

# Sports Beat



BY BILL JOHNSON

## SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....

Tricky Steve Joyner, who thrilled local basketball audience during the days when Joe Alston was head man at Johnson C. Smith, has returned to the university as assistant basketball coach.

Remember the old saying about old generals never die? It can also be said of old golfers, who simply move on to another challenge. Take the case of photographer James Peeler, who lost interest in the sports several years back....Peeler returned to the links Saturday and whipped the pants off local artist John Kennedy at the Lakewood Golf course in Cramerton.

Neither the kicker nor the kickee would reveal their final score, however....

Regardless of what you many have read, Friday night's heavyweight fight should not go down in history as one of boxing's greatest bouts. It was far from it. In my opinion, Ali would not have won so big if he had been facing a more experience fighter.

Incidentally, Dick Gregory, the former comedian, is said to have pumped seeds and special juice down Muhammad Ali's sometimes unwilling throat to get him ready for Spinks.

The NCAA has barred Howard University's great soccer team for championship competition for the next two years. It seems that the Bison officials failed to report an ineligible player during the 1977 season.

Our congratulations go out to Tony Threatt, former student assistant at Hampton Institute. Threatt has just been named Sports Information Director at Fayetteville State University. The Petersburg, native was a three-year starter with the Hampton basketball team who was named to the All-CIAA Tournament team this past February.

A&T has moved to within \$88,000 of its goal of the \$500,000 it needs to build a new football stadium.

We have words that Jerry Fitch, former Johnson C. Smith head basketball coach, has latched on at Elizabeth City State as an assistant to Bobby Vaughn, the ageless gentleman who has contributed so much to basketball in the CIAA.

But you didn't know that Eddie McGirt is the new member of the CIAA Basketball Tournament Committee. Although it's not popularly known, he provides able leadership and insight in various other areas in the CIAA and at Johnson C. Smith.

Look for another great crowd to be on hand in Winston-Salem Saturday night when host Winston-Salem State and highly-polished Virginia Union put their undefeated records on the line. A guess here is that VU's great passing game will prove too much for the battling Rams, whose stout defense showed glaring weakness in the deep secondary during the game with A&T.

Since we're on th subject, here is our pick of the week. J.C. Smith will get in the victory column against Hampton and Virginia Union will sidetrack Winston-Salem from the winning trail. The swift-striking panthers will be looking for their 10th straight triumph.

Norfolk State will roll over Elizabeth City. It's a toss-up between Shaw and Fayetteville State, but I'm going out on the proverbial limb to pick Fayetteville State. UMES should prove no match for Livingstone. Virginia State will clout St. Paul's. South Carolina State will continue to roll against Howard and Bethune-Cookman will edge A&T. Florida A&M will bowl over Delaware State and Grambling will embarrass Morgan state in Yankee Stadium.

Charlotte area television stations are missing a great show and the opportunity to improve their black viewing audience by not picking up the Grambling football show each week.

Baseball is still lingering. The Charlotte Bombers will play the Mecklenburg Orioles Sunday afternoon at Crockett Park in what is being called the "Battle of local semi-pro champions." The Bombers walked through the Triple county League this summer and the Orioles waltzed through the Jackie Robinson League, both with outstanding records.

Garfield Mizelle, the artful pitcher, who riddled Johnson C. Smith with three touchdowns in Richmond, Va. last Saturday night, has now tossed eight TD passes in two weeks. ...Did you know that Willie Walker has replaced Ken Kooztz as the public address system announcer at the Johnson C. Smith football games?

Hank Ford will put his Hampton basketball Pirates on display at the Hampton Coliseum five times this winter. The Pirates, who play Johnson C. Smith here next January 25, return 14 lettermen from last season's fine squad.

"Our offense hasn't really gotten on track. That's our major problem area this week. Our defense is very young and its shown against the teams we've played thus far. They are a talented bunch and will develop as the year progresses but we have to bear with their errors for the time being."

The words of those of head football coach Walter Lavett of hampton in

## CIAA Football Roundup

# Coaches Pre-Season Prediction Is Running True To Form

Special To The Post Hampton, Va....The coaches pre-season prediction of where the teams will finish in the CIAA seems to be following a true to form pattern with Winston-Salem State, Virginia Union, and Norfolk State leading the pack. The Norfolk State Spartans lead the conference in wins having defeated Fayetteville State, 34-12, this past Saturday in Foreman Field to boost their league record to 3-0.

A weekend for record setting, Norfolk State set a few of its own with Emanuel Upton, a 6-0,180-pound senior split end from Chesapeake, Va., who set a school record for 7 pass receptions for 86 yards, including a 37-yard touchdown reception.

Coach Dick Price became the winningest football coach at Norfolk State with 31 wins, 16 losses, and 1 tie. He has been the head football coach at Norfolk for four seasons and is starting the fifth season on a winning streak.

The CIAAA offensive lineman of the week, Emanuel Upton, was assisted by quarterback Jimmy Robinson, a junior from Petersburg, Va., who threw for 11 for 26 attempts; 3 touchdowns, with a run for one of the touchdowns; and 169 yards.

Even though he was held for a minimum of yardage, All-American LaRue Harrington still leads the CIAA in receiving with 11 receptions for 102 yards.

Defensive back Mike Ellis, a 6'3", 190-pound junior, had 8 tackles, 4 solo and 4 assists with one fumble recovery and one pass knocked down.

