

Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



SAY YOU SAW IT HERE.....

There are those who never harbor ill feelings against individuals who disagree with their views....although they often regret that so many people can be so wrong!

Dr. Frank Bannister proves in Jet Magazine this week that selecting a top 20 among black college football teams is about as ridiculous as going fishing without proper equipment.

Virginia Union and Fayetteville State, two of the nation's hottest small college teams at the moment, are listed 14 and 18, respectively.

Another oversight that's difficult to figure is the fact that the CIAA Sports writers selected an All-CIAA backfield that failed to include Judge Thomas. The sensational Virginia Union running back is the all-time leading rusher in the state of Virginia.

Incidentally, Willard Bailey, who likely will lead his Virginia Union Panthers in the third annual Gold Bowl in Richmond, Va. next Saturday, is the winningest active coach in the CIAA.

The good people up at Delaware State are pushing Decosta Brown for All-Everything honors. The Washington, D.C. Senior has excited the Hornets followers with 45 receptions for 499 yards and three touchdowns in 10 contests. "He's the best receiver I've seen," praises Myra Precourt, top sports writer with the Delaware State News.

Dean Smith will discuss the upcoming season which begins Wednesday when North Carolina battles Northwestern over WBTV's Carolina Basketball Show Sunday morning, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Among the numerous problems confronting O.J. Simpson this year, is the fact that he and his wife have separated. Simpson probably will not see anymore action this campaign due to a shoulder separation.

North Carolina A&T State will have judge Joseph Williams of Greensboro as its featured speaker at the university's annual community banquet honoring the 1978 members of the Aggie football team. It will be held Monday night at the Cosmos Club. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Catherine Bonner in the Athletic Department.

If you're interested in the NFL Playoffs, here's the way it operates. Two teams from the National Conference and one from the American Conference will earn positions in the playoffs. There will be two "wild card" teams in each conference. The two "wild card" teams in each conference will play each other December 24, with the winners advancing to play the division champion with the best record on December 30-31. The division winners with the second and third best records will also tangle the same weekend. The four winners will then clash for the conference championships on January 7. The big one (Super Bowl) is slated for January 21 when the NFC champion meet the AFC title-winner in Miami, Fla.

Would you believe that A&T has only 1,000 seats available for the university's 12 home basketball games? The Aggies will get their new campaign underway Friday night against the University of North Carolina - Asheville.

Those knowledgeable gentlemen, who compose what is more widely known as the "CIAA Sports Writers Association," have chosen Winston-Salem State as the No. 1 basketball team in the conference's Southern Division. Fayetteville State ranks second. Norfolk State Hampton and Virginia Union are rated in that order in the power-packed northern division.

Norfolk State, which is as accustomed to winning as Buick is to making better automobiles, has my vote as the team to beat in the North and, of course, Winston-Salem is in a class by itself in the south.

Clarence "Big House" Gaines has apparently discovered a couple of prize rookies to play with his seasoned veterans. Look for Jacob Davis and Ricky Wright to blossom into full stardom with the Rams in the coming seasons.

Are you aware that the only thing worse than being old and bent is being young and broke?

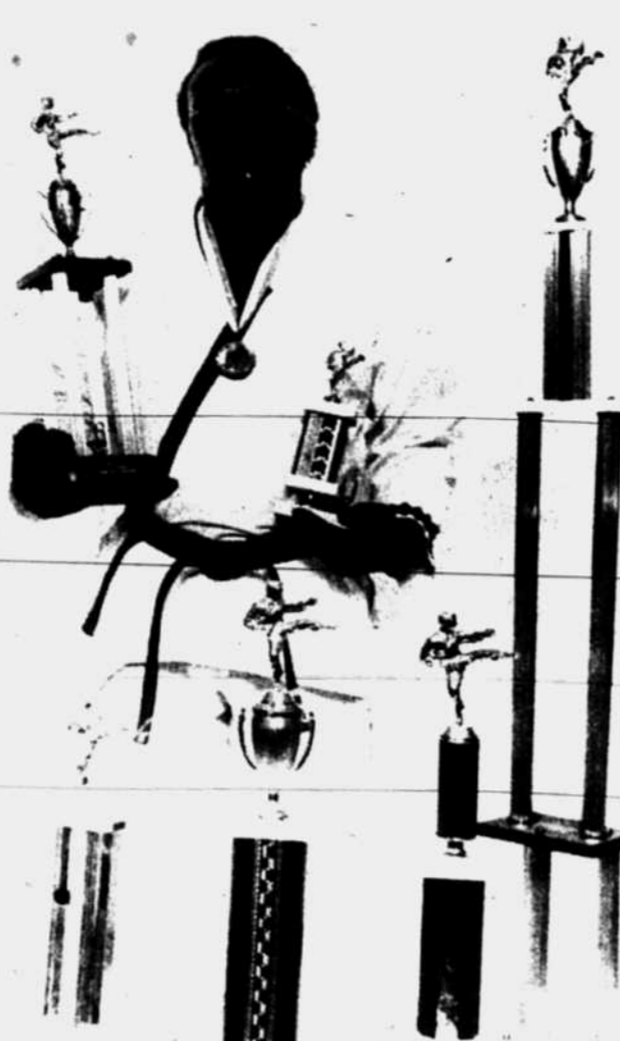
The wrap up of the current football season has Johnson C. Smith facing North Carolina Central in Durham Saturday. The contest is not expected to be well attended.

