

Delaware Coach Fired

Delaware State has finally done what has been long rumored. The Hornets have fired football coach Charles Henderson. A Florida A&M grad, Henderson coached Delaware State to an 8-11 record this past season, and admitted at the season's end that "I don't know if I'll be back." Any day now, Delaware State is expected to name a replacement for Henderson.

Henderson lasted only two seasons at Delaware State, going 4-5-1 his rookie season before the roof collapsed last season. Some observers feel Henderson wasn't quite ready for a head coaching job...

New man At Hampton

Former Delaware State football coach Ed Wyche is new head man at Hampton Institute. An assistant on the Pirates' staff last year, Wyche succeeds retiring Walter Lovett. Lovett will remain as athletic director and chairman of the Physical Education Department. Also in the running for the Hampton job was Pirates' assistant coach John White.

Wyche, who was also an assistant to Lovett, got the nod over White, however. White will remain as wide receivers' coach. Wyche compiled an 18-23-1 record while at Delaware State, but was fired after a 3-7-0 season in 1978...

Moody Back At Virginia St.

In a bizarre tale, Virginia State has rehired a football coach it dismissed a few years ago. James Moody, who used to be an assistant coach at the school, has been hired to be Virginia State's head coach. He replaces Al Tabor, who was given the boot eight games into last season. Virginia State athletic director Clard Flythe stepped in for Tabor and coached the Trojans to their only two wins of the season as the squad finished 2-8...

Changes For Gold Bowl?

The future of the Gold Bowl postseason classic was discussed recently in a meeting at Daytona Beach, Fla.

No word yet on what officials will do about the game, but some changes are expected. Gold Bowl annually matches Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion against Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champ. Trouble is, game is often a matchup of runnersup, as league champs go on to NCAA or NAIA playoffs.

Sources say game may be moved from Richmond or restructured so that two CIAA teams play in it every year.

Bowl is struggling to survive despite poor attendance.

Shaw Team Eyes Record

Going for a record of sorts is Shaw University, which has lost 39 straight basketball games. The record is 47, set by Clemson in 1957.

"We're strugglin' big time," said a Shaw spokesman. "The last four games, we were ahead late in the game and lost." Shaw figures it can turn things around before matching the Clemson record. Ira Mitchell was fired as the Bears' coach last year after leading the squad to an 0-20 season. This year, the Bears are 0-10 under Warren Reynolds.

Despite the losing streak, Shaw does have some talent, especially Al Tyson, a 6-foot-11 transfer from East Carolina University. One of the better players in the CIAA, Tyson is averaging 27 points and 15 rebounds per game. "This is not a sorry squad," said the Shaw spokesman. "All we need is a win."

Scuba Classes To Begin

The Central YMCA will offer a program in Scuba Diving for men and women as a part of the winter program in aquatics.

The program will start on Tuesday, January 13, and the classes will continue to meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. for six weeks. This program is open to students 15 years and older.

Instruction will include physical fitness, physics of diving, medical aspects of diving, first aid, safety and

preventative maintenance and the development of Scuba Diving swimming skills. A special feature of the program will be two open-water check-out dives.

Robert Outlaw and Ed Byer, YMCA Scuba Diving Training Instructors, will be in charge of the YMCA Scuba Diving instructional program.

Interested persons may register or obtain more information by calling the Central YMCA at 722-1163.

The North Carolina Amateur Boxing Association and the Pfafftown JC's will host the second annual Winston-Salem Golden Gloves February 5-7. All bouts will be held in the ballroom of the Benton Convention Center and will start at 7:30 p.m.

Entries are expected from throughout the Carolinas.

The U.S. Marines will send their first team from Camp LeJune to defend last year's open division team title. Other entries are expected from Charlotte, Gastonia, Mt. Holly, Lexington, High Point, Greensboro, Lincolnton, Durham, Shelby, Columbia, Charleston and Myrtle Beach.

From Winston-Salem we expect the Patterson A.C., Y.M.C.A., Reynolds Park and the Gladiator Boxing Clubs to be well represented.

Orders for booklets for admission to all three nights of the second annual Winston-Salem Golden Gloves are now being taken by the N.C. Amateur Box-

ing Association (983-2131) and the Benton Convention Center.

These booklets will go on sale January 27.

Mr. Pat Nambi, coach of the 1976 and 1980 U.S. Olympic Boxing Teams and current National U.S.A. Amateur Boxing Coach, will conduct a coaches clinic in conjunction with this tournament. Pat will fly in from Las Vegas after the annual USA vs. USSR Boxing Match at Caesar's Palace January 31.

All sessions of this clinic will be held at the Benton Convention Center and will be open to the public.

Tournament is sanctioned by the North Carolina A.A.U.

Smokers Take Lead

The upstart Winston-Salem Smokers used a deliberate offensive attack and a sticky zone defense to sweep a pair from the previously unbeaten Palmetto Spinners this weekend and move into first place in the Carolinas Wheelchair Basketball conference (CWBC) race.

The double win, on the Spinners' homecourt raised the Smokers' conference record to 13-1 and upped their overall mark to 18-2 for the season. Meanwhile, the Spinners, unbeaten in 18 games until Saturday, fell to 12-2 in the league.

The Smokers dictated the tempo in both games by grabbing early leads. Once in front they used a pattern offense to get inside shots and shot better than 50 percent in both contests.

In the opening game the Smokers never trailed as they scored the games opening basket. The Spinners

forged ties at 2-2, 4-4 and 8-8, before the visitors went into the lead for good on a 15 footer by Jim Beck at the 9:14 mark. They built a 21-14 halftime lead and never trailed by less than six in the final 20 minutes of the 42-32 win.

Elmer Clayton led the balanced scoring attack with 13 points, eight in the first half. Otis Thompson added 11. Dewey Webb paced the Spinners with 12 points.

In the second contest the Smokers led only 8-6 after 10 minutes but scored the games next four baskets for a 16-6 cushion with 6:01 left before intermission.

The Spinners came back to close to within seven (24-17) at the half. Palmetto, winners of last seasons CWBC regular season title, then scored the second halves first five points to pull within 24-22 with 16

minutes left.

They stayed close and trailed only 36-32 with 7:56 remaining. Clayton took over from there scoring three straight baskets to build the lead to 42-32 with 4:01 left. The Spinners pulled back to within 42-36 before Floyd Wilcox scored off a Gary Hooks assist and Larry Millikan made three of four foul shots for a 47-36 lead. Dean Holt's shot at the buzzer for the losers, made the final margin 47-38.

Clayton was again the Smokers top scorer with 18 points, eight in the final seven minutes. Thompson and Millikan added 9, and Hooks dropped in seven.

Don Gosnell paced the Spinners with 13, Harry Thompson added 12 and Dewey Webb, 9.

The Smokers will be in action in Raleigh this weekend to take part in the Capitol City Invitational Tournament and will take on Capitol City in Raleigh on January 24 before hoping to wrap up the first CWBC title in their history on January 31 when the Spinners come into Winston-Salem for the rematch. The games will be played at Sprague Street Recreation Center with the first game set to begin at 2 p.m.

"We have waited five years to get in this position," said co-captain Larry Millikan, after the wins. "We have never had a chance to win the regular season title before and now we can wrap it up by beating Capitol City and winning against the Spinners at home. Things are working out just right. We wanted to win the title at home and we can do it by beating Palmetto on the 31. That will be great, to win our first title at home in front of our loyal fans."

Rams From page 15

and confidence, as it ended a six-game losing streak started on December 2 against the A&T Aggies and brought their conference record to 2 and 2.

The team was still below Fayetteville, St. Augustine's and J.C. Smith in the southern division prior to the Livingstone game and will be determined to move up at least one notch after Saturday's game against St. Augustine's.

The performances of Mark Clark and James Mitchell who returned to the line-up to lead the Rams' win over Fayetteville should be an indication of the kind of basketball the Ram fans can expect to see from here on. These two players with McCray, Graham and Greene give the Rams a starting unit that is capable of winning any given night.

Rodger Mason, the 6'6" freshman, and transfer Joe Brawner provide Gaines with more reserve power than was on hand last season. The team really came alive at each end of the floor in last Saturday's contest, as they out-rebounded the taller opponents and led by two in total field goals.

There was no repeat of the meekness which characterized the Rams' performance in the

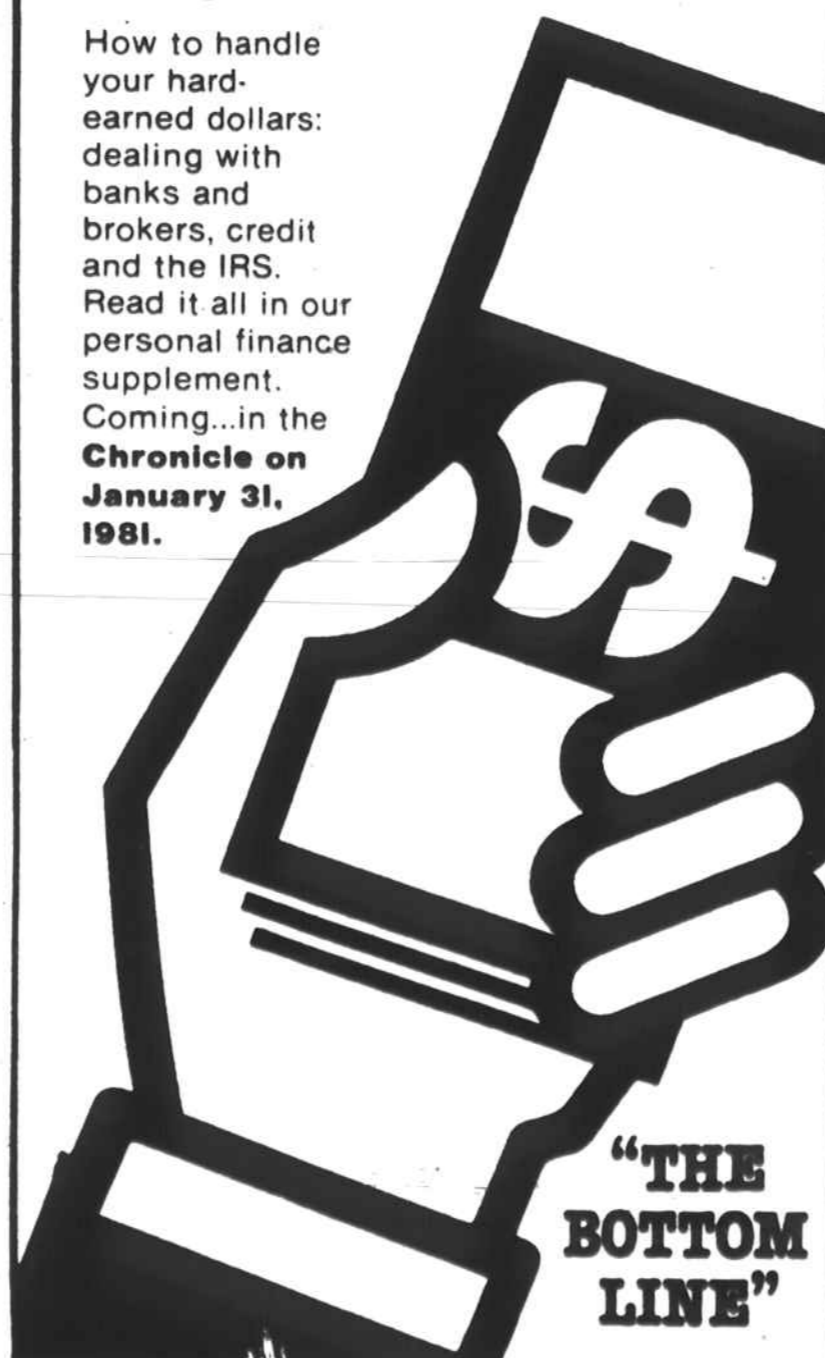
December games. The immediate objective is to bring the overall record, now 3 and 6, up to .500 per cent by winning the next three contests.

The Ramettes are having their worst season ever, winning only once in the nine games played. Their next five games are against conference opponents and will likely determine if they qualify for the annual tournament in February.

While the basketball teams are away, Ram fans can see the championship wrestling team in a match against Campbell University and Jacksonville State in Gaines Center, Saturday afternoon, January 17, at one o'clock. There is no admission to the wrestling matches at WSSU.

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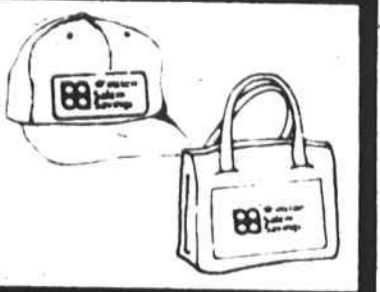
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