

SPORTS DEAL



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BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT....

Some people can't do their Christmas shopping early because they don't know who their friends will be by Holiday Times.

Willie Jeffries, who will send his Bulldogs of South Carolina State College against Norfolk State of the CIAA in the Bicentennial Bowl in Richmond, Va. Saturday, has been named "Coach of the Year" in the NAIA District 26. In addition to winning his third straight MEAC football title, Jeffries has posted 32 wins against only 20 defeats and two ties in just four years at the Orangeburg, S.C. institution.

Long-hitting Jim Dent has finally broken into the winner's circle. The Floridian set a course record in winning the Riviera Country Club Golf Tournament in Florida recently. Dent shot a closing 61 and was nine under par, before picking up the \$2,000 prize money.

South Carolina State finished eighth in the final NCAA Division II standings. Alcorn, which was No. 9, was the only other predominately Black school in the top ten.

Progress would be faster if people could go forward on excuses.

List this reporter among those who believe that the current major league players draft is bad for baseball. Common sense dictates that no one gives his best with the kind of security now being offered top players. And long-term contracts take away the incentives to go all out on the field. It also takes away the threat of a player being traded for poor performances and for various other reasons.

Grambling College, which has a grand tradition of producing top quarterbacks, may have one of the best signal-callers ever on its roster. Junior Doug Williams, has thrown 54 touchdown passes in three years of collegiate play to shatter all passing records for the State of Louisiana. James Harris, who is currently riding the bench for the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL, held the old record of 53 TD strikes.

The Bicentennial Bowl, which shapes up as a gigantic affair, will get underway at an ungodly hour. Imagine a football contest of this magnitude kicking off at 11 o'clock on a Saturday morning. The parade featuring both bands will begin at 10.

Did you notice that Morgan bashed UMES, 56-10, to grab a share of the MEAC football championship with S.C. State? It's the second straight year that the two teams have served as the co-champions of the young league.

North Carolina A&T, with a lineup that does not include James (The Bird) Sparrow, and Winston-Salem State, which has a fresh crew of young players, will stage their annual shootout in the Greensboro Coliseum Saturday night. It's a top attraction, notwithstanding the fact that A&T has dropped its first three games. Winston-Salem is undefeated with two big victories.

Johnny Rogers, the All-CIAA tight end at Winston-Salem State, is among the first players from the East Coast named to play in the Freedom Football Classic in Los Angeles, Calif. on January 8.

Make note of the fact the Bicentennial Classic will be televised to five different parts of the country. No local television is included.

Federal Aid to education should start with the teaching of arithmetic in Washington, D.C.

Have you heard the one about the action at a basketball game being so dull and uninteresting that the fans in back began shouting: "Up In Front!"

Lary Doby has returned to baseball as a coach with the Chicago White Sox...And, finally, It wouldn't make much difference, one way or the other, if Muhammad Ali should retire from boxing.

Hotshot Jerome Mobley

Gains "Player Of Week" Honors

By James Cuthbertson
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He flies down the court, makes a couple of fancy moves with his slender rubbery body, antagonizes defenders and leaps to the stars to lay a basket in the milky way.

Sounds like Superman, doesn't it? Or for the fans of today, try the Rubberband Man.

All wrong! The agile roundball artist is this week's Player of the Week, Jerome Mobley of South Mecklenburg High School. The slender, 6'1" forward has been several places in his two years of varsity experience.

The South Charlotte native who lives on Loblolly Lane comes from a family of great basketball tradition. His relatives are Lew Massey who is starring with UNCC, Walter Davis, who is starring with UNC, and, of course Hubert and Herbert Davis, the twins who integrated South Mecklenburg and later starred at Johnson C. Smith University.

Ask Jerome who will win the Southwestern 4-A this year and he will tell you. "South, of course," he says with a smile characteristic of the smile he wore last March when South won the state 4-A championship. You see he has been to



Jerome Mobley
...Scored 29 points

the top and is looking forward to going again.

The road this time will be a little tougher, however. Olympic, North, Garinger, West Charlotte all are predicted to knock the Sabres off their throne.

