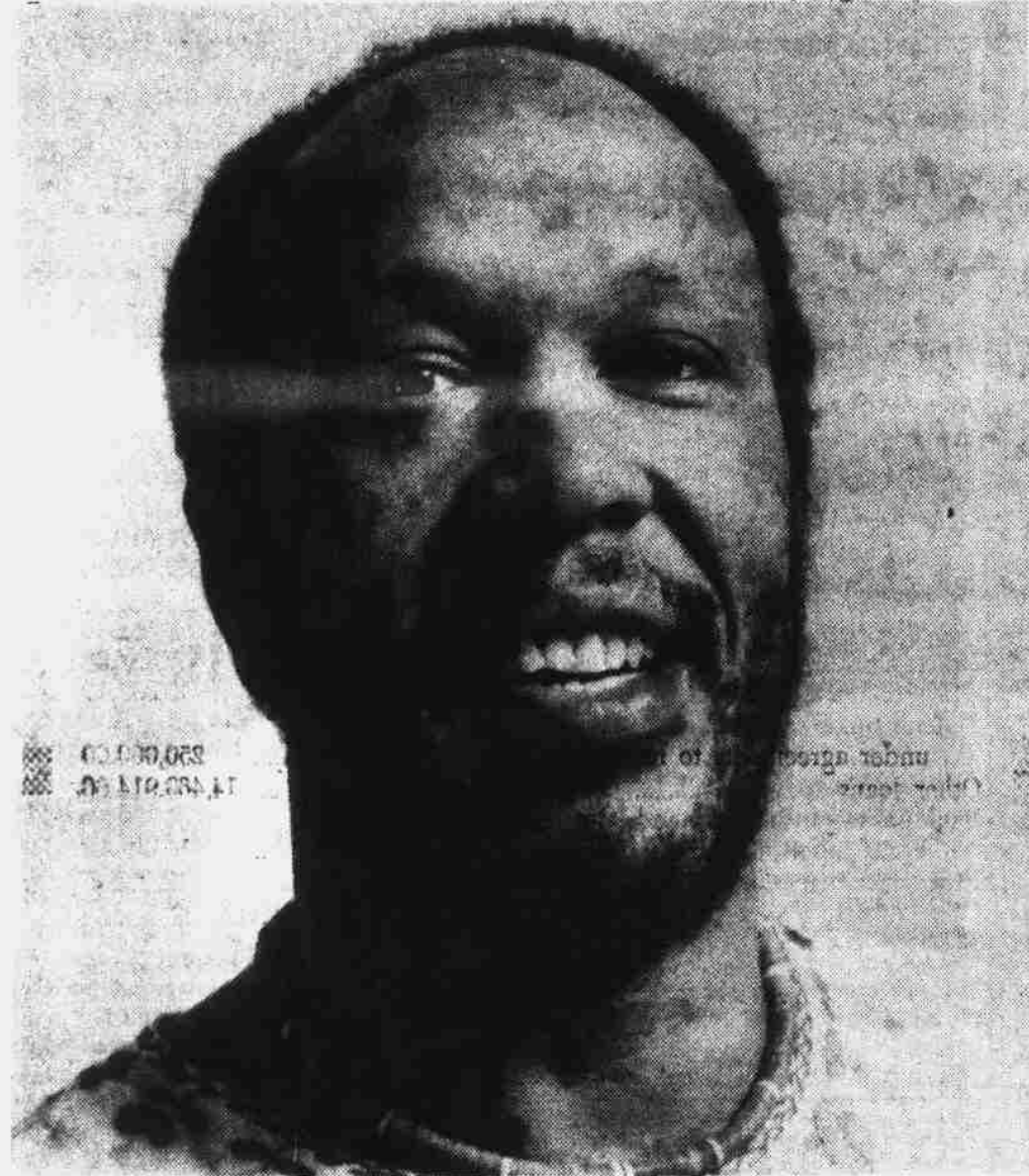




PERFORMING IN AUSTRALIA—Australia which is commonly referred to as the land of down under, is far from being a down under situation for 20th Century Recording artist THE YOUNG HEARTS, who are currently appearing at The Whiskey Club in Sydney, Australia and playing to SRO crowds nightly, while their current single stateside release entitled "Wake Up And Start Dancing," is taking off for Hitsville U.S.A.



Jazz pianist Les McCann will appear in concert Friday at 8 p.m. at Duke University's Page Auditorium.

## Ky. State Takes Top Slot In Cage Ratings

WASHINGTON—Kentucky State in a show of votes by the board of black college basketball coaches is the No. 1 ranked team in the weekly Mutual Black Network ratings.

The thoroughbreds of coach Lucias Mitchell, unbeaten in nine games, receives 10 of the 13 votes by the black college coaches.

Southern University of Baton Rouge, La., was next with three votes and held down second place.

Once beaten Jackson State (10-1) is ranked third. Rounding out the top five is Virginia Union or Richmond, fourth and Virginia State of Petersburg fifth.

