

ASK BARRY

by Barry Cooper



Rivalry May Renew Between FAMU-TSU

Q. I understand the Florida A&M-Tennessee State football series may resume. Have you heard anything?--Sheila Davis, Miami, Fla.

A. As a matter-of-fact, I have heard something on the matter. The latest word is that Tennessee State athletic director Samuel Whitman plans to write a letter to Florida A&M athletic director Roosevelt Wilson, requesting that the series be resumed next season. After a two-year layoff, FAMU is said to be interested in renewing the series. It looks as if the teams will meet next season, or in 1983 at the latest.

Q. Can you tell me if Deacon Jones is coaching in the National Football League?--Michael Haynes, Baltimore, Md.

A. No, Jones isn't coaching. He is a vice president with a marketing firm in Southern California, and also does some public relations work with Miller Brewing Company. He told me a few years ago in Miami that he is interested in coaching, "but only as a head coach." He quickly added, "and they're (the NFL) not ready for me yet."

Q. Can a team kick an onside kick after a safety?--Herman Simpson, Miami, Fla.

A. Yes. The Miami Dolphins even tried it successfully last year in an NFL game. The rule simply states that a team, after having been trapped for a safety can kick off or punt to the opposing team. On a kickoff, the ball is a free ball once it travels 10 yards.

Q. Any chance Ali and Frazier might fight each other after they make their comeback?--Louis James, Austin, Tex.)

A. I sure hope not. Seriously, however, there has been no talk of an Ali-Frazier IV. Let's hope that no talk surfaces. It's better to remember Ali and Frazier as they were, back when they had all of their skills and were in their prime.

(Got a sports question? Just write "Ask Barry," P.O. Box 486, Tallahassee, Fla. 32302. Questions will be answered in this space.)

Smokers To Begin 1981 Season Sat.

By Robert Eller
Sports Editor

The Winston-Salem Smokers wheelchair basketball team will open their home season this Saturday afternoon at Sprague Street Recreation Center when they take on the Fayetteville Wheeltrotters in a doubleheader. Game times are 1 and 3 p.m.

The Smokers, who opened the season with two lopsided wins over the Wheeltrotters in Fayetteville hope to rebound from a disappointing showing in the Triad Shootout Invitational Tourney played in Lexington last weekend. In that tourney, the Smokers, who entered the season ranked 14th in the nation, dropped consecutive games to the 5th ranked Tampa Bay Suncoasters, 20th ranked Birmingham Chariots and 12th ranked Washington UFO's.

Tampa stopped the Smokers 53-45 after leading by only one point with three minutes left. Birmingham also used a late second half surge also in beating the Smokers 55-48.

Washington, which upset Tampa Bay for the title, looked as if they would blow the Smokers off the floor as they rolled to a 34-17 half time lead.

The Smokers came back in the second half, however, behind the scoring of Elmer Clayton and Otis Thompson. Clayton scored 12 of his 16 points in the final 20 minutes while Thompson scored all but two of his 12 points after intermission

feuling a comeback which saw the Smokers actually take a 41-40 lead with two minutes left before Bill Ardinger, who led the UFO attack with 18 points and John Pinckney who scored 13 put the game away with baskets after Bill Denby had scored to give the UFO's the lead.

Coach Robert Eller was not happy with the play of his team in the tourney. "We really never got into our game. We made too many turnovers in all three games and we never really ran our offense until the last half of the UFO game. If it hadn't been for our defense, we would have gotten blown out of every game."

Eller said the three losses would probably drop the Smokers from the nation's top 20 but added that it might be a good thing. "Ever since we came back from Nashville last year and found out we were ranked we have gotten cocky, some of our players have gotten away from the team concept and stopped doing the things we did to get where we were. Now we know we have to go back to our game, put our nose to the grinding stone and work. I was encouraged by the way we came back against Washington. That showed we have character. We are a little behind the other teams now as far as our preparation goes but we will be ready when post season play comes around. I guarantee we will play better team ball this weekend."

Coach Bighouse Gains

Red-White Game Inconclusive

By Robert Eller
Sports Editor

WSSU Basketball coach "Bighouse" Gaines watched the annual Red and White intrasquad game with interest Sunday afternoon at the Gaines complex but came away without drawing any conclusions about his players so early into training.

"All I can say is that it looked as if the two teams were pretty evenly matched. From watching the game it looks as if we will have more depth and that all of our big kids can play, but you can't tell much from an intrasquad game. I'll know more about the team after we have a few scrimmages," said Gaines who hit the recruiting trail hard after last years disappointing season and came away with a number of fine prospects, at least on paper.

In the contest the Red team coached by Bill English defeated the White team under Tim Grant 68-66.

Therman Greene, the Rams leading scorer with a 17.2 average last year,

paced the Red team with 14 points hitting 7 of 9 floor shots. Kevin McCray, who netted 15.1 points per game last year, added 12 points. But the biggest surprise for the Reds was 6-6 freshman Kevin Vaughn. The Philadelphia product scored 13 points hitting 5 of 9 floor shots and added 6 rebounds matching the total of teammate Roger Mason, a starter last year.

Three other freshmen contributed to the win. Eugene Pennick, a 6-6 fresh man from Lynchburg, Va. hit on all four of his floor shots and had 6 rebounds, while 6-7 freshman Tim Harvey out of Rochester, N.Y. had 9 points and five rebounds. Ron Johnson, a 6-1 guard who also hails from Philadelphia scored six point.

For the Whites who led 34-28 at the half, Tyrone Grandberry had 15 points, hitting 7 of 11 from the field. He also added 5 rebounds and four assists. 6-4 James Mitchell, a starter last year before injuring a knee, followed Grandberry with 12 points and led all rebounders with 7. Veteran Danny Womack

had 8 points as did 6-7 freshman Doug Hobson of Willingboro, N.J..

John Watkins, a junior college transfer at 6-3 had 6 points as did freshman guard Frank Henderson of Charlotte.

Quincey pair had five rebounds but was only 1 of 9 from the field. pair is a 6-7 freshman from Hampton, Va.

The Rams who open their

season on December 1 against arch rival North Carolina A&T, at team that played in the NIT last year, have but two seniors on the team, Green and Grandberry. They have two juniors, three sophomores and a host of freshmen prospects. Among the large crop of freshmen are five players who are 6-6 or better.

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Greensboro. Scott Darden won the 118 weight division championship and Ronnie Locust won the heavyweight championship. Aaron Washington and Horace Williams won consolation titles in the 177, 167 and 150 weight divisions respectively. Charles Hooker, Melton Hardee, Grady Armstrong, Paul Poore won their initial matches before being eliminated in later rounds.

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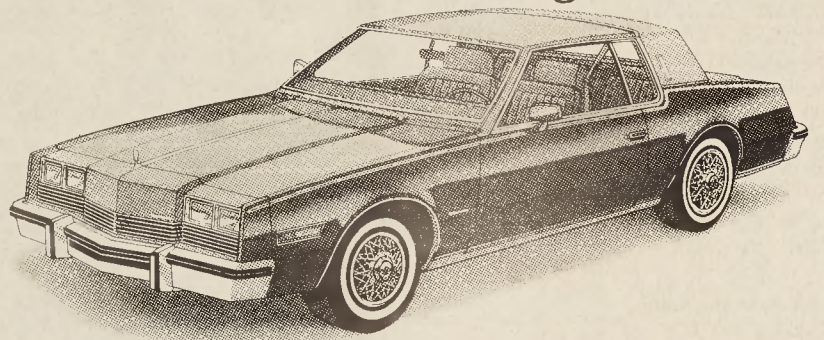
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