

# Sports Deal

BY BILL JOHNSON



**TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!** Johnson C. Smith will boost its national rating considerably if the Golden Bulls whip Norfolk State's Spartans in the Coliseum here tonight (Thursday).

Lucias Mitchell comes to town with a highly-rated outfit headed by hot-shooting freshman David Pope, who is scoring 18.3 points while picking off seven rebounds a contest. The 6-7 rookie from Newport News has overshadowed highly-regarded junior Terry Tibbs, who is ringing the hoops with 14.9 points and has contributed 4.5 rebounds an appearance.

Wonder how the rumor got started that the MEAC schools are stronger in football than the CIAA? Records show that S. C. State is the only MEAC school that deserves a superior rating. Another rumor that should not have gotten off the ground is the one about the annual Gold Bowl Contest in Richmond being poorly promoted.

In my opinion Bob Moorman and his committee have promoted the game extremely well under trying circumstances. They are faced annually with the difficult task of selling an attraction that is plagued with numerous uncertainties. They have to wait in the wings each year until the respective league champions decide whether to accept a bid to the GB or one if it's extended, to the more lucrative NCAA Playoffs. That way, I believe, Bob and his committee are left with very little time to effectively sell the contest to an area audience. Hence, a small turnout.

Charley Cox is planning another big event for the campus of Johnson C. Smith University. He will stage the sixth annual JCSU Invitational Swimming and Diving Meet at the westside campus on Saturday, February 7. Charley C. expects more than 300 high school and college athletes to compete.

If you're an old-timer you'll have little trouble remembering Dr. Jerome H. Holland, a two-time All American end from Cornell who has earned more than his share of prestigious awards. Brud will receive yet another great honor when the American Football Coaches Association gives him the coveted 'Tuss' McLaughry Award later this year. He has also served as president of Hampton Institute and Delaware State College.

Credit Howard University's publicity people with putting together a slick winter-spring sports guide. It's among the best we've seen this season.

The CIAA's standings have some major surprises this week. Norfolk State is leading the northern division with a perfect 6-0 record. That's no surprise! St. Paul's is in second place, having won five of six conference starts. That's a major surprise!

Down-South North Carolina Central has spurred to the top of the group with a 4-1 mark. Second place belongs to Fayetteville State and St. Augustine's, both with 3-1 slates. The other surprise is that Winston-Salem State is presently resting near the bottom of the division with a 2-2 record. Virginia Union is in last place in the north.

The most talked about big man in the CIAA is not James George of Johnson C. Smith. He's Leonel "Gino" Marquetti of Hampton, who is presently riding the bench with an injury. The Pirates will bring their top-rated show to town February 17 to battle the Golden Bulls on the JCSU campus.

If you haven't purchased your tickets or made your hotel reservations to the annual CIAA Tournament, you could be making a mistake. The February 26-28 attraction at the Norfolk Scope is a sure sell-out. And hotel rooms in the area will be harder to find than Democrats in Washington week after next.

JCSU punter Cal Gil is among the 15 CIAA seniors who have been selected for Irv Cross' East All-Star Team which plays in the Sheridan Black College All-Star Football Game in Jackson, Mississippi Saturday afternoon. Winston-Salem State's Arrington Jones, who recently played in the Blue-Grey Game, is also on the squad.

Tim Logan is leading the league and Peter Smith is in second place among the CIAA floor shooters. Tim has hit 21 of 28 for a lofty .750 accuracy rating while Smith was connecting with 15 of 21 for an aim that hovers around the .710 mark. Bleu Oliver is the league's second best rebounder, with 43 in his first four games for a 10.7 average. Louis Thomas, Norfolk State's great rookie, is leading the pack with a 12.8 average.

Are the black schools scoring fewer points in basketball this season? MEAC and CIAA statistics say they are. At the moment, there is no team in either league averaging more than 88 points a game. Such liberal "put-it-uppers" as Johnson C. Smith and North Carolina A&T are scoring near 80 points an appearance.

Steve Joyner has guided the young Johnson C. Smith women to second place in the CIAA standings...



Bill Tibbs  
...All-American timber



Marsha Alexander  
...Outstanding center



Gail Pickett  
...Star forward

## Bulls' Super Star

# "Mr. Tibbs" Is Back!

Special To The Post  
Slowly, but surely, the pieces are beginning to fall into place as Johnson C. Smith drives for the CIAA southern division title. Bob Moore's Bulls overcame adversity in successive come from behind victories over Shaw and Elizabeth City State. The Beatties Ford Road team still has a way to go in putting it all together as far as potential talent, but Bob Moore prefers a solid, low key approach in early January while building momentum for the CIAA Tournament to be held at the Norfolk Scope February 26-28.

Bull followers welcomed the return of Bill Tibbs to old form against Bobby Vaughn's Vikings Monday. "Mr. Tibbs" scored 17 points and hauled in 12 rebounds. So far it's been the consistent play of guards Phil Flores and Tim Logan that has carried the team. The Bulls will need a good game from every player in tonight's super match-up against Norfolk State. Lucias Mitchell's Spartans are 7-0 in the conference sitting alone in first place in the northern division. Both division leaders Smith and Norfolk State are sure to be in the tournament with tonight's

100 Club game at the Charlotte Coliseum a possible preview championship showdown. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. clash are \$3 in advance from any 100 Club member or at the JCSU Business Office, but will be \$5 at the gate.

Johnson C. Smith will travel to Salisbury for a doubleheader at Livingstone Saturday, January 17. Smith hosts N. C. Central in a doubleheader on Tuesday, January 20. Both nights begin with a 5:30 p.m. women's game.

