

## Black College Sports

After watching his team win its first game of the season, a 21-17 win over North Carolina A&T, Delaware State Coach Joe Purzycki said, "I'm the happiest 1-6 coach in the country. I really feel like we're getting somewhere."

Purzycki is the only white head coach at a predominantly black school. Without question, he is on the verge of turning around the Hornets' program. Delaware State won only one game all of last season. The Hornets managed to beat the slumping A&T Aggies by scoring two touchdowns during the final two minutes of play.

Black college basketball teams are in full swing by now. Most opened practice on Oct. 15. Alcorn State Coach Dave "Whiz" Whitney put his club through a strenuous workout.

"That was probably the hardest opening day practice we've ever had," Whitney said recently. "But the squad is in real good shape and we're pleased with the way things went. We have a bunch of people who are aggressive."

As usual, Alcorn is picked to have one of the best teams in black college basketball. "We have a lot of offense," Whitney said, "but we must be able to balance it with good defense. The keys to our season will be the development of a center and how well we play defense."

The Braves' top returnee from last year's 17-12 team is All-Southwestern Athletic Conference forward Albert Irving, a 6-foot-7 senior. Irving, considered a pro prospect, averaged 17.1 points and 9.0 rebounds per game last year.

No matter what, Jackson State just can't seem to beat Grambling. J-State lost to Grambling again recently, making it the sixth straight time that Grambling has won the key matchup.

Grambling's win means the Tigers should now breeze to another SWAC title in football.

Among those at the Grambling-Jackson State game were reporters from Sports Illustrated, as well as representatives from Black Entertainment Television, which carried the game nationwide on a delayed basis.

Tennessee State coach John Merritt continues to suffer from high blood pressure and an irregular heart beat after being released from a Nashville hospital. He's expected to give up coaching after this season.

Speaking of Sports Illustrated, Johnson C. Smith was mentioned in the magazine recently, but not in a positive way. After JCS lost 82-0 to South Carolina State, Sports Illustrated, wrote that the defeat was "one of the worst and run cases ever in the South."

The 82-0 shellacking was JCS' worst loss ever.

Prairie View, Bethune-Cookman and Kentucky State will join host Florida A&M in a Capital City Basketball Classic to be played in Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 11-12.

The city of Tallahassee is trying to lure the 1983 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball tournament, and may get it. Attendance for the MEAC tournament in Winston-Salem, N.C. and Greensboro, N.C. has been poor.

## T.S.U. Reclassified

Tennessee State, has been reclassified by the NCAA from Division I-A to Division I-AA. That's the bad news, since the Blue Tigers had hoped to remain I-A along with the Notre Dames and Southern California.

However, Tennessee State led to make the I-AA requirements, such as scheduling enough I-AA opponents, and the NCAA recently knocked the Blue Tigers into I-AA, along with teams such as Grambl-

ing and Jackson State.

The good news is that the Blue Tigers are eligible for the I-AA playoffs. The way it looks now, Grambling, Jackson State, South Carolina State are the four black college teams with the best chance of making it to the I-AA playoffs.

Grambling and S. C. State favored to win their conference championships, are virtual shoo-ins for the playoffs. Jackson State and Tennessee State also have a shot at at-large berths.



Role reversal? A man watches a woman work out with weights in Venice, Calif. UPI Photo

## Rams End Season Against Elon

By Robert Eller  
Sports Editor

Winston-Salem State's dreams of a spot in the CIAA championship game came to a halt this past weekend when they dropped a 27-20 decision to the tough Vikings of Elizabeth City. That loss coupled with a win over JC Smith by the Eagles of North Carolina Central knocked the Rams out of the game which now feature the Eagles against the unbeaten Panthers of Virginia Union in Charlotte on November 21.

Still WSSU head coach Bill Hayes is hard at work preparing his young troops for their final game of the season this Saturday against the defending NAIA National Champs. The game, while not having a bearing on the Rams conference record, will be a great significance to the team according to Hayes.

"We really want this game for a number of reasons. First if we win we will have a winning season and improve on last year's 5-5 record. Second it will give us incentive to go out and work hard on our weight program in the off season. Third it will give us a shot in the arm as we go out recruiting and last but not least we have never beaten Elon.

The Fighting Christians entered the season as the

number one ranked team in the NAIA poll. They walked through their first five ever. They are ranked in the top five in the nation in both pass and rushing defense.

The contest marked the end of the football careers at WSSU for five Rams. All-American linebacker Carlton "Smiley" Watson, the teams leader in tackles, will be making his final appearance as will split end Sidney Wilkins who had the best game of this career last week catching 6 passes for 153 yards with touchdowns of 48 and 32 yards. Steady center Barry Traynham also will be ending his career along with left guard John Lewis.

Punter Pierre Townsend, among the league leaders for the past two seasons, will also be saying farewell.

games before being upset by Catawba and were also tied by Norfolk State.

Elon still has slim hopes of getting into the NAIA playoffs but a loss to the Rams would kill those hopes. A win on the other hand by the Rams would help the chances of Elizabeth City which has only one loss this season at the hands of Virginia Union which is almost a shoe-in to get invited to the NCAA division II playoffs.

Elon is led by quarterback John Bangle, The transfer from Virginia Tech is a fine passer and an excellent runner. He is considered by many as a pro quarterback prospect.

The Christians strength lies in their defense how-

### Howard Soccer

## Playoff Hopes Dim

Howard's chances of making the NCAA soccer playoffs this season all but went out the window with last Saturday's 2-0 loss to Alderson-Broaddus. The loss marked the Bison's second in their last three contests and dropped Howard to 7-3-2.

"Our fate is very much in someone else's hands,"

said head coach Keith Tucker, referring to his team's playoff chances. "I don't think winning the last two games will help."

Howard started the season strongly, winning its first six contests. However, injuries plus the lack of a strong scorer have plagued the Bison in their last five outings.

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## FISHING

by George Boie



Talked to "Luke" Smith and I found him patiently waiting for an opportunity to go fishing. Recently, he had the fever get on the lake at which he was also obligated to an important errand. I stood in the lot for ten minutes, looking up at the sky, hoping for an answer to whether or not he could go fishing or go on an errand. Ture to his word, he did the errand; a quick decision.

The weather is nice enough to get on the lakes. You chill easily I recommend thermal undies. You keep the hands and feet warm by wiggling them. Of course, you are not apt to hold if you are concentrating on the art of angling. Cold and hot is purely a state of mind for the fishermen. If they are fishing, nothing else matters. Fishing is on the blink, and rhetoric is in the vein when you are able to get

away to enjoy a warming-up trend, try fishing from 10 a.m., till 2 p.m. Be sure to fish the sunny side of the lake. With the sun moving into the south, the northern shore lines or banks will be exposed to the hours of sunshine.

If you still want a boat and feel that most rigs are too expensive, try shopping for a smaller boat, a one-man affair, and match it up

with a 5 to 10 horsepower outboard motor. With such equipment, I advise staying on small impounded waters, just to be safe in case of a storm. It takes a fast boat to get you in to dock when a storm is brewing. Some small boats may be transported on top of the car and the motor can be carried in the trunk. Small investment, economical to operate.



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