It's going to be interesting to see if Winston-Salem State will attract a large turnout for its NCAA Playoff contest in Winston-Salem Saturday. The guess here is they will not.

When the Boston Celtics canned coach Tom (Batch) Sanders last week, the move left only three black head coaches in the NBA, Elgin Baylor at New Orleans, Lenny Wilkins at Seattle and Al Attles at Golden State.

Earl Monroe has ended his holdout with the New York Knicks. He will be paid \$300,000 this year for his contribution.

Rudy Hubbard, head coach of the unbeaten Florida A&M University Rattlers asks the question: "Are the major white colleges afraid?" It seems that Hubbard, who has waltzed through the black college competition, is looking for new fields to conquer.



FREDDIE WILLIAMS 6'2" ... Won 300 tournaments

Freddie Williams Karate Student Has Never Lost A Fight

by Susan Ellsworth Post Staff Writer

Karate student Freddie Williams of Charlotte has fought in over 300 tournaments, never lost a fight and took first place in all the contests.

Williams, 24, a student at the Metrolina Karate Academy currently holds a second-degree brown belt. He hopes to have earned the black belt by January, which represents the highest level of learning and accomplishment in Karate.

"It takes at least 3 years to get a black belt and be fully experienced," he indicated.

The film "Enter the Dragon" incited Williams' interest in Karate about 2½ years ago when he saw the movie. Williams was fascinated with the way mind control was used and wondered if he could do the things done in the movie.

Williams allegedly can break a 12 inch block of concrete with one punch when he concentrates. "It takes will power," he said. To alleviate stress and strain, the mind can do relaxation exercises," Williams commented.

Although there are at least six tournaments a week throughout the country, Williams fights in only one national tournament a month. His busy work schedule as a grocery warehouse supervisor for Winn Dixie allows him only one Saturday a month off.

What kind of Karate does Williams prefer?

"There are at least 20 different kinds of Karate. The American kind combines all others and takes the best from each. I like it best," Williams explained.

This method apparently works quite well for Williams—he is undefeated in tournaments and has an impressive collection of trophies, including one that is six feet tall!

Will Karate play a part in Williams' future?

"I am going to make it a career eventually," Williams asserted. He wants to become an instructor and continue to participate in tournaments. "Students have more respect for you if you can show them what you teach them," he added.

Williams is married, has three children and enjoys working on cars, rock music and travel.

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November 28 Prep Basketball Campaign Begins

by Chase Vance Post Sports Writer

The high school basketball season begins on Tuesday, Nov. 28 with several openers against teams from out of town.

The East Lincoln Mustangs visit the Harding Rams. The Mustangs are led by 6'10"

All-State center Pat Jolley who is one of the more highly recruited players in the area.

South is at Shelby Crest. The Chargers are favorites to win the Southwestern 3A Conference title. This is the school where David Thompson of Denver Nugget fame went to school.

Charlotte Latin visits top ranked West Charlotte. Latin is one of the favorites in the Charlotte Independence Schools Athletic Association.

Wadesboro Bowman, a perennial basketball power from the Southeastern 4A Conference, comes to East Mecklenburg to play Reggie Thompson's squad.

Providence Day initiates the Garinger Wildcat squad of new coach Doug Kistler.

The Rutherfordton Spindale Central Hilltoppers come to North Mecklenburg to do battle with the tall and talented Vikings who went to the first round of the state playoffs last year. The Vikes are the defending Southwestern 4A Conference tournament champions.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, the Olympic Trojans play the Charlotte Catholic Cougars at Olympic.

In two weeks, the schools will get down to business when the first part of the conference schedule begins.

Two Football Powers Pursue State Title

by Chase Vance Post Sports Writer

Two Charlotte football powers continued their quest this weekend for state championships.



Henderson Threatt All-Conference candidate averaging 17 points per game while giving up a meager 4 points. Led by Henderson Threatt and Ron McGriff at the running back positions, they have additional threats in quarterback Don Davis and wide receiver Maurice Montgomery. Tentatively, the unit has one of the best backfields in

The West Charlotte Lions visit Winston-Salem Reynolds for an 8 p.m. game on Friday night that will decide the Western championship. The winner of this game will play the winner of the Richmond County-Scotland County game on the road on December 1 for the state championship.

The Charlotte Catholic Cougars play Maiden which takes pride in being called the biggest little football town on Earth. The winner of that game will play the winner of the game between Hobbs and Tabor City for the state championship on the road on December 1.

The West Charlotte Lions have held their opponents scoreless for 25 straight quarters of football. They are

the state with Napoleon White, Eric Staley and Montgomery, and a strong line anchored by noseguard Sammy Moore and tackle John Patterson.

The have not been scored upon since East Mecklenburg beat them 14-7 in the sixth game of the season. The Lions take an 11-1 record to Winston-Salem. Reynolds is 9-3. The Black Demons have beaten two conference champions to get this far. They knocked off Roxboro 'erson and Greensboro 'irmsley 16-15 to enter the final four.

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Black College All-Star Bowl

Game Set Game Scheduled

Black College Football will reach one of its finest hours with the holding of the first BLACK COLLEGE ALL STAR BOWL at the New Orleans Superdome on Sunday, January 7.

The game will pit top senior stars against one another in a classic East-West confrontation.

onal Football League Scouts. Dr. Frank Bannister, Sports Director of the National Black Network, is chairman of the Selection Committee.

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