

SPORTS Beat



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...ARE YOU REALLY READY FOR THIS?
...Some people can't tell the difference between working up steam and generating a fog! Perhaps you've heard that all-pro wide receiver Lynn Swann is \$162,000 richer these days. The Pittsburgh Steelers' standout has been awarded that amount from a civil suit against the San Francisco Police Department. Newest National Football League statistics point out that, at the beginning of the current season, 130 of the league's 1,260 players are from minority colleges and universities.

Perhaps the biggest surprise coming from the report is that Jackson State—not Grambling—leads black colleges in the number of players in the "Play for pay" ranks. Jackson State has sent 18 players to the pros, followed by Grambling with 17, Southern (8), Florida A&M (7) and Tennessee State (13) to round out the top five contributors.

The Houston Oilers, with 11, has the greatest number of players from minority colleges on their roster than any other team in pro ball. Significantly, seven players from minority schools were members of last year's starting AFC NFC Pro Bowl Team, and seven others were named to both squads.

Did you know that you can be sure you're getting old if you discover yourself saying "I remember when" more often than "What's new?"

For all intent and purpose both the MEAC and the CIAA Championship race are virtually over. Virginia Union, with a commanding lead in the CIAA, will face Livingstone at home this Saturday and Hampton in Hampton, Va. a week from Saturday. Neither team has the weapons to detour the highly-rated Panthers from dethroning Winston-Salem State and moving in as the new champs.

Meanwhile, Morgan has to meet Howard in the final weeks and there's no way the Bison could construct an effective roadblock to prohibit the Bears from taking over as the Kingpins of the MEAC. S.C. State, the only other team with an outside chance, winds up its campaign in Orangeburg, S.C. Saturday in a non-conference fracas with Grambling.

Provided both Morgan and Virginia Union continue on the predicted course, it would give commissioners Ken Free (of the MEAC) and Bob Moorman (of the CIAA) a perfect match-up for their annual Gold Bowl contest in Richmond, Va. the first Saturday in December. Should these two teams decide to accept an invitation to the NCAA post season playoffs, it would again leave Ken and Bob scratching their noggins in an effort to give the public a topflight contest.

That gives rise to the question of whether the South Carolina State Bulldogs and the Spartans of Norfolk State could attract an impressive turnout to Richmond's City Stadium.

Johnson C. Smith, Barber-Scotia and Livingstone will be among the 10 teams competing for the annual WBTV Carolina Classic Basketball title. The tournament will be held on the campus of Belmont Abbey college in Belmont December 5,6,7,8.

Coach Wylie Harris may not have the service of quarterback Eddie Jones when he and the Golden Bulls invade Fayetteville for a conference football game with Fayetteville State Saturday afternoon. Jones has been sidelined with a neck injury-roped burns for an undetermined period. Harris reports Arthur Russell has sustained broken bones and may not heal in time for the contest.

According to Phil Busher, the SID at Smith, the golden Bulls will cancel their annual Blue-Gold Basketball contest and will meet the Australian Olympic team at Brayboy's gym on the campus a week from Saturday. The admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. Busher reports that the Sporting News of St. Louis is interested in doing a story on Smith injured forward Bill Tibb. The highly-rated sophomore likely will miss the first half of the season because of the knee.

Look for Wylie Harris to give his freshmen quarterbacks lots of playing time in the Golden Bulls' final two games. The young Bull mentor will likely start 13 first-year players against Fayetteville Saturday. Mark Sanders will get first call the vital quarterback post.

The Ole Crystal Ball will take some time off from its celebration of a record-breaking season, which includes 40 right, 6 misses and two ties. Not being one who is satisfied with a good thing, here we go again.

This week Morgan State will continue its winning ways with a triumph over Virginia State. Howard will defeat N.C. Central and A&T will get back on the win track with a victory over Delaware State. Fayetteville State will edge J.C. Smith's punchless Golden Bulls and Virginia Union will batten down the hatches on its first CIAA Championship in quite a spell with an easy win over Livingstone. Norfolk State will have it easy with Bowie State as will Winston-Salem State against Kentucky State. UMES and Frostburg is a toss-up. We like Frostburg. Grambling will slip pass S.C. State in that big one down in Orangeburg, S.C.



THE 1979-80 JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL SQUAD - bottom row, left to right, Tracey Bookman, Greg Archie, Tim Logan, Isaac Grier, Sonny Proctor and Louis Lowery. Top row, left to right, Phil Flores, Mike Singleton, Ronnie Thompson, Roosevelt McGrudet, Peter Smith, Blue Oliver, Curt Hollingsworth, Bill Tibbs and Frank Reid. Freshman Daryl Broome and transfer student James George are not pictured.

Tibbs To Miss First 6 Weeks

Johnson C. Smith University

Set For 1979-80 Cage Season

Coach BOB MOORE of Johnson C. Smith will be without the services of one of his prized performers when the 1979-80 basketball campaign opens here on Monday night, December 3.

Sophomore forward Bill Tibbs, who earned a berth on the ALL-CIAA Squad a year ago, may be lost for the season because of cartilage damage to his left knee. The injury, sustained in a practice session, probably will keep the premier NCAA II freshman last year on the sidelines until mid-January or early February. He ranked among the top 10 players in four national statistic categories last year, hitting the baskets for an average 22.1 per game, with 10.6 rebounds, 4.8 assists and a sizzling 58.6 field goal percentage.

Moore is pleased with the progress his squad is making. He points with pride to the fact that four of his cagers scored in double figures last season. "Anybody can stop one or two players in a game," the young Bull coach explained, adding "I like to make it a bit more difficult to beat us than by keying on any one man on the squad." Tibbs, Sonny Proctor, Phil Flores and Larcell "Blue" Oliver all averaged double figures while

Ronnie "Fly" Thompson, Frank Reid and Tim Logan were not far off the pace.

Proctor, who is shooting for a third straight All-CIAA recognition, will be the starting guard for the fourth straight year. "The only thing on my mind these days is Kansas City (site of the NAIA National Championship)," stated the senior from Brandywine, Md. "I feel more pressure with Tibbs out, but I know the rest of the players will work that much harder."

The list of new players seeking a berth on the squad is very impressive. Roosevelt McGruder, 6'6" forward from Houston, Tex.; Mike Singleton, 6'5" forward from Houston, Tex.; 6'2" guard from Charlotte's West Charlotte High, Daryl Broom; 6'0" guard Gregory Archie from Columbia, S.C. appear to be the best of the newcomers. This group gives the Bulls bench strength.

"One problem we don't have this year is everyone being a stranger and not knowing the system," commented assistant coach Steve Joyner. "We'll be in mid-season form in a much shorter span of time."

Moore is also looking eagerly forward to the second semester when James George, the 6'9" former starting center with the UNCC 49er's will be eligible to play under NAIA and NCAA rules.

Moore's cagers will be tested with a 25-game schedule that includes such giants as Winston-Salem State, Hampton Institute, St. Augustine's, Norfolk State and Virginia Union. The 13-game home card will have visits by Barber-Scotia, Lenoir-Rhyne, Belmont Abbey, Shaw, Livingstone, St. Paul's, Fayetteville State, Virginia Union, Virginia State and St. Augustine's.

Moore will take the wraps off his team Saturday night, November 17 when the Golden Bulls host the Australian National Team in a 7:30 contest on the JCSU campus.

They'll open their regular campaign with Barber-Scotia in Concord on December 3 and close it in Belmont against Belmont Abbey on February 16. All of their home games will be played in the Jack Brayboy gymnasium on the

Striped Bass

Derby Set For

November 10, 11

There will be striped bass fishing derby on Lake Norman this weekend (Saturday and Sunday November 10 and 11) out of Holiday Harbor and is open to anyone wishing to participate. The biggest fish will be worth 1,000 and the winner's trophy.

Applications are available at Wher-Rena, Huntersville; Sportsman Corner, Mooresville; Hoot's Tackle Shop, Sonny's Tackle Shop, Bass Pro Shops and Sportsman Lodge in Charlotte who have sponsored prizes for the event.

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Coulwood Rips Starclaire

The Coulwood-Oakdale Junior Mighty Mite Rams utilized a stingy defense to overpower the Starclaire Number 2, 26-0, last Saturday morning.

The Rams scored on their first possession, with fullback Bernard Joe ramming over from in close to score the first touchdown. Joe added the extra points. He later registered touchdowns on runs of 30 and 2 yards.

Jay Cooper, who caught a pass for an extra point, took a pass from quarterback Steve Hord to set up the Rams final touchdown. Chip Bean romped in from the six yards out for the score, making the count, 26-0.

The Rams' coaches, had praise for Marvin Melton, who was a standout on defense. The Coulwood-Oakdale Rams Junior Mighty Mites

will bring their football season to a close Saturday morning when they clash with Plaza at Coulwood. The contest will kick-off at 12-noon.

HELP Center Relocated

The HELP Center in Matthews, established last spring through the joint efforts of public and private agencies, is relocating to larger quarters to accommodate expanded services.

The center will officially open at its new location on N. Trade St., next door to the Matthews Town Hall, at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 10, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Beginning Monday, November 12, HELP will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to serve people in the area.

HELP will serve as a contact point for persons who have questions about the services offered by several County government agencies, including the Council on Aging and the Department of Social Services.

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