

SPORTS Deal



BY BILL JOHNSON

TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS.....
The revitalized athletic department at Johnson C. Smith deserves lots of credit for the expert job they're doing in rebuilding the Golden Bulls' athletic program.

Wylie Harris has generated new enthusiasm among the football players, Bob Moore is putting together a basketball dynasty and now words come to me that Bill Lide has recruited four of the highly-prized tennis players in collegiate ranks.

You can do your part by turning out Saturday night to help fill up Memorial Stadium and root Harris and his herd to victory over Lenoir-Rhyne College. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Bet you didn't know that there's a move afoot to organize a Black Baseball Players Association. Most of the top professionals are scheduled to meet this winter to discuss the plight of Black players when their careers are over.

Buddy Young and Wilma Rudolph are the recipients of the 1980 Whitney M. Young Jr. Memorial awards....Spencer Haywood, the troubled NBA player who was suspended by the Los Angeles Lakers during the championship playoffs, is blaming Abdul-Jabbar for his troubles.

Virginia Union has plucked Joe Taylor from Eastern Illinois University. Taylor will serve as the offensive coordinator to head football coach Willard Bailey. He will also be coordinating VU's strength and conditioning programs. Wylie Harris has made some last-minute changes in his staff. He recently added Bob Smith as a part-time coach who will help out with the defensive backs in addition to scouting during the 1980 season.

If Johnson C. Smith does not have the best quarterbacks in the CIAA, it'll not be because of poor teaching. William "Red" Jackson, who grooms the signal-callers and helps out with defensive backs, is one of the best ever to play the position. He was picture book during his undergraduate days at North Carolina A&T.

Talk about overlapping seasons: At the moment, we have football and baseball going full blast and professional basketball will join the parade when the new NBA campaign gets underway on October 10, with a nationally televised contest between the World Champion Los Angeles Lakers and the Seattle Supersonics.

If you're looking ahead, the 77th World Series will get underway in the National League park the night of October 14. It's not encouraging to report that only 33 percent of the players in the National Basketball Association have their college degrees. It means that an alarming 67 percent have not completed their college requirements.

Atlanta Braves owner Ted Turner has announced publicly that Braves manager Bob Cox can manage his team forever... That's a good sign that Cox will get the axe in due time.

The California Angels have turned down Bob Baylor's bid for the extension of his contract which calls for more than \$1 million a season. The bottom line is that Baylor likely will be placed on the trading block at the end of this season.

The City of New York, which is struggling (like most of us) to make financial ends meet is faced with more money problems. An engineering survey will shortly detail the need for a major repair job at Yankee Stadium at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. NYC officials are still reeling from the more than \$300 thousand on the famed ball park.

You'd have to agree with Tampa Bay quarterback Doug Williams, who recently stated that the biggest critic of athletes are the non-athletes who have never looked in a play book and do not understand the game.

Are you aware that the better football teams provide their quarterbacks with the luxury of an average 3.2 seconds in which to throw the football?

It would surprise no one if Frank Robinson is named manager of the New York Mets before the year's end. My early predictions are that the Houston Oilers will not do as well with Kenny Stabler as they did with Don Pastorini.

Our first week of picking the "winners" is a rather hazardous undertaking since most of the teams are playing in their first game and our communications have broken down.

Nevertheless, here goes! Elizabeth City will cruise by Bowie State and Fayetteville will get by St. Paul's. N.Y. Tech will defeat Hampton and Johnson C. Smith will surprise Lenoir-Rhyne. Norfolk State will bounce back against Livingstone, Virginia Union will blast Clark. S.C. State will rout Delaware State. Bethune-Cookman will edge Texas Southern, but the University of Miami will send Florida A&M reeling to the undefeated ranks. Winston-Salem State will down A&T. Virginia State will upset N.C. Central.

Here Saturday Night

Rejuvenated Bulls Open 1980 Football Campaign

Wylie Harris' rejuvenated Golden Bulls will be able to afford few mistakes against an experienced, veteran Lenoir-Rhyne offense.

The Bears operate out of the veer, a showcase attack for the slick option talents of quarterback Craig Corbett. The senior signal caller will have powerful Larry Rucker, a runaway locomotive of a fullback, to ride down the line before deciding to tuck it in, turn Rucker loose, or pitch out to fleet Tony Smith at tailback. The Lenoir-Rhyne senior offensive line has played together for three seasons, led by All-NAIA-26 guard Steve Strickland. Corbett will take advantage of any defensive weaknesses that the Bulls will show.

The visitors from Hickory will face the same problem in trying to shake the Golden Bull offense. The line will average over 245 pounds from tight end to tackle with the power coming from the right side in Jeff Coan and Ray Ellis. Familiar faces also fill the backfield with Cal Gill at quarterback, Jeff Steele and Darrell Riddenhour at fullback, and Ray Rainey and Mark Saunders at runningback. Look for coach Harris to unleash a bevy of promising, young speedsters during the year.

