



John Gregory Rhett
Going to Duke



Grover Rivens
Athlete of Year



Sid Cunningham
Western Carolina bound



Newton Williams
Star fullback



Ondra Richardson
Cage standout



Roderick Fuller
Harding hotshot

CMS Top 20 Athletes

Grover Rivens Named Post's "Athlete Of The Year"

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Grover Bernard Rivens leaned on a bookshelf in the library at North Mecklenburg High School and remarked, "I always try to better myself. If you don't do that, what use is there to existing."

The 17-year-old Davidson resident, all 5' and 8" and 160 pounds represents the excellence, perseverance, intestinal fortitude, hard work, strength, energy, and dedication put forth by the 1976 Charlotte Post Athlete of the Year and his Top Twenty Athlete counterparts.

Playing football, basketball and baseball with proficiency and relaxing by a lake to fish or play cards in his spare time, Rivens, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Rivens of Route 1 Box 493 was All-County and All-Conference in football for the Southwestern 4-A

Rangers Edge

Hawks, 12-9

The Morris Field Rangers rode the booming bats of Bobby Reynolds and Randy Falls and the clutch pitching of Londell McClary to a 12-9 victory over the Charlotte Hawks here Saturday, May 8.

Reynolds stroked a home run and a pair of singles to account for four rbi's while Falls was hitting two singles. In the meantime, McClary was scattering 14 safe hits, striking out five and walking six to chalk up his fifth straight win this season. The Rangers are now 8-1 on the year. The results lowered the Hawks to a 7-2 Triple County Semipro league record. Manager Herman Thomas' team will take on the Charlotte Red Birds Saturday afternoon at The Harding High School athletic field, with Calvin Staley working on the mound.

Peay, Smith

Lead Hawks

Over Astros

The Charlotte Hawks rebounded from a Triple County League defeat on Saturday with an 11-10 triumph over the Charlotte Astros at the Southside Playgrounds Sunday afternoon.

One of the season's largest crowds watch Roger Peay scamper home with the winning tally in the bottom of the ninth on a long sacrifice fly by Willie James Smith.

The Hawks will return to Southside Sunday afternoon when they host the Charlotte Tigers in a Triple County League Contest.

Conference runnerups and is a former All-County basketball honorable mention player. He was also the Charlotte Post's Prep Player of the Week twice in the fall.

In addition he serves as Senior Class President, on the Student Council and in the Monogram Club.

Hamburger is his favorite food. O.J. Simpson is the person he admires the most and his career goal is to play football or basketball professionally.

He stands a good chance and is number one among several outstanding athletes in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

The Top Twenty Athletes are:

Olympic's driving halfback, John Gregory Rhett who recently signed a four year athletic grant with Duke University. Greg Rhett dances through defenders on his way down the field to the goal, and should help the Blue Devils in the ACC.

Shy, long-legged high jumping Howard Staton of North is the county's best high jumper with a high of 6'5" and was also a good basketball player. He will attend either Mitchell or North Carolina Central University to pursue a career in computer science or business administration.

Versatile, stylistic, spiry, agile, Vernon McRae of South is also an excellent high jumper at 6'4" and caught many passes at his split end position in football.

Soft-spoken, personable, affable, lean Ervin McKinley of North has the attitude essential for being an excellent athlete. One of the county's better basketball centers, he long jumped, broad jumped, triple jumped and ran the 440 relay in track.

Determined Richard Hill of West Charlotte was a terror on the hardwood as a basketball player and set a record this season in the triple jump at 46-2 only to be broken two weeks later by Independence's Tony Reid.

Hill's schoolmate David Waymer was All-County at halfback on offense and defensive on defense. He can do it all. During the baseball season he homered consistently for the Lions. He will attend Notre Dame on a full scholarship next year.

Spinning with the moves of a spider weaving his opponents into a death web, 6'1" Gene Harris of Olympic averaged 26 points per game while leading



Gene Harris
"Cager of Year"

his Trojans to the runnerup position in the rugged Southwestern 4-A conference. The Charlotte Post Basketball Player of the Year will attend Winston Salem State.

