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Eleven inducted into Sports Hall

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Eleven new members were inducted into the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame Wednesday night, May 16, at the Benton Convention Center.

The 11, who became the second group to be so honored, join 16 persons who were inducted at last year's inaugural banquet.

Oakland Raiders all-pro wide receiver Cliff Branch was the featured speaker for the event and gave credit to the Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club for organizing the hall.

Branch, who himself was recently inducted to the sports hall of fame at the University of Colorado, where he was a standout wide receiver and a teammate of Ike Howard, who chaired this year's banquet committee, recalled his own induction and the honor involved.

"My induction to the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame was one of the biggest highlights of my life," he said, "and I'm sure each of these inductees share that feeling tonight."

Basketball hall of famer Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, one of the original members of the 28-year-old Sportsmen Club, which was originally called the "Hungry Club" because its members met for lunch, added remarks and used the opportunity to push for a home for the Hall of Fame.

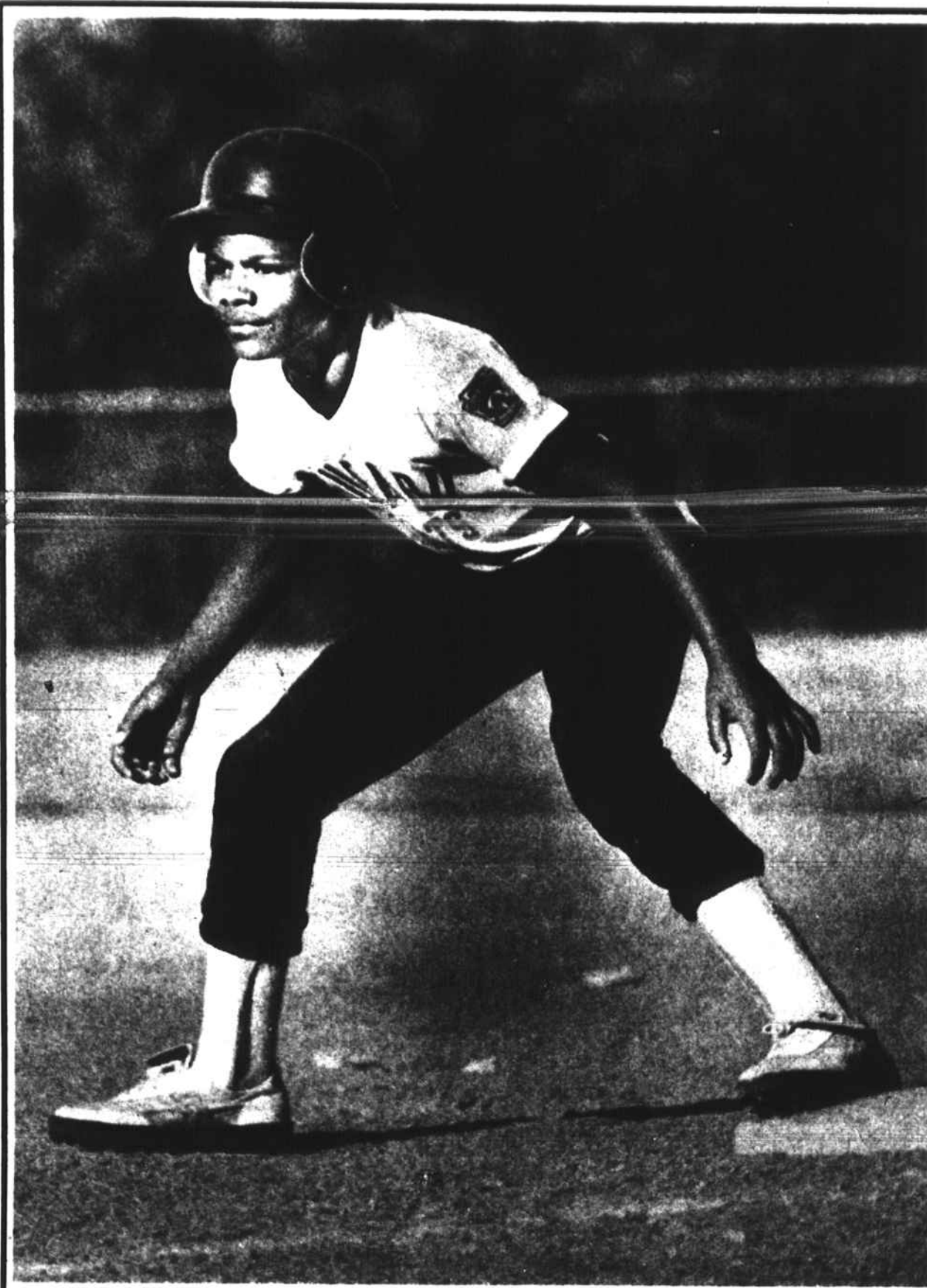
"These people have earned a great honor and their medals and certificates should be placed where they can be seen in either the Coliseum or the Convention Center," Gaines said, looking at Mayor Wayne Corpening, who was also on the platform.

