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Racing Knows No Race

Anyone who thinks stock car racing is a lilly-white sport should have been on the back stretch of Charlotte Motor Speedway on Sunday May 30 for the World 600. There were no black drivers among the field of 33 who took the green flag for the start of the season's longest stock car race, but that didn't deter an extremely large number of black racing fans from braving temperatures of more than 100 degrees.

Black fans enjoyed watching the cars make 400 circuits around the 11/2 mile track at speeds that exceeded 160 miles per hour.

This writer must admit that he was a bit leery the set of amid stories that only "Red-neck hillbillies" watched the sport and only back-woods moonshine haulers drove in the events. This may have been true some years ago but no more.

Today's drivers are articulate businessmen who drive race cars as a career not for the thrill of wrecking the guy along side.

And the fans, well, the fans are probably more friendly than those of any other sport especially if you happen to be a fan of their favorite driver. These fans can not be stereotyped either.

Out of curiosity this writer took a survey of the fans on the backstretch during the prerace ceremonies. I found lawyers, teachers, pilots, artists, salesmen as well as common laborers.

Also, contrary to what has been said by some, the true race fan does not come to see crashes. He comes to see athletes who possess super talent to drive an automobile just as a football fan goes to the game to see talented football players showcase their skills.

The fans at the race were less unruly than the fans who attended the second game of the Philadelphia-Portland series last Sunday in Philly. Not a single time did a fan come out of the stands nor did a single fight occur in them.

There was plenty of beer and even more chicken. If there had not been a race in progress one would have thought there was a big picnic going on.

The fans are very vocal and they really support their favorite driver whether it be by waving their hats in the air as they roar by or griting their teeth and clutching a stop watch. There is a lot of good natured ribbing that goes on and all one has to do to make friends is to shout out the number of one of the top drivers cars and he can get a response from someone who is on his side. Yes, when the green flag is dropped in a stock car race there is no color barrier. As one lady of about 70 said as she opened a big box of fried chicken, "if you want a piece of this chicken just say the magic number." The magic number was 11 for she was a Cale Yarborough fan.

Barn Burners League Set for Patterson 'Y'

by Kobert Eller **Sports Editor**

The Patterson Avenue divided. "Last summer YMCA will sponsor a the league was divided summer basketball league into ninth and tenth final details as to how the year. Some of those enough people to come for ninth through twelfth graders and eleventh and grade students this sum- twelfth graders. This be worked out in the next league last year were East mer. The league which is summer all the players called the Barn Burners will be in the same Me mot eigne rosters that grant with North Carolina rage any player who plans James Blackburn.

Paulin says the format also will cause the league Last summer many of Paulin added that the says Paulin.

high ball next season. It cut if we do that."

of the league will be to be more balanced." the top high school league needs volunteers of the league will be to be more balanced. the top high school league needs volunteers should contact raulin at changed this year in that The league will be players in the area took to work with the program. Any person who is the Patterson Avenue

and each team will play 14 the league to be even biggest problems we games. Paulin says that more competitive this have. We just don't have teams will be stocked will players who played in the out and help us." The league is scheduled meeting of the Board of Forsyth standout Louis to kick off play on June 20

Commissioners for the Lowrey, Alex Mackey, with games continuing league will be in its third division. This will be a big league. "We may hold a another East Forsyth star until the latter part of year of operation at the Y. help to the ninth and tenth draft or we may just take who recently signed a August "I would encou-

WSSU basketball student, allow them to gain are turned in. The only A&T, Parkland's David to take part to begin will head the league along experience they will need objection I have to a draft Coleman, and West For- coming down and working with basketball official when they play senior is that some kids may be syth's Charles Denning out so they will be ready and Clarence Britton. when the league starts"

Tom Paulin the Barn Burners league



Yes, if what was going on in the stands of Charlotte Motor Speedway Sunday was any indication of what the racial situation in this country is coming too, then Martin Luther King's dream may be closer to reality than many people who have never attended a stock car race realize.



The opening of the Winston Salem Recreation Department's swimming pools on Saturday May 28 brought both smiles and relief to the faces to these swimmers seeking refuge from the day's heat

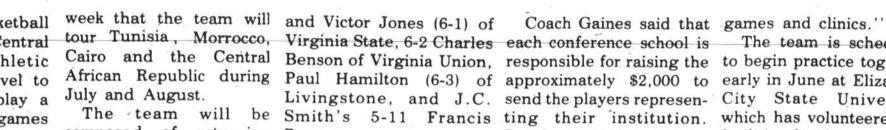
CIAA Basketball All-Stars To Play In Africa

A group of basketball players from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association will travel to Africa in July to play a series of basketball games it was announced last week.

People to People sports crganization has apparently worked out details for the trip.

The team is to be coached by Winston Salem States C.E. "Bighouse'' Gaines, 1976 CIAA championship coach and Harvey Heartley of St. Augustine's who won the league Southern Division championship over Gaines.

CIAA commissioner Bob Moorman said last



composed of returning Proctor. 1977 All-CIAA picks

Blue, Elizabeth City State, Union, Hampton's Keith team will play a number of to basketball grants for Herbert Entziminger. Tolliver, and Jeff Ballard games on the four and will the coming season. They Johnson C. Smith, Marvin of Fayetteville State.

Payne, 'Hampton Insti- CIAA Player-of-the- clinics. "We will actually Williams of Claremont, tute, and Jarrell Wilker- Year Ray Epps of Norfolk be working with under- an all-state 2-A selection, son, Norfolk State.

6-11 Jake Rodgers of trip Shaw University, 6-7 Reginald McCloud of Fayetteville State, St. Augustine's Larry Rhodes (6-3), Melvin Cole (6-4)

Named as alternates care of the expenses Carlos Terry of Winston were Larry Holmes, and during the trip.

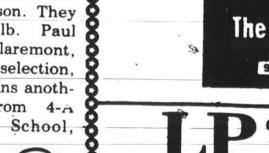
State has placed his name developed countries to 6-3 Arthur Gaskins anoth-

Duane Bilbo a 6-3 forward tour Tunisia, Morrocco, Virginia State, 6-2 Charles each conference school is The team is scheduled from Pontiac, Michigan, Cairo and the Central Benson of Virginia Union, responsible for raising the to begin practice together and James McPherson African Republic during Paul Hamilton (6-3) of approximately \$2,000 to early in June at Elizabeth (6-2, 180) from Hillsbo-Livingstone, and J.C. send the players represen- City State University rough. "All of these kids The team will be Smith's 5-11 Francis ting their institution, which has volunteered its can do the job," he said.

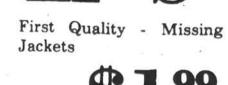
People to People is to take facilities for that purpose.

Gaines also announced Salem State, Thomas Derwin Lilly of Virginia Gaines added that the the signing of four cagers also conduct basketball are 6-8 168 lb. Paul

Rounding out the on the NBA hardship list promote the sport of er all-stater from 4-a twelve man squad will be and thus will not make the basketball through both Burtee High School,



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