

# Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....

Tennessee State graduates only five members of its football squad, and each has been drafted by professional football teams. That should be a record for developing pro material. It was nice to see Lee Elder become the first Black golfer on the PGA circuit to pocket 40 big ones. The Washington, D.C. native is a sure bet to become the first Black to earn more than \$100,000 on the tour in a single season.

Joe Alston, the dapper athletic director at North Carolina Central University, announces that the Eagles will play six football games in Durham this season. One of the best at using gimmicks, Joe is calling the big football headline between Johnson C. Smith and UCCU the "Bull-Eagle Classic." A record crowd is expected in Durham on Nov. 6. Elizabeth City, Winston-Salem State, Virginia State, the University of Maryland-Eastern Shores and North Carolina A&T are the other rivals who will visit Durham this fall.

Remember Joe Caldwell, the dandy little basketball player who used to thrill local fans while playing with the Carolina Cougars awhile back? In Greensboro Thursday night, reports were that the former Cougar forward, who reportedly earned a quarter of a million bucks a year during his prime years, is broke and looking for a job.

It looks like North Carolina A&T and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte will not get together on the hardwood for the second game in their popular basketball series. A&T sources say that UNCC refuses to play in Greensboro. A&T is not interested in playing in the Coliseum two consecutive years. So, don't be too surprised if the game, which drew 9,000 fans here last season, is cancelled. Incidentally, A&T has added Oral Roberts to its basketball schedule.

Muhammad Ali spared better with newsmen on the CBS-TV "Face The Nation" program Sunday than he did with Jimmy Young on television Friday night. Could it be that age is finally taking its toll.

The 1976 football game between Howard and A&T has been moved from this 56,000-seat Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington to the 100,000-seat Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia. It will be played Oct. 23 under the sponsorship of OIC.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT** - Livingstone College won the CIAA Southern Division Tennis title? The Blue Bears downed Johnson C. Smith, 7-2, for the honors.

Who said athletes are dumb? David Brown, starting offensive tackle at North Carolina A&T, has been awarded a grant worth more than \$6,000 to study economics at MIT...North Carolina Central pulled out the red carpets for its athletes last Wednesday night with its annual athletic banquet in W.G. Pearson Cafeteria on the campus. The banquet recognized the top athlete, scholar and citizen in the graduating class, in addition to giving praise to both men and women in basketball, volleyball, track, wrestling and football.

A&T heard Ron Pinkney, sports director of Mutual Black Network Sports, at its annual sports banquet Tuesday night...Runningback Reggie Frank Scott, who spent last year on the injured list, ran for more than 100 yards in A&T's annual spring football game last week.

It's great to be young and talented, especially if you are an athlete. Chuck Munice, 220-pound running back who recently graduated from the University of California, has signed with the New Orleans Saints football team for \$1 million a year, plus two Rolls Royces.

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## McRae Wins Player Of Week Honors Huey P. Newton Ready To Come Home?

### Of Week Honors

By James Cuthbertson  
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When he's not eating hamburgers, cheeseburgers and Big Macs at McDonald's, he is participating in some of his other hobbies such as running track, riding around in his brown 1970 Pontiac Firebird or hopping on the back of horses for a cruise through the countryside.

Vernon Hunter McRae of 318 Auten Street attends South Mecklenburg High School and is this week's Charlotte Post "Player of the Week" for his honors in track events.

North Carolina Central University is the college that the 6'0", 156-pound All-County son of Mrs. Rose McRae, will attend.

"My mother has been the one person most responsible for my success because my father died early. I wanted very much to be good in sports, but I knew I was small. She kept encouraging and pushing me. She came to all the games although she didn't know anything about football. She does now," he added.

The extracurricular activities include football, track, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the six feet four inch high jumper who wants to major in Human Relations, History or Physical Education.

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Continued from page 1 when he said the differences between the candidates were "Differences in style" not in content. Gary, Ind. Mayor Richard Hatcher was more critical of the candidates when he commented, "I was not satisfied with most of their answers, and I don't think the other panelists were either." While many delegates agreed with Hatcher's assessment of the candidates' statements, others expressed the view that the panel had failed to ask more specific questions that could have been answered in the allowable time.

In a wrap-up news conference Sunday before about 60 reporters, members of the CBD conference steering committee appeared hard pressed to state in specific terms what



Vernon H. McRae  
...Headed for NCCU

Junior High Schools were the preparation grounds for the 45 feet and 10 and 1-2 inches triple jumper and 21'4" long jumper who is coached by Niles Nelson.

He helped lead South to a 7-3 Southwestern 4-A Conference Football record. His favorite star is Lynn Swann of the Pittsburgh Steelers. His favorite book is "The Rookies" by Tex Maul.

Other stars include Grover Rivers of North who hit a homer and a double getting two of the Vikings three hits in a 9-2 loss to Garinger...Jerry Clark of JCSU who ran the two mile in 9:40...Lloyd Gibson, Kent Weeds, Demarcus Calhoun who ran the mile relay in 3:16 in the CIAA Championship Track Meet.

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the conference had accomplished. California state Assemblyman Willie Brown, a member of the steering committee, said, "I don't think blacks can judge from what was said today exactly where the candidates stand on these issues. But what we did accomplish was define a set of issues that the candidates can address themselves to."

Basil Patterson, chairman of the steering committee, said at the same news conference that "No candidate can win in November without us" because they recognize the power of the nation's 8 million registered black voters.

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HAVANA (NNPA) - Huey P. Newton, the 34-year-old co-founder of the Black Panther Party, exiled in Cuba for more than a year, is awaiting his lawyer's okay to return to America and stand trial on a bizarre string of alleged crimes.

In our hour-long interview, Newton stated that he was "very happy" in Cuba. He appreciated the red-carpet treatment of Fidel Castro's socialist government, but he is ready to return home and face the charges against him -- "though" said he, "I'm not guilty."

"I was about to go back and face the charges" -- but then "renegade scab Eldridge Cleaver returned," Newton said. "So my attorneys came in and they advised me to wait until after he (Cleaver) goes before the House of Internal Affairs Committee to see what charges might come out of that. I am in a position to wait and see."

While his big, winning smile and easy manner give the outward impression of a man at peace with himself, Newton is an intense, restless young man who must deal with an issue head-on once he has made a decision. He is also homesick, yearning to be back with relatives and friends and to operate from the American scene which is more familiar to him.

I got this impression of Newton after meeting him at dinner, and later chatting with him over drinks with other newspaper colleagues who were part of an American delegation on a visit to Cuba a

couple of weeks ago. I met Newton in the lobby of the Havana Riviera, a luxury, Miami Beach-type facility built by American gangsters just before Castro led the Cuban people to independence in 1959 after three decades of American domination and exploitation of the island 900 miles from Miami. I introduced myself and extended my hand to Newton and he shook it with both hands as though we were old friends and had not seen each other in years.

He looked more like a movie star than one with a reputation of a revolutionary theoretician. Possibly influenced by Castro's practice of wearing only military fatigues, I had somehow expected him to be wearing something resembling a "Black Panther outfit" -- at least the leather jacket. Instead he looked like a model who just stepped off the cover of Gentlemen's Quarterly wearing an expensive, perfect fitting faded denim outfit. He looked younger than his 34 years, but a slight limp from a bullet wound received in a confrontation with police reminded that his youthful look could not be attributed to an easy life.

During the interview, it became obvious that there remains bad blood between Newton and Cleaver, the former minister of information for the Black Panthers who was expelled by the party in 1971 in an ideological spat.

In addition to calling Cleaver a "renegade scab," Newton sharply criticized him for supporting Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's foreign policy related to Third World Countries, and blamed Cleaver for the Panthers' violent philosophy during the turbulent Sixties.

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