# Opponents Keying On Kinch In Crucial Situations

by Chase Vance **Post Sports Writer** The young 49ers of UNCC,

regular season champions of the also young Sun Belt Conference in 1978 with a 9-1 mark, have started the year off with lackluster performances against Mississippi, Texas Tech and Furman. Credit that as inexperience.

Of course, the top returnee is 6'4" junior Chad Kinch, an All-American candidate. Called on to provide the bulk of the scoring, he has found the defenses keying on him in crucial situations.

Kevin King has started for

tour years at UNCC. King has increased his scoring this year and the result has been that teams are beginning to defense him more and the shots have become harder.

George Devone, James George and Roland VanDen-Bergh have been alternating at center and to this date VanDenBergh has been the most smooth and impressive.

He came into his own in the

Hofstra game as did freshmen guards Matt Houpt and Phil Ward. Ward is a 6'3" guard out of Washington, D.C. He is a

.Senior forward ness has won nim a starting

Junior guard state of Illinois last year. The rebounds that were lacking and the general move-



...Freshman guard the 49ers' strong points in their 91-73 first round win over

Hofstra in the First Union Invitational game. This may have been their turning point. Everyone seemed to play well for the first time this

The depth-ladened 49ers have guards Donnie Koonce

and Jerry Winston to turn to when they need help: Phil "Great" Scott is also expected to carry his load. Another Sun Belt champion-

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be possible after all.

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For the second in two years, weekend also pays tribute to twenty-two offensive and defensive players, outstanding in their athletic ability. from black colleges in America. The 1978 Offensive and Defensive Players-of-the-

Year are Jeffrey Moore, Jackson State College, and Dwayne season, was selected by a Board, North Carolina A&T team of his peers. He will be State University, respective-honored at the 1978 MBN ly. Both players' schools will be awarded a \$5,000 scholar-Awards Banquet, to be held in ship in their names. This year's BCAA Awards Banquet will be hosted by Ms. Denise Nicho-

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## Southwestern Spotlight

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A clash between early season Southwestern 4A Conference favorites South Mecklenburg and West Charlotte at the Lions' den spotlights Friday's slate of conference games.

The Lions are led by center Ron Stanley, guards Dana Berry and Wendell Anthony, and forwards Darryl Broome and Frank Henderson The Sabres are led by play-

maker Dave Kouri, center Tom Sawyer and go forwards Bryant McKnight and Johnny Edwards.

visit a new look Lions squad which is emphasizing a defense to complement the inside game.

The Independence Patriots led by center Derrick Dewalt and forward Eric Boyd will tangle with rival East Mecklenburg. The Eagles of Coach Reggie Thompson are in for a dismal campaign. Malcolm Sanders, Eric Johnson and Trent Westmoreland are top

The Myers Park Mustangs travel to tough Harding. The Rams have Guard Darryl Murray, center Mike Smith and forward Reid to counter the tough Mustangs. Ted Dunn at guard, Benje Tate at center and Greg Gaston at forward are tough customers. The Mustangs were seasoned with lopsided losses to state powers Gastonia Ashbrook and South

Carolina 4A power Rock Hill. They are better than their record shows.

North Mecklenburg's tall and talented Vikings visit Garinger to play the Wildcats. This is a place that North seldom wins in. Even in good years, the Wildcats manage to win. Garinger, led by center Frank Johnson forward Gene Dunn is better than most people expected. North has been disappointing. Still, they have Scotty Williams, Eddie Scales and Eric Givens That's enough talent to scare anybody.

Olympic's hot shot Trojans who are reminding their fans of the olden days when they ruled supreme will visit lowly West Mecklenburg. The Trojans have guards Johnny Mathias and Ricky Stevenson, forwards James Guy, Frederick Fee and center Grey

The Indians are in a rebounding year.

On Tuesday, the big games are West Charlotte at Myers Park. Others games have

Olympic at East, Rock Hill at Harding and West Meck. at Independence.

Wednesday's game have South at North. Also, the first round of the Olympic Tournament begins. Garinger plays Harding at 7 and Olympic plays West at 9. The championship is Thursday at 9. The consolation is at 7.

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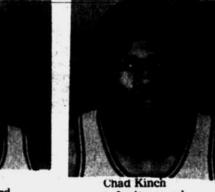
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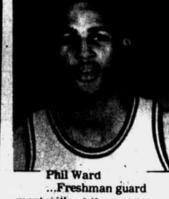
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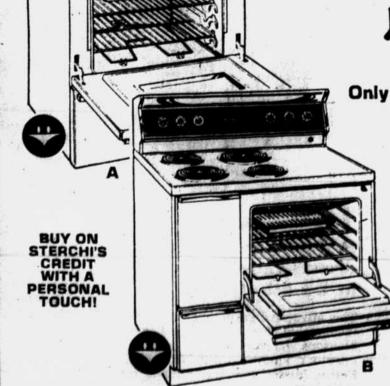
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