Mobley used a 29 point scoring performance at Olympic last week to give the Sabres an 88-75 victory over the Trojans in their effort to reassert their dominance of the Southwestern 4-A conference.

Previously, he had garnered 31 in a 68-66 loss to Hunter of Huss of Gastonia.

Look out other members of the league. It looks like Jerome Mobley and the rest of the league are back.

Other stars included Jack Planter, the 5'11" Independence senior guard, who scored 21 points in a victory over Olymnic and 17 in a loss to Huss...Lester Therrell, 6'4" Harding junior, who scored 12 rebounds in a 70-68 win over Country Day...Michael Grant of East who scored 22 points in a 77-69 win over Richmond County and 33 in a return match for an 86-70 win over the same team...John Parks of West Charlotte who scored 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in a 71-68 loss to Greensboro Smith...Willy Robinson of Harding who got 16 points in the rams win...Johnny Witherspoon, who garnered 14 rebounds in a Garinger Wildcat win over Wadesboro Bowman...Aaron Cunningham of South who had 16 in the Sabres win over Olympic... Jeff Nance, Tim Harris, On-dra Richardson, and Gerald Stevenson of Olympic who garnered 27, 13, 13 and 13 points respectively in the loss to South...Wyatt Chase, Gerald McAfee, Mac Walls, and Graydon Wallace of North who scored 16, 16, 8, and 26 points respectively in the win over West 95-71...and...Malcolm Pharr, Lamonte Lindsay, and Duane Berry who scored 18, 17, and 14 points in the win over Concord 73-46.

Important Trend Developing

In Southwestern 4-A League

By James Cuthbertson
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The Southwestern 4-A basketball season is still young but some important trends are developing. The best teams seem to be South, North, and West Charlotte. The middle of the pack seems to be Olypic, Independence, Garinger, and East. Myers Park, West, and Harding appear destined to bring up the rear.

The spotlight game for the week is Friday night when the Sabres of South Mecklenburg invade the Vikings gym to tangle with the hot-shot run-and-gun team of Coach Leroy Holden. It will be a battle of Graydon Wallace and Gerald McAfee against Jerome Mobley and it should be a classic. Last year, the Vikings ambushed and embarrassed the Sabres by 17 points at the same sport and memories don't die that easily.

The second biggest game will occur Tuesday night when the Vikings travel to West Charlotte to do battle with the Lions, lead by John Parks, Lamonte Lindsay, Malcolm Pharr and Duane Berry. Last year the Lions embarrassed the Vikings and Coach Holden's crew has let notice be served that this is a game they want.

Other games Friday will pit Olympic at East, Garinger at Harding, West at Independence and West Charlotte at Myers Park.

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All-Star Football Game Proposed

By Arnet Barksdale
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Football players from the CIAA, MEAC, SWAC, SIAC, and some more from the independent predominately Black colleges, will play what is billed as The Black All-Star game in Los Angeles on Saturday January 8, according to CIAA Commissioner, Bob Mooran.

Coached by Norfolk State's head coach, Dick Price, players of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference will clash with players from the South Western Athletic Conference and the Southern Intercollegiate Conference, coached by SWAC Al-

corn's coach, Maurice Casem. Both sides will be aided by players from the predominately Black Colleges that do not belong to a conference.

The game, sponsored by Sports Project Incorporated (SPI) out of New York, will be televised by Sports Ventures Inc. and all proceeds are to go to the National Scholarship Services Funds for Blacks and to the Edwin Goodwin Funds for Children.

Mooran said that the last game of this sort, during the 1971-72 football season, was not a success and an attempt to stage the game last year fell through.

"As far as operation was concern that game about four years ago wasn't put together

well at all," Mooran said. "After last year's attempts failed Joe Peters of SPI helped organize the game for this year."

Mooran pointed out that it was Peters who suggested that the coaches of the CIAA and the SWAC champs coach the two teams and next year the coaches of the MEAC and the SIAC champs would be selected as coaches.



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