

# Sports

## Hill, Thompson and Overby among WS/FC Hall of Fame inductees

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At a press conference Tuesday afternoon, the Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club announced that they will induct eight new members into the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame in May.

Leading the list for the sixth annual induction ceremony, is former Carver High School principal Edward Everett (E.E.) Hill in the administrator category, Parkland Athletic Director and head football coach Homer Thompson, in the coaches category and Jerry Gilmore, III as a former player.

In the special category, Eugene (Gene) Curtis

Overby of WSIS radio fame was elected because of his years of devotion to the promotion of high school sports.

The remaining four electees were Alfred Lee Adams, Sam L. Sanders, Jerry Wayne Smith and James (Jamie) Wilkes, all of whom were former players in the county.

Hill, the prominent and acclaimed former principal of Carver and president of the Winston Mutual Life Insurance Company, was a native of Winston-Salem and a product of its school system.

As principal of the old Carver Consolidated School in the 1940s, Hill and some of his staff members instituted the first sports program at the school, including varsity basketball, which was played on a

court outdoors.

Upon retiring from Carver immediately after City/County consolidation, Hill made a smooth transition to become the president and Chief Operating Officer of Winston-Mutual.

"Bunk", as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, continued to support athletics and youth groups in their community as a corporate president. Hill was a charter member and founder of the Hungry Club of the Patterson Avenue YMCA while serving on the Y's Board of Management.

The Hungry Club evolved into the Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club in 1957 and Hill served as treasurer and helped formulate the Annual Banquet of Champions program sponsored to recognize and award excel-

lence among high school athletes. The generosity of "Bunk" has also been recorded by Winston-Salem State University, as he gave funds, time and energy to their athletic endeavors while also supporting the CTAA as a conference.

Upon his death in 1967, The Award of Excellence at the Banquet of Champions became known as the E.E. Hill Award with the Winston-Mutual Insurance Company and the Hill family underwriting the cost of the award.

Hill is survived by his wife, Geneva, and three children, George, William and Marie. George Hill became president of the Winston-Mutual Insurance Company and currently the incorporated Golden State

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## Up The Ladder

### Young and talented Yellowjackets bringing respect to Carver tennis

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Tennis has never exactly been the talk of town at Carver High School, but the game is slowly winning some respect.

Thanks to a solid core of promising young talent, Coach David Ward's Yellowjackets are giving hope to a school that has all but ignored the sport in the wake of football and basketball over the years.

"We have the potential to be a really solid club in a year or two,"

said Ward, whose Carver boys team is currently 4-4 despite a rocky start.

The Yellowjackets dropped a one-sided decision to Mount Tabor in their season opener, but came back to push powerhouse Reynolds to the limit before losing a 5-4 thriller.

Against the Demons, Carver won three singles matches and one in doubles before Reynolds swept the other two doubles matches to escape with the win.

Still, for a team that is usually overlooked in the Metro Confer-

ence, it was a good outing.

"The close loss to Reynolds sort of let me know that we really do have the makings of a pretty good team," said Ward.

"Reynolds has been the gauge in city high school tennis for so long. If you beat them or come close, then you're on to something."

Indeed the Jackets are on to something, as they boast David Thompkins, who has a 6-2 individual record, as their top seed. Mark Oliver, Thompkins' long time friend and doubles partner, brings

up the number two spot with an impressive 7-2 mark. The two are 3-0 in doubles action.

Meanwhile, Junior Cross, the younger brother of former Carver standout Jenee Cross, has struggled somewhat at the number three seed with a 4-4 mark. Likewise has Lee Crews at number four with his 2-6 mark.

But the Yellowjackets have undefeated Danny Piggott (7-0) and Geoff Fulton (3-3) to bring up the rear.

Ward says that Thompkins, Oliver and Piggott have been his steadiest performers in the critical singles matches, while the duo of Thompkins and Oliver have been the only consistent winner in doubles play.

"We have some areas we need to work on," said Ward, who says a run at second place in the Metro Conference is possible.

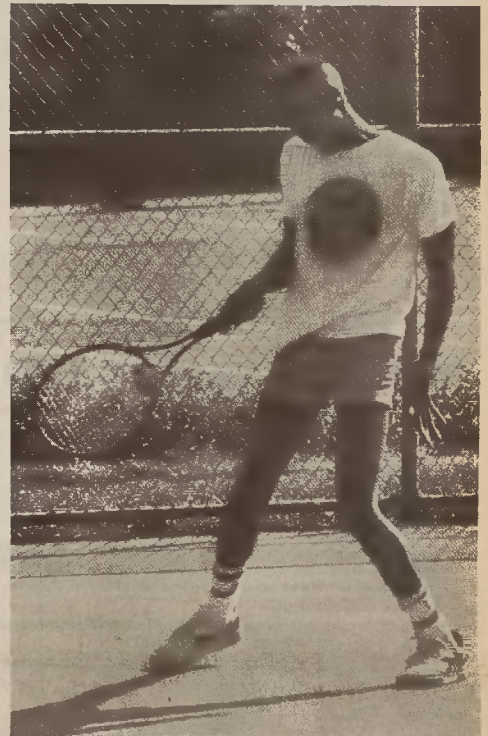
"We have to get more consistent play in the lower seeds and we need to get some more wins at number two and three doubles."

The Carver coach said he doesn't care about the margin of victory and he'll take them any way he can.

"I don't care about winning 9-0," he said. "All I want to do is win. I'll take all the 5-4 wins I can get, whether it's the doubles or singles that get us through."

With the recently completed Carl H. Russell Recreation Center just yards away from the tennis courts, the Carver sports scene is dominated by basketball and football. But Mark Oliver says the boys tennis team is finally making its mark.

"I think more people are starting to pay attention to us," said



Mark Oliver has anchored the number two singles spot for Carver with his 7-1 record. He says Carver is a legitimate contender for at least second in the Metro Conference (photo by Randy Pettitt).

Oliver, who teams with Thompkins to form one of the city's best doubles combinations.

"Most of us playing are underclassmen, so we're going to do a lot of surprising in the future. I think as we get a little older, we will be the best or at least the second best in the city."

Oliver, who was 17-3 as a freshman last year, said he is striving to rid himself of the stereotype

of being just a baseline player.

"I'm trying to work on my serve and volley," he said.

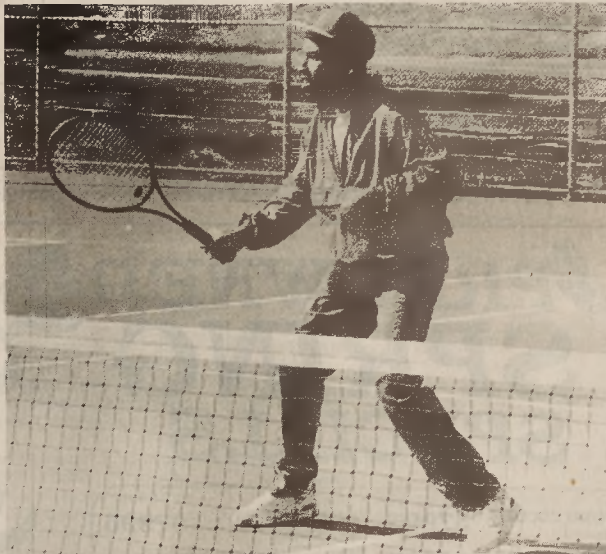
"I guess you could say it is time for my game to expand a little bit. I help David work at the baseline and he helps me serve and volley. We try to help each other out that way."

Meanwhile, Thompkins says this might be the year Carver has to

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### D.T. not E.Z.

David Thompkins, Carver's top seed, says that his team is no longer an easy win for others in the Metro Conference. The Yellowjackets are 4-4 and nearly beat Reynolds early this season (photo by Randy Pettitt).



## Winston Lake bows in Atlanta

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ATLANTA -- With officiating reminiscent of the classic no-call at the CIAA Tournament semi-finals last year, all the Winston Lake Amateur Athletic Union 19-and-under basketball team had to show for their trip to Atlanta was a pair of losses.

The Winston Lake team put their own back to the wall early in the 19-and-under tournament, as they rolled out of bed and promptly stumbled to a 70-68 loss to Indianapolis in an 8 a.m. game Saturday.

But the hard one to swallow came in the form of a loss to Marietta, Georgia later that afternoon.

With Winston Lake riding a 14-point lead with three minutes left, the game began to quickly slide through their fingers and into the hands of the local favorites.

Bryant Feggins said that the officials were suddenly calling everything that moved for a foul.

"They just started calling things they didn't call the entire game," said Feggins, the Glenn High School forward who led the team in the tournament with an average of 24 points a game.

"That put them (Marietta) on



Bryant Feggins

the free throw line with several one-and-ones. They were scoring a bunch of points and no time was going off the clock."

The scrappy Georgia squad cut the lead to just seven with two minutes left and eventually lifted themselves back in it completely with nearly flawless free throw shooting.

With 28 seconds left on the clock and a two-point lead, Winston Lake called a time out to set up a play. Feggins, who was the trigger man on the inbound play, said the sequence essentially cost his team the ball game.

"I was supposed to pass it to Kevin (Thompson) on the play, but

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## A Bug emerges as an unlikely hero in the battle to erase racing's forgettable past

First, the bad news. Racing -- whether it be the big boys of NASCAR or the locals who decide to pep up an old Chevy and hit the small oval tracks on the weekend -- is still a sport dominated by white males.

The good news is that times are changing thanks to a few trails that have been blazed.

But the biggest reason, perhaps, is a common love that inherits man -- black, white and otherwise -- the love of speed.

Ladies, let's face it -- men love to go fast. Some women do, too, mind you. But if you show me a male who has not had the desire at some point in his life to do a 120 miles per hour while catching fourth gear in a flashy sports car with a pretty gal in the passenger's seat, then he's probably too young to drive.

Though the compulsion to smash the posted speed limit may not be the

best way in the world for us to break the world's racial barriers -- it is a start.

The International Volkswagen Association's Budweiser Spring Nationals at Farmington Dragway last Sunday afternoon was evidence enough. Perhaps a good 20 percent of the competitors and fans were black and all of them shared the common love of VW's, speed and having a good time.



### ON THE SIDELINES

With RANDY PETTITT

That's not bad considering only one black man -- Wendell Scott -- has been able to crack the NASCAR circuit in some 40 years of racing. And Bowman Gray Stadium has only had two black competitors take the quarter-mile track for a spin since it opened in 1949.

Though racing has long been considered taboo for blacks and women, one little innocent car has created new hope for minorities.

And the next time you see it, don't laugh. The funny, round little car known as the Volkswagen is doing mankind a great service if you ask me.

### Bad Little Bug

Nathan Lee of Bowie, Maryland, stood beside his 1963 VW Beetle and gazed down the end of the dragstrip to see the outcome of a Pro-Stock event.

Between the walls of an excited announcer who was apparently enjoying himself if no one else was, the black Maryland racer shared how he managed to get into racing Volkswagens.

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The love of speed and VW's was a common bond at Farmington.