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Tennis star Junie Chatman: "Being Black means... I must always be on my toes."

## Unheralded Black Women win IM championship

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They weren't very conspicuous. Nobody knew very much about them, and a lot of people don't know all that much of them now. But the Ebony Cagers are for real, and they are number one.

Made up of girls who were interested in playing basketball in their spare time, they compiled an undefeated record in seven games. When the lint had settled in Woolen, they were the intramural basketball champions.

"A lot of people who were interested were those who played," said Dawn Posey, a second year player who plans to return next season. "For the most part, we just wanted to go out there to play basketball."

Play they did. Whether it was intimidation or just plain basketball, the Cagers did just about everything right on the road to the top. They'd win their games by a whopping 30 - point spread, or they'd barely come through a sluggish first half to redeem themselves in the second half. However they did it, it worked well.

The Cagers are composed of women who spent their time in some sort of activity in high school. Not all played basketball. Carolyn Hawkins, a junior from Henderson, came to Carolina on a scholarship to play volleyball. She ended up as one of the main components in the Cagers' scoring attack.

"Carolyn's a very dynamic basketball player," Posey said. But, she adds, there were a lot of other people on the team who contributed heavily, names like Millicent Fulford, Melanie Little, Joyce Davis, Charlene Webb, and the primary mover, Jackie Edwards, senior player-coach.

"Jackie deserves the credit for getting the Cagers started. She'll be leaving this year and it's up to the players to make sure we have talent."

Almost like any college coach would, the Ebony Cagers go out and actively seek out those who are interested. "We were a spontaneous group of people," Posey said. "We just played each game as we had it." She did, however, point out some of the problems in that type of attitude. Most teams in the intramural competition did not know how the team they were playing stacked up against their own talent, thus when game time came around, they had to play it by sight. Posey also said that some of the referees were assigned to their games, she was told, "because they needed the job."

Since everyone is talking about next year's basketball teams, Posey offered an optimistic outlook.

"It looks very promising for next year. Most of us who played this year will be back next year. We'll be just as strong."

Why not go for another title? This one looked like a lot of fun.

## Chatman: one of the few Blacks to get honor

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"Being Black means that I am the most visible participant on the court, so I must always be on my toes."

Those are the words of Junie Chatman, who is the first Black to obtain a tennis scholarship from Carolina. Chatman and Maryland's John Lucas (of basketball fame) are the only Blacks to win an ACC individual tennis championship.

In a time when Blacks are dominating the sports scene, the white man still reigns supreme in tennis. Only Arthur Ashe and Althea Gibson have gained wide acclaim playing tennis.

"It is important to have a good instructor at the beginning who can teach you the proper execution of the fundamentals," says Chatman. "I was fortunate to have had a real good instructor."

But most of the good tennis instructors are found at exclusive, practically white-only country clubs.

"A lot of my teachers disregarded the standards of the country club," said Chatman.

"We as Blacks have the talent to do anything," continued Chatman. "Now, many organizations

are developing Black players at an early age, so pretty soon you'll see more Blacks playing major college tennis."

Chatman is a native of Richmond, Va., the same city that produced Ashe. Chatman, like Ashe, was a member of the predominately white Richmond Tennis Patrons. This organization sponsored the best of Richmond's junior tennis talent in tournaments all over the East Coast.

Among Chatman's honors while competing on the junior circuit are his four consecutive individual championships in the Richmond City Championships and capturing the state high school crown during his senior year at Huguenot High.

Chatman spurned offers from Stanford, UCLA (Ashe's alma mater), and Florida to take the one from Carolina.

"Most of my teachers came from Carolina, so I really didn't consider the others," stated the junior political science major.

Chatman has a good chance to be the number one singles player on the Tar Heel varsity next year. After graduation, he says, "I'd like to try the pro circuit a couple of years. After that, I hope to get into somebody's law school."

### Readers' Rap

## Readers like sports

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"I like the sports section of the Ink. The part that impresses me the most is the manner in which the writers get into the personalities of the athletes. Many times Blacks around a college campus know very little about an athlete, except for what they see and hear through the 'grapevine.' The sports writers for the Ink give you a little more by dipping into the lifestyles of the athletes. For instance, take the article on Karen Stevenson. I didn't even know the girl existed, but now I know she's quite a remarkable person.

"The article I enjoyed most, though, was the one on Dee Hardison. I'd like to encourage the sports

staff to keep up the good work."

—Stanley Brooks

"I enjoy reading the sports section. The sports section this year does not just report facts but it goes into the personalities of the athletes. Many times I discover a side of the athlete I never knew existed.

"My favorite articles this year have been the ones on Mit Fulford and Walter Davis. The article on Mit was good because it sort of hit home with someone people see often and can relate to, while the one on Walt gave you a view of a professional type person.

"The section would be more interesting if it included standings in the CIAA and MEAC, along with a review of the games."

—Spurgeon Fields

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