

# SPORTS

## Scott Darden- 100% Wrestler

By Ralph McKnight

### Sports Writing: An Intriguing Art

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Sports pages have become so popular that on many newspapers they have developed into sports sections. Many readers turn to the sports section before reading the headlines of the paper. With the leaning toward more leisure time, sports will undoubtedly command a greater amount of newspaper space.

Let's look at the sports writer. He must know how to gather information, write a correct sentence and follow a stylebook.

Covering games is an important part of a sports writer. One must have the time, patience and great dedication for the job.

I would like to emphasize that one does not need to have played a sport in order to write about it. Men do not dominate the field of sports writing. The only barrier women sports writers have not yet overcome is the (MEN) sign on the locker room door.

Black writers are greatly needed not only as sports writers but also as reporters in general. A journalist receives great benefits from his job. The benefits range from free admission to games to all-expense-paid round trips. Most of all the writer must love his or her work.

If you feel that you would like to become a reporter or improve your writing abilities, look into the field of journalism.

Being a sports writer is indeed a great experience. It's like getting away with murder, (by using slang words, that is). **The News Argus** Journalism Lab is the course to take to receive the experience.

"Give it a try. I, myself, find it intriguing."

### Track Team Seeks Improvement

By C. "Sport" Page

In his fifth year as head coach, Virgil G. Simpson is looking to improve last year's track teams' third place finish for the women and seventh place finish for the men. Simpson, who has coached 23 years on the high school level, has set several goals as a coach and for his athletes this season. "To do well and show good in the CIAA meets are my main goals this season," said Simpson.

Simpson, as well as any coach, wants to do well in his own conference. "See, we don't run in that many dual meets against other schools in the conference, we run mostly in open meets where they give awards to the winners instead of points," said Simpson. Simpson wants to qualify more athletes for the NCAA meet this season.

"Last year Stanley King and Ronnie Johnson qualified for the 100 and 200 meter dash in the NCAA Division II. Johnson placed eighth in Division II," said Simpson.

The men should be strong in track this season in many events. In the sprints, King and Johnson are returning for the

100 and 200 meter dash and are combining with Jack Cameron and Dan Hayes in the 400 meter relay.

"We should have good showings in the mile with Ken Dowdle, in the field at shot put with Thennis Myers, at the high jump with Charles Mack, and triple and long jump with Mack and Cameron," said Simpson.

The girls hope to improve last year's third place finish with a good group of girls.

"In the field we should be strong at the shot put with Rita Lee and Faye Shurothers, in the high jump with Venesa Smith, and in the 100 and 400 meter hurdles with Cassandra Fobers and Janice Gaddy.

"On the track with Bonita Reed, Wanda Brown, Aletha Smith, and Venesa Smith doubling in both the 400 meter relay and sprint medley," said Simpson.

At the beginning of another track season, Simpson is ready for the challenge.

"It's hard at this point to really tell the potential of all my athletes, but with hard work we should show good in the conference and place more people in the NCAA meet," said Simpson.

Five-foot-four and dedicated to his sport, Scott Darden a junior stated, "My advice to all wrestlers: If you want to be good you must be dedicated, 100 percent willing to work hard and sacrifice your free time.

Scott has been wrestling since junior high school. He felt his size would not play a major role for he had watched other wrestlers smaller than himself perform.

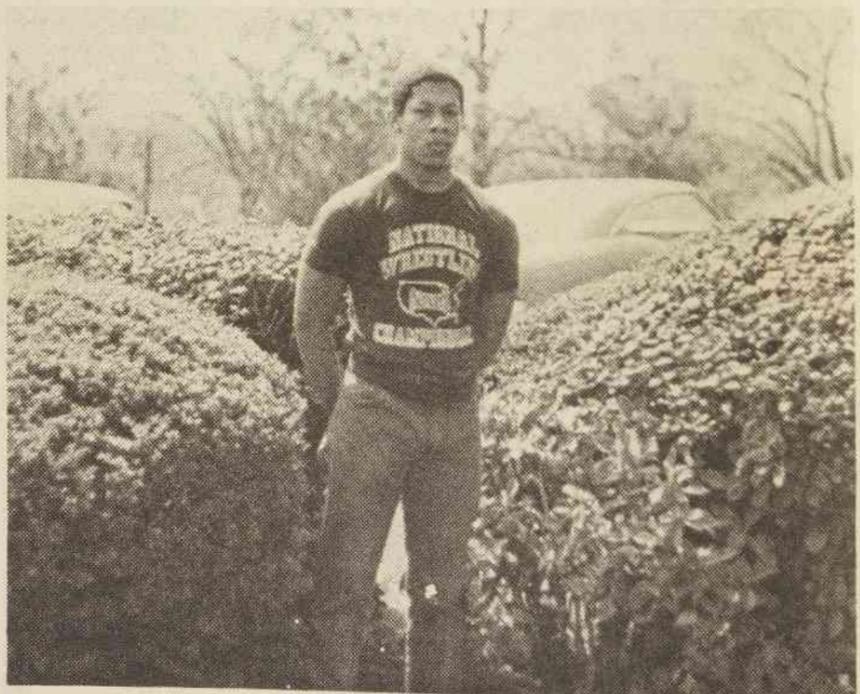
Scott, a 21-year-old Greensboro native, enjoys wrestling because he feels he can really excel in the sport. "Coach Edwards has helped me out a lot and what he tells me really helps. He helps me mainly on my take downs and reverses, but I still have a lot to learn."

Scott will not seek a career in professional wrestling, he stated, because in

order to be a professional, one must attend acting school and "I really don't have time for that. One must attend this school in order to learn how to fall correctly (like a stunt man). And besides, I'm a married man with a child on the way. My wife helps me out a lot and it doesn't bother me staying on campus because it gives me something to look forward to on the weekends."

Scott is an Urban Affairs major. He hopes to find a job after graduation in housing management. Scott's ultimate goal at this time is to become an All-American in the NCAA Division II tournament. His wrestling record consists of a 52-13-1 high school season, and for his college record thus far a 57-19-3 season.

Scott Darden has won the CIAA twice and the NAIA District tournament wrestling in the 188-pound division. Scott plans to continue his wrestling abilities at WSSU throughout his education.



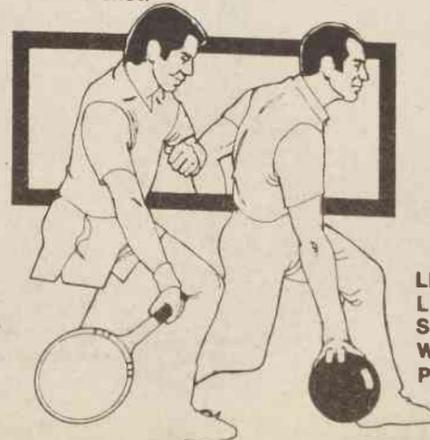
Two year CIAA champion, Scott Darden was this year's National Wrestling champion.

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### BOWLING STYLE

Take short steps toward vicinity of where you think ball is going to reach peak of bounce.

Lead lastly with a flowing left step as you begin to stroke shot. Weight should rock onto the foot implementing body flow. You want arm and body into the shot.



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