

Sports Deal



BY BILL JOHNSON

TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS.....
Use your head and just a bit of common sense to prevent yourself from becoming the "other guy" that things are always happening to.

Local sandlot baseball fans were saddened to learn of the death of John Ulton Morrison, who, in younger days, was potentially one of the finest baseball players ever to perform on local diamonds.

It's difficult to feel sorry for the big league baseball players when one considers that they are threatening to call play stoppage in late May; it becomes crystal clear that all they want is to receive two or three paydays before going on strike...Isn't there an old saying that "one does not bite the hand that feeds him?"

Remember the Easter Monday baseball games which use to attract top crowds? Would you believe that North Carolina A&T State is still staging Easter Monday games? The Aggies took on St. Augustine's Monday afternoon in Greensboro. South Carolina State will host the ninth annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Track & Field Championship Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20. Yes, that's right, Sunday afternoon!.....In the words of the man in the streets, "it's going to be a humdinger!"

The way I view it the four basketball teams reaching the semi-finals of the NCAA Championship Series handed the credibility of the weekly polls a slap-in-the-face. It merely shows that polls have become subjective and are based on the opinion of individuals who, in most cases, never see many of the teams they're rating...Look for the Detroit Pistons to dish Bob McAdoo before the summer is underway.

Walter Payton has averaged an incredible 1,385 yards in each of the five years in the NFL. He's slightly ahead of Jim Brown's record-setting pace of 1,368 yards per year. Brown, however, played nine years and is the all-time career rushing leader with 12,312 yards rushing. He also owns the scoring leadership with 106 touchdowns.

Bill Hayes opened spring training at Winston-Salem State University Wednesday on a high note. He expects to find replacement for 20 lettermen who will graduate later this spring. His biggest challenge likely will be finding someone to fill the big shoes of star quarterback Kermit Blount, the dandy little field general who paced the Rams' attack the last three seasons.

Wouldn't you know it, sooner or later someone would try something new in the recruiting game. Charles Henderson, head football coach at Delaware State University, has sent out announcements stating that 26 "student athletes" have signed national letters of intent with the Dover, Delaware school....And what else is new! Black college track and field coaches have mixed emotions concerning President Carter's proposal to boycott the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.

Look for the Boston Celtics to draft Mike Gminski if their courtship with Ralph Sampson fails to materialize. The Philadelphia 76ers will also get richer in the upcoming NBA draft. Both Boston and Philadelphia have traded for early draft choices.

Two of pro basketball's most popular players have become expendables. David Thompson does not figure heavily in the Denver Nuggets' plans for next season and the New York Knicks have written off Earl "The Pearl" Monroe for future play.

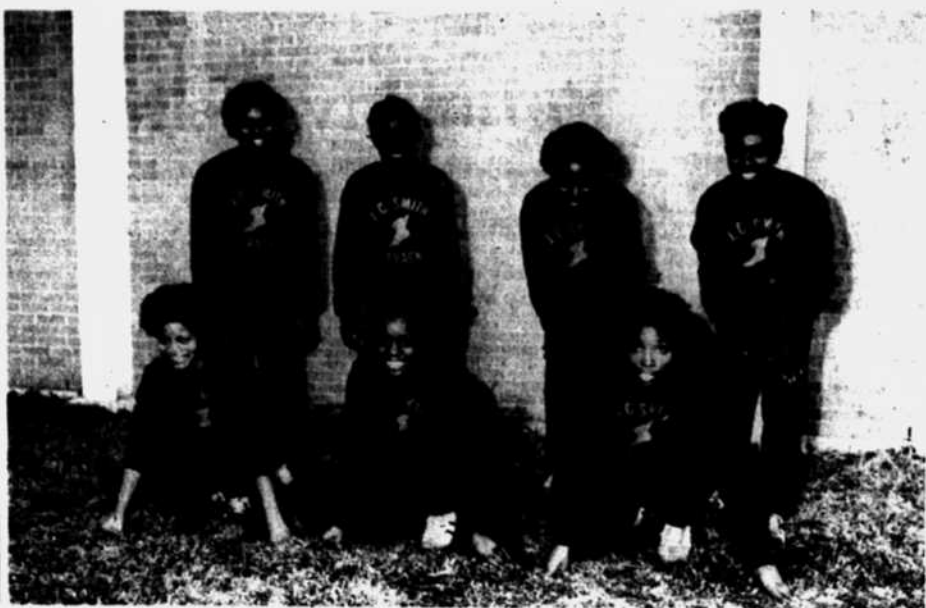
Several big white schools have interviewed Alcorn's Dave Whitney for coaching vacancies....Cable TV and NCAA officials are negotiating for a possible deal to send college basketball your way via the screen on Monday nights during the regular 1980-81 season.

