

SPORTS

Lady Bronco Softball Digest

By Marion Crowe

Lady Broncos 9, N.C. A&T 4
N.C. A&T 14, Lady Broncos 4

Renee Ford went 2 for 3 as she led the Lady Broncos to a 9-4 win over North Carolina A&T University, Friday, March 16. The Lady Broncos were held to five hits and committed four errors, but managed to outscore the visiting A&T team in the third and fourth innings, four and three runs, respectively, to take the win. Ford was the winning pitcher, giving up seven hits.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Lady Broncos committed ten miscues and fell 14-4 to A&T. Leading hitter for the Lady Broncos, who only managed three hits, was Terry Wingate. She was 2 for 2 with one run batted in (RBI). Losing pitcher was Renee Ford, giving up nine hits.

Lady Broncos 10, VA State 4
Lady Broncos 9, Shaw U. 8

The Lady Broncos' defense kept the pressure on, and Renee Ford went 3 for 3 as Fayetteville State knocked off Virginia State 10-4, Saturday, March 30. The Lady Broncos put the game out of reach in the first inning, scoring six runs behind the hitting of Ford and Frankie McDonald.

The Lady Broncos combined for 16 hits in posting their second win of the season.

Frankie McDonald's RBI single in the top of the seventh inning gave the Lady Broncos a 9-8 win over Shaw University in their second game on Saturday. The Lady Broncos, who won their second game in a row, struck for two runs in

the first inning and held a 5-2 advantage until the sixth when Shaw rallied to tie the score. Leading batters for the Lady Broncos, who are 1-0 in conference play and 3-3 overall, were Frankie McDonald, 2 for 3; Sharon Johnson, 2 for 4; Terry Wingate, 2 for 4; and Renee Ford, 2 for 4.

Lady Broncos 25, N.C.C.U. 13
Lady Broncos 0, N.C.C.U. 5

The Lady Broncos exploded for 16 runs in the first and second innings to roll past North Carolina Central 25-13, Friday, April 5, as Renee Ford recorded her fifth win of the season. Leading batters for the Lady Broncos, who collected 17 hits, were Sharon Johnson, 3 for 5, triple; Terry Wingate, 2 for 4; Sandra McQueen, 3 for 5, double; and Grace Frye, 3 for 5, double.

In the second game, Marie Lewis limited the Lady Broncos to two hits in a shortened game, and the Lady Eagles won the second game of the doubleheader 5-0.

Young But Promising

By Marion Crowe

The 1985 season for Coach Leon Moore will be a rebuilding year and a new experience for him and many of his players.

The Lady Broncos lost the nucleus of the team that won two straight CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) titles and who finished third in last year's tournament. Not only did graduation take several key players, but several players who were expected to return did not show up for practice.

Sharon Johnson, all-CIAA at shortstop, turned her back on softball to concentrate on graduation. Left fielder, all-conference Sharon Jones and standout firstbasewoman Bridgett Haire are not in school this year and will be missed by the team.

If all this sounds bad, don't stop. The CIAA, at one time, was thinking about dropping slow-pitch softball for fast pitch; however, at their last meeting and on the recommendations of the coaches, fast pitch is delayed for at least one year.

Sports Questions

By Marion Crowe

1. Who is golf's "The Golden Bear?"
2. Name the harness horse that won \$1,414,313 in one year (1980)?
3. Name the only man to win summer and winter Olympic gold medals.
4. What countries have won soccer's World Cup three times?

Answers

1. Jack Nicklaus
2. Niatross
3. Edward F. Eagan (1920 heavyweight boxing, 1932 four-man bobsled).
4. Brazil and Italy



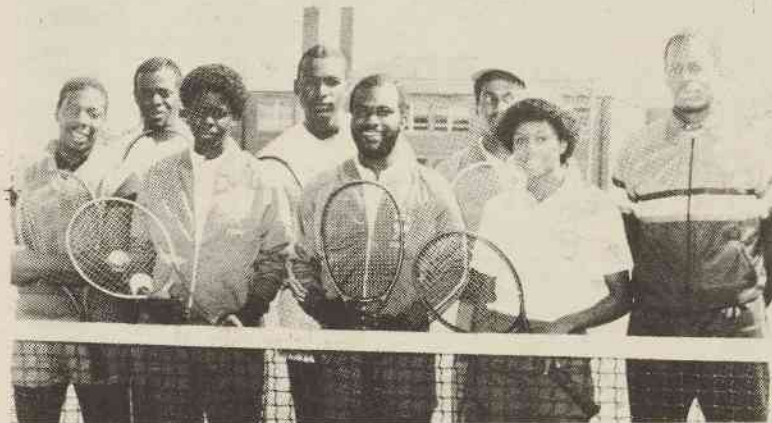
Co-captains for the 1985 softball season: Left to right: 3rd baseman, Terry Wingate (14) of Bishopville, South Carolina, and centerfielder, Vickie Warren (17) of Rembert, South Carolina. (Photo by John Henderson)

