

The 1977 version of the NBA draft is now history and it remains to be seen which team got the pick of the litter. One thing is for sure, however, and that's the fact that the ACC shouldn't have any trouble recruiting who they want in next year's high school "draft". Six of the top 15 selections were ACC players. And 10 stars from the conference were tabbed in the first four rounds.

While the ACC was getting all the headlines the CIAA was not left out of the draft. Four players from the conference were picked, Norfolk State's Ray Epps, a 6-6 forward, who declared himself a hardship case after his junior year and the CIAA's "Player of the Year" last season was picked by Golden State in the fifth round. The Warriors are coached by former North Carolina A&T star Al Attles who played for the Aggies when they were members of the CIAA.

Curvan Lewis, Virginia Union's 6-8 center, was taken by the Buffalo Braves in the sixth round, while WSSU's George Gibson was nabbed by Philadelphia in that same round. Robert Lewis of Johnson C. Smith was taken by Detroit in the final round. The 6-5 Lewis was the CIAA's leading scorer in '75-'76 but was only eligible for the first semester last season.

While the first and second round big name players got much of the publicity and also the best money offers, players from black schools had to wait until the fifth round before more than three players were taken. Texas Southern's Alonzo Bradley was the first black college player taken. Bradley may have been the best senior guard in the college ranks this season. That remains to be seen in the season ahead. Many think Bradley is better than The Bullet's Larry Wright who was taken in the first round of last year's draft and turned out to be the best rookie guard in the NBA this season. The biggest surprise of the draft, at least to this writer, was that super forward Gerald Cunningham of Kentucky. State was not picked until the fifth round. The New York Nets made him the first player selected in that round. The Nets who are desperately in need of strong fire power at the forward position, may have next season's "rookie-of-the-year". Another player to watch is Emery Sammons of Philadelphia Textile. Not many people have heard of this young man or his Alma Mater but watch out for "Em the Gem" in the seasons to come.



Mary Midshipmen, Jeffrey K. Sapp and Daryl E. Anderson receive athletic awards recently.

### Midshipmen Receive Naval Sports Awards

Two outstanding black midshipmen received the U.S. Naval Academy's distinguished athletic awards Tuesday (June 7) in Annapolis.

Midshipmen First Class Jeffrey K. Sapp of

Colorado Springs, Colo., Navy football Co-captain and a third team All-America, will receive the Thompson Trophy Cup which is awarded to the midshipman who has done the most during the current year for the promotion of athletics at the Naval Academy.

Midshipman First Class Daryl E. Anderson of Milwaukee, Wis., a recordholding quartermiler, will receive the Naval Academy Athletic Association Sword which is awarded to the midshipman of the graduating class considered by the Athletic Council to have personally excelled in athletics during his years of varsity competition.

Both outstanding athletes will graduate with Bachelor of Science degrees. Sapp will be commissioned an Ensign and serve with the surface Navy. Anderson will be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

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## W-S Indians Rebound From Slump

by Robert Eller  
Sports Editor

The Winston-Salem Indians, bouncing back from three straight losses, won two games over the past weekend and according to Business Manager Rip Wilkins are now ready to challenge the league leading Pond-Giants for the WSBL title.

The Indians raised their record to 14-5 by beating the Danville Tigers and Dolphins on consecutive nights. Against the Tigers Mike Smith threw 7-2/3 scoreless innings in relief to take a 6-2 win. On the following night they avenged an earlier loss to the Danville Dolphins by routing the club 18-8.

The Indians hopes for the WSBL title have been boosted by the return of veteran shortstop Ted Petree this weekend from an ankle injury. Petree contributed five hits in the two victories knocking in four runs. Curt Roseboro, a mainstay of the Indians for many years, also returned to the line-up after a brief retirement and socked a three run homer driving in five runs. Frank Carlton, who played for the squad last season, had six hits in the two games after leaving Gardner Webb College for the summer.

The wins brought a smile to the face of Wilkins who talked freely about the team's slump.

"We lost four out of six games during that period due mostly to mental errors. We ran the bases sloppily and didn't play sound fundamental baseball like we did early in the season when we won 10 of our first 11 games.

After the game against the Dolphins this weekend when we scored 18 runs and had 17 hits I think we are returning to our form and fans will see the real Indian team now. With the team we have now we feel we can overtake the Pond-Giants and take the WSBL crown. I think we are over our batting slump now and some of our key players are returning from injuries.

Wilkins says one of the strongest suits of the Indians now is depth. "We have three strong starts in Randy Lambert, Gary Groce, and Robert Lowe. With those three and the left hander we hope to pick up soon our starting pitchers should be strong."

Wilkins indicated that with this group of starts Mike Smith, the team's leading hitter and a starter early in the season, could be switched to relief and thus better able to help out at third base where he also plays.

Cary Flynt, another strong armed righthander, will also work from the bullpen and play second base at times. The Indians

outfield is also strong now and has depth. Lynn Bitting better known by his teammates as the "Six million dollar man" has rejoined the team after missing the first nine games of the season. Bitting has two triples and has been one of the team's clutch hitters of late.

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get his timing down," Wilkins says. "He has gotten some key hits of late."

Ron Warden, son of Dallas Warden whose Warden Motors dealership sponsors the team had 5 hits in the two weekend games and is playing solid ball. Dike

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The Patterson Avenue YMCA is offering three summer camping programs, each designed for a different age group of youngsters, with camp dates ranging from June 13 to mid-August.

The programs are for boys and girls, and offer instructional courses consistent with the age group of the campers.

Kinder Camp, for children ages 5-7, will have its headquarters at the Patterson Ave. YMCA, and will feature trips, tours, art, story hour, physical activities, and group instruction. Kinder Camp is a ten weeks daily program lasting from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning June 13th, with camps lasting for 5 days. The final Kinder Camp will be from Aug. 22-26. The registration fee per youngster is \$20.50 for Y members and \$22.00 for non-members.

The Camp Civitan Day Camp, which also operates on 5-day camping periods, offers boys and girls ages 8-12 an outdoor program in which the camper helps determine and plan the activities in which he or she wishes to participate. The camp offers swimming lessons, hiking, football, basketball, boating, canoeing, trips, and arts & crafts. The fee, \$22 for members and \$23 for non-Y members, will cover insurance, lunch, trips, craft fees, and a "T" shirt for the camper.

Youngsters from 8-16 may attend a resident camp, Camp Robert Vaughn, for a one or two week period, during which time they will live at the camp and receive instruction and guidance from college student and college graduate leaders who specialized in group and children's skills. The one-week camps will be offered from July 10-16 and August 1-6, at a cost of \$45, which covers food, lodging, transportation, programming, insurance, and "T" shirt. A two-week camp from July 18-30 will be offered for \$86.

Parents who want to enroll their children in one of these summer programs should write the Patterson Avenue Y.M.C.A., 625 North Patterson Ave., or call 724-9205 for further information.

## Garden Path

Along the Garden Path Flower Club recently held its Dinner Meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Pete Williams, 140 North Dunleith Avenue.

Plans for the 4th District Flower Show to be held at the Benton Convention Center June 25th were discussed. A report on ticket sales was made. Dr. Lillian Lewis welcomed all new members.

The delicious menu included meats, pickles, vegetables from the hostess garden, punch, salad and dessert.

After the business session a delightful tour of the gardens was made.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Julie Johnson of 2054 Cherry Street.

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