Philip Murphy, S.C. State's 6'4", 285-pound defensive tackle, has moved up to the second round in the NFL draft....If one is to believe his college coach Bill Davis, Murphy can play with any team in the country, college, pro or otherwise.

If you're wondering how the poor big league baseball players will make out if a strike is called, consider these facts: Bruce Sutter of the Chicago Cubs would be losing \$6,930.69 per inning on the days he's scheduled to pitch. He's due to receive \$2,310.23 for each out in the games he's working.

Don't be too surprised if Montreal gives Pittsburgh a real fight for the National League East championship this summer.... Roger Staubach may not be giving up the game of football after all. The retired Dallas Cowboys' quarterback is being courted by CBS Television which is offering him \$10,000 a game as a commentator.

You probably will be seeing Oakland Raiders' safety Jack Tatum on the movie screen this summer. He has signed for the role of a prize fighter who kills on opponent in the Chicago Blues.



Members of the Johnson C. Smith University girls' track squad are shown first row, left to right: Lavette Griffin, Kathy Williams and Quaneta Turner. Second row, left to right: Laverne Lawson, Portia Brown, Inette Johnson and Deborah Wallace.

Here Saturday

Johnson C. Smith To Host

Spring Sports Extravaganza

Johnson C. Smith University will be hosting a Spring Sports Extravaganza this weekend as the track, tennis and girls softball teams swing into action all over Charlotte.

The Twelfth Annual JCSU Track and Field Invitation will begin at 12:00 noon at the West Charlotte

High School stadium. Up to 15 schools are expected to compete, including Winston-Salem State, Livingstone, Shaw, Fayetteville State, A&T State, Guilford, High Point, Gardner Webb and Edward Waters College. The two-day JCSU Tennis Invitational featuring Virginia State, Win-

ston-Salem State, Livingstone, Shaw, N.C. Central, Barber-Scotia and Benedict will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12 at Hornets Nest Park. At 11 a.m. Saturday, the girls' softball team will host Livingstone, Shaw and Fayetteville State in matches at the Hornets Nest's baseball fields.

Old Timers Basketball

Classic Set For April 17

It's called the Old Timers Basketball Classic and any alumni of West Charlotte or Second Ward can participate. The old rivalry between the two high schools

has sparked. According to the West Charlotte alumni team's coach, Thomas 'Jack' Martin, "We are just going to have fun."

The game will be held at McCrorey Branch YMCA at 3801 Beatties Ford Rd. April 17 at 7:30. Following the game there will be a disco with 50's and 60's music.

JCSU Youth

Sports Program

Set Meeting

The National Youth Sports Program at Johnson C. Smith University will hold their meeting April 9 at 10 a.m. instead of April 12.

Two more meetings have been set for the school year, May 3 and May 10. The summer program is scheduled to begin June 16.

The program will be serving fewer participants this summer. The participants that attend the last three sessions will be given first consideration for the summer program. Any program participant last summer is eligible to attend for the remaining three dates.