Tennis Update

North Carolina A&T defeated the Bronco netters 6-3, Wednesday, April 3, 1985. Results of the singles and doubles matches are Singles: Fenner (A&T) defeated Smith (FSU) 6-1, 6-1; Williams (FSU) defeated Berry (A&T) 6-4, 6-1; Thompson (A&T) defeated Wade (FSU) 6-0, 6-2; Bryant (A&T) defeated Bullock (FSU)

6-3, 6-3; Butlet (A&T) defeated Wingate (FSU) 6-1, 6-2; and Vaughn (FSU) won by forfeit. Doubles: Fenner-Bryant (A&T) defeated Williams-Wade (FSU) 10-4; Berry-Thompson (A&T) defeated Bullock-Wingate (FSU) 10-0; and Vaughn-Johnson (FSU) won by forfeit.

The loss dropped the Bronco netters to 4-3 for the season.



Members of the 1985 Bronco tennis team: left to right, back row: Alex Wade, Phillip Johnson, Barry Bullock, Duane Clark, and Coach Bobby Henderson; left to right, front row: Terry Wingate, Dennis Williams, and Joyce Vaughn. (Photo by John B. Henderson)

Educational Betrayal

The Student-Athlete Scandal

By Richard E. Lapchick
The Los Angeles Times

Take a close look at the academic background of many of today's college athletes, and it quickly becomes clear that the very university system that is supposed to be the keeper of our moral values has been the source of the betrayal of some of those values. The revelation of each new case raises the specter of scandal, as well as a sense of outrage. We should have been outraged for decades.

It starts with an admission process that sometimes ignores high-school records. A few months ago it was revealed that North Carolina State admitted Chris Washburn, a high-school star who had a combined College Board score of 470 (70 points above the lowest possible score out of a potential 1,600 points) and mostly Ds and Fs in his first three years of high school. Yet we can't single out N.C. State, since it competed with some 200 universities for Washburn's services. As a professor there commented: "Every coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference knows they cannot win the conference championship without recruiting people who are incapable of graduating from a four-year college."

A highly placed athletic administrator at a major college recently told me that if the National Collegiate Athletic Association initiated a requirement that all college athletes needed to have a combined College Board score of 900 (approximately the national average for all entering freshmen), then 75 percent of the starters on the top 20 teams in basketball would suddenly disappear from the playing arenas.

Only the naive or uninformed assume that universities with big-time programs give scholarships to men (and increasingly to women) so that they may be true student athletes. On too many campuses the athletes are there to play their sports and stay eligible. Shockingly, only 30 percent of all athletes, and 20 percent of all black athletes, who obtain an athletic scholarship in a revenue-producing sport ever graduate. And, although they may bring glory and income to their universities, once their eligibility has expired, too many heroes become unprepared and suddenly dispensable people.

Eligibility is not the same as education. It is maintained by a system of cheating and cutting corners. The actors include university administrators, alumni, coaches, and the athletes themselves.

Each group has its own reasons. Universities and their alumni see the incredible benefits of major athletic

programs: Visibility, prestige, increased enrollments and huge revenues. The phenomenon of Doug Flutie netted Boston College close to \$10 million and increased admission applications nearly 25 percent. The lesson is not lost on schools struggling with declining budgets and shrinking enrollments.

Coaches know that they must either win or seek employment elsewhere. Bill Wall, former president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, notes, "I know some coaches who couldn't stop cheating if they wanted to, because their alumni and boosters wouldn't let them." Some coaches, under tremendous pressure, do everything possible to procure star players and keep them eligible.

Perhaps the worst part of the scandal is that some universities join in perpetuating the myth that sports is the way to escape poverty. It is natural that thousands of high-school athletes, following the hype, want to be just like Kareem or "Dr. J," Julius Erving. Hoping to realize the dream of a pro career, they cut academic corners to remain eligible.

What they don't know is that the odds are 12,000-to-1 that they won't even be a fringe player in the pros, let alone the next Abdul-Jabbar. The odds are better for a black high-school student to become a physician or an attorney than a professional basketball player. Moreover, 49 out of 50 high-school athletes won't get a scholarship to play in college. Because of the emphasis on eligibility over academic preparation, many must bitterly (and hopelessly) face the real world at an all-too-early age.

Cynics would have us believe that universities have to cut corners to be big winners. The implication is that excellent athletic programs are incompatible with programs where athletes get good educations. On the surface that may sound true, yet look at the last two national champions in basketball: North Carolina graduates nearly 100 percent of its players, and Georgetown graduates 94 percent. St. John's, which was No. 1 for a time this year, graduates 92 percent of its players. Signs are encouraging at some powerhouse schools, but not many.

The NCAA may be too big a bureaucracy, with too much self-interest in the product, to effect serious reform. It is time for our university leaders to set examples at their own institutions by implementing policies that will ensure the education of their student athletes. Athletes with the stature of

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