

Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....

Most people I know are like signposts in that they spend their lives pointing in the right direction, but never go that way themselves.

It's unofficial at this writing but John D. Marshall, one-time assistant football coach at Johnson C. Smith, is about to resign from Virginia State College and the head football coach position he has held for the past two years...

HOW DOES THIS GRAB YOU?... Be energetic in 1977, the instructions read, explaining that a good way is to keep your home temperature down to 68 by day and 60 degrees by night. The instructions further state that for every degree you dial down you could cut heating fuel costs by 3 percent...It fails to point out, however, that you also up your doctor and hospital bills by at least 10 percent.

Remember Ray Haskins, the tricky little guard with the Shaw Bears in the early 70's? Last week Haskins was named head basketball coach of the women's team at Hunter College in New York. He was everybody's All-CIAA in both 1971 and 1972.

The Charlotte Jaycees, First Union National Bank and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte deserve an applaud for their effort in staging an invitational basketball tournament at the coliseum next December. The idea should receive great support from local cage fans.

However, it occurred to me as I reviewed the press release that the joint sponsorship of the production was brought about because Davidson did not extend UNCC an invitation to participate in its annual holiday tournament. If so, wouldn't it be even more applaudable if the sponsors of the First Union Invitational Basketball Tournament consider the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University as a participant in future years?

The good folks over at North Carolina A&T State are hailing Ellsworth Turner as a two-sport superstar. They inform us that the gifted quarterback is also a standout individual on the basketball courts. He also excels in the classroom.

If you are wondering about A&T's dreadful 1-13 record in basketball to date, you should look no further than the classroom. It seems that coach Warren Reynolds' best athletes are having more problems with the books than with the opponents on the Aggies basketball schedule.

Smooth-talking Pat Summerall and veteran Vince Scully will handle the mike duties at the \$180,000 Andy Williams San Diego Open, which can be seen on WBTB, Channel 3 this Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Heavyweight boxer Ron Lyle has filed a \$3.2 million lawsuit against Madison Square Garden Promoters. Lyle, who seeks an injunction to block the match between Ken Norton and Duane Bobick scheduled for March 2, contends he signed a binding contract with Madison Square Garden Inc. to meet Norton in February of this year.

Did you note that two stunning upsets occurred on the black college basketball circuit last week? Howard got bumped by Morgan State's surprising Bears and lowly Hampton humiliated Norfolk State. Morgan is getting great play from Eric Evans, Anthony Young and Maurice Jennings.

Charlie Cox, swimming coach at Johnson C. Smith, is planning a great event for Saturday, February 5. The occasion is the annual J.C. Smith invitational swimming championships, beginning at 10 a.m.

SUDDEN THAWT... Who advises the Marriage Counselor when he and his old lady have a squabble?

North's Hotshot

Post Selects Graylon Wallace "Player Of Week"

Wallace "Player Of Week"

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

"We alternate leading the team in scoring," said Graylon Wallace of North Mecklenburg High School. "We give the ball to whomever is having a hot night and let them score."

The above reference "we" by this week's Charlotte Post basketball "Player of the Week" was to teammate Gerald McAfee, Wyatt Chase, and Melvin Hoover.

"Last year Mack (McAfee) and myself led the team's scoring, but this year we have a more balanced scoring attack and this is the reason we are contenders for the conference title," he added.

The Vikings, coached by Leroy Holden, lost an abundance of height when 6'5" Ervin McKinley and 6'4" Howard Staton graduated last year. But the depth was still there.

"Last year was the first year I played on a losing team," said Wallace, whose Vikings have now won twice as many games as they have lost.

Games remain with West Charlotte, West, Garinger and Myers Park at home and with Harding, Independence, and East on the road.

"I believe we will go to the state," continued Wallace, who has his eyes set on doing undergraduate work at either Shaw or Livingstone.

Last week Wallace, who is the team's sparkplug, hit for 18 points in a win over East and 12 in the one point heart-breaking loss to Olympic on the Vikings home court. These Trojans-Vikings games are classics and always go down to the last second.

Other stars for the week included Henry Atkins of My-

Top Seed

Position Up

For Grag

DURHAM—Top spot for the upcoming 6th annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Basketball Tournament is still up for grabs as four teams battle for the first round bye in the three-day dribble derby set for the Greensboro Coliseum February 24-25-26.

Morgan State ranks at the top of the standings in the seven-team league with a 3-0 mark against conference foes and 10-4 overall. Three teams, Howard, South Carolina State and North Carolina Central, are all tied for the runner-up spot with 3-1 league records. Maryland-Eastern Shore and defending champion N.C. A&T are 1-3 in family competition while Delaware State is winless in five outings against conference foes.

Morgan State defeated Delaware State, 81-67 Thursday to up its mark to 3-0. Last Monday Morgan State dropped a 75-73 decision to Lincoln. The Bears are 10-4 overall.

North Carolina Central and South Carolina State divided a pair of two-point games last week. S.C. State won in Durham, 71-69 but North Carolina Central rebounded with an 80-78 win Thursday in Orangeburg, S.C.

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Graylon Wallace...Has hot hands

ers Park, who scored 16 in a 66-62 win over Olympic and 32 in a 74-67 win over South; Calvin Smith of Myers Park, who had 19 in the win over Olympic; Gerald McAfee of North, who had 16 points and

26 rebounds in the win over East; Tim Harris of Olympic, who had 16 in the loss to Myers Park; Tommy Stillwell of Independence, who had 28 in a 75-58 win over West Charlotte and 31 in a 73-68 win over South; Ondra Richardson, who had 25 points in Olympic's 71-70 win over North; Johnny Witherspoon of Garinger, who had 19 points and 13 rebounds in the win over East; Billy Banner of East, who hit 22 in a win over West; Ray Bennett of West, who hit 17 in a loss to East; Joe Black of West, who hit 16 in a loss to East; Kevin Steele of Harding, who hit 21 in a 72-52 win over West; Mike Grant of East and Jerome Mobley, who hit for 19 a piece against Myers Park; John Fitch of South, who hit for 16 in a loss to Myers Park; Lamonte Lindsey of West Charlotte, who hit 16 in a loss to Independence.

THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL

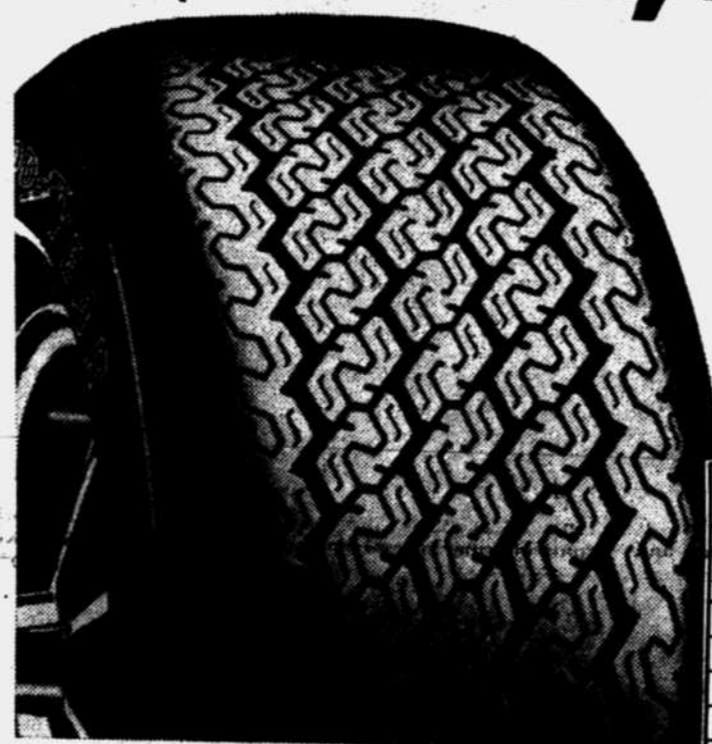
WHERE THEY PLAY

THURSDAY, January 27 Lenior-Rhyne at Livingstone St. Augustine's at Hampton Coppin State at Va. Union Baltimore College at Morgan	Winston-Salem at J.C. Smith St. Paul's at Virginia State Shaw at Barber Scottia Virginia Union at Hampton N.C. Central at Delaware St. N.C. A&T at UMES Morgan at S.C. State	TUESDAY, February 1 Delaware St. at Morgan UMES at Howard N.C. A&T at Winston-Salem Elizabeth City at J.C. Smith St. Paul's at Federal City
FRIDAY, January 28 A&T at Delaware State N.C. Central at UMES Howard at S.C. State	SUNDAY, January 30 Virginia St. at Va. Union	WEDNESDAY, February 2 Elizabeth City at N.C. Central Benedict at S.C. State Fayetteville at Va. Union Norfolk St. at St. Augustine's
SATURDAY, January 29 Fayetteville at St. Augustine's Norfolk at Elizabeth City	MONDAY, January 31 St. Paul's at UMES Shaw at Hampton J.C. Smith at Livingstone	

HOW THEY STAND

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Winston-Salem	6	2	9	4	4	Virginia Union	7	1	11	2	Morgan	3	0	10	4
St. Augustine's	4	2	12	4	4	Virginia State	6	2	13	3	S.C. State	3	1	11	4
J.C. Smith	4	3	8	7	7	Norfolk State	5	2	11	3	N.C. Central	3	1	5	8
Shaw	1	6	5	9	9	Elizabeth City	3	3	7	7	UMES	1	3	1	11
Fayetteville	1	7	4	10	10	St. Paul's	4	4	5	9	N.C. A&T	1	3	1	13
Livingstone	1	8	2	12	12	Hampton	3	5	7	9	Delaware State	0	5	1	15

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