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Easton, Pa.: Larry Holmes chants, "Nobody Can Beat Me," as he trains in his training camp in preparation for his Nov. 6 fight against Renaldo Snipes.

Alcorn Quarterback Rising From Depths Of Obscurity

Lorman, Ms. - He's not outspoken. He's not flamboyant. But one thing he is - he's determined.

Alcorn State University quarterback James McFarland is so determined, in fact, that he patiently waited two years, and was prepared to wait another, before becoming the mainstay of the Alcorn passing attack. But when two-year starter Sherrrod Green was switched from starting quarterback to defensive back, the 6-2, 185 junior from Waterproof, La. inherited that chore and began a trend which has

seen him develop week-by-week into a polished field general.

"I must admit that I have been somewhat surprised at how I have performed so far," McFarland stated. "I didn't have that much confidence in myself. If I had, I'd have done much better than I have."

What McFarland has done this year is this. In four games, he has completed 57 of 128 passes for 764 yards, on record pace for an Alcorn State Brave. Even though he has thrown six interceptions, he has thrown five touchdown

passes.

"I always liked Alcorn State and its football program," McFarland recalled. "I thought I'd have a chance to play and could help the team."

How great has McFarland's contribution been to the team this season? Offensive coordinator Ocie Brown says it has been substantial.

"McFarland is coming of age," Brown exclaimed. "While there is room for improvement, he has improved since the starting day of practice."

"His knowledge of the

system has improved and he's becoming more fundamentally sound as a quarterback," Brown added. "He has gained more confidence in his ability to pass and that in itself is helping our team a lot."

With one full season still left in his collegiate career, McFarland seems destined to remain a force to be reckoned with. Looking ahead, he said, "I would like to be a football coach. Sports has been a part of my life and I would like to be around it even after I graduate."

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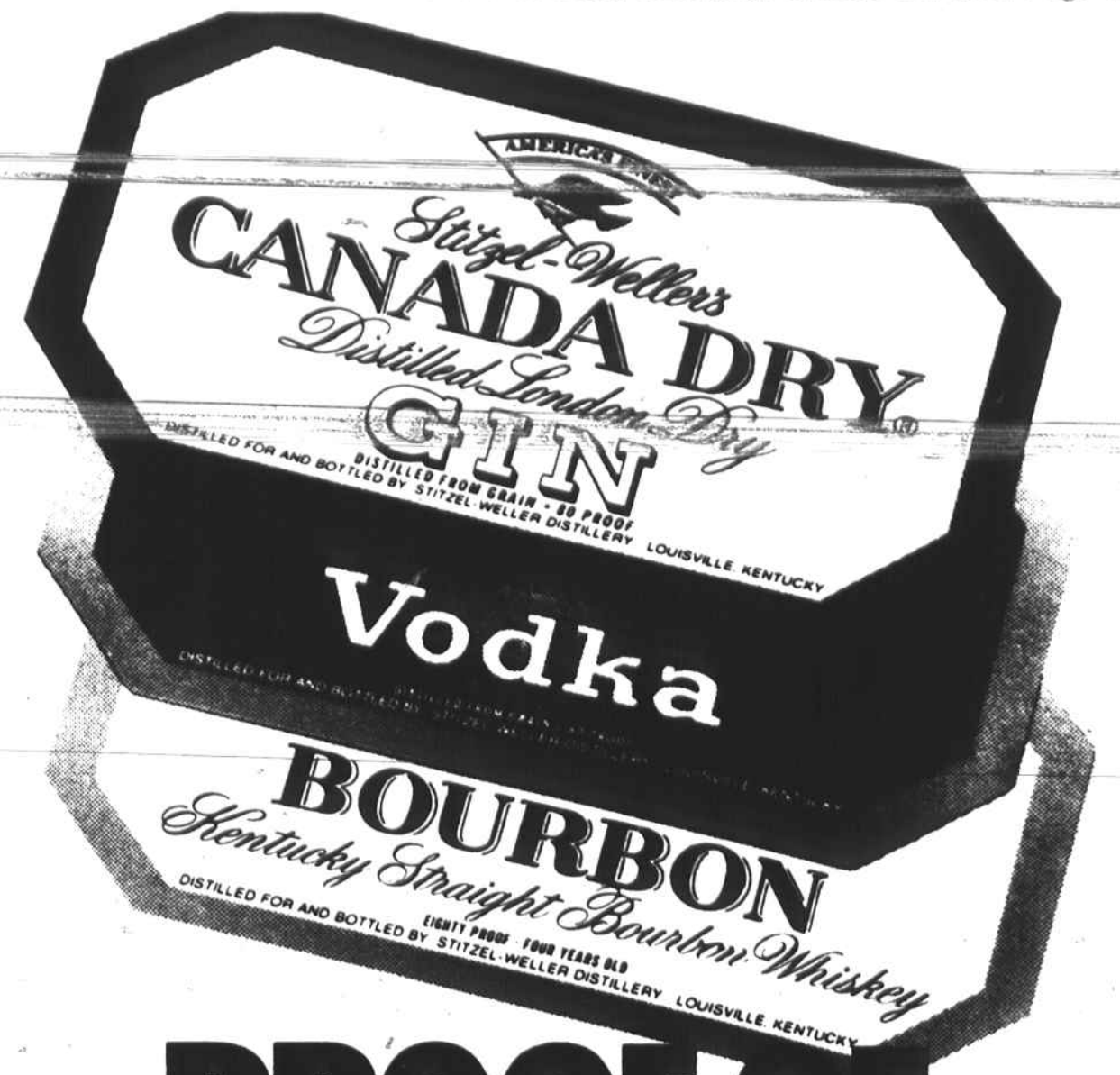
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have seen could have been worms or a bundle of nerves or whatever running through the fish.

