

Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....

The good people over at North Carolina A&T State University are greasing their publicity gears for the avalanche of adjectives necessary to better promote their football and basketball games next fall and winter....

Look for the local Par Buster Club to sponsor a Pro-Am Golf Tournament here this summer.

Someone in the Greensboro area is bumping to good sounds these days. That's because last week thieves ransacked Robert McAdoo's spacious home. The professional basketball star with the New York Knicks reports a loss in excess of \$6,400 worth of stereo equipment.

All who believe that the professional basketball season and championship playoffs run too long, form a line to the right...Speaking of professional basketball, did you know that this year's playoff pool is worth a record \$1,150,000. That's \$150,000 more than last year's pool of \$1,000,000. The winner of the championship series will get \$150,000 and the runner-up will receive \$100,000. Should the team with the highest percentage during the regular season go on to win the world championship series, it would receive \$337,500.

Muhammad Ali surprised no one last week when he announced plans to marry pretty Veronica Porsch in June....

SUDDEN THOUGHT... It never occurs to some that others have sense enough to manage their own affairs.

List Marvin Webster of the Denver Nuggets among the professional basketball players who are opening summer basketball camps. The Human Eraser will host a camp on the northwest Morgan State University campus this summer.

Friends around the CIAA mourn the loss of Joseph "Joe" Echols, professor of health, physical education and recreation and a member of the Norfolk State coaching staff. A former athletic director at Norfolk State, Joe died after a brief illness. He was 60.

Look for North Carolina A&T State to run the football more this fall. Ron Collins, new football assistant, is credited with developing Central State's tremendous running game which finished the 1976 season as the fifth leading rushing unit in the NCAA Division II. Collins is the Aggies' new offensive backfield coach.

NBC is putting together a 90-minute world premiere movie about the fabulous career of Wilma Rudolph, a track star who overcame childhood handicaps and won three gold medals in the 1960 Rome Olympics....

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has slapped a stiff penalty on Virginia Union University. One of three schools placed on probation by the NAIA, Virginia Union is accused of "failing to file a required eligibility certificate and failing to participate in district basketball playoff games after indicating the intention to do so."

I like this one! In a stirring talk that kept his Durham audience in stitches, John McLendon, former teacher and head basketball coach at North Carolina Central and one of the finest gentlemen ever, recalled winning his first championship at what was then North Carolina College. Mac says he waited in the rear of the campus auditorium so that he could milk further cheers from the student body when he was introduced. As he walked down the aisle to loud clapping, big John Brown pulled at his coattail and whispered, "When you get up there, coach, remember that great coaches are made by great players!"

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Haywood Polk Is "Player Of The Week"

By James Cuthbertson Post Staff Writer

Last spring his track career seemed doomed and his football career faltered in the fall. It was a drop for Haywood Polk who made Sports Illustrated's "Face's in the Crowd" for his outstanding track feats as a ninth grader at Ranson Junior High School two years ago.

Haywood could be seen at McDonald's Hamburger House on Beatties Ford Road working durin football season. A waste of ability?

"I'll be glad to see Polk return to the football field," said West Charlotte coach Rudy Abrams, whose team went to the state quarterfinals last year.

"He has great running ability and will make a great football player," he said.

This spring Haywood got the fever, donned his track shoes and began entering track meets. He ran the first 9.6 in the 100 yard dash, in the county this year, a feat he has accomplished twice and is presently tied with Nino Archer of Tarboro High School for top honors in the state of North Carolina.

Polk is enrolled in the Open School at West Charlotte where he is a junior and he says, "I'm glad to return to the sports world and am looking forward to the state track meet and football season. I want to be the best in the state," smiled Polk.

Other stars included Curtis Wilson of Myers Park, who

went 2 for 4, including a home run—as Myers Park edged North 5-4.

Ralph Waymer of West Charlotte ran the 180 yard low hurdles in 20.6. Tommy Green of West Charlotte threw the shotput 53-4. Green is second in the state.

Ondra Richardson of Olympic won the long jump with a 22-3 and the triple jump with a 43-1.

Willie Bacote of Harding won the mile run with a time of 5:06.7, while teammate Willie Garvin won the 180 lows with a 21.8.

Larry Brown of Garinger had 3 RBT's and 2 hits in a won over West Charlotte 8 to 1.

Stella Johnson set a state record of 14.9 in the 110 yard low hurdles.

S.C. State Golfers

Finish Sixth In Scotland

ORANGEBURG, S.C.—The South Carolina State College golf team finished sixth at the recent Intercollegiate Team Golf Championship at Turnberry, Scotland.

The University of Alabama won the 72-hole event scoring a final-round 380 team score for an aggregate of 1,541, 30 strokes ahead of Indiana (Pa.) University who was second.

After 18 holes in the tournament, played at the legendary St. Andrews Golf Course in Scotland, S.C. State held an eight stroke lead after shooting an aggregate of 382 the first day. Indiana was second at 390 and Alabama third, another stroke back.

The Bulldogs felled to second after 36 holes when coach Bill Davis' team sagged to a 399 in the second round and a two-day total of 781, eight strokes back to Alabama and Indiana who were tied for the lead after two rounds with an aggregated of 773.

S.C. State shot aggregates of 423 and 405, respectively, for the third and final rounds, finishing the event with a four-day team total of 1605.

Other teams in the seven team field were Mississippi State who finished fourth at 1572, followed by Appalachian State, 1585, Tennessee Tech, 1602 and David Lipscomb College of Nashville, Tenn., 1659.

Davis noted that the Scotland tour was educational for him and his squad and a rewarding experience.

It was the second time in four years that a Bulldog golf

team had participated in the tournament. In 1973 S.C. State placed 12th in a 20-team field of American and Scottish Universities.

S.C. State Signs

Greeleyville Star

ORANGEBURG, S.C.—South Carolina State College head basketball coach Tim Autry has announced the signing of a Greeleyville cage standout to a basketball grant-in-aid.

6'6", 180-pound Gregory Wilson, who led C.E. Murray High School to an 18-7 finish, is the Bulldogs' first signee this season. The signing came on the first day the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) allows national letters of intent to be issued.

Wilson, who captained his C.E. Murray team the last two years, averaged 30.2 points and 13 rebounds this season and was an honorable mention choice on the all-state team.

An all-conference performer and pre-season high school all-American (Parade Magazine), Wilson was recruited by several colleges, including the top schools in South Carolina. In selecting S.C. State, Wilson spurned offers from Clemson, University of South Carolina, the Citadel and Baptist. He was also recruited by USC-Aiken, Coastal Carolina, Anderson (SC) Junior College and St. Paul's College of Lawrensville, VA.

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