It appears likely that Memorial Stadium's scoreboard will be lighting up frequently Saturday night. The Bears have a stronger, established running game, the Bulls a better receiving corps. Both defenses must fill in gaps with a half dozen new faces. Both defensive lines are question marks; while the Bulls are sound at linebacker, the Bears are solid in the secondary.



Freshman defensive tackle Kimberly Byrum of Fayetteville took the title of "Strongest Bull, Pound for Pound" last week. The 18-year-old benched press 360 pounds and squatted 440 pounds. Kimberly weighs 200 pounds. In a short time he is going to be one tough Bull to deal with. Guard Jeff Coan took top honors in the squats with a 555 pound lift.

This is the fifth meeting between the two schools. Johnson C. Smith won the opener in 1976 while Lenoir-Rhyne has since won three straight. According to L-R Sports Information Director Rick Strunk, the city of Hickory is excited over new head coach Henry Vansant and will be flooding Memorial Stadium with thousands of Bear backers.

The new admission policy that allows 12 year-old and younger in free when accompanied by a parent or guardian is expected to draw a large opening night crowd. Game time is set at 7:30 p.m.

Revolution Golf

Course Closings

The greens at the City's Revolution Park Golf Course are being prepared for winter. Therefore several closings will be necessary in the next few weeks.



WHERE THEY PLAY

Saturday, September 13

Elizabeth City at Bowie State	NCA&T at Winston-Salem State
Fayetteville at St. Paul's	S.C. State at Delaware State
N.Y. Tech at Hampton	Howard at W. Virginia State
Lenoir Rhyne at J.C. Smith	Texas Southern at Bethune-Cookman
Livingstone at Norfolk State	Florida A&M at University of Miami
Virginia State at N.C. Central	
Clark at Virginia Union	

HOW THEY STAND

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
S.C. State 35, Virginia St. 7
Salisbury St. 27, Delaware St. 18

CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OVERALL	W	L	T
S.C. STATE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
BETHUNE-COOKMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA A&M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOWARD UNIVERSITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.C. A&T STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DELAWARE ST.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

MEAC Football Roundup

Bulldogs Romp, Hornests Lose

Durham - The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference opened its 1980 season Saturday with the South Carolina Bulldogs jumping on the Virginia State Trojans 35-7, and Delaware State College losing to Salisbury State 27-18.

S.C. State, the MEAC's pre-season favorite, accumulated 491 yards of total offense, while the defense held Va. St. to 211 only 29 on the ground. Senior quarterback Prince Phillips surprised the Trojans with touchdown passes of 55 and 36 yards to flanker Charlie Brown, 29 yards to Marion Brown, and handed off to Mack Reed, who dashed 44 yards for a score, as the home-standers took a 28-7 half-time lead. Phillips did not play in the second half, and finished up hitting four of eight passes for 138 yards and no interceptions.

Charlie Brown snared another TD pass of 38 yards from Ben Mungin in the final quarter. The Trojans, who had not scored on S.C. St. in the last two years, managed a second period 28-yard scoring play on a pass from Ivory Randall to Darrell Chandler.

Head coach Bill Davis jokingly said, "We got a little lucky, and I hope it continues. We probably threw more Saturday than we did most of last season."

Delaware St. suffered a bitter loss before a record crowd at home. The lead changed hands three times in the initial period before Salisbury State took a 17-6 second quarter advantage. Delaware State's Clarence Weathers made it 12-17 late in that stanza when he set a school record with a 95-yard punt return. With the score 24-18, Salisbury hit on a 30-yard field goal to ice the game at the 3:48 mark of the final period.

This week S.C. State will play at Delaware State in an early conference match-up. Florida A&M travels to Univ. of Miami for a regionally televised contest by ABC. N.C. A&T goes to Winston-Salem State, Howard plays at West Virginia State, and Bethune-Cookman entertains Texas Southern.

Bridge Club

Winners at the Sept. 2 meeting of the Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club were as follows: In North-South, Edward High and Joseph Scott took first place honors. Roseina Gaines and Bill Gordon were in second place. And Vietta Neal and S.E. Durante came in third.

The East-West winners were: first place-Naomi High and Sara Wilson, second place-Dorothy Johnson and Rosalia Durante and third place-Margretta Rainbow and Corine Thomas.

FOOTBALL AT ITS BEST

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

"Golden Bulls"

-VS-

LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE

"Bears"

SATURDAY NIGHT

September 13, 1980

CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL STADIUM

7:30 P.M.

ADMISSION

\$5.00 Adults

\$2.00 Students

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Edwards Barber Shop	A.D. Neal's	J.C.S.U. Business Office
West Charlotte Drive-In	Drakeford's	Queen City Pharmacy
National Hat Shop	Excelsior Club	Mobley's Barber Shop
Charles Barber Shop		Barringer Barber Shop

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