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Prep Chatter



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"Coaches"

Independence, Olympic, West Charlotte

If you ask Joe Coulter, head coach for Independence, about his team he'd tell you this much, "We are an aspiring young team. There probably won't be any judgements made as to what we've got because we are always striving to improve our goals."

The Patriots have three returnees this year. Eric Boyd and Jeff Means as guards, and forward Barry Odom.

There's some good competition for the starting forward position between senior Walter McNorton and 6-3 junior, Tony Hilton. Both should see a lot of playing time.

The rest of the Patriot bunch are seniors Andre Rucker 6-5 Center, Mark Williams, Guard, and 6-3 Robert Hastaste

...Vernon Hedrick feels that his young Trojan team will really have to play a lot of ball to pass judgement. He has good reasons to feel that way too.

His ball team is a very inexperienced group. Olympic lost 5 starters from last year and only 5 returnees out of last year's 14 which consists of only 2 lettermen and 3 newcomers. Still you can tell from his conversation he has high hopes... "The Trojans will improve no doubt as the year progresses, we have good height, speed and all around versatility to bridge the gap." And if you've seen starter and sophomore Chris Brown in action, you know what he means. Chris thus far has a career high of 27 points against their defeated opponent, Charlotte Catholic.

...Coach Charles McCullough was a graduate of West Charlotte High and North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central). He played basketball with a West Charlotte team that finished second in the state to Laurinburg Institute led by Sam Jones.

McCullough played with former Boston Celtic star Sam Jones and former Harlem Globetrotter captain, Charles "Tev" Hairston, to win a CIAA championship in 1958.

He has compiled a career record of 281 wins and 140 losses while coaching 1959-60 at Booker T. Washington High in Columbia, S.C. and the remaining years at West Charlotte.

Included among these wins are state championship in 1963 and 1966 in the North Carolina State Athletic League and runner up in 1965 and 1968 in the NCHSAA at Wilmington, New Hanover.

Most recent he has a well remembered record for the Lions in 1978-79, 22-5.

Watching McCullough you feel that his teams are basically disciplined and fast breaking unit.

UNCC Closes For Extended Period

Employees of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte are going to celebrate Veterans Day and Memorial Day during the Christmas holidays, thus saving the state both energy and money, according to Leo Ells, vice chancellor for business affairs.

By switching the two holidays the university will be able to essentially close down for an extended period, since faculty and students will be away for a between-semester break. Heat will be reduced drastically in most buildings except for critical areas such as animal rooms, computer rooms and rooms with sensitive instruments.

State employees receive three days of holiday for

Christmas. The two switched days will give them the week off. State policy allows universities and 24-hour-a-day operations, such as hospitals, to shift holidays to meet institutional needs.

The holiday policy will affect more than 500 non-teaching employees.

Despite the fact that the plan hasn't been used yet, university officials like it so well that they have adopted the same holiday schedule for next year.

Ells said that the University is continually seeking ways to conserve energy, such as the recently occupied bookstore, which is built partially underground to take advantage of the earth's insulating qualities.



Sonny Proctor, in dark uniform, soars high in the air for a one-hand layup. The spectacular little guard hit 16 of 25 attempts from the field in scoring 32 points, dishing out 5 assists and personally stealing the ball victory over Barber-Scotia here last week. He has been chosen "Golden Bull of the Week."

Preps Face Busy Slate

By Debra Reeves

The big event for this week's schedule is the Olympic Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Robert Leak

Is "Player Of

The Week"

It's no surprise if you read last week's "Prep Chatter" that Robert Leak would be chosen as this week's "player of the week."

Robert is a senior at Independence High School. He has hopes of attending college after graduation. He has made no definite decisions as to where he wants to further his education. Right now all Leak is concentrating on is his ability to help his Patriot teammates reach the State Championship finals.

He has his work cut out with stiff competition in getting there. However, he's giving good competition too for once he gets the ball it seems to drop through the hoop almost everytime. He is also getting excellent rebounds and showing tough defense when it counts.

Robert's career high goal was 28 points against Mooresville. Compared to last year, Robert is seeing much more playing time this year. After sitting and watching last year he has thus shown an outstanding display of his athletic talents on the floor. What's the change you ask? "By working hard this summer, keeping in shape, putting more concentration on your game, and being determined to get up off the bench." These are just a few things Leak emphasized into his dramatic change of the game.

Robert's parents are Robert and Sarah Leak. They reside at 9620 Delrose Lane.