Virginia State under coach Harold Deane sports a 9-1 record on the season, and is along with Virginia Union a favorite to win the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association title.

The CIAA team have quite a foothold on the top ten, Norfolk State is rated sixth while Elizabeth City is ranked seventh.

Morgan State of Baltimore, last year's College Division champions, holds down an eighth spot, while Xavier of New Orleans is ninth and South Carolina State of Orangesburg is tenth.

Central State of Wilberforce, Ohio for the first time moved into the top fifteen.

The Marauders of coach Lu Wims are 8-2, their biggest victory a 79-66 win over Tennessee State.

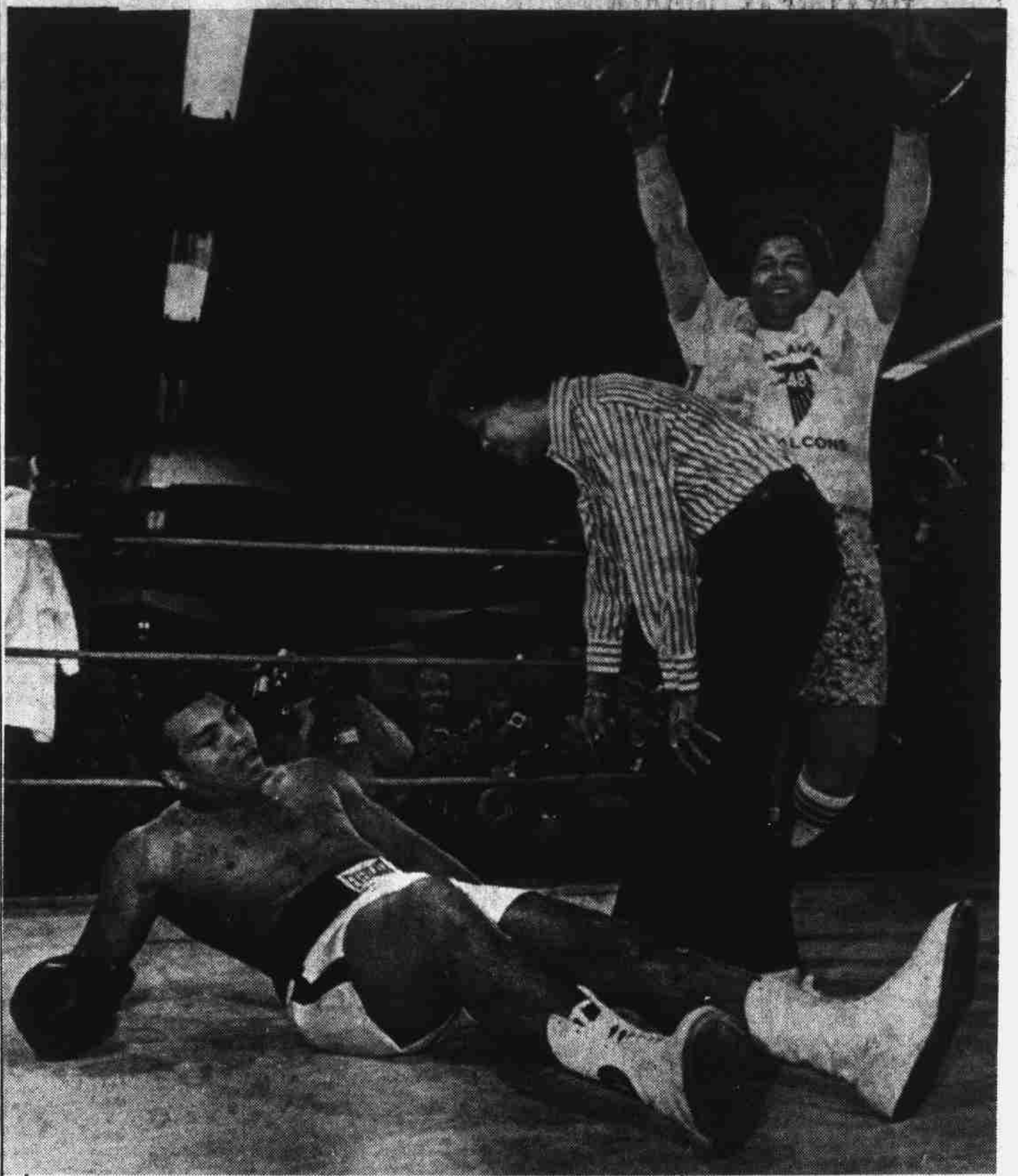
The twelfth spot went to Barber-Scotia of Concord, whose record is 7-1 the Sabers only loss came at the hands of Coppins State of Baltimore, Md. Rounding out the top 15, Winston-Salem State (13th), Tennessee State (14th), and Grambling State University (15th.)

## Randle Hires 2 Gamecock Aides

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—Virginia Coach Sammy Randle announced Saturday that Bill Clay and Orrie Banks, both assistant coaches at South Carolina last fall, have accepted positions on the Cavalier football coaching staff.

Randle said he believes that Banks, who spent eight years as coach at South Carolina State and who will coach the Virginia specialty teams, can contribute to the Cavalier program because of "his experience as well as his knowledge of putting things together from an over-all team aspect."

Concerning Clay, Randle said that "Bill is an outstanding linebacker coach and he knows the university, thus giving us an excellent on-the-field coach and outstanding recruiter."



ALI IN FUN—World Heavyweight Champion Muhammad Ali lies on mat after being "knocked out" by Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson in first round of exhibition fight between the two, Jan. 21st, to benefit "This is Black Atlanta," family day bazaar. Standing over Ali is Julian Bond, state senator from Atlanta, who referred bout.



PULLED DOWN—NFC reserve quarterback Jim Harris (11) of the Los Angeles Rams, is about to be hauled down by AFC Jerry Sherk (72) of the Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steeler L.C. Greenwood. Harris was forced to run with the ball in the second quarter making 3 yards on this play. Harris replaced the starting QB Jim Hart in the second period after an injury to Hart. Harris threw two touchdown passes and was voted the MVP.

## David Ruffin, Former Member Of Temptations In Spotlight On Soul Train This Week-End

A veteran performer, a rising star and a novel dance troupe are featured this weekend on Soul Train, the hour-long teen-oriented televised musical show.

David Ruffin, former member of The Temptations, sings from his latest album, "Me 'N Rock 'N Roll Are Here To Stay" and "Take Me Clear From Here." Since becoming a solo act in 1968, Ruffin has

recorded such hits as "Feelin' Good," "My Whole World Ended" and, with brother Jimmy, "I Am My Brother's Keeper."

Born in Meridian, Mississippi, his singing career got an early start with brothers Jimmy and Quincy, and sister Rita Mae in a gospel group which gained local fame as The Ruffin Family.

Shirley Brown performs

"I've Got To Go On Without You" and "Women to Women," her first recording, which became an overnight hit and lifted her from the ranks of the unknown. With deep concentration and phone in hand, Shirley becomes the women at home in her onstage rendition of "Women to Woman," a song which has prompted much public reaction and at least two

"answer songs," from the viewpoint of the "other woman" and the "man in the Middle."

Agile and acrobatic, The Lockers present one of the most spectacular acts in show business. Dressed in kooky costumes, they groove on "Struttin'" and demonstrate their dancing skills which has gained them spots on several television specials.



DAVID RUFFIN

## No All-Americans Among Soccer Champs

WASHINGTON—Although described by at least one veteran soccer coach as being probably the best college soccer team yet developed in the United States, the 1974 Howard University booters became the first soccer front-runner in U.S. sports history not to place at least one member on the ensuing All-America team.

The jolt was noticeable, especially to Howard University supporters, as the National Soccer Coaches Association recently announced its selections.

Howard won the 1974 NCAA soccer championship, the first major college national crown for a predominately black college, with a 2-1 victory over St. Louis University in December.

Only Howard Captain Ian Bain, a 1971 and 1972 NCAA All-America choice, was able to win even "honorable mention" notice on the official 1974 All-America team chosen by

NSCA. But oddly enough, Bain finished third in balloting for college soccer "Player of the Year!" NSCA balloting indicates a total of 51 United States college players rate ahead of the reigning collection of 23 Bison blue chippers who set a moder (19-0-0) NCAA

single season won-lost-tied record during the past campaign.

In the opinion of associate Bison soccer coach Michael Bill-Jones, a native of Bermuda, "coaches and critics may as well prepare for increased Bison domination of

soccer competition at the college level. Coach Phillips has a four-year record of 55-2-1 losing twice in four NCAA playoff finales, while remaining all but invincible (50-1-1) in seasonal and regional playoff activity."

## NCCU's Robert Little Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Week

North Carolina Central's Robert Little Tuesday was named Player of the Week in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference by the Sports Information Directors in the conference.

Little, a 6-7 senior from Winston-Salem, scored 60 points and grabbed 51 rebounds in leading his team to a pair of victories against one loss last week.

The All-MEAC forward hit

only four of 13 shots from the field against South Carolina State Wednesday in scoring eight points but he pulled down 15 rebounds in NCCU's 73-69 victory over the Palmetto State quintet.

The next night against Johnson C. Smith, Little rained in 11 of 22 field goal attempts, four of six from the charity line and collected 16 rebounds in the 90-67 victory over the Golden Bulls.

Little, the third leading rebounder and second top scorer in the MEAC, hit 10 of 15 field goal tries, six of eight free throw for 26 points and grabbed 20 rebounds in an 80-78 overtime defeat to St. Augustine's Saturday night.

For the week Little made 25 of 50 goal tries, 10 of 14 free throws, grabbed 51 rebounds and scored a total of 60 points in three games.