and one record last week gave the Old Crystal Ball an eye-popping 49-9-1 mark for the year. That's guessing right 84 percent of the time. How About That!

OCB will go out on the limb this week to pick Winston-Salem State over Bowie State; N.C. Central over Elizabeth City; Livingstone over Fayetteville State; Hampton over UDC; Norfolk State over Virginia Union; Bridgewaters over St. Paul's; Delaware State over Towson State; Howard over A&T; and Tennessee State over Morgan State.

Lloyd Gibson, Johnson C. Smith University cross country coach, will host a 1985 CIAA Cross Country Championship here Saturday. The women's race will begin at 11 a.m. and the men's race will follow at 11:30. According to information from the school's public rela-tions department, the championship will be held at McAlpine Greenway Park, off Old Monroe Road.



Saturday, October 26,

Winston-Salem State at Bowie State N.C. Central at Elizabeth City Fayetteville State at Livingstone Hampton at University of District Columbia Norfolk State at Virginia Union St. Paul's at Bridgewaters Delaware at Towson State Howard at N.C. A&T Morgan State at Tennessee State