Thomas 'Jack' Martin, will coach the West Charlotte alumni team. He coached the actual West Charlotte basketball teams from 1930 to 1960. He also taught science and physical education. The coach for the Second Ward alumni team is Robert 'Big Al' Montgomery. He was a football coach at Second Ward.

Sponsored by the McCrorey Branch YMCA, the Old Timers Basketball Classic is an effort to expose the many programs and facilities of the Y.

It is still not too late for alumni to participate in the classic. Just contact Susan House at the McCrorey YMCA, 394-2356 and express your interest.

Davis Pleased With Preseason Drills

Special To The Post
Orangeburg -- After completion of the first week of spring football drills at South Carolina State, Bulldog second-year head coach Bill Davis said he was somewhat pleased. "Our older guys really responded well," noted Davis, after putting his squad through a full scrimmage on Saturday. "The rain interrupted us a little but we got in a lot of work and accomplished a great deal. Things look very positive."

The Bulldogs lost 10 starters, among them two All-Americans; however, Davis noted that the only areas that are a real concern to the staff at this time are the kicking game and the tightend position.

S.C. State will be without Orangeburg native Malcolm Montgomery, who handled all of the kicking chores the last two seasons and Mickey Pringle who was solid at tightend.

Walkon Feldon Taylor of Johns Island will battle Michael Head for the top punting assignment while Greensboro's Desmond Gatson is the leading candidate for the placekicking chores. The staff will take a long look at several candidates at the tightend.

At quarterback, where only Prince Phillips returns with experience, Davis said a trio of juniors are battling for the number two spot. Ralph Waymer of Charlotte, Gatson and Ben Mungin of Johns Island all will receive a good look.

Chris Ragland, who led the MEAC in rushing with over 1300 yards last season, heads a bevy of solid runners which include former O-W High product Anthony Reed, Denmark native Henry Odom, a red shirt last season, and Mike Trip-

Eric Westbrook

Named A & T

Tri-Captain

GREENSBORO - North Carolina A&T head football coach Jim McKinley announced recently the Aggie tri-captains for the 1980 season.

Seniors Billy Mims, a tight end from Jacksonville, Florida, Eric Westbrook, a defensive back from Charlotte, North Carolina, and Frankie Chesson, a linebacker from Chesapeake, Virginia, will lead the A&T football team next season.

"Throughout their careers these young men exhibited skills on, as well as off, the playing field," McKinley said.

plet of Waterford, Connecticut.

Davis was also pleased with the play of a veteran offensive line and the Bulldog defense which still looks to be solid after losing, in addition to All-Americans Ervin Parker and Phil Murphy, also Dexter Clinkscale, Samuel Dunham, Terry Turner and Raleigh Jackson.

Davis noted a change in his coaching staff. James

Ragland, former receivers coach, has moved to the defensive secondary while graduate assistant Mike Howell and student assistant Willie Grate will work with the receivers.

This week, Davis said he would install a new defensive system and put in some additional plays on offense. The Bulldogs will have a short week, taking off Friday and Saturday before Easter.



Time has a way of sneaking up on us and before we know it, it is D-Day. This time D-Day is the U.S. census count that will take place in 1980.

Somewhere, somehow, Black and other minorities have acquired the notion that we are "beating" the man when we fail to tell the truth when asked how many people reside in our house or apartment. I don't know the reasoning behind this conjecture, but I am going to state some facts and then let you decide who really loses when we cheat the census count.

Fact 1. Population totals are used to determine how many representatives from each state will go to Congress. (I know that we are not satisfied with only sixteen Black Congressmen.)

Fact 2. Revenue sharing allocations by the Federal Government are apportioned annually on the basis of the local and state population. (This has a direct bearing on food stamp programs, work incentive programs, CETA, child nutrition act, etc.)

Fact 3. Should you lose your birth certificate and not have a way to document your birth, the age search branch of the U.S. Census Bureau can provide proof from your census record. This document is accepted as a substitute birth certificate by all federal and state agencies.

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