

Spring is Harrison's time to prove worth as a starting QB

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quarterbacks—only one start over two seasons—but he has advanced. At 6-2, 180, he's taller than Mack and Brown and has superior arm strength.



Harkness

"Bruce throws the ball pretty good. He's a tall quarterback, so he doesn't have a problem seeing over the line," Davis said.

Harrison has also dedicated himself to getting better. He came to Smith from Pender High in Currie, N.C., where he played quarterback for one year. He red-shirted as a freshman and sat for most of two seasons as the third-stringer. But with the offense in need of consistency, Smith coaches are looking for a steady hand under center.

"Bruce has been in a situation where he hasn't been expected to contribute to the team," Harkness said. "When we came in, we made it a point that everybody who could contribute, we wanted them to contribute. Bruce has worked very hard to be a part of the offense, work on his leadership abilities and be one of the guys who step up and take control of the team."

Jackson keeps his head up

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and 1.7 steals. He also has five double-doubles and scored a season-high 28 points with six steals against Cleveland on Jan. 16. But the constant reminder of the Nuggets slide toward the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers all-time futility record of 9-73 has been wearing on him.

"Things haven't gone our way all year," he said. "We just have to keep playing hard and try to get enough wins so we won't be known as the worst team in NBA history. We've got 16 games left and hopefully we can get three more wins."

A healthy Jackson goes a long way towards keeping Denver out of the record books this year and maybe even brings respectability next season. Veteran shooting guard and former Hornet Johnny Newman knows how important Jackson is to the team's success.

"He's an exciting young player. He's been out for awhile but he's been working out and he's got to work his way back in an get back into the flow of it," Newman said.

"It shouldn't take him that long because he's been pushing, still doing what he can do with the injury he had."

Jackson will keep pushing and running, scoring and defending until the Nuggets get it right.

Harrison has the entire spring to learn. With Mack and Brown unable to play, every snap will be important to his development. Davis is hoping everyone will be at full speed in August, but he's counting on Harrison to improve quickly.

"We're going to have some competition in the fall, but it's going to come from the freshmen," Davis said. "Bruce is the man in camp with experience, and we hope he can be the man when we start the season."

That's what Harrison is working toward. After sitting for half his collegiate career, he's ready to take a leap forward on the depth chart.

"I feel I've matured the last couple years," he said. "and this is a great opportunity for me to take over the quarterback position and lead our team to the CIAA championship."

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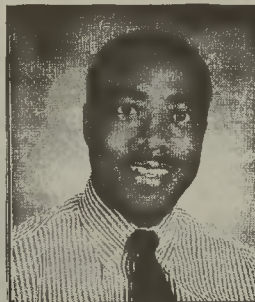
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Coulwood Middle School



Mr. Bibb was selected as the 1998 Assistant Principal of the Year for NCAE District 6. As district winner he will be recognized during the annual NCAE convention in May, and is a candidate for the state award. He was interviewed by the Screening Committee of the NCAE Division of Principals/Administrators.

Curtis Bibb, takes on the challenge to provide quality education in the 21st century for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. His colleagues regard him as a respected administrator with a sound philosophy for academic success. On a daily basis, He serves as an effective liaison to parents and the school community. He assists students with achieving the best education the school system can offer, and is always willing to go the extra mile.

He was selected by his peers to serve as the 1997-1998 President of the Assistant Principals' Association. Because of his leadership skills, membership increased. He was instrumental in working with para-professionals to provide workshops for the Association. Such workshops include School Management, Instructional Leadership, and Human Resource Responsibilities. Presently at Coulwood Middle School, he is the administrator overseeing two pilot programs, which address the specific learning needs of children.

Curtis has been recognized by his peers, the community and numerous organizations for his involvement in enhancing the lives of children. Such recognitions include: Beaufort County Youth Conference, NAACP Educator of the Year - Hilton Head Branch, Presenter AME Youth Christian Retreat, Keynote Speaker-14th Annual Penn Center Heritage Celebration, and Chair, Beaufort County Strategic Planning Committee.

Curtis has been a faithful member of Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina for the past eight years, he and his family now attend Greater Bethel AME Church in Charlotte.

He is married to Bernateen. They have two children, Camille Renee and Jared Anthony.

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