

# Sports Beat

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## IT NEVER SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED!....

The sun was beaming radiantly Friday afternoon when a procession of Cadillacs and Limiteds wheeled into the parking lot at Cedarwood Golf Course. It no doubt resembled a hustlers' picnic with all of the trimmings to the patrons and the owner, who peered in startled wonderment.

It all happened because Oren McCullough was entertaining some brothers from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity who were in town for a two-day meeting. I went along largely for the entertainment of being in McCullough's company as well as for the practical purposes of getting out of the office. After all, Oren through the years has not been associated with anything below first class and the invitation afforded me an excellent opportunity to get out into the wide-opened spaces I love so well.

To be perfectly frank, I wasn't fully prepared or adequately conditioned for the events that were to follow. To set the stage, Oren only plays sparingly. I do not play well. His visiting friends? Well, let's be candid and admit frankly that there are lot more golfers who play better than there are golfers who play worse.

After a feast of hot dogs, beer, other beverages, it was time to tee off. The time on the clock showed shortly after 2 p.m. when the five duffers wheeled three golf carts to the first tee.

If you're wondering why I cannot properly call them by names. Well, it was like this, they were so busy guzzling down food when I arrived and, once the game got underway, we seldom saw each other between tee and green and there was very little time for formal introduction.

Here's how it went. This tall fellow was first up. He wore the distinguished look of a doctor. His first swing was beautiful, it sent the golf ball in a flight that would have made Lee Elder proud, except for the fact that it was headed in the wrong direction. The second dude was sort of short and fat, giving the opinion that he's spent more time at the eating tables than on the golf courses. He admitted that he wasn't very good at the game of golf. He wasn't kidding. He swung fierce, but the ball refused to take off and there were some hassle about intent. It looked like he was trying to hit it. He says he was practicing. Anyway, he finally got off the tee after about six "practice" swings.

Oren did a little better. He hit his tee shot straight, but it didn't travel as far as he would have liked. As a matter of fact, the little pellet only moved out about 5 or 10 yards. That, of course, left it up to the kid.

Well, you know how it is when you're entertaining visiting friends, I didn't want to embarrass them. Right! So I hit my ball off to the left of the fairway into the deep rough. I should have hit it into the rough on the right side of the fairway because another hassle erupted. This time the argument was about who was going to walk and who was going to ride, since me and my riding partner was going in different directions.

My partner was the guy who was short and sort of fat with big arms and the looks of someone who is mean and strong. So, suddenly, I decided that walking would be good for the soul...and the bones.

There was a long line of golfers waiting to tee off at No. 1 when we finally arrived at the green from widely separate directions.

The No. 1 green at Cedarwood is a fair-sized beauty with lots of rolls and breaks. This tall fellow putted four times before giving up. The short man who was sort of fat induced his ball in the hole after three tries. Oren was down in two. The kid decided to play up to his potentials. His first putt went by the hole, off the green and into the big trap that was lurking on the left side.

That's when the kid stormed off the green, swearing off golf and short people who are sort of fat for the rest of this life.

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## "Athletes Of The Week"

# Williams, Reid Cited For Outstanding Performances

By James Cuthbertson  
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Next year's track and field highlights in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County rest in the feet and legs of two of the youngest stars in the county, Stan Williams of North Mecklenburg and Tony Reid of Independence, this week's co-players of the week.

Viking sophomore Williams is the 15-year-old son of Sergeant and Mrs. Arthur Williams Sr. of 5401 Evanshire Drive. The events for the 5'11 inchers whose hobbies are basketball, pool, swimming and tennis are the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash and serving as anchor man on the 880 relay team.

Stan runs the 100 in 10.2 and the 220 in 23.6 seconds.

The all-time Charlotte-Mecklenburg triple jump record is 47 feet 6 and 3-4 inches. It was set this year by 16-year-old Independence junior Tony Edwin Reid, the 5'9" 125 pound son of Mr. and Mrs. James Reid of 7207 Barrington Oaks Drive who leads the Southwestern 4-A Conference as a sophomore with a 46-2 jump broken three weeks ago by West Charlotte's Richard Hill.

Tony also runs the high hurdles, the 880, the 440 and the mile relay for Independence. He is a very versatile track man. "Sports is my major hobby," he explained the Patriots' Most Valuable Track star of last season.

An older brother and track coaches are the keys to the young men's success.

"My brother Artie Williams is the key to my success because his standards were so high that I had to strive extra hard to reach them," smiled Williams a "B" plus Talent Development Student who is a member of Project Aries, a Homeroom officer, a Science Club member, a Red Cross member, and a Spanish Club member at North.

"I can't say one person. It's more like three or four. Coach Lovett, Coach Ponce, Coach Helms, and Coach Bryant have all been instrumental in my success," said Reid whose goal is to win the state triple jump crown and a possible scholarship his senior year.

Stan Williams wants to be a lawyer or Surgeon...likes Bob McAdoo because he knows his sister and visited his home...likes Freda Payne because she's cute...likes seafood...



Stan Williams  
...North Ace

The Exorcist because it was spooky...Telly Savalas...his older sister Denise and Gail and his younger brother Gary (a track star at Ranson Junior High School) and his dog April.

Before every meet Tony remembers not to put too much pressure on himself and when he stands on the triple jump path, he relaxes, hops, skips, and then jumps. It's working for Reid very well.

Other stars included Grover Rivers of North who tripled and scored off an error to start a three run sixth inning at West Charlotte to give the Vikings a 4 to 3 victory over the Lions...Stan Cunningham of Garinger who had his best shotput throw and the best ever by a local athlete of 57 feet and 8 and 3-4 inches at the



Tony Reid  
...Independence star

Metrolina Relays...David Waymer of West Charlotte who made a difficult left-center field catch to strand two runs in the bottom of the 7th inning and collected two singles to give West Charlotte a victory over Myers Park...The North high jump team of Howard Staton, Randy Beard and Newton Williams who

jumped 17-0 in the relays...the Olympic Mile Medley Relay team of Al Alston, Rocky Cunningham, Joe Brank, and Don Cherry who clocked 3:39.2...and the West Charlotte long jump team of Richard Hill, Willis Jackson, and Perry Carothers who jumped 59 feet 0 and 3-4 inches...Stella Johnson and Delores Easter of West Charlotte and Valerie Ford of South Mecklenburg.

## Delaware To Host MEAC

### Track Championships

DURHAM, -- Delaware State will host the 5th annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Track & Field Track championships Saturday, May 1 and Sunday May 2 at Dover, Delaware.

South Carolina State College has been tabbed as the team to beat in this year's championship. Delaware State is rated a close second while Howard University is picked to finish third. A close race is expected among the other teams for the other places.

Trails will be held in field events and running events Saturday beginning at 1:30 Saturday afternoon. Finals will start at 1:30 Sunday in the field events with the running events finals slated to begin at

2 o'clock. No team champion was declared in the MESC last since because the finals were postponed due to inclement weather. North Carolina Central won the other three team track championships.

The Eagles lack depth and the usual strong relay teams this year. However, Ronnie Ray is expected to capture the 440 meter race. Ray, a senior from Newport News, VA., is rated as one of the top quarter-milers in the world.

Freshman Derrick Harris of S. C. State is rated among the top sprinters this year. He has run a 9.4 100-yard dash during the season. He is expected to get keen competition from teammate Ronnie Daw.

## Joe Robinson Signs 8 Cage Standouts

FAYETTEVILLE - Dr. Joe Robinson, head basketball coach and Director of Athletics at Fayetteville State University (N. C.), announced that eight top high school basketball standouts have signed letters-of-intent with Fayetteville State.

The players are Reginald McCleod, 6-7 center-forward, Rochester, N. Y.; Bruce Crump, 6-5 1/2 forward, Jacksonville, Florida; Edward Jefferson, 6-4 guard-forward, Emporia, Virginia; Jeff Ballard, 6-5 1/2 forward, Pocomoke City, Maryland; Michael Baker, 6-3 guard, Rochester, N. Y.; Willie Chambliss, 6-6 forward, Jacksonville, Florida; Ben Gibson, 6-5 forward, Rochester, N. Y.; and Dwight Marley, 6-3 guard, Ramseur, North Carolina.

Coach Robinson said that he is quite pleased with the recruiting so far and some of the players bring outstanding credentials to FSU.

Edward Jefferson, the Emporia, Virginia native averaged over 40 points in post season play. "The Greenville High School senior averaged 29 points during the regular season", coach Robinson said.

Another high prospect is 6-7 center Reginald McCleod of Rochester, New York. McCleod, a 218-pounder, helped lead Monroe High School in Rochester to a 19-2 record. He

averaged 15 points and 15 rebounds a game and was named to the first team All City and All-State squads

on the same high school team with McCleod is 6-3 guard Michael Baker. He was named "Most Valuable Player" of the Christmas Tourney and made first-team on the All-City squad. Baker averaged over 21 points and nine

rebounds a contest. Signee Bruce Crump, a 205-pounder-leaper from Paxton Senior High school in Jacksonville, Florida averaged over 12 rebounds a contest and bucketed 16. He was named All-Area and All-Conference. Dwight Marley, the sharp-shooting guard for the Ramseur High School Club poured in 25 points a game.

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