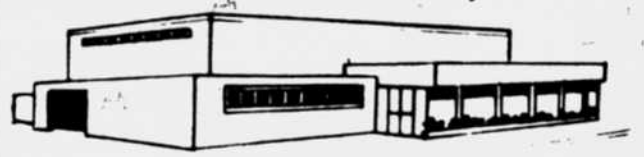


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Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS....

This is the time of the year when all should be merry and full of good cheers...and egg-nogg!...

This reporter is going to climb out on the proverbial limb to pick Pittsburgh to win the Super Bowl and become king of professional football for the third straight year...The way I figure it, Baltimore is going to turn out of luck very shortly, and the other play-off teams cannot match Pittsburgh's defense...And the knowledgeable people in the game will readily tell you that defense is 'where it's at' in the world of football.

Cedric Maxwell, the silky smooth UNCC cager, is closing in on Robert Earl Blue's all-time scoring record. "Cornbread" racked 55 points in the seventh Roadrunner Classic at New Mexico State University last weekend to move within 156 points of the 1,536 Blue scored during his illustrious career at UNCC.

A .642 percent shooter from the field, Maxwell is also leading the Mean Green in point production and rebounding.

SUDDEN THOUGHT - The end of the world will probably catch most of us promising to do better.

Following the game here Saturday with Belmont Abbey College, the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University will put their basketball gear away until January 5 when the Pirates of Hampton Institute will come to town for a CIAA contest.

Bob Moorman, the fine gentlemen who is guiding the CIAA to greater heights, informs that he hopes to have the problems with the hotels and motels in the Hampton area worked out shortly. Bob is also working to get accommodations from the swanky Forum in the Norfolk area.

Therefore, if you are planning to attend the greatest basketball attraction ever, you'd better make your reservations early. Bob advises to get your tickets now! Choice seats are going fast. Remember, the Hampton Coliseum seats less than 10,000.

The CIAA is losing one of its greatest coaches. Tom Caldwell has submitted his resignation as head football coach at Elizabeth City State. The friendly gentleman is stepping down after 10 years to assume the duties of assistant athletic director "with the chief responsibilities for fund-raising and public relations." Tom posted 77 wins, 62 defeats and four ties in a most colorful career.

Samuel Holmes, former assistant high school principal in Virginia, has been named to succeed Caldwell.

MEAC bigwigs select S.C. State and N.C. Central to finish one-two in the conference basketball race. Look for Howard to offer serious competition.

Did you know that one of the true advantages of earning more than a million dollars a year can be found in the fact that once you get tired of the old position you can afford to buy up your contract and move on to greener pastures? That's what Anthony Davis did with his \$ million contract with the Toronto Argonauts. Davis is entertaining hopes for joining the National Football League.

Look for great things to happen to Newton Williams, the promising athlete at North Mecklenburg. The word is out that Michigan State was among the colleges and universities who would like to include Newton in their athletic program.

Talk is cheap because the supply is greater than the demand.

8,000 spectators attended the first Championship football contest between the MEAC and the CIAA. Considering that the NCAA forced the contest to be played at 11 a.m. Saturday morning it appears that the promoters should be happy.

South Carolina Bulldogs Lead

Balloting For All-MEAC Football Team

By Earl Mason
Special To The Post
DURHAM—South Carolina State, football co-champions of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference 1976 and the conference representative to the Bicentennial Bowl game December 11, against Norfolk State, placed ten men on the first ALL-MEAC football team announced here Wednesday from the conference office.

The Bulldogs, who finished the season with a 5-1 league record to tie Morgan State for the conference title, have two all-conference performers on offense and six gridders on the first team defensive unit plus two specialists.

Guard Luther Dixon and running back Charles Burgess are S.C. State's representatives on the offensive unit while end Bobby Moore, tackle Robert Sims, linebackers Erone Edmonds and Rudolph Bryant along with defensive back Anthony Evans and Leonard Duncan were named to the defensive unit. Malcolm Montgomery gained the field goal, PAT specialist position while Duncan also made the first team as the return specialist.

Howard, North Carolina Central and A&T each landed four players on the first team while Morgan State gained three positions.

A total of 12 repeaters are on the first team, seven on offense and five on defense.

Joseph Mack of North Carolina Central won the rich end position this year. Mack, a 6-2, 217-pound sophomore from Pamplico, S.C., caught 30 passes for 337 yards and no touchdowns this season. Dexter Feaster of A&T retained his split-end position by leading the league in pass receptions with 49 grabs for 775 yards and four six pointers.

Four-fifths of the interior offensive line are repeaters on the first team. Tackle William Lighty of Morgan, guards Luther Dixon of S.C. State and Keith Napeir and center Dan Ambrose of Howard all made the first team All-MEAC team last year. Tackle, Darius Helton of North Carolina Central is the lone newcomer to the interior offensive line.

Elsworth Turner of A&T, who set a new conference record in passing this year, retained his all-conference position at quarterback. The 6-0, 185-pound junior from Gaithersburg, Md. led the conference in passing, total offense and scoring. He completed 153 of 273 passes for 2046 yards and gained a total of 1964 yards total offense. Turner scored 82 points on seven touchdowns, 20 extra points and six field goals.

Turner is joined in the backfield by running backs Charles Burgess of S.C. State and James Breakfield of Howard



Dexter Feaster
...A&T wide receiver



Elsworth Turner
...MEAC offense leader

and repeater Mark Durden of Morgan State at the flanker position.

Breakfield led the conference in rushing this season gaining 1017 yards in 192 rushes for a game average of 92.4 yards per game. Burgess finished second in rushing with 729 yards in 139 carries for a per game average of 81.0.

Durden is a 5-11, 180-pound senior finished second in the league in pass catching this year with 44 receptions for 817 yards and 7 TDs.

Robert Sims of South Carolina State is the only repeater along the defensive line. He is joined along the front four by teammate end Bobby Moore, end Lucien Nibbs of A&T and tackle Kevin Cunningham of Howard.

Linebackers named to the first team were Rudolph Bryant and Erone Edmonds of South Carolina State and Jerald Holland of A&T. Edmonds is a repeater from last year.

The first team secondary is composed of cornerbacks Leonard Duncan of S.C. State and Joe Fowlkes of Morgan State and Safeties Anthony Evans of S.C. State and Louis Breedon of North Carolina Central. Duncan, Evans and Breedon are repeaters from a year ago.

Howard led the balloting for the second team with seven representatives while A&T had six selections. South Carolina State gained four positions on the second team and Morgan State has three representatives. Delaware State, North Carolina Central and Maryland-Eastern Shore each had two players on the second team.

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South's Cage Tournament Starts Friday

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

The biggest event in the upcoming basketball week as the teams prepare for the Christmas recess is the South Invitational Basketball tournament.

Featuring South Mecklenburg, East Mecklenburg, West Charlotte and defending champion Garinger, the tournament will settle several of the problems puzzling county teams.

For instance, Will West Charlotte continue to mire in mediocrity? The Lions on paper have the best team in the county with both good height, speed and shooting

potentials. In fact they beat Concord 73-46, a team that was beaten by Myers Park by only two points. They have not yet jelled however.

Is defending state champion South Mecklenburg featuring Jerome Mobley for real? The Sabres have come out blasting and at the present time, they are the strongest team in the county. East Mecklenburg won two against weak Richmond County and loss by only two to Garinger. How strong are the Eagles? And the Wildcats are presently undefeated. They are tall and deliberate. Are they contenders for the crown?

To set the mood, tomorrow's

night's games will pit South at East, Garinger at Myers Park, Harding at Independence, and West Charlotte at Olympic.

At this time the strongest team is the county appears to be Garinger followed by Olympic, North, Independence, West Charlotte, South, East, West, Harding and Myers Park.

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