

Sports Beat



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NOW HEAR THIS!

Twas the week before Christmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring... not even a mouse.

Wonder why all the quietness? The ole man of the house was pondering what he was going to do for Christmas. After all, this is the time of year to be jolly, with full rounds of merrymaking. This is also the time of the year when the biggest bite is taken from the pocketbooks.

So the old man of the house is confronted with such demanding chores as playing Santa Claus, buying toys, gifts, etc. And, to make matters worse, the available funds were not generous enough to make these purchases...and the credit cards were as loaded as the next door neighbor.

These are indeed crying times. The next payday is a week after Christmas. So all is lost as the ole man is engulfed in despair. Right?... Wrong! There is always a way out. Even in the darkest moments one can always find solace by placing the blame on someone else, right?... Right?... So in keeping with the mood of the times, it would be simple to lay the blame on whitey.

You can simply tell mom and the kids that Santa is white and you all know white people ain't going to give us Blacks nothing!

The point is being made here that neither Christmas nor any other time of the year will be merry or jolly unless you manage well.

THE MORE SERIOUS SIDE OF CHRISTMAS...

It is also a time when one should take time out from busy schedules and give thanks to God for bountiful blessings throughout the year.

This reporter is most grateful for people like Hoyle Martin, Bernard Reeves, Clara Ford, Mary McCallum, Julius Watson, Al Campbell, Frazier Lowery, Paul Harper, Jeri Harvey, Dianne Simpson, Dannette Gaither, Cynthia Bell, Synovia Samuels, Margaret Crawford, Bernie Johnson, Nathaniel Myers and Jim Berry, the finest and most dedicated group it's been my pleasure to work with...

And for people like Matt and Liz Snorton, Bob and Doris Fuller, Charles and Ruby Williams, Jim and Bernice Fulson, Willie and Mary Preyer, Creola Robinson, James Peeler, Charles and Lothell Ramseur, Bob and Butch Moorland, Joe Alston, Herman Thomas, Walter Cuthbertson, Lloyd Harris, John Harris and Henry and Emily Minor whom I'm proud to be associated with as "close friends."

And for the people I admire most like Mamie Thompson, Rev. Leon Riddick, Rosie Brewer, Harvey Gantt, "Sweet" Jeri, Ron Leeper, Rev. Norman Kerry, Rev. C.M. Allen, O.N. Freeman, Gov. Jim Hunt, Judge Cliff Johnson, Dr. Emery L. Rann, Elbert Phillips, John McDonald, Robert L. and Rosie Davis, Jimmie Grier and Syndor Thompson.

And for my Billie, the greatest gal in the whole world...Also for a trio of nuts named, Bob, Gerald and Willie Jr., a man couldn't ask for a greater blessing...and the little angels Subrena, Patrice and Tonya.

It is my humble prayer that each of you have as many or more blessings than I've had to be grateful for...

May the gifts of God be as bountiful and as pleasing to you and yours throughout the new year...Merry Christmas!

West Charlotte's Malcolm Pharr Is "Cager Of Week"

By Nathaniel Myers
Post Staff Writer

Malcolm Pharr of West Charlotte High School is this week's Post Player of the Week. He is considered the unsung hero for coach Charles McCullough's Lions, who are 1-3 so far this season.

Malcolm averages 15.0 points a game from his wing guard position stands 6'2" and weighs 186 pounds. He is a senior who says his love is for basketball and good music. Malcolm is the only player on West Charlotte team with at least one year of varsity experience. Considered the team leader, he is also the captain of the squad, a position he held his junior year also.

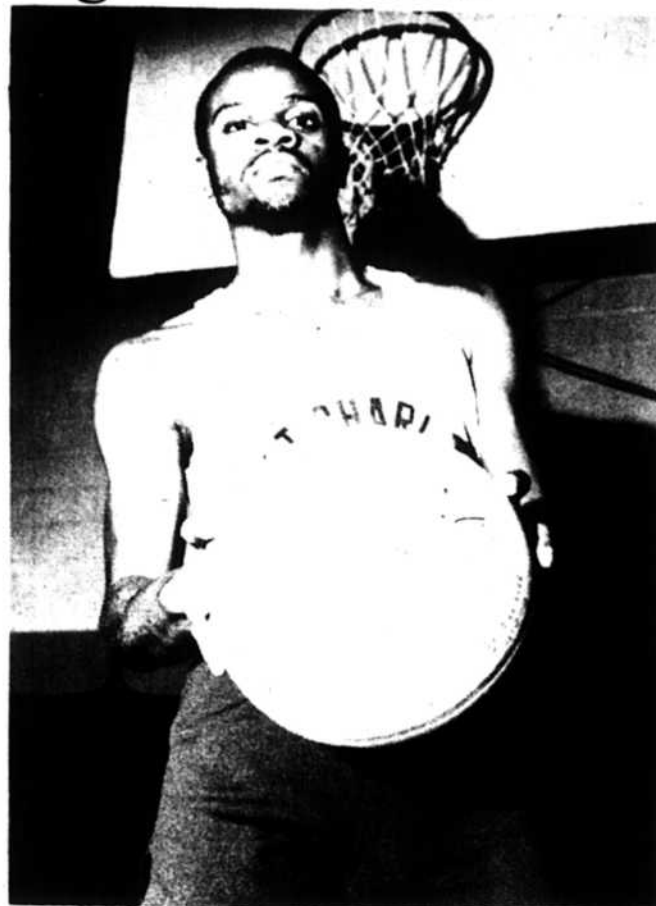
"I like to look at myself as the spark plug or pacemaker of the team," says Malcolm. "I slow down the action when it's needed and I speed it up when it's called for." "Even though I only scored 6 points last Friday night against South Mecklenburg High, I will have to score more for us to win this season."

Pharr continued, "We are just a little inexperienced now and it is rough but I think we will put it together and have a very fine team." "We're getting better after each one."

Malcolm gives his Coach, Charles McCullough a lot of credit because he says he has learned a lot from him. "Coach McCullough has taught me a great amount of fundamentals."

Malcolm says he is inspired by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pharr of 2708 Ablewood Dr. He added, "Jackie Cornwell my girlfriend helps me a lot." Malcolm's favorite subject in school is English and he has a C+ average.

When asked about the future



MALCOLM PHARR
...W. Charlotte Senior

Malcolm said "Pro Basketball was once a dream but now I look at it more realistic now. He plans to go to college, maybe Catawba or Western Carolina. Malcolm would like to major in Political Science, "because I want a government job." He attends Mount Carmel Baptist Church where Rev. Leon Riddick is pastor. Malcolm has been playing basketball for six years now, (including Junior High ball). He also played Football at West Charlotte, holding down

the tight end position. He caught 20 passes this past season. Along with Football and Basketball, Malcolm is a star on the Track Field. "I run a busy schedule but you can find time to do anything you want" concluded Malcolm.

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CIAA Basketball Roundup Exams Limit Cagers' Action

Special To The Post

HAMPTON, VA... Exams and Holiday season limited the CIAA cagers' action last week. Only two conference games were played, matching Virginia Union and Virginia State. Union had little trouble with the Trojans' pressure defense winning over the Trojans to take undisputed first place in the Northern Division. Southern Division leader Winston-Salem disposed of Shaw University behind the hot shooting of Carlos Terry.

Conference teams participated in two tournaments last week. Elizabeth City won the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Invitational Tournament with victories over Old Westbury (New York) and Coppin State respectively. J.C. Smith captured the Charlotte-Tip-Off Tournament by beating Barber Scotia and winning over Allen University in the finals. Elizabeth City's Martin Towe and J.C. Smith's Herbert Entzinger won their respective tournament MVP

Awards.

AROUND THE LEAGUE Carlos Terry, Winston-Salem, 6-8 senior forward is the CIAA "Player of the Week" for the second consecutive week. Terry scored 36 points, claimed 12 rebounds and blocked 6 shots in the Rams' victory over Shaw.

The secret to Virginia Union's 4-0 start is John Waller, the Panther's 6'4" forward. Through the Panther's first three games, Waller averaged 22.6 points and 7.6 rebounds.

Against outside competition, the CIAA has fared favorably, performing at better than 600 percentage. Member schools have won six tournaments thus far.

Game of the Week - Hampton Institute will play the Virginia State Trojans in Hartford, Connecticut. In Christmas Tournament action, St. Paul's travels to West Virginia for the Bluefield State Tourney and Norfolk State journeys to Richmond, joining Virginia Union for basketball action against NCAA division

Opponents Virginia Commonwealth University and East Tennessee State

NOTES: Football: Hampton's Reggie Doss, the defensive end and Winston-Salem's cornerback Cornelius Washington was named to the NAIA All-American first team with teammate Robert Weeks, the center being selected to the second team.

Basketball: Winston-Salem's coach, Clarence "Big House" Games needs only two victories to reach the 600 games won mark. At the rate the Rams are winning, this could very well happen when the Rams play again on December 30 and 31. THERE WILL BE NO MORE REPORTS FROM THE CIAA UNTIL THE WEEK OF JAN. 2. THE CIAA WISHES ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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