

Fired Jimmy "The Greek" sticks to what he said

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. -- Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, whose remarks about black athletes during a television interview cost him his CBS commentary job, is back in the hospital for tests and observation after complaining of chest pains.

The 70-year-old oddsmaker was in good condition, Miami Heart Institute spokeswoman Esther

Saporito said Thursday.

Snyder, dismissed from "NFL Today" in January, said he woke up in his hotel room here Wednesday with chest pains.

"I don't take any chances, the sooner they can do something for you the better," he said from his hospital bed. "They (doctors) are just looking to see what they find."

He said he was undergoing a series of tests, such as electrocardiograms, and hoped to be hospital-

ized "no longer than the weekend."

Snyder was hospitalized last July at Duke Medical Center in Durham, N.C., where examinations disclosed that an artery to his heart was blocked, and again shortly after his January firing.

Snyder has stood by his controversial comments about the superiority of black athletes made on WRC-TV in Washington. He and others had been asked to comment about the progress of blacks in

sports in commemoration of Martin Luther King's birthday.

Within two days of the interview, CBS fired the 12-year veteran of "NFL Today." After his hospitalization in Durham, where he lives with his wife, Joan, Snyder took up residence alone at a posh, oceanfront hotel on Miami Beach.

"I've been hiding there for 2 1/2 months and then this had to happen," said Snyder, adding that he didn't feel "too good right now."

Ten alumni inducted into N.C. Central Athletic Hall of Fame

Special to the Chronicle

DURHAM -- North Carolina Central University inducted ten people into their Athletic Hall of Fame last Saturday night, including one of the state's pioneers in amateur tennis.

H.M. "Mickey" Michaux Jr. of Durham was a standout for the Eagles, holding their top seed for three of his four years at the school. Upon his graduation in 1952, Michaux was regarded as one of the best amateurs in the state.

Joining him in the NCCU Athletic Hall of Fame as pioneers in women's athletics, will be Mrs. Eva McLaughlin of Nashville, N.C., and Mrs. Ophelia Goldston Young, who died in Baltimore and will be inducted posthumously.

James W. "Chips" Sligh was inducted for his basketball excellence at the school. Sligh, who scored 1,229 points in his career at NCCU, now teaches in St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Five were selected to the HOF in football, including Thomas A.

Allen of Durham, James "Champ" Brewington of Greenville, Jerome F. Gantt, who now resides in Detroit, Dr. Melvin M. Spencer of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Garvin Stone of Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Allen was the CIAA's highest scorer at the single wing fullback position during his four years at NCCU. The former head coach at G.C. Hawley High School in Granville County is now retired from the contracting business.

Brewington, currently the head basketball coach at Rose High School in Greenville, was an All-CIAA and All-American lineman at then North Carolina College from 1957 through 1960. He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers and later played for the Oakland Raiders before an injury relegated him to coaching.

Gantt, a fourth-round draft choice for the Buffalo Bills, played football for the Eagles until 1970. After a stint with the Bills, Gantt played on two Canadian champi-

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Sonny Got The Juice

Sonny Weaks of Reynolds pauses to enjoy a little orange juice during a break in a Central Piedmont Conference meet between the Demons, Parkland and Mount Tabor last week. Weaks outran the other juice at the meet, Tabor's Julius Reese, in the 100-meter dash. But Reese returned the favor in the 200 (photo by Randy Pettitt).

Twin City Relays will register April 30

The Twin City Relays have announced that they will hold sign-ups on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the East Winston Branch Library.

Assistant coach Learmond "Buddy" Hayes said those who are interested should bring their birth certificate. For more information, contact Hayes at 767-9383.

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Ministers balk at Sunday baseball

By The Associated Press

ALABASTER, Ala. -- Local clergymen are balking at the proposal to play youth baseball games on Sunday.

"A lot of people will use that as an excuse not to attend the house of God," said Bill Lawley, youth pastor at the First Assembly of God of Alabaster.

But Larry Martin, president of the Alabaster Dixie Youth League, said he has little choice but to schedule Sunday games.

The league has 35 boys and girls teams and only two fields to play most of the games. Under Dixie League rules, he said, 15 games must be played before teams can make the all-star games at the end of the season. With several rainouts this year, teams may not meet that requirement unless they make up those games, Martin said.

Martin said no games are played on Wednesday because of a conflict with mid-week church services.

Some clergymen have asked their parishioners -- including several coaches in the league -- not to participate in or let their children play in the Sunday games.

But Martin, who attends Concord Baptist Church, cried foul to that tactic. "All these men are church-going men. I don't think it's right for (ministers) to do that."

Martin said his own pastor gave him the OK to play on Sunday, as long as the games didn't infringe on morning services.

He said four games were scheduled last Sunday, but ballplayers would still have plenty of time to attend both morning and evening services.

Rev. Gary Ashley of Westwood Baptist Church said children now devote six days to playing ball with practice and games and that week-long sports would not be healthy.

Ashley coaches outfield for the 9- and 10-year-old Dixie Youth baseball team. His son, Joshua, is a member of that team.

Last year, the city park and recreation board adopted a policy to allow organized sports activity on Sunday between 1 and 5 p.m., said Linda Ivester, city park and recreation board chairman.

The policy's intent was to allow rescheduling of games that were postponed because of inclement weather, she said.

"I can assure these people this thing will not get out of hand."

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