The new inductees include coaches Frances Cook and David Lash, basketball official Thomas "Tom" Chambers and the late Frank Spencer, long-time sports editor of the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

The former athletes honored include Roscoe Anderson, Don Cardwell, Talmadge "Ike" Hill, Ronnie "Rod" Osborne, Harvey "Pops" Staplefoote and Booker "B.T." Williams.

They join last year's inductees, who include coaches Sarah Kirby, John W. Tandy, the late Baxter Holman and Jack Blaylock, as well as Mary Garber, another

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Ready To Break

Though Little League rules prohibit players from taking leads while on base, the Subaru Brats' Eusi Jordan appears ready to break as he anticipates a hit. Jordan and the Brats play in the Twin City League (photo by James Parker).

Black College Sports

Pro athletes who forget where they came from

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When a black athlete is taken early in the draft by a professional team, there's a lot to cheer about.

Sure, there's a lot to cheer about when white athletes are selected, too, but this column, for this week, at least, chooses only to talk about the black players.

You see, it's much more critical that a black athlete be taken in the draft and made wealthy than it is for his white counterpart.

If the history of sports has shown us anything, it has proven that former white athletes have a much better chance of making it in life than former black athletes.

So, when a black athlete is drafted and made a millionaire, it means his best chance of succeeding in life has been realized.

But what about those behind him? Will they make it, too? Will there be black schools left to turn out well-paid athletes like Charlie Brown of the Washington Redskins and South Carolina State or Clemon Johnson of the Philadelphia 76ers and Florida A&M?

Perhaps not.

Black schools are fighting a fierce battle, and for some, it is a life and death matter. Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., is on the verge of collapse. Florida A&M lives under a constant cloud of merger possibilities. In Georgia, Savannah State and Albany State have been under close scrutiny by those who would like to do away with black schools.

The feeling here is that we will lose

some black schools before the year 2000. Some will have made themselves extinct because of declining enrollments. Others simply will die from a lack of support.

It is bad enough that the graduates of black colleges often don't give to their schools once they've moved on. But it is sinful that rich black athletes, many of whom got their starts at small, black colleges, often don't give a nickel of their wealth to their alma maters.

Of course, not all black athletes come from black schools. But there are enough

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rich white graduates of the University of Southern California to keep that school going. The same holds true for Ohio State, Michigan, Harvard and North Carolina.

But how many millionaire businessmen has Jackson State turned out? How about Morgan State and Benedict College?

Clearly, one of the greatest resources black colleges have are its former athletes. Yet, as a group, they have not supported their schools as much as they should.

True, there are some exceptions. Oklahoma Outlaws quarterback Doug Williams has given his school, Grambling,

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Overcoming the odds

Undaunted Howard wrestler continues Olympic quest

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Paul Cotton may be considered an underdog to make the 1984 Summer Olympics. But, then again, the former Howard University wrestler and present head coach wasn't expected to make the Olympic trials, either.

It seems that being a longshot has been a way of life for the Olympic hopeful in Greco-Roman style wrestling. Yet, he is among the nation's top 24 wrestlers in the 114-pound weight class.

Greco-Roman wrestling is one of three styles in international wrestling. Its participants aren't allowed to use their legs in competition.

Cotton will participate in a "wrestle-off" June 7-10 at the University of Minnesota to determine the six wrestlers in his weight class who will comprise part of the 1984 U.S. Olympic wrestling squad.

