

Tennis

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units). Roseboro said he wants to take a different route than those two schools have taken, however, "we want to build our program with area players, or at least players from this country," he said referring to the fact that both Hampton and St. Augustine's have a number of players from other countries.

"We have had a chance to get foreign players but we don't play the type of schedule to give them the national exposure they seek at this time and there is also quite a responsibility that the school takes on when they bring in players from out of the country. The school must provide for them year round and that is quite a job," he notes.

As acting president of tennis coaches, he was elevated from vice president when Bill Mandrey of St. Augustine's took a two year leave from the school. Roseboro has some definite ideas about the sport and its role in the CIAA.

"I want to continue the

fair schedule but I want to make some changes that will keep the kids from missing class in both the fall and the spring, so I plan to propose a schedule that will have each division playing each team in that division once during the fall and having those matches count toward the spring conference title. This will not only cut down on the class time the players miss but will also allow for the playing of more outside matches against strong competition. Tennis in this conference needs a more wide range of exposure," he continues.

"We have two of the nations best teams in the CIAA and right now tennis ranks behind only basketball and football in interest in the league. As long as we can continue to bring in players like Marino Lopez of Hampton, Anthony Mmoh of St. Augustine's and Kevin Crawford of this school we can continue to gain more exposure and national recognition."

The Rams will open their spring schedule on March 3 at North Carolina Central.

Smokers Lose Conference Game

The Winston-Salem Smokers lost both the league lead in the Carolinas Wheelchair Basketball Conference and their dream of an undefeated season this past Saturday in Monroe, but according to coach Robert Eller the team did what it had to do and feels that they are still in the drivers seat in the conference title chase.

"Sure we are disappointed by the loss to the Tarwheels. We wanted to go through the conference season unbeaten but we feel a split is satisfactory. The Tarwheels are still two games behind us and the Spinners (currently 6-0 in the league) still have four games with us and four with the Tarwheels."

Dale Griffin hit two free throws with three seconds left to give the Tarwheels the win in the first game. The Smokers grabbed a 16-10 lead with six minutes left in the first half but a torrid Tarwheels comeback led by Terry Frazier gave them a 20-18 halftime lead.

They built that lead to 38-26 with nine minutes left and seemed to have the victory assured when the Smokers leading scorer Elmer Clayton, with 19 points, fouled out with nearly seven minutes left.

Otis Thompson, however, lead a comeback that saw the Smokers know the score (43-43) on a 12 footer by Larry Millikan with 12 seconds left. The Tarwheels called timeout and set up a play for the last shot. Griffin was fouled as he rolled behind a screen to take that shot, setting up his game winning free throws. A desperation heave by Thompson, who scored 9 of his 15 points in the last five minutes fell just short as time expired.

The Smokers came back with a picture perfect second half in the nightcap, however, to beat the defending league champs 52-39.

After coming from behind to gain a 23-23 tie at the half, the Smokers used their spread offense to outscore their opponents 20-10, over the first ten minutes of the final half for a 43-33 lead. From there they coasted to victory.

Clayton again led the scoring for the Smokers with 23 points, 15 in the final half. Thompson added

15, 11 in the first half as he kept the Smokers within reach.

Don Dunn led the Tarwheels with 19 points.

The split left the Smokers with a 5-1 league mark, one game behind the Palmetto Spinners who are 6-0. The Smokers are 7-1 overall. The Tarwheels are now 3-3 in the conference with all three losses coming at the hands of the Smokers.

"We won't be playing the Spinners until late in January," said Eller "but we feel we can beat them, plus they have to battle the Tarwheels and we have finished with them. Right now we are a little down because we feel we should have won both games but if someone had told us before the season started that we would be 5-1 at this point we would have been very happy."

"We are looking forward to playing Richmond. Our players really look like a well oiled machine at times but at other times we make a lot of mistakes. We have two new starters and it will take a while for us to work out the bugs but with games against Richmond this weekend and going to Illinois to take on some of the top teams in the nation in December we feel we can only get better as the season progresses."

FISHING

by George Booie



Record Catches

Some time ago I was asked about the world record catch for a bream. What was really asked was, the record of bluegill. In 1950 the known record catch was; buegill 4 lb, 12 oz. For gear the best bet is a fly rod or light spinning tackle. Plastic-bugs or flies; black or red ants are good artificial. Don't forget the old standby; red wigglers.

