

'Mr. Accuracy' has lived up to his nickname



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Golf-N-Around

Do you know who holds the record for driving accuracy on the Senior PGA Tour? He also dominated this category on the PGA Tour for 10 years with an 81.4 percent mark in 1994. He led the PGA Tour in hitting greens in regulation three times.

His nickname is "Mr. Accuracy." His name is Calvin Peete. He was born in Detroit and will celebrate his 56th birthday Sunday. He didn't start playing golf until he was 23 years old. He turned pro in 1971 and joined the PGA Tour in 1975. During the 1980s he won 11 tournaments in a five-year stretch. In 1982 he won four PGA events.

His most prestigious victory came in the 1982 Tournament Players Championship. Only Tom Kite won more events than Peete during the 1980s. He was the second African American to play on Ryder Cup teams in 1982 and 1985.

In 1984 he received the Vardon Trophy for low stroke average on the PGA Tour. He joined the Senior PGA Tour in 1993. He tied for fifth place at the 1994 Vantage Championship and received his largest check (\$66,000) on the Senior Tour.



Don Williams, Andrea Brandon, Dick Houtline, Clarke Poston, Jim Perry and Warren Liggott getting ready to tee off before Network 2000 Golf Tournament.

One of his main goals on the Senior Tour is to "have a positive influence on the youth of America."

A two-day "Gangsome" was played at Winston Lake Golf Course during the July 4 weekend. H. Glenn Davis won the two-day event by winning the "Big Rabbit." Congratulations, Harry. James Blackburn recently won the closest to the pin in a best ball tournament. Blackburn's team, which included an

82-year-old woman, placed fourth in the tournament. Go Blackburn and company!

The RJR African American Employees Association's Third Annual Network 2000 Charity Golf Tournament was held at "The Lakes" July 10. Winners in the first flight were: first place - Robert "Heavy" Bethea, Donald "Hound" Adams, Ray Gomez and this writer; second place - Alan Caldwell, Chris Ingram, John Threatt and Al Szawara;

third place - Tommy Hickman, Doug Todd, Eric Stewart and Steve Armstrong; and fourth place - Bob Brown, Billy Hinshaw, Steve Quiggle and Gene Campbell.

Winners in the second flight were: first place - Barry Casstevens, Hugh McBride, Brock Bullins, and Donny Kemper; second place - Tom Pittman, Jim Brawley, John Doster, and Ralph Brewer; third place - Michael Suggs, Mike Pitt, Aaron Davis and Ben Ruffin. Brock Bullins won the longest drive, and Doug Todd and Johnathon Toulon (Evan's 16-year-old son) won closest to the pin on designated par-three holes.

Ted Stewart, tournament chair, did an outstanding job. A special thanks go to: Bob Brown, Tony Egbuna, Tom Pittman, Steve Quiggle, Jason Underwood, Tim Wimbush, Deborah Bratton, Frances Campbell and Avis Latimer for serving on the committee and for their assistance during the tournament.

Network 2000 will donate more than \$1,100 to the junior golf program at "The Lakes" from the proceeds of the tournament.

Until next time, keep it in the fairway.

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Johnathan and Evan Toulon. Johnathan won a par 3 at Network 2000 Golf Tournament.



Tom Pittman, Michael Suggs and Ted Stewart signing up before the Network 2000 Golf Tournament.

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ic grant to attend Norfolk State. Gray was the starting free safety on Carver's championship football team. He was one of the team leaders and was among its top tacklers and interceptors. He was also a standout in baseball, where he led the Yellowjackets in homers and was a four-year starter. He was named to the Piedmont Triad 3-A All-Conference team in consecutive seasons. Gray had offers in both baseball and football. It appeared early on that he would sign a baseball grant. However, Norfolk State, which is a member of Division I-AA's MEAC, made a push at the last minute and Gray decided to accept the Spartans' offer.

Braham was in a similar situation. Several schools showed interest in the 6-0, 160 pounder in football. Braham took several recruiting visits but decided that basketball would offer the best opportunity. He finally ended up casting his lot with coach Buck Joyner, a Winston-Salem native, who has been successful in sign-

ing many of this area's outstanding players to attend St. Paul's.

Carver basketball coach Ricky Holt said Braham signed with the Tigers because he felt comfortable with Joyner.

"They stayed with him the whole way," Holt said. "St. Paul's was one of the first schools that recruited him and they said all along that they were impressed with Braham and he was one of the guys that they really wanted."

"Buck really liked what Braham can do for a team," Holt added. "They felt in two or three years he can be one of the top guards in the CIAA. Braham is a guy who brings a lot of excitement to the game with his flashy play and his 3-point shooting. But he can also play great defense and handle the basketball."

Braham is also a streaky shooter, who can take over a game. He showed that down the stretch run of the season as Carver captured eight straight victories and took runner-up position in the regular season and conference tournament. Braham had one of his career games in the conference championship when he scored 21 first-half points to

boost his team to a lead over eventual state champion Parkland. Parkland came back to win, but Braham finished with a game and career-high 29 points.

Gray was also a late-bloomer. He played solidly all season for the Yellowjackets on the state championship. He saved his best for the game against Kings Mountain where he had eight solo tackles and several other big plays.

"Norfolk State couldn't believe that he was still available," said Keith Wilkes, Carver's football coach. "They said he was one of the best safeties they had seen all season. We also showed that tape to the Michigan State coaches and they were also impressed."

"Marcus has a tremendous future ahead of him, according to the people that have watched film

of him since the end of school. I expect him to be a major contributor,"

Wilkes said.



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African Americans getting in on the tail end of a trend.

There currently aren't very many African Americans playing soccer and following the sport. But when you compare the figure to those wanting to be the next Barry Sanders or Michael Jordan, you see that African Americans are lagging far behind.

There are some exceptions to that rule. One, Briana Scurry, the goalie on the U.S. women's team, came away from the World Cup as a hero after stopping China's attempts in the sudden death shootout that led to America's win. But she was one of the few players of color on the squad.

Locally, attempts have been made to introduce the sport to African American youths. In Winston-Salem, Optimist leagues and other youth leagues have popped up in East Winston and other areas with concentrat-

ed numbers of African Americans. Yet they haven't gotten the parental support or the turnout to equal the kind of success that's been made on the other side of town.

When it comes to progression to high school soccer, African American players on the local scene are few and far between in both girls and boys competition. With few sound bytes on television and without a high profile professional league, African Americans just aren't flocking to the sport.

Yet there is a statistic that parents of African American athletes need to take into consideration. There are more college soccer scholarships handed out each year in the United States than any other sport in this country. There are also more colleges which field soccer teams than any other sport. Soccer moms across the country have gotten the message and now their story is being told throughout the nation. Now it's time for African American parents to get on board.

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