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Gaines Wins "Player Of Week" Honors

Special To The Post

PEMBROKE--Reggie Gaines, Winston-Salem State's 6-7 senior forward who is having the greatest start of his collegiate career, poured in a career high of 44 points Saturday as the Rams crushed pre-

viously unbeaten Norfolk State 99-79 at Norfolk and is NAIA District 26 "Basketball Player of the Week." Gaines hit on 18 of 32 field goal attempts and pulled down 19 rebounds in his awesome performance before 5,500 fans. The Wil-

lington native thus fattened his district scoring lead to an average of 34 points per game, far ahead of his closest challenger. Gaines also leads the district in rebounding with 15.7 recoveries per contest.

By virtue of the big win, Winston-Salem State, which was the district basketball champion two years ago, climbed into second place in the final district rating until Jan. 6.

Charles Peoples, Fayetteville State's 5-5 basketball quarterback, also had a big week, being chosen the "Most Valuable Player" as the Broncos swept the Bull City Tourney at Durham. Peoples scored 13 points and had seven assists as FSU whipped home team N. C. Central 77-62 in the first round and added 10 points and nine assists in FSU's 95-77 triumph over St.

Augustine's in the championship finals.

Sonny Proctor of Johnson C. Smith popped in 32 points, had five assists and three steals as his team demolished Barber-Scotia 104-92 in its only game of the week.

Atlantic Christian stopped Fayetteville State 62-61 in a big victory with William Bogues of AC collecting 23 points, six rebounds and having four assists.

Unbeaten Belmont Abbey won two. David Kershaw scored 26 points in one with 12 rebounds, and contributed 13 points in the other. Other top games were by Wingate's Mitch Bratton (27 points and 10 rebounds) in a loss to High Point and Dwayne Brewington of Catawba (18 and 22 points plus 17 and 16 rebounds) as the Indians split.

MEAC Places 17 On

All-Star East Squad

Durham - The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference teams finalized their 1979 football season when South Carolina State defeated Norfolk State 39-7 Dec. 1 in Gold Bowl III, but seventeen MEAC players will participate in the second annual NCAA-Sanctioned Black College All-Star Bowl scheduled for the New Orleans Superdome, Saturday, Jan. 5, 1980, at 1:30 p.m.

Of the seventeen, eight are from South Carolina State, two each from N. C. A&T State, Morgan State, N. C. Central, and Delaware State, and one from Howard University. S.C. State's representatives are: Malcolm Montgomery (K; 6-1, 197), Nate Rivers (QB; 6-3, 205), Dexter Clinkscale (DB; 6-0, 180), Anthony Felder (RB; 6-2, 210), Albert Lester (OT; 6-3, 240), Ervin Parker

(LB; 6-4, 238), Sam Dunham (LB; 6-3, 225), and Phillip Murphy (DT; 6-6, 265). Delaware State supplied Gregory Wright (LB; 6-3, 230) and Calvin Stephen (OT; 6-3, 265). A&T placed William Joyner (RB; 5-11, 190) and Emmanuel Davis (C; 6-1, 225).

Elvis Franks (DT; 6-6, 248) and Maurice Burton (DB; 5-10, 175) made the team for Morgan; and NCCU's representatives include Vincent Pearsall (OT; 6-5, 275) and Anthony Griffin (C; 6-4, 220). John Jenkins (OG; 6-0, 240) is from Howard.

These men will join 14 other seniors from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (CIAA), six from Tennessee State, two from Kentucky State, and one each from Central State and Alabama State, to comprise the white-shirted East Squad.

In last year's game, played January 6, the East squeezed out a 25-20 victory over the East, made up mostly of players from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, (SIAC) and Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). Although Florida A&M pulled out of the SIAC this past summer, and will be eligible for the MEAC football championship next season, their selectees are on the West team, along with independent universities, Lincoln (MO) and Langston. They will wear blue jerseys.

The game benefits the United Negro College Fund, and that entire weekend will be family oriented. Other than witness-

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| GARBAGE - Regular Monday/Thursday service will be provided on Wednesday or Thursday morning. Tuesday/Friday collection will be made on Thursday afternoon or Friday. | GARBAGE - Regular Monday/Thursday service will not change. Tuesday/Friday collection will be made on Wednesday/Friday. | To donate a live Christmas tree to the City, just call the Landscaping Division at 568-6530 for collection information. |
| CURBSIDE TRASH - Trash and leaves in bags will be removed from the curb on Saturday, December 29. | CURBSIDE TRASH - Trash and leaves in bags will be removed with the garbage on Thursday and Friday. | Place cut Christmas trees at the curb on January 2 for pick up. The following week trees will be removed on Wednesday with curbside trash. |
| LEAVES - Loose piles of leaves will be removed Wednesday through Friday. Call 375-LEAF for pick up locations. | LEAVES - Loose piles of leaves will be removed on Monday and Wednesday through Friday. Call 375-LEAF for pick up locations. | |
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