Black crappies weighed win at 5 lbs., and white crappie 5 lbs., 3 oz. I can imagine that there have been catches equaling those records that were not made known, especially down on the Santee-Cooper. The record for the largemouth bass is 22 1/4 lbs. 1932; and that is a lot of bass if you have caught a bass half that size. I have seen the carcasses of two largemouth

bass; one at Dixie Shores on Badin Lake and one stuffed in a garbage can on Winston Lake. Those two dehydrated carcasses were over 32 inches long. Will you imagine what that would have looked like when alive?

If you have had the experience of hanging a stripped bass on one of the impounded lakes it would be a back-breaking feat to hang one of record size in salt water; 73 lbs. Hober Sharpe and "Luke" Nesmith have caught some mighty fine stripers on Badin Lake. To get a striper on unexpectedly using light tackle could be heart breaking. You might just burn up a reel if the line held up.

The fishing institute held at Camp Robert Vaughn, promoted by The National Youth Sports Program and Athletic Director, Coach Gaines of W.S.S.U., met with some success. Some of the participants have tried their experience at the Salem Lake Pier.

Vikings Return Key Players

The 1980-81 edition of Viking personnel will be essentially the same squad that completed the 1980 season. All 15 members returned, led by three time all CIAA, twice All NCAA District III, All-American candidate Arthur "Boo Boo" Gaskins (22.3 ppg). With the starting line-up and all reserves intact, the Vikings will be looking to improve their inside game which was the weakest point.

Coach "Bobby" Vaughan, who has passed the 400 win mark will be looking for senior Ernest Buffaloe (6-8/205 lbs.) to mature at center or be pushed at forward by his brother, a 6'5" freshman recruit who is one of only three newcomers to the Viking squad.

With point guards Pierce Bland (9.4 ppg.) and Calvin Maddox (4.2 ppg) alternating; last year's center elect 6'5" (10.9 ppg) junior Lavern Wyche moving to power forward and 6'4" senior jumping-jack Keith Stith (10.2 ppg) battling at the small forward with sometime starter 6'4" (10.9 ppg) junior James Hardy, the Vikings will have a host of small but quick, experienced men to operate the famed Viking running game.

In addition to the starters a couple of hot-shooting swingmen will see plenty of playing time as the Vikings shuffle their talent in their pressure game. Junior Ivory Grooms, 6'4" (4.2 ppg), sophomore Darryl Brown (4.4 ppg), sophomore Rudy Burton (3.2 ppg) and the hot shooting sophomore Donnie Carter who averaged 14.2 ppg over last six games, all will be hustling for playing time.

In addition to the returning veterans, junior college

transfer 6'7 Linwood Hines (Cisco, Tex) and 6'6 freshman Robert Roberts of Chester, Pa., will be expected to beef up the Vikings weak inside game along with a developing strongman, an ODU transfer Anthony West, who is a potential academic All-American with a 3.6 gpa as well as a 3.1 ppg.

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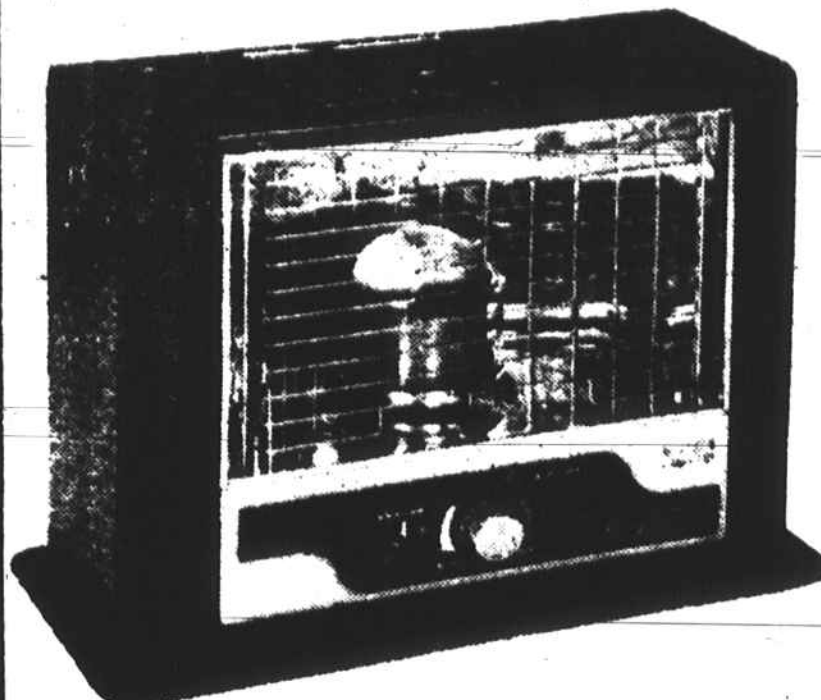


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