Strong bullish Newton Dennis Leon Williams ran for over 200 yards in one game at fullback last year. All-County as a junior he also played basketball and is one of the county's better high jumpers at 6'4" and runs the low hurdles, mile relay, long jump, broad jumps and triple jumps.

Tall, and intimidating under the backboards and devastating with his county-leading throw of 157-6 in the discus 6'5" Ondra Richardson of Olympic was All-County in Basketball. Running hard for the Patriots Freddie Mungo also found time to be All-County in wrestling at his position and a good trackman.

The Cunningham twins, Stan and Sid started in basketball, played halfback in football. Stan was a tackle in



Richard Hill
Triple jump artist

football and a guard in basketball and has the county's best shotput throw of almost 58 feet. Both are excellent athletes.

North Mecklenburg's wrestling and football teams were among the best in the county and two reasons were Sherwood Rankin and Lewis Woodley.

Lewis was All-County in football and wrestling, tackling and pining opponents in the 195 division for a conference record of 17 and 0.

Rankin was 16 and 0 in wrestling and honorable mention at noseguard in football.

Davidson was 17 and 1 in

wrestling and an All-County football player. He starred in track and accepted a scholarship to Johnson C. Smith University.

Aaron Cunningham was the All-County quarterback for South Mecklenburg. Dropping back to set up under immense pressure he led the Sabres to a 6-4 record. In basketball he was a member of the 1976 North Carolina State High School Athletic championship team at the forward position.

Versatile in track and basketball, Donnie Lanier jumps 6'2" in the high jump and was a shining star on an Indian basketball team that never go untracked.

Melvin Hoover, North's Mr. Everything Man, versatile at split-end in football, All-County, and good in basketball and baseball and very good in tennis, a sport he doesn't participate in.

Jerome Mobley of South was the biggest reason the Sabers won the State championship. Weaving, spinning, and jumping he lead a smooth red machine to victory's circle.

Roderick Fuller of Harding was one of the county's best basketball stars leading the Rams to victory from his guard position.

Honorable mention included Dwight Lewis of North, Joey Carter of Myers Park, Chris "Tough Little Dude" Bennett of North, Pete Jordan of South, John Graham of North, Tyrone Davis of West, Lamont Lindsay of West Charlotte, Michael Grant of East, Tony Reid of Independence, Rocky Cunningham of Olympic, Everett Fulson of Independence, Jack Planter of Independence, Gerald Carr of North, Fred

Stitt and Franklin Peoples of East, Jerry Ealey of West, Reggie White of South, Harold Caldwell of Olympic, Kevin Harris of Harding, Gerald Stevenson of Olympic, Wyatt Chase of North, John Bowser of Harding, Graydon Wallace of North, Gerald McAfee of North, Don Cherry of Olympic, Stan Williams of North, Ricky Mozee of North, Willie

Garvin of Harding, Haywood Polk of North, Bernard Beatty of West, Mac Wall of North, Jeff Crump of North, Milton Smith of North, Dennis Baxter of North, and Anthony Bonapart of South and Gerald Carr.

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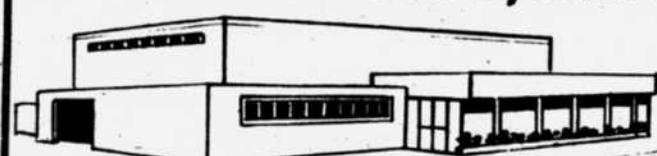
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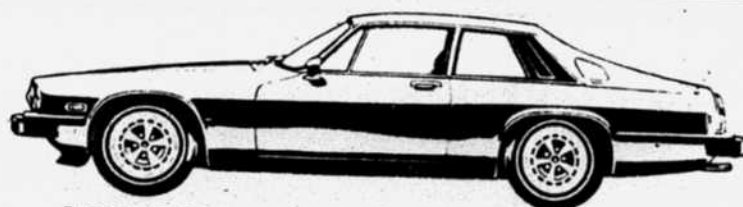
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