"I had a rather successful high school career, but none of the schools in the area wanted to offer me a scholarship," recalls Cotton, a native of Chicago. "They all said I was too small. The only school that showed interest was Howard University. And, even when I got there, they had never seen me, and there were doubts."

Despite performing in relative obscurity his first two years, Cotton emerged his junior year, when he made it to the finals of the NCAA Eastern Regionals in the 118-pound class.

"I proved to people what I always knew: that I could

compete with some of the best," he says.

After his four years of eligibility had expired, Cotton continued to work out while pursuing an undergraduate degree in nutrition. The work paid off as he went on to win a gold medal in Sombo wrestling at the prestigious National Sports Festival.

"I can recall the times when I was preparing for the National Sports Festival and people jokingly would say things like, 'You're training for a national championship, huh?' or 'What are you doing? Training for the Olympics?'" says Cotton.

"Even the people at the Sports Festival doubted me. Those kinds of things just motivate me more. After winning that gold medal, I began to set a goal of working toward the Olympics."

Cotton's schedule had to be put on the back burner temporarily while he was head coach at Howard this past season and guided the wrestling team to its most successful campaign in a decade. But coaching, in addition to being a full-time graduate student in nutrition, hampered his training regimen.

Still, the 23-year-old thrives on defeating odds, as he proved at April's Eastern Regional Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Trenton, N.J.

"With classes, coaching and recruiting, it was difficult to put in a consistent training program," says Cotton. "To add to that, I had other disadvantages. Most of my

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The Winners

The Jefferson Junior High Seventh Grade Track team captured this year's overall city-county championship. Standing, left to right, head coach Bland H. Walker, Chris Ong, Stephan Torrance, Jules Reese, Gerard Glymph, Darlan Drummons, coach Don Swanson and coach Alex Cowen. Kneeling, left to right, Jeff Ingram, Jim Sharp, Robert Brannon, manager; Gerry Liles and Carlos Richardson (photo by James Parker).

Black On Sports

Former Rams who have given the pros a try: Bill Hayes reflects

By ROBERT ELLER
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This article is the first in a two-part series.

Last week, Winston-Salem State head football Coach Bill Hayes sent two more of his players off to pro football camp.

As quarterback Karlton Watson and defensive back Jack Cameron left WSSU for the Chicago Bears' mini-camp for free agents, Hayes, who has seen 23 of his players attend pro camps in his eight years at the school, talked about some of those athletes.

"Working with each one was a totally different experience," he said smiling, a sense of pride in his voice. "Each one had his strong points and his weak points."

Hayes talked first about his two current pro players, Timmy Newsome of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys and rookie Alvin Powell, who has earned a starting spot at guard for the USFL's Oklahoma Outlaws.

"I've always said there are three kinds of athletes: There are the willing but not able, the able but not willing, and the willing and able."

-- Bill Hayes

"Timmy," Hayes said, "was the kind of athlete who wouldn't accept defeat. And he was probably the hardest worker I have ever had. He was not highly recruited and he came here unheralded."

The Ahsokie native wasn't unheralded for long, however, as he turned in a fine freshman season only to go down late in the year with a knee injury.

But Hayes said the injury only served to make Newsome better.

"Dr. (Steven) Homer (the surgeon who operated on Newsome's damaged knee), said it was one of the worst knee injuries he had ever seen," Hayes recalled, "but, by the next season, Timmy had worked so hard on rehabilitating the knee that it was stronger than the other one."

Hayes also recalled that, despite Newsome surpassing the 1,000-yard mark in three straight seasons and playing on two teams that were unbeaten during the regular season, the pro scouts weren't very high on him.

"The scouts always said there was something

wrong with him," Hayes said. "I remember one day a scout came to me after watching Timmy work out and said he had the speed, the size and the toughness but he can't block. I told him that, when Newsome came to WSSU, he was 6-2, 188, ran a 4.7 forty, and benchpressed 150 pounds. And, on the day he (the scout) came, he (Newsome) was 6-3, 230, ran a 4.65 forty and benchpressed 425 pounds."

"The more I thought about the remark, the madder I got and I finally told him that, after what Timmy had done in four years, if he couldn't teach him to block, then I should have his job."

Still, Hayes said, Newsome was not a great athlete.

"Timmy doesn't have the athletic ability that Jack (Cameron) has," he said, "but he has something inside that makes him great."

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