Right now one of the most exciting shows is Steve Joyner's Smith women's team. Sophomore forward Marsha Alexander is a top scorer and rebounder in the conference

at 18.7 points per game and 11.7 rebounds per game. Freshman Gail Pickett and Lillian Wilder are already making their mark in their first year of play. Pickett averages 14.5 points per game and 9.5 rebounds per game while Wilder, who just enrolled second semester, can out-pass any player on the men's team. A great entertainment bet is to arrive early and catch both games as JCSU aims to seek revenge, Tuesday, January 20 for an earlier double loss to N.C. Central.

But tonight it's the NAIA's 4th ranked team, the Norfolk State Spartans at the Coliseum. It promises to be one basketball fans won't want to miss.

## Henderson Is "Player Of The Week"

By Chase Vance  
Post Sports Writer  
Recently in a Lion clock-shattering 113-98 win over rival Garinger, Frank Henderson hit 34 points and shot a sizzling 65 percent from the floor in addition to pulling down at least 12 rebounds.

One might say what a performance, but those who have been following Frank Henderson in his career at West Charlotte would just laugh and remark, "only routine."

That's right. This week's Charlotte Post basketball "Player of the Week" Frank Henderson has been destroying opponents' zone defenses with his penetration and outside shooting for three years.

"I like basketball," Frank said. "I practice all summer. It is just a knack for the game that keeps me going."

Thirty-four was his season high. Other highs were 33 against King Mountain, 31 against East Mecklenburg. His lowest total has been 22 for a 27.0 average.

A big game looms for the Lions next week when they travel to Myers Park for their last conference game. The Lions should end the first half no worse than 7-2, one of their best records in years.

"Frank Henderson is a very unselfish ball player," said Coach Charles McCul-

ough. "He has outstanding abilities and the players respect him for it. He gets along well with everybody and he gets the job done."

Other outstanding games were turned in by North's Bradly Leak, 18 points, 14 rebounds in a one point loss to Myers Park. Garinger's Derrick Knox, 32 against

West Charlotte. Garinger's Odell Walker, 22 against West Charlotte; Olympic's Derrick Floyd, 24 against Independence; Olympic's Chris Brown, 26 against Independence; West Meck's Aaron Plummer, 20 against East; South's Johnny Edwards, 20 against Harding.

## 49ers' Performance Worries Pratt

By Chase Vance  
Post Sports Writer  
Although UNCC Coach Mike Pratt is worried about his team's performance lately, guard Donnie Koonce has been one worry that he has not had.

The 6-3, 21 year-old All Sun Belt Conference candidate has been nothing short of superb in recent games including the 92-61 debacle at the hands of conference power South Alabama recently.

"Donnie Koonce moved back to his natural guard position this year after playing his junior year as forward," Pratt said. "He did a tremendous job for us last year despite his 6-3 height. Donnie developed the confidence that he has shown last year."

"We think the move back to the guard position has been beneficial for him. He is an unreal competitor, a standout defensive player and a great student."

web apart, Donnie Koonce stretches his limber frame upward like a gazelle to lay the ball in the basket.

Big games for the 49ers this week are on the road Sunday at Virginia Commonwealth in Richmond and at home Tuesday against East Carolina.

The Virginia Commonwealth Rams are reigning Sun Belt Conference champions. Led by Edmund Sherod, one of the best guards in the Sun Belt is their all-around player. He will be helped by forward Monty Knight.

The East Carolina Pirates are having a rough year. They are led by Mike Gibson.

## Super Fun Days

Exciting Super Fun Days will be held January 23 and 26 at the Central Branch YMCA, 400 E. Morehead Street.

Sign-up January 19-22 at the Central Branch YMCA Youth Department or call 333-6419 before 6 p.m.

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## NAIA Honors

### N. C. Central's

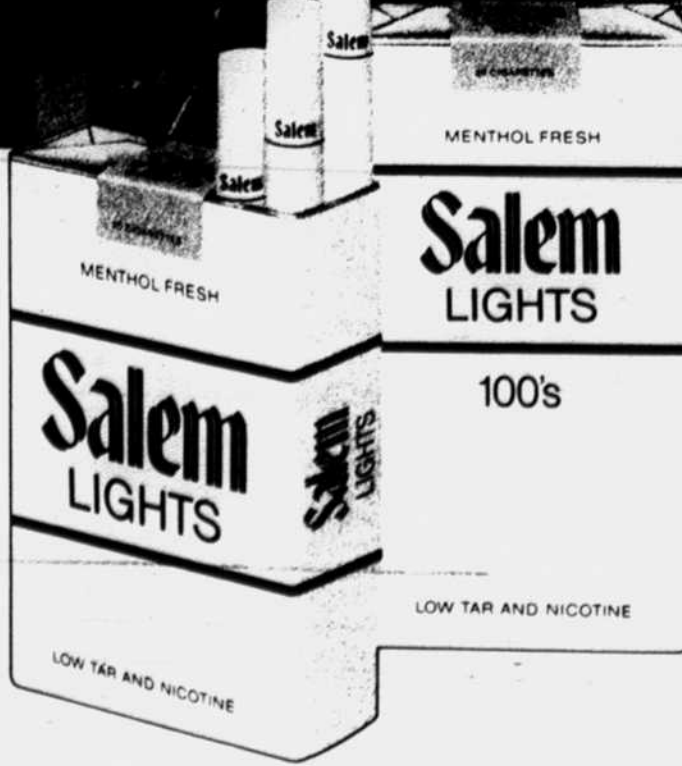
### John Bishop

PEMBROKE - William Bogues, Atlantic Christian's 6-1 senior forward who