

Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



THE WAY IT LOOKS TO ME...

For all intent and purposes, the lid has been nailed tightly on Johnson C. Smith's hopes for qualifying for the annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament in the Hampton, Va. Coliseum, beginning Thursday, February 23.

The Golden Bulls are currently fifth among the six teams in the Conference's southern division and only the top four teams will be invited.

At the moment, Winston-Salem State's rampaging Rams and Fayetteville State's Broncos have cinched berths in the big meet and Shaw and Livingstone appear to be in position to get the other two bids.

An assessment of the Golden Bulls chances reveals their case is almost hopeless. Shaw, with a 3-7 league record, has five games left, including a match with Smith in Raleigh. On the other hand, Livingstone only has two conference games left on the schedule. Both games will be played in Salisbury. The Blue Bears will face Shaw and St. Augustine's.

In the meantime, Johnson C. Smith has four games on its league slate, including bouts with Fayetteville State, Shaw and Hampton on the road and St. Augustine's at home. Jerry Fitch's quintet has already dropped decisions to Fayetteville State and Shaw. Hampton is leading the northern division with an impressive 8-3 record. It would appear, then, that Fitch's team will have to win three of their last four encounters. They must also pray for Shaw to lose three of their last five.

Smith can also hope for Livingstone to lose its last final two games.

HERE AND THERE.....

Ever heard of Vivan Greene? She's the diminutive senior guard who is making history at Norfolk State College. One of the top scorers in women's collegiate basketball, Vivan will surpass the coveted 2,000-point career scoring barrier sometimes this week. She's being hailed as the best thing to hit the Virginia campus since "Pee Wee" Henderson played there.

Wouldn't you know it, the city of Greensboro is jumping again. The red-hot Aggies of North Carolina A&T, led by the sensational James "The Bird" Sparrow, are back on the win track. As a result, look for the annual MEAC Basketball Tournament to take on new dimensions later this month.

What price fame? It's about time Carlos Terry, the Winston-Salem great, assumed a popular nickname that's catchy enough to quickly become a household word. Few players of his status are without a spare monicker. How about "The computer." The 6-5 superstar scores and rebounds with such repitity that one needs a calculator to keep track.

List this reporter among those who feel that Bill Davis will not leave the comforts of his assistant coach position at South Carolina State for the head football coach post at Johnson C. Smith. It's my feelings that the salary and fringe benefits will not be up to the level to attract a man of Bill's stature.

Word from Houston, Texas is that former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis is in good condition and is steadily recovering from surgery to repair a ballooned artery in his chest.

Eighteen linemen are among the 28 football players recruited by South Carolina State. The list, released last week, also shows that two local athletes - quarterback Ralph Waymer and defensive tackle John Harvell - have signed with the Bulldogs. Six of the players are from Atlanta, Ga., eight from South Carolina, and seven are from Florida.



DERRICK DEWALT
...Independence ace

Derrick DeWalt "Is Player Of Week"

By Chase Vance
Post Staff Writer

Independence High School center Derrick DeWalt is the kind of player any coach would like to have on their team.

"He has made impressive strides," said his head coach Joe Coulter. "He has good movement and is a good basketball player."

DeWalt attended John Taylor Williams Junior High School where he was the "most valuable player" in the eighth and ninth grades. His slender 6-4, 175-pound frame is one of the big reasons, the Independence Patriots, who were flirting with the bottom of the

Local Coaches To Nominate All American Team

More than 20,000 senior high school basketball coaches around the country received nomination forms this week for the second annual McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team.

Each coach may nominate one senior basketball player based on ability, sportsmanship, attitude and honors. Nominated players will receive special certificates from local McDonald's representatives. In February, announcement of the 20-member All American Team will be made.

The Team is selected by two blue ribbon panels. The Selection Committee is made up of the eight district basketball "Coaches of the Year" from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Morgan Wooten, coach of DeMatha High, Hyattsville, MD., is chairman again this year.

John Wooden, retired coach of UCLA, considered the "dean of basketball coaching," is the chairman of the Advisory Committee. Al McGurie, retired coach of the 1977 NCAA champion Marquette University, has also been named to the Advisory Committee.

conference, have turned the beat around and are the only team in the county that is peaking at the moment.

Big number 43 has never had to play for the junior varsity. He was on the team last year that won the Southwestern 4-A Conference tournament and a spot in the state playoffs.

"I give one hundred percent," said DeWalt. "I like to hustle and play team ball. You can't win by yourself."

Already he is getting letters from some of the major colleges and although it is a little early, he is interested in English, especially Edgar Allan Poe, studies and psychology career prospects.

His most exciting moment came his ninth grade year when "I scored 31 points, pulled down 28 rebounds, and had 14 assists. We were one point to Randolph for the junior high championship."

To concentrate on upcoming games, he goes for long walks, from his Tryon Hills home to Tryon Mall.

At Independence, he is a member of the Monogram Club, the Civitan Club, Psychology Club and the NAACP. Before a game he comes in early eats some popcorn and gets used to the noise of the crowd.

"I hear most of the things the people are saying whether it's good or bad," he said.

"But I believe I have to do my best. I am the pep man. One of the players the team looks to to keep us going," he added.

The son of Mrs. Barbara DeWalt, 16-year-old Derrick says his highlight so far this season was in a game against Providence Day in which he scored 33 points, his career high.



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Bulls' Chances Of Qualifying For CIAA Tournament Waning

By Chase Vance
Post Staff Writer

In discussions of the Johnson C. Smith-Winston-Salem State game, Coach Jerry Fitch of the Golden Bulls said he knew his team would have to control the tempo of the game if they expected to win.

"We wanted to slow the ball down, but we missed some chances to score and they got a lead and we had to abandon our plans," he explained.

The best laid plans sometimes go to waste and for the Bulls, that has been the case for most of the season.

After starting, impressively with a couple of wins and a close loss to Lenoir Rhyne, they have fallen on the brink of no return.

Their chances of making the CIAA are waning everyday. With Fayetteville State and Winston-Salem already wrapping up two spots and the Bulls, the Falcons of St. Augustine's, the Bears of Shaw and the Blue Bears of Livingstone fighting it out for the other two.

Fitch had prepared his team by watching North Carolina



Jerry Fitch
...Bulls coach

A&T beat the Rams 56-40 to give them their first loss of the season and expected to encounter some revenge, but what the Rams unleashed left them down 54-30 at halftime and out of the contest.

Fitch admitted that even in despair there is happiness and pointed out that he got good play from Emmet Shipp, Lloyd Gray and Armenous Adams.

"They gave us great hustle and better movement than our starters," he said.

The Bulls have not failed to make the Central Intercolle-

giate Athletic Conference tournament since 1971.

The uphill battle to Hampton begins tonight at Fayetteville State where they take on the Broncos, the second place team which has already beaten them.

Saturday, the Bulls travel to Barber-Scotia in Concord and Monday they go on an extended northern road trip to Shaw followed by a game Tuesday in Hampton against the Pirates.

Any loss now by the Bulls could be disastrous.

Trail Blazers To Meet

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The Charlotte Advancement Center Trail Blazers will play Central Piedmont Community College in the college gym Tuesday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m.

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