

Who's hot and not in CIAA

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 Falcons, the top-scoring team in the conference, are sure going to try with their "young guns" of Antonio Fitzgerald (22.5 ppg), Nicholas King (20 ppg) and Claude Neeley (19.2 ppg). St. Aug's lost to Union by one in overtime earlier this year.

- Johnson C. Smith. The Golden Bulls are heading in the wrong direction. Smith has lost two of its last three, not the way you want to be

playing going into championship week. But coach Steve Joyner is not an 18-year veteran for nothing.

- Bowie State. To say the Bulldogs have under-achieved is a gross understatement, especially with 13 transfers. Unfortunately, egos and selfishness usually travel along too, and Bowie is experiencing that firsthand.
- Elizabeth City State. Which Vikings team will show up? The one that beat

Bowie, or the one that lost to Shaw?

- Winston-Salem State (16-9, 6-6). The Rams will be playing in their last CIAA tournament. Not exactly going out with a bang are they?
- Fayetteville State (13-10, 5-8). Can you believe that the Broncos were in first place w-a-a-a-y back in November? FSU is now in fifth place. Go figure.

Woman joins Negro League greats in baseball hall of fame

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TAMPA, Fla. — Effa Manley was a baseball pioneer who used the sport to help advance civil rights causes.

The former Negro League team co-owner is now the first woman elected to the baseball Hall of Fame.

Manley, who owned the Newark Eagles with her husband, Abe, was part of a 17-person class of players and executives from the sport's segregated past elected Monday by a special committee using new statistics from the Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues.

Manley ran the Eagles for more than a decade, holding events such as Anti-Lynching Day at the ballpark to fight discrimination. The Eagles won the Negro Leagues World Series in 1946 — one year before Jackie Robinson broke the major league color barrier.

"She did a lot for the Newark community. She was just a well-rounded, influential person," said Hall of Famer Monte Irvin, who played for the Eagles while the Manleys owned the team. "She tried to organize the owners to build their own parks and have a balanced schedule and to really improve the lot of the Negro League players."

This year's Hall class — 18, including former reliever Bruce Sutter — is by far the biggest in history, breaking the record of 11 in 1946. There are now 278 Hall members.

Mule Suttles and Biz Mackey were among the 12 players selected, along with five executives.

Buck O'Neil and Minnie Minoso, the only living members among the 39 candidates on the

ballot, weren't elected by the 12-person panel.

Manley was white, but married a black man and passed as a black woman, said Larry Lester, a baseball author and member of the voting committee.

"She campaigned to get as much money as possible for these ballplayers, and rightfully so," Lester said.

Manley died in 1981 at age 84.

"She was a pioneer in so many ways, in terms of integrating the team with the community," said Leslie Heaphy, a Kent State professor on the committee. "She's also one of the owners who pushed very hard to get recognition for Major League Baseball when they started to sign some of their players."

Ray Brown, Willard Brown, Andy Cooper, Cristobal Torriente and Jud Wilson were the other former Negro League players elected. Five pre-Negro Leaguers — Frank Grant, Pete Hill, Jose Mendez, Louis Santop and Ben Taylor — were also chosen.

Willard Brown was the only person among them to play in the majors — he hit .179 in 21 games with the St. Louis Browns in 1947.

Alex Pompey, Cum Posey, J.L. Wilkinson and Sol White were the other executives elected.

The new inductees will be enshrined with Sutter — elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America last month — on July 30 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Only 18 Negro Leagues players had been chosen for the Hall before this election.

The election was the culmination of a Hall of Fame project to compile a complete history of blacks in the game from 1860 to 1960.

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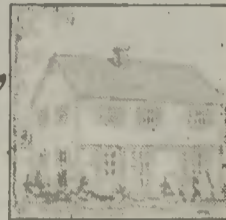
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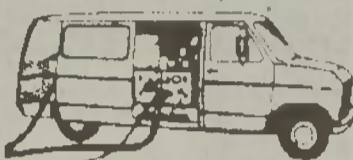
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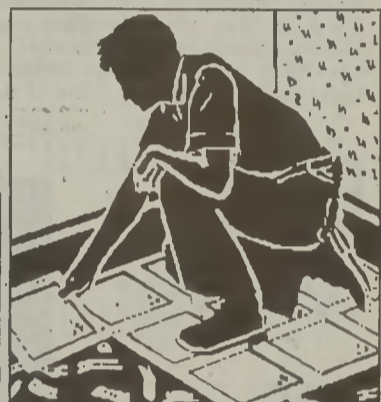
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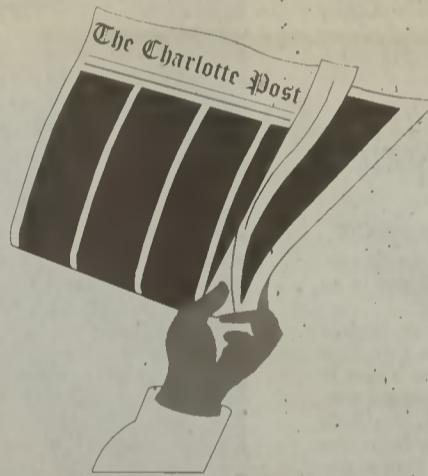
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