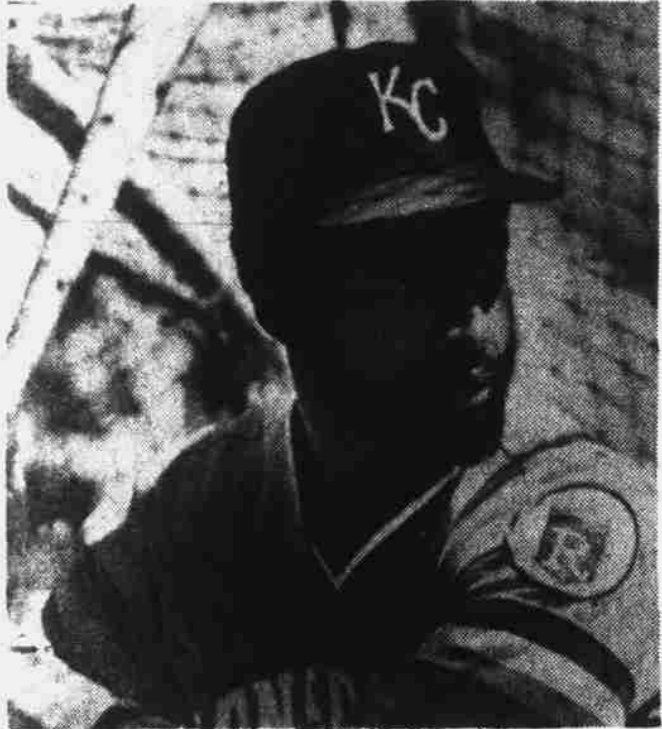


SPORTS



FSU's Coach Buries Himself In Thoughts of '79 Grid Team

FAYETTEVILLE — As the grass turns greener, the spring breeze becomes warmer and the average student finds it increasingly hard to attend classes, Fayetteville State head football coach Raymond McDougal buries himself in thoughts of the fall and early winter months. It is then that the



SPRING TRAINING — Willie Wilson takes his turn at bat during spring training with the Royals earlier this month. Wilson's future with the club is closely tied in with whether he can hit enough for them. UPI (PARADE)

fortunes of his 1979 Fayetteville State University Bronco football squad will be determined.

After pulling off what many people consider a minor miracle, leading the Broncos to a 6-4-1 overall record and 5-2-1 conference slate, McDougal knows that next year's squad will be hard pressed to repeat last year's accomplishments.

"We caught a few people by surprise last season," states McDougal, "they'll be looking for us this time around."

Last year, Fayetteville State's football team rebounded from an 0-3 start to a tie for second in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA). When the first place finisher, Winston-Salem State University, elected to compete in the NCAA playoffs the Broncos lost out on a Gold Bowl berth by a few points on the Dickinson rating scale to Virginia Union University. Union tied the Broncos for second place.

With only eight of last year's starters being graduating seniors McDougal should field one of his strongest and most experienced teams in recent years. Right? Wrong. Due to academic casualties and players leaving for personal reasons, Coach McDougal is not absolutely sure how many players will actually return.

"We always seem to be rebuilding," sighs McDougal, "my staff (coaches, Frank Merchant and Douglass McMillan) and I have been working hard, beating the bushes to find

first year players who could help us right away. I think we've signed some guys that could come in and do the job. Hopefully they will come in and do the job. We are depending on them."

There are 21 lettermen McDougal feels he can count on returning. With spring practice already begun, they are now working hard at what is expected of them. The strength of the team is again expected to be the defense. Last year the Broncos finished second in defense against the rush allowing a paltry 91 yards per contest. They also finished second in total defense giving up only 207 yards per game. Badly missed from that defensive squad will be senior middle linebacker and honorable mention All-CIAA Ricky Furline and senior cornerback Clarence Ashley. A young aggressive linebacking corps made up of Anthony Freeman, Jerry Davis, Ronnie Oats and Don Andrews who all benefitted from Furline's tutelage, should be the strength of the defense. The weakness of should be the strength of the defense. The weakness of the team may be the big people on the offensive and defensive line. The graduation of All-CIAA center Lorenzo Grays and Mutual Black Network All-America Burnis Travis leaves gaping holes in the offensive line that will have to be filled. The strength of the offense could be the backfield where quarterback Ed Davis and runningbacks Arthur Becton and Maverick Jackson return. Becton and Jackson teamed to form a very effective and

explosive duo toward the end of last season and if they can pick up where they left off, the running game will be improved.

So as the leaves turn green on the trees and fragrances of flowers fill the air, over Bronco Stadium the moans and groans of me will be heard above the hum of bees and perspiration shall water the stadium grass which Coach McDougal silently surveys the field, deep in thoughts of September, knowing his team will be ready.

Williams was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and was joined on a ten-player All-Tournament team by English who had 18 points and 16 rebounds in the championship game.

Betty Smiley, who kept S.C. State close in the early going finished with 10 points while Robinson had 14 rebounds to go along with her six markers. Sandra Gadsden was the only starter who didn't score but she was tough on the boards with 12 rebounds.

In reaching the finals, S.C. State defeated Emporia State (36-47), Seton Hall (91-53) and Tuskegee (85-70). Dayton made its way to the championship game with victories over Air Force, defending champion High Point and Niagara.

Tuskegee finished fourth in the 16-team field and Tougaloo of Alabama took fifth place, giving traditionally Black College finishers three of the top five.

Tennis Team Takes To Road

HAMPTON, Va. — Boasting a 10-3 record, Hampton's tennis squad enters the home stretch in preparing for the NCAA (Division II) national tournament.

After facing state rivals Virginia Tech, state champion Virginia and Old Dominion, the team takes to the road at Furman, Georgia and Tennessee Chattanooga.

Coach Robert Screen's top performer thus far is sophomore Givan Barros who sports an 11-1 record. Emilio Vasquez has a 10-1 mark in singles competition.

The squad placed second the NCAA event last year after capturing the title in 1976. Most impressive wins this year have come over Atlantic Coast co-champion North Carolina, Duke and Florida Tech.



STILL THE CHAMP — Joe Louis, former world heavyweight champion, is the center of some attention while attending fights in Las Vegas March 23. Louis was on hand as Larry Holmes retained the World Boxing Council Heavyweight championship by a seventh-round TKO over Ossie Ocasio in a title fight. Earlier on the card, Earnie Shavers knocked out Ken Norton in one round. Shavers now is scheduled to challenge Holmes in September. UPI

Hillside Students Split First Place In Chess Tourney

Arnold Tharrington, a 14 year old ninth grade Hillside High School student, tied for first place in the North Carolina Scholastic Chess Tournament with a perfect score of 5-0. A tie breaking system awarded Arnold one half of first place prize money and the second place trophy.

The North Carolina Scholastic Chess Tournament is an official U.S. Chess Federation Tournament that is held for North Carolina Elementary, Secondary and High School students. This year the



THARRINGTON — tournament was held at Enloe Senior High School

in Raleigh March 31-April 1.

Arnold started playing chess at eight years old, being coached by Virgil Wright, an expert chess player who is a professor at North Carolina Central University. In Arnold's first tournament, the North Carolina Closed Open in August, 1977, he won the Unrated Amateur prize. At the age of 13, in the N.C. Scholastic Tournament, he scored 3½-1 against High school students. In the 1978 North Carolina Closed Open he won the amateur best C-player prize. He won first place prize in Ram 7 in November, 1978 and Ram 4 in April, 1978. Both Ram tournaments were held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Arnold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Tharrington.

Hazel Plummer Score Report

The Hazel B. Plummer Bowling League score report for April 2:

Ladies high game: Barbara Bridges, 193; DeLores Plummer, 189; Anne Reed, 187.

Ladies high series: Deloris Plummer, 519; Barbara Bridges, 509; Flo Roberson, 493.

Men's high game: George Thorne, 229; Quinton Parker, 205; William McDonald, 202.

Men's high series: Joseph Parker, 547; George Thorne, 541; Gus Thompson, 538.

Others: Doss Massenburg 537; Charles Cook, 506; Quinton Parker, 505; T-Bird Roberson, 502.

High Team Game, 814, Latecomers and High Team Series, 2341. Sooners.

Wrestlers Win At National Tourney

SEATTLE, Wash. — Hampton Institute wrestlers, Rickey Futrell and Floyd Adams, did an excellent job or representign Virginia in the wrestling segment of the Association of Blind Athletics Tournament which was held on March 21-24 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Adams, who boasts a surprising 0-0 record this year because of injury, won a gold medal in the 198 pound weight class. Futrell at 149½ pounds, won a silver medal in the weight class. Futrell, who has not wrestled at all this semester (also due to injury), posts a 4-2 record.

Both wrestlers placed second at last year's tournament in their respective weight classes.

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April 7 Road Race to Draw 500 Carolina Women

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Entries are coming in for the first 10,000-meter (6.2 miles) road race in North Carolina for women only, according to organizers of the L'eggs-YWCA 10,000. The April 7 event, slated for 10 a.m. in Winston-Salem's Hanes Park, is expected to draw some 500 runners from throughout the Carolinas and other parts of the country.

Anne Weaver, race director of the YWCA of Winston-Salem, said entries have come in from as far as Florida, New York and California. "We are expecting to see entries from women ranging in age from 8 or younger on into the sixties," she said. "All women are welcome, from near-novices to experienced runners."

All finishers will receive

commemorative T-shirts, L'eggs hosiery and other gifts. Special prizes will be awarded to top finishers in five age divisions.

The winners will receive a unique silver pendant from Tiffany's. She will also be invited, all expenses paid, to participate in the L'eggs Mini Marathon, June 2 in New York City. Some 5,000 women from throughout the nation are expected to run in the Mini.

Entry forms are available from the YWCA at 1201 Glade St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101, and at other area YWCA's. Entry fee is \$3.

The YWCA will conduct a free pre-race clinic at its Glade St. building Friday evening, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Top area runners and local sports podiatrist will offer advice to runners.

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