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Terry, Sparrow Picked In Fifth Round Draft

By Robert Eller
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Local black college All Americans Carlos Terry of Winston Salem State and James "the bird" Sparrow of North Carolina A&T were both picked in the fifth round of the National Basketball Association college draft last Friday.

Sparrow, a 6-6 guard who led the Aggies to the MEAC title this past season when he led the team in scoring was the fourth player selected in the fifth round going to the Indiana Pacers.

Terry, a two time All-America choice was the 16th player taken in that same round. The 6-5 Terry scored over 2,000 points in his career at WSSU while leading the Rams to a CIAA championship, two district 26 titles and two trips to the NAIA tournament in Kansas City. He was a four time All-CIAA pick, and was named the conferences Player of the Year last season when the Rams rolled to a 28-4 record and the number one ranking among small colleges. The 28-4 record was the best the team had recorded since the days of Earl Monroe.

Both Sparrow and Terry appear to have a good shot at making it in the NBA. Sparrow was the second guard drafted by the Pacers behind Ricky Lee of Oregon State. Indiana, one of the leagues weakest teams, is in need of a big guard. Lost Angeles currently has only ten players on their roster after trading forward Tom Abernathy earlier in the week. The Lakers have Adrian Dantley and Jamaal Wilkes as small forwards but rumor has it that one of the two will be traded before the season begins. The Lakers drafted UNC Charlotte's Lew Massey in the second

round and he is expected to provide Terry's chief competition for a spot on the Laker roster, with both vying for the same spot.

"What I've got to do is beat out the other guys who were drafted and Massey is the only forward

they took ahead of me, so he is the main man I have to beat out," said Terry after the draft.

Both Terry and his coach "Bighouse" Gaines were surprised the Lexington native was not taken earlier. "I thought

he would go higher," commented Gaines, "but he is only 6-5 and that is small for a forward, especially a power forward. But I think he has an excellent chance of making it. He is a sound defensive player

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WSSU Plans National

Youth Sports Program

The National Youth Sports Program on Monday June 19 and will have five day sessions for 25 days.

The program is sponsored by the National

Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the WSSU athletic department. It is open to all persons between the ages of 10 and 19.

WSSU Athletic Director Clarence Gaines said the program will have two new special enrichment series this year. "We have a special enrichment series in Art which will be conducted by our Fine Arts Department. There will be instruction in drama, music, and art and we hope this will play an important part in the kids

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Giants Take Division Lead

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The defending champion Pond Giants took over the lead in the Western Division of the Winston Salem Baseball League this weekend extending their winning streak to eight games with wins over the Walkertown Tigers and the High Point Christians. The Pond Giants whipped the Tigers 7-1 Saturday as John Bolton tossed a four hitter for his fifth straight win of the season and Tommy Elrod tossed a four hitter for his fifth straight win of the season and Tommy Elrod drove in six runs with a homer and three singles. Stan Smith continued to lead the league in hitting rapping out two hits as did thirdbaseman Jerry Tuttle. The Pond Giants came back Sunday to beat the High Point Christians 1-0 while the Astros, who entered the week with a half game lead, split two

games to fall percentage points behind the Pond Giants.



James Sparrow



Carlos Terry

Black On Sports

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Just like in anything else, when you start making sports predictions you win a few and lose a few. That was the case for this writer during the past week when he picked the Seattle Supersonics to beat the Washington Bullets for the NBA championship. The miracle Sonics, a team without an established superstar, a high scoring forward, or a superfly guard, almost made it over the hump behind the brains of Lenny Wilkins and the team concept he brought with him to Seattle.

The Sonics, one of the least talented teams in the NBA (at least on paper), gave the Bullets a real scrap for the crown and the fans, probably the most even and exciting championship in memory. They just might have won it too had it not been for a number of circumstances, some of which were beyond their control.

Seattle may have made the biggest "boo boo" in history when they counted the Sonics out of the playoff picture early in the season when they were near the bottom of their division. That's when they booked another event at the Sonics homecourt and caused their team to have to take one of their games to the Kingdom which they promptly lost. That loss may have been the difference in the series. Washington beating the Sonics on their homecourt once was a surprise, but doing it twice would have been an even bigger task.

Two other keys to the Bullets victory was the play of two guards named

Johnson. Charley Johnson came off the bench with his "in your eye jump shot" and was in this writer's opinion the key to their championship. Had it not been for Kevin Greedy, I mean Grevey, getting hurt the result may have been different. And how long will it be before the Sonics Dennis Johnson goes 0 for 16 in a game again?

The two best teams in the league may not have played for the title but there is one thing for sure, no two teams in the league could have put on a better show of unselfish basketball.

Last week I was sitting in the Imperial Barber Shop waiting on a haircut when I was asked to pick a winner in the Ken Norton-Larry Holmes fight.

When I said Larry Holmes was my choice the shop began to rustle. "Norton will knock his head off. He(Holmes) doesn't stand a chance," were some of the replies that were given. Only Guary Connally and his son Guary Jr. went along with my prediction, but Holmes came out the victor on Friday night by the slimmest of margins, and Ken Norton failed to keep the crown he could not win in the ring. In his post-fight when he said he waited too late to go after Holmes. What Kenny might have meant is about the same thing Muhammad meant after the Spinks fight, and that is each champ underestimated his opponent.

Ali gets another shot at Spinks in September, and that could start the ball rolling again.

Belview To Hold 2nd One-On-One

Preliminaries will begin July 10, 1978 in the second annual one on one contest sponsored by Belview Recreation Center. Last year more than 35 young men took part in the initial one on one contest. Alex Mackey a former East Forsyth star who will enroll in Vincennes Junior College in the fall was the winner. This year Belview Director Hanzel Hentz says he expects more than 50 participants. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and Karate demonstrations are to be held during intermission of the semifinals and finals.

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