

Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



IF YOU ASK ME.....

Some enterprising promoters ought to match the Indiana basketball team with the ABA champion and let the winner take on the NBA title-holder in a basketball shoot out...It didn't surprise anyone that various organizations in the nation are forming lines to receive credit for getting North Carolina A&T a bid to the National Invitational Basketball Tournament...Jet most recently joined the ranks....

At a time when most colleges and universities are suffering with financial problems with their athletic programs, Grambling College reports a \$1.7 million profit since 1969. Second only to Bear Bryant among the active football coaches, Eddie Robinson's colorful football team played before sell-out crowds in such far-a-way places as Washington, D.C., Honolulu, Portland Ore., New York City and Nashville, Tenn. last fall. Grambling and LSU are the only state universities in Louisiana that were self-supporting last year. Robinson anticipates an \$800,000 profit this season.

Don't believe the rumors about Charles Christian leaving his comfortable position as head basketball coach at Norfolk State college. Christian says he does not know how the rumor got started. It has not hurt his recruiting program, he stated.

Our boy Douglas Grier shot 150 in the Edisto Golf Classic in Orangeburg, S.C. last week. He finished fifth, his S.C. State team wound up in second place.

SUDDEN THOUGHT - If it's very difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, how come it's so easy for him to get elected to the board of trustees of his church?

Dick Price, Norfolk State's popular football coach, has been named to serve as a member of the American Football Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" committee. It is a fine move.

Local golf fans missed one of the great matches of the season Sunday afternoon when the twosome of John Crowell and Haywood "Powerhouse" Stevenson defeated Tippy Glover and Bob Baker 1-up in championship flight of the Greater Griertown Four-Ball Tournament.

The Stevenson-Crowell duo posted a commendable 68 Saturday on Cedarwood's sprawling 6,880 yards for a three-stroke advantage. However, after nine holes on Sunday, Glover and Baker had cut the margin to one in a grueling dog-fight that saw Stevenson and Crowell go three over par.

Both teams had pars on the par-4 10 and 11 holes, but Crowell shot a bogey and Stevenson a double bogey on the 12th and the team of Baker and Glover pulled even, with six holes to play.

Stevenson and Crowell each parred 13 while Baker missed a little tester for a bogey and Glover putted poorly for a double bogey six. The winner held the advantage through the final five holes as each side parred in.

The Par Busters, who sponsored the affair, are to be commended for a very fine tournament that attracted 94 local golfers. Jim Polk, Par Buster official says the Greater Griertown Open will be played on the tough Cedarwood Course later in the year....

Johnson C. Smith sponsors its annual track meet on the campus on Saturday, April 10. How come no information has been released on this big event?

Look for a well-known Black coach, who is now serving as an assistant on the staff of a big ACC school, to sign with either North Carolina A&T or North Carolina Central before the year is out. Ira Mitchell, the New York City kid who put Shaw University on the map first as a player and then as a coach, is available for a basketball coaching position....

Players Of Week

Ealey, Cunningham Cited For Track, Field Heroics

by James Cuthbertson Jr. Post Staff Writer

Running is a key to success in several sports and this week's Charlotte Post Co-Spring Sports Stars of the Week are substantial evidence to the truth of the statement.

Jerry Ealey lives at 2913 Coronet Way and is an 18-year-old West Mecklenburg track star.

Rocky Burnette Cunningham lives at 1701 West Boulevard and is a 17-year-old Olympic High School senior.

Both ran the 100 yard dash, in 9.9 seconds in track events last week.

These were the best marks in early track competition in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Ealey has been running track since the seventh grade. The events for the six foot one inch-185 pound mound of muscle are the 100, the 220, and the 880 relay, the 440, and the shotput for the Indians. He is the leading scorer on the track team.

"I hope to break the West High record of 9.7 seconds," said the football halfback and sprinter, and basketball forward who hopes to attend college one day.

Last week Ealey finished second in the 220 at 22.8. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ealey.

Coach Marion Haynes has worked with me in basketball and track and is the person responsible for most of my success," said Ealey, with gratitude and respect.

"My mom, Coach Rose, and my sister have been instrumental in my success," said six-foot, one inch Cunningham, the son of Mrs. Gerogia Cunningham.

"My mom and my sister

BATCH Elects

New Officers

The sport of tennis, whether it's singles, doubles, or Canadian doubles and whether you are a weekend player, a professional or a duffer, you can hardly resist the craze of the nation's fastest growing game.

If all the above rhetoric turned you on and stirred your curiosity, you are invited to join the Black Association of Tennis in Charlotte to further the cause of tennis among Charlotte's Black populous. BATCH, recently at Johnson C. Smity University, met to hold its winter elections.

Officers for 1976 include Charles Parker, Director; Floyd Young, Assistant Director; Claude Saunder, treasurer; Robert Hicks, Program Director; James Cuthbertson, publicity director; Alex Thompson, Marca Howey, Robert Hicks, instructors, and Geroge Milligan, activity director.



Jerry Ealey



"Rocky" Cunningham

make me study and Coach Rose helps me a lot with track," said the 162 pound speedster, who runs the 100 and 220 for the undefeated Trojans.

Last week Rocky ran the 100 in 9.9 seconds, the 220 in 21.6, long-jumped 21 feet 8 1/2 inches and anchored the 880 relay team to a time of 1.31.1.

Rocky is aiming for the state record of 9.5 in the 100 and 21.0 in the 220.

"I will bet better as the

year goes on," said the road-runner who ran a 9.8 last summer. This is his first year running the 100. In 11th grade he was a 440 expert.

Running since the ninth grade at Kennedy, Cunningham has also played split end in football and wrestled. He has earned 3 letters in track, one in wrestling and three in football.

The most valuable player in track and football at Kennedy Junior High, would like to attend college one day.

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seconds...Stan Cunningham... foot 7 inches and triple jumped at 42 feet 10 inches... Wyatt Chase of North ran the 440 in 52 seconds.

...William Denvers (West Charlotte) who threw the shotput at 51 feet 3 inches... Newton Williams of North who jumped 6 feet 4 inches in the high jump and ran the high

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