



## Dr. Leroy Walker Inducted Into Sports Hall of Fame

Dr. Leroy Walker, former track coach of North Carolina Central University, along with three others, was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame. The event marked the thirteenth annual induction ceremony for the occasion. The other inductees were Harlem Globetrotter, Meadowlark Lemon; baseball star, Buddy Lewis, and former Duke University basketball coach, Vic Bubas.

To some, it didn't seem like any big deal that Walker was finally so honored by his home state. The quantity and quality of Walker's credentials, which are all laudatory, runs continuously throughout the past thirty years to the present. At least one of his athletes have

competed in every Olympic Games since 1956. He has coached national teams both from the United States and abroad as well as five foreign Olympic Teams. From the halls of North Carolina Central, he produced over thirty All-American with more than eighty citations. Walker conceived of and, together with Al Buehler, conducted the first Pan Africa-USA International meet which drew 54,000 spectators. This was followed by three major international meets in the following years making Durham the track capital of the South. And one could go on and on with Walker's numerous citations which includes some for coach of the year as well as two other hall of fame inductions. It almost appears that Walker was overqualified for last Tuesday's induction in the sense that he was ready for the honor a long time ago before now. Afterwards, one spectator shook his head saying, "When you're black, you've got to be better than better."

There is no doubt that the black athlete is now receiving recognition for his many outstanding accomplishments, however, such recognition has not been fairly afforded the black coaches. Clearly there are but few black coaches on most hall of fame and even less who have headed national teams as well as those cited for coaches of the year. Coaching is in a different league altogether in



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reference to recognition. Thus it is that after Walker has compiled one of the most impressive records of any coach in the world, he is finally so honored in the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.



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## Rangel

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recruiting for enlistment, of U. S. residents to serve in the armed forces" of any foreign prince, state, colony, district or people, Rangel declared.

In a letter to Attorney General Levi, Congressman Rangel said "I have been appalled by what appears to be a public flaunting of U. S. law by Roy Innis." While Innis contends that his organization is not breaking the law by this recruiting of American mercenaries to join the combat forces of the UNITA faction in Angola, I believe that in fact they are," he continued.

"As you are aware," he said,

"Congress has already made our position on involvement in Angola clear with the passage of the Tunney amendment which prohibits further U. S. military involvement in that country. The hiring or recruiting of U. S. mercenaries by CORE is in violation of U. S. law and policy."

Rangel, who termed the CORE recruitment "a divisive, unwise action that threatens to prolong the fighting and bloodshed in Angola" said that the failure of the Ford Administration to take any action against CORE's activities "raises the question of U. S. government support of CORE's mercenary recruitment efforts". I call upon the administration to join me in denouncing this activity," Rangel concluded.

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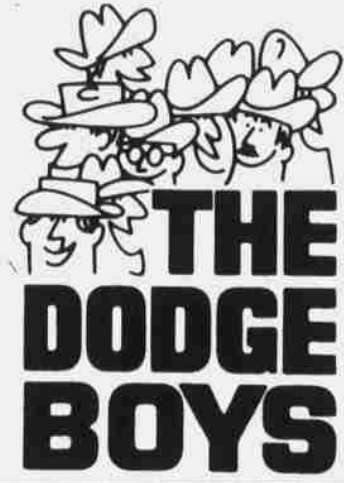
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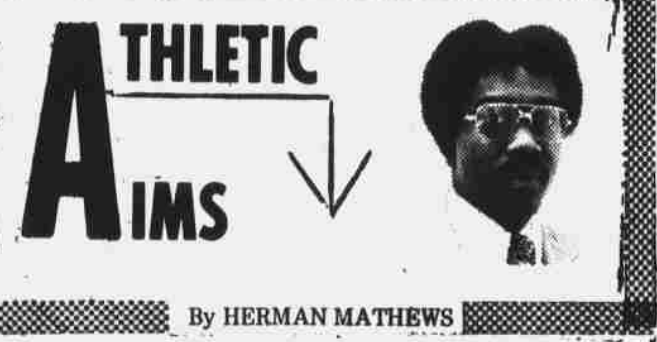
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By HERMAN MATHEWS

(SING TO THE TUNE OF LONDON BRIDGE)

Are you going to the MEAC, MEAC, MEAC oh, are you going to the MEAC, or will I see you in Hampton?

The Fifth Annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Basketball Tournament will be held at the Greensboro Coliseum, in Greensboro, February 26-28. Before one goes flailing at the nearest ticket booth, he or she should note that an equally attractive event, the 31st Annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Basketball Tournament, will be staged during the same weekend in Hampton, Virginia, at the Hampton Coliseum.

Of course, many of us have succumbed to the fact of both tournaments being held simultaneously. Yet, the late hour blues set in when I have to finally choose between seeing North Carolina A&T, Winston-Salem State, Morgan State, or Norfolk State wrap up their magnificent seasons. To see them all in one tournament would be more than ideal, it would be a REAL pleasure. A second choice would be to view both tournaments at different times, which doesn't sound like a bad idea, but...The last alternative would be for the tournaments to be held, at least, whether at the same time or not.

How the MEAC and CIAA tournaments will continue to fare while being staged at the same time in different places is anyone's guess. Someone was guessing very seriously last year when it proposed to hold a combined CIAA-MEAC basketball tournament in Greensboro this February. It was reported that plans were being made (last year) for each of the two conference to bring their four top teams to Greensboro for a super tournament. Such an event was to draw all of the vital factors into a neat economic package. Attracting fans was marked off as the least important obstacle to be faced.

Most optimistically, the proposed CIAA-MEAC venture led some observers to feel that a rich television pact could be possibly obtained, if the tournament achieved the success envisioned. It was also speculated that the super tourney champs would be more readily considered for major tournaments.

What was planned and what is to be are two different things. The fans were ready and the markets were too. (CIAA-MEAC schools are located in 6 of top 100 markets, and are near enough to influence more than ten others, such as New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Greenville, S. C., and Charleston). Who knows when the NCAA is ready? But, we all know that those with the authority to put a CIAA-MEAC tournament together, ARE NOT READY.

Well, I am looking forward to enjoying one of the tournaments. I cannot be in two different locations at one time, and I know of no one who can. It does seem that some people think that such a thing is possible, or maybe the thought never has been considered by them. To my fellow CIAA-MEAC fans, I will see you there.....where?

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