

Sports Beat



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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS.....
Johnson C. Smith would be an excellent choice for a post-season bowl game. The Golden Bulls are one of the hottest football teams in black college football, with many invaluable assets.

Eddie McGirt, their personable athletic director and head coach, has just added the NAIA District 26 "Coach Of The Year" trophy to his over-crowded trophy chest and two of his top performers are standing out like Stone Mountain in this week's CIAA statistics.

Ernest Williams, who was named to the All-District Team, is leading the conference in individual rushing and quarterback James Wideman is third in individual passing and total offense. Both Williams and Wideman are strong candidates for All-CIAA laurels.

Seems that one never get through congratulating Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines for his great work in basketball. The ole taskmaster is beginning his 30th season at Winston-Salem State Friday night in Winston-Salem when the Rams hosts High Point College. "Bighouse" will be looking to add another victory to the 553 he has collected through the years. He is the nation's winningest active basketball coach. Gaines has been on the wrong end of the scoring on only 223 occasions.

Bet you didn't know that Charlotte native Shellie Jackson has been named Women's Athletic Director at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh? A graduate of Johnson C. Smith, Miss Jackson will direct the Falconettes in four sports, volleyball, basketball, softball and track.

Wonder what you have to do to gain national recognition? Johnson C. Smith finished the football season with seven straight victories to end up in a tie for second place in the CIAA, with one of the two best records in the conference. However, McGirt's red-hot Herd was placed a lowly 15th among the nation's top 20 black college football teams by Mutual Black Network's panel of experts.

In the meantime, Fayetteville State, an outfit the Bulls whipped easily week before last, was voted ninth, with N. C. A&T 12th, N. C. Central 13th and S. C. State in third place.

Dapper Charley Dannelly, the principal at Quail Hollow Elementary School who is chairman of the tournament committee, predicts the Sixth Charlotte Tip-Off Basketball Tournament at the Charlotte Park Center next weekend will "be the best ever."

We believe him. Anytime S. C. State, Barber-Scotia, St. Augustine's and J. C. Smith lineup in the same meet, exciting action is guaranteed.

Senior Alex Barron and Marvin Fields have been chosen to serve as co-captains of the South Carolina Bulldogs. Tim Autry's star-studded squad will open the new season Friday night.

Here is one for you. Winston-Salem State, with one of its worse records in memory, had the CIAA's most porous defenses. The Rams won the dubious honor of allowing the most points scored (330) for the campaign. Livingstone gave up the fewest points (78) and Virginia Union won the honors for the most points scored (268).

Shaw spoiled our otherwise perfect record last week with its 7-7 deadlock with Livingstone. Nevertheless, we finished the football season with a lofty 64 right and only 22 wrong in our prediction of the football winners each week.

Eddie McGirt isn't the only CHAMP around town.

MEAC Football Roundup

A&T, S. C. State Tie For Conference Championship

By Earl Mason
Special To The Post

DURHAM--Defending champion South Carolina State and North Carolina A&T both won very handsly Saturday afternoon to gain a share of the 1975 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football championship.

South Carolina State defeated Delaware State 39-0 in Orangeburg, South Carolina while A&T jumped off to an early lead and went on to defeat North Carolina Central, 34-16 in Greensboro, N.C. A&T and S.C. State finished the season with identical 5-1 conference records.

Howard scored in the last two minutes to break a tie to defeat Morgan State 22-16 Friday night in Washington, D.C. Maryland-Eastern Shore was idle Saturday.

South Carolina State and Maryland-Eastern Shore have games to play this week. South



Hornsby Howell
A&T head coach

Carolina State will meet Wofford in Orangeburg Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and Maryland-Eastern Shore travels to Orlando, Fla. to meet Bethune-Cookman in a 2 o'clock contest.

South Carolina State scored

on the fourth play of the game and went on to defeat Delaware State by a convincing score.

A&T scored three quick touchdowns in the first quarter and held off North Carolina Central for a 34-16 victory.

Michael Banks hit Julius Gamble with a 48-yard pass with 1:53 left in the game to give Morgan State a 22-16 setback at the hands of Howard.

Donald Barnes scored on a three-yard run in the first quarter for Howard to give the Bison an early lead. The home-standing added three points on a field goal by Gamble before the halftime for a 9-0 lead. Morgan got a field goal from Duane Danner to cut the lead to 9-3 at intermission.

After Howard increased its lead to 16-3 Morgan tied the game on a three-yard run by Munford and a 14-yard pass from Robert Crowley to Mark Durden.

Ed Roper Throws In 16 As Maroons Edge Greys

Charlotte native Ed Roper Jr. scored 16 points, including a jump shot from the top of the key to lead the Maroons to an exciting 94-92 victory over the Grey in North Carolina Central's annual Maroon and Grey Basketball game in Durham Monday night.

The 6-4 son of Mrs. Willye Belle Roper of 1549 New Castle Street also grabbed 10 rebounds in an all-round pleasing performance before more than 700 fans in R. L. McDougal gymnasium.

His winning toss fell with only three seconds remaining. "It was a pretty good game," praise second-year coach Sterlin M. Holt, who is expected to better improve on his 10-16 overall and 4-8 MEAC conference record of a year ago.

"We should be in good shape by the time the season opens," Holt continued, pointing out that Robert McClellan, David Fitts, Floyd Monroe, John

Harrell, Glendell Bass and Vincent Pledger were impressive in the intra-squad contest.

A 6-6 freshman from Winston-Salem, Pledger racked 21 points for the losing Greys, McClellan had a game-high total of 23 points and 12 rebounds. Monroe topped the rebounders with 21. He also scored 18 points.

Roper was sensational, hitting 7-for-14 from the field and 2-for-2 from the lines.

Holt declined to say whether the Charlotte rookie, who starred at Independence High last winter, will start for the Eagles in their season opener against Maryland, Eastern Shores in Durham on Friday night, December 5.

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YBA Practice

Begins Monday

More than fifty-five basketball players ranging in age from 8 to 18 swing into practice sessions December 1, to start the first season of YBA play at the McCrory Branch Y.M.C.A.

YBA basketball was developed by the National Basketball Players Association and the YMCA. It is administered and conducted around the country by participating YMCAs.

The YBA teams will swing into league action January 2, 1976. Until then it's "practice, practice, practice," according to James E. Speight, Assistant Physical Director.

49ers Open New Cage Season

Lee Rose, in his first year at the helm of the UNCC 49ers, will inaugurate the 1975-76 basketball season with a tough two game road trip to Eastern Kentucky University and

Morehead State University. Eastern Kentucky returns their starting five intact along with four other lettermen. Leading the list of returnees will be Carl Brown, 6-4 senior

forward who topped the Colonels in scoring with an 18.8 ppg. average last year. Attend the church of your choice each Sunday.

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