Fayetteville State couldn't stop the whole Spartan team, but they did slow up Harrington.

Rick Furline had 16 tackles, 5 unassisted and 11 assisted to hold LaRue to only 49 yards with 18 carries. His teammate Ernest Hackney, a sophomore defensive back from Durham, had eight tackles, 6 unassisted and 2 assisted and was tre-

## Burton To

## Star In

## "Rebop"

Not too many months ago, LeVar Burton was just another acting student, studying at the University of Southern California and dreaming of show-biz success. Then he landed the part of Kunta Kinte in "Roots"—and before you could say "a hundred and thirty million viewers," LeVar was a star.

Young, handsome, and irrepressibly charming, LeVar retains a sensible approach to his acting future—a future that's looking brighter every day. His meteoric rise to fame hasn't led him to grab every offer that comes his way, although there have been dozens of pleas for him to appear in everything from sitcoms to movies.

"After 'Roots,' I did a lot of talk and game shows," he recalls, "and then I stopped. I didn't want to get over-exposed." Now he's being more choosy, a fortunate development for public television viewers, because one of the choices he's made is WGBH's REBOP.

REBOP (made for young people but enjoyed by fans of all ages) is a program LeVar believes in. "I thought REBOP was a great idea from the beginning," he enthuses. "The kids' programming on public TV is fantastic—and REBOP is really unique. I had seen the show before, so I was pretty excited when I was invited to be host for the new

LeVar likes REBOP's goals, which include helping children of all cultures to communicate across and racial lines. "Kids can learn a lot through REBOP," LeVar points out. "They can see kids from a variety of backgrounds who live all over the country, and have the same problems growing up as they do."

REBOP is a multicultural series designed especially for young people aged 9 to 13. Each program features two mini-documentaries about young people from every part of the United States. LeVar introduces the films and gives some background information on the kids who are featured in the program.

LeVar was born in Landstuhl, Germany on February 16, 1957.

menous against the Norfolk passing game.

Lorenzo Grays, the Broncos Offensive center, showed outstanding abilities and helped keep the Broncos in the game up to the last minutes.

Winston-Salem State continued its winning streak against the MEAC by defeating North Carolina Central, 24-18, in Durham.

As usual, quarterback Kermit Blount, who leads the conference in individual total offense, displayed true professionalism by leading his team to another victory. The Rams lead the conference in rushing offense and total offense.

Defensive tackle Ricky Atkinson received the CIAA Defensive Lineman of the Week recognition for his outstanding performance in keeping pressure on Central's quarterback. Atkinson played for only half the game, but as a result of his efforts, Central had to stick to the passing game and broke their own school record for passes. With absolutely no rushing game,

QB Eddie Jones Golden Bull substitute

their passing game suffered 3 key interceptions.

The Rams exhibited outstanding abilities with runningback Timmy Newsome standing out. Newsome carried the ball 21 times for 213 yards, one touchdown, with 68 yards for his longest run.

Virginia Union, under Coach Willard Bailey, has tremendous motivation and a knack for getting things done.

They lead the league in passing offense for an average of 139.5 yards per game; and in rushing defense, allowing only 25 yards per game to their opponents.

Judge Thomas, 6'3" senior had a terrific game with three touchdowns, two via the air and one with a spectacular run for 84 yards. He carried the ball 20 times for 130 yards rushing and was named the CIAA Offensive Back of the Week. He leads the conference in scoring with five touchdowns, averaging 15 points an outing.

Garfield Mizelle, another outstanding CIAA quarterback passed for three touchdowns and scored once himself on a 34 yard run. He threw for 100 yards.

Coach S.T.Holmes of the Elizabeth City State University Vikings, walked away with the CIAA Coach of the Week award for his efforts and abilities in leading his team from a losing game in the fourth quarter, to the victory over Virginia State, 15-14. Behind 14-0, at the beginning

of the final period, the Vikings, sparked by quarterback Johnnie Williams, charged back. Williams came into the contest midway of the third quarter and completed seven of 11 passes for 120 yards, including a 50-yard TD strike to Tim Hampton.

Hampton Institute held on against Shaw University's Bears for a 24-19 verdict—their first of the season. The two teams have been conference rivals for a number of years and this game marked the 35th renewal in the rivalry. The

Pirates won 24 of these contests while losing 9, with two ending in ties. Hampton has won the last six meetings.

They led the entire game behind the sparking performances of quarterback Jensen Baker and halfback Lewey Hale who carried 12 times for 137 yards, including a 77 yard touchdown romp.

Livingstone traveled to Daytona Beach, Fla. to meet Bethune-Cookman. They seem to have gotten some of their fine defensive strength back

and kept Bethune-Cookman struggling the entire game. The Bears lead the league in pass defense, giving up only 55.5 yards per game. They placed third in total defense, giving up only 206.5 yards per game.

Freshman quarterback Jeff Marable from the Bronx, N. Y. completed 14 of 22 aerials for 90 yards. He led the Bears to their lone touchdown with help from runningback Leroy Neismith and Matthew Reed, who scored the TD.

James Jackson exhibited outstanding catching ability by averaging four catches per game and William Williams, a senior wide receiver and special team man, has been tops for his team in kickoff returns with a 21.3 yard per return average.

The Bears lost 11-6, but are forming into a strong contender and are getting their number one position back as the conference's top defensive outfit.

St. Paul's College, another very young team, lost to Bridgewater, 25-0.

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