



Bulldog Sports

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Hitting the High Notes

By Jason Hazlett and Tim Burris

The Charlotte Hornets are the best team in the National Basketball Association. The best team in season-ticket sales, that is. The Hornets have already completed their season-ticket sale, with a record 21,000 tickets sold. Hornets general manager Carl Scheer stated that some tickets had to be saved for single-game sales. The closest team to the Hornets in season-ticket sales is the World Champion Detroit Pistons, with only about 15,000 season-tickets sold. The Charlotte Coliseum, the largest arena in the NBA with 23,388 seats, had sellouts for 36 of the 41 Hornets home games last year. This year they expect to, and probably will, have sellouts for all the home games.

Can Notre Dame do it? Can the Fighting Irish repeat as National Champions? Many people say that they can with no trouble, but the odds are against them. When was the last time a college football team repeated as National Champions? However, the Fighting Irish have all the tools needed to repeat as champions. With standouts like Raghieb "the Rocket" Ismail and Heisman Trophy candidate Tony Rice, Notre Dame is more than talented enough to be National Champions again. As of October 21, Notre Dame is still undefeated.

Mandatory boxing? There's no such thing, right? Wrong! The World Boxing Association has put Mike Tyson on notice to the fact that if he beats Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, which he most likely will on Nov. 18, he must fight Evander Holyfield within 120 days. Tyson was due to fight Holyfield in a mandatory defense next month, but the WBA granted him a special exception to have an optional defense against Ruddock so long as he meets his mandatory obligation next.

Ever get tired of seeing our college all-stars play pros of other countries in universal competition? Fear no more, for Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson may have the chance to play in the 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle. This announcement came from the Amateur Basketball Association of the United States, which sanctions teams for international competition. If the ABAUS votes to allow pro participation, the final vote will be up to the players themselves. This issue is expected to be resolved before the 1990 Goodwill Games, which are a warm-up for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

The 1989 baseball season is certainly one for the books. With attention focused on the Pete Rose scandal for most of the year, baseball apparently was ready to move ahead late in the summer when its controversial commissioner, Bart Giamatti, died unexpectedly in early September. Giamatti, who had gone head to head with Rose and pronounced him banned from baseball for life, had been commissioner for only a short while. A little over a month later, the World Series itself has become one for the record books after a major earthquake struck minutes before game 3 was to be played in San Francisco. Commissioner Fay Vincent hopes to continue play in Candlestick Park within a week or so, but the stadium sustained cracks up to six inches long that need to be repaired before play can resume. The Giants certainly hope to play in Candlestick as they are down to Oakland two games to none and they need every advantage they can get.



Doug Talbert dressed for queen competition. Where did you get those eyelashes, Doug?

Changing Places!

By Rachel Kendall

Powder Puff; it's just around the corner. Let me take a brief moment to fill our confused freshmen in on this special event. It is a time for junior and senior girls to show their stuff and battle it out to the finish for boasting rights. This battle will be held in early November. The place of victory or defeat: Albemarle High School Stadium. Items needed: players, coaches, football, cleats, and flags. You still say, "What is it?" Flag football!!! Yes, that is correct. It's the juniors versus the seniors. Several junior and senior varsity football players will be the coaches. Not only will the girls reverse their normal Friday night activities, the guys will also change in a very unusual way. Don't be frightened, young classmates, when your brother asks to borrow your favorite bra or sexiest skirt. He's not in dire need of a psychiatrist. He is just getting gussied up to win THE CROWN. That's right! During halftime our men, or should I say, "women," will be strutting their stuff in order to wear the Powder Puff Homecoming Queen crown. Marcus Huneycutt, former queen, states, "It's a jaw-breaking experience." So bring your cameras, an open mind, and a cheering heart to make this night a success. For all you men sponsoring a player "Good luck, and may the best man/woman win."

Let's Take It To the Mat!

By Rachel Kendall

What sport uses a mat, flat rubber shoes, and a singlet? None other than wrestling. Yes, it's that time again. No more eating!! Many of you are unaware of the grueling practices or the state of mind a wrestler must obtain. Not only must wrestlers work out, they must watch their weight. In order to subdue themselves to this regimen, they must be dedicated, committed, and disciplined. You might say, "It's a sissy sport," but Mike Furr says, "It's only for Real Men." Returning athletes are as follows: Mike Czesak, Mike Furr, Mike Kendall, Michael Blagg, Tim Russell, Bill Scell, John Page, and Miller Hartsell.

Many of these guys have not stopped wrestling since last season. Mike Kendall, John Page, and Miller Hartsell attended camp at Clemson over the summer. Also during this summer Bill Scell and Mike Kendall made the North Carolina Junior Olympic team. These two individuals traveled to Iowa in order to participate, and they represented North Carolina very well.

For the past two years Albemarle has had state champions on its team. In 1987, Mike Kendall and Bobby Rushing were state champions. In 1988, Mike Kendall repeated as state champion. 1989 may produce even more with the help of Wes Eidson and Jake Stewart. AHS looks forward to a 3rd straight season with state champions on our Bulldog team!



Mike Czesak will be a returning letterman for the wrestling team this year.

Varsity and JV Cheerleaders Win First Place Awards; Headed to Nationals in Dallas

By Beth Childress



Lori Maiden had to kiss the pig in one of the cheerleaders' fund raising activities.

The varsity and JV cheerleading squads have started another great year with a first place win for both in area competition. Both teams are eligible for national competition in Dallas, Texas, in December, where they will compete against squads from all over the country.

The JV cheerleaders competed at Carowinds on Oct. 1 and did an outstanding job even though the weather did not cooperate. They competed against more than 40 squads from North and South Carolina. They caught the judges and the crowd's attention with their snappy routine and enthusiastic dance. After a long day, the JV squad, consisting of Captain Kristi Johnson plus team members Sally Lowder, Alicia Swanner, Mimi Austin, Leslie Boyd, Christy Brooks, Chassity Speight, Latwana Lennon, Jennifer Hinson, Megan Cummings, Leah Hill, and Mar-

cee Vanore, walked away with a 1st place trophy and \$250.00.

The varsity cheerleaders traveled to Guilford College on Oct. 8 to compete for the regional title in the small varsity category. They executed their routine perfectly and walked away with a first place trophy. The members of the squad are co-captains Diane Brooks and Holli Brafford, Genny Hayden, Jennifer Cook, Lori Maiden, Shelly Austin, Melissa Baucom, Camille Klutz, Ami Laton, and Jennifer Swanner. Kristi Johnson also cheered in regional competition because of a knee injury Shelly Austin sustained during a practice session.

Both squads would like to thank their fans who came to support them. They are looking forward to representing AHS in national competition in Dallas.