"I can't say that I do not enjoy the mackerel as a palatable sea food because I have eaten the small ones. The flounder is more desirable. The red snapper is noted to be one of the best edible fish but the last one that I ate in a fancy restaurant didn't come up to my expectations, maybe I am just a spots and crocker man. I still think that the proof of the pudding is in the taste. If the earth is becoming warmer, maybe we will be able to enjoy some good fresh water fishing the year round.

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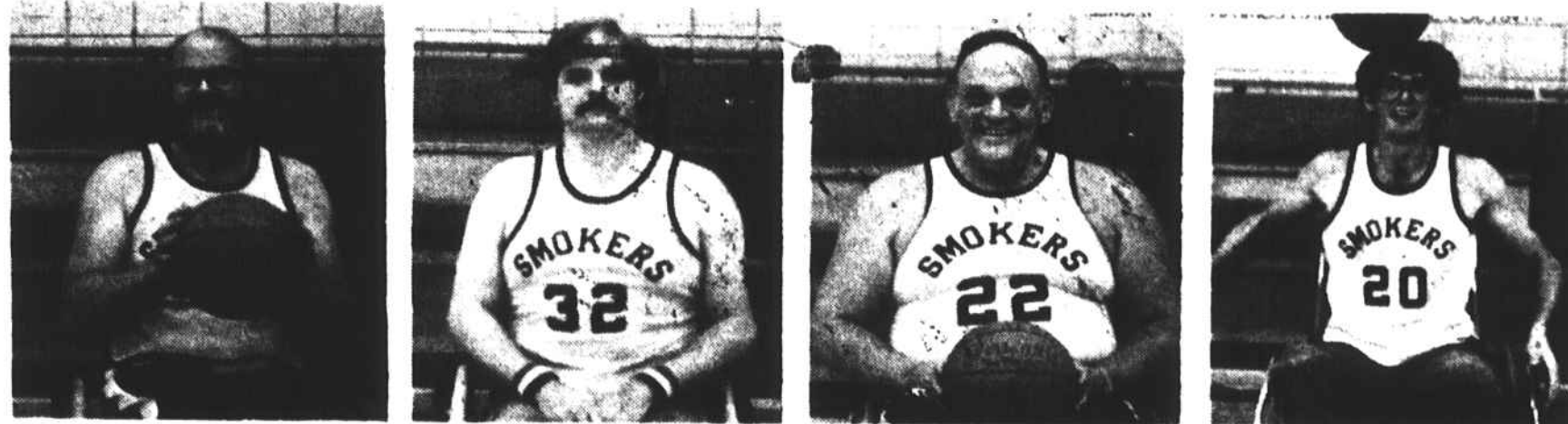
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Smokers Roll Past Fayetteville

The Winston-Salem Smokers, defending Carolinas Wheelchair Basketball Conference champions, opened defense of their title this past weekend with two lopsided wins over the outmanned Fayetteville Wheeltrotters in Fayetteville.

Despite being without last years two top scorers, Elmer Clayton and Otis Thompson, the Smokers had little trouble disposing of the Wheeltrotters.

Super sub Gary Hooks, usually the teams sixth man, and veteran Jimmy Beck each fired in 14 points in the 46-16 opening game rout.

Winston-Salem scored the games first five baskets and opened a 14-2 lead after ten minutes behind the scoring of Hooks, Beck and Larry Millikan, who finished with 8 points.

They then used a sticky fullcourt man on man defense to hold the losers without a basket for the final ten minutes of the first half and took a 28-2 lead at the half.

They continued to pull away in the third quarter despite coach Robert Eller clearing his bench and wound up with a 46-16 win.

Floyd Wilcox had 6 points for the Smokers with David Wrenn and James Connally adding two points each.

The second contest was even more of a rout. The

Smokers grabbed a 16-2 lead after ten minutes and led 30-9 at the half. That bulge grew to 48-17 in the second half with the final score mounting to 62-25.

Hooks led the scoring in the second game with 22 points hitting 11 of 16 floor shots. He also added 12 rebounds and five assists.

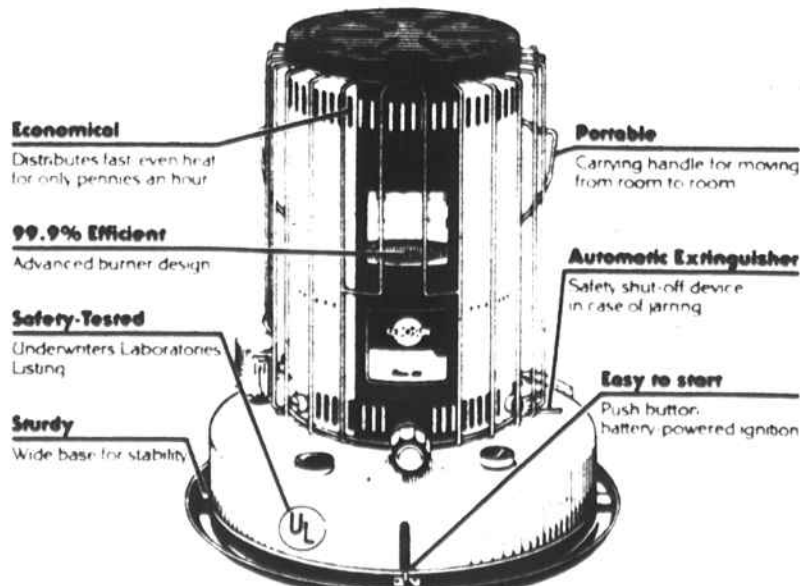
Beck had 12 points in the win with Wilcox contributing 10 and Millikan 6. Every player who made the trip scored for the Smokers except Connally. Wrenn chipped in 6 points with Lawrence Shaw and Wade Brown scoring two points each.

The two CWBC wins were the Smokers 16th and 17th consecutive in regular season league play dating back to last years only league loss, a 45-43 squeaker to the Carolina Tarwheels.

The Smokers will be idle this weekend and will return to action on November 7th when they will host their own invitational tournament at North Davidson High School. That tourney will feature the likes of the nationally fifth ranked Tampa Bay Suncoasters,

20th ranked Birmingham, Ala. Chariots and the Washington UFO's currently ranked 12th in the nation. For more information contact Robert Eller, Head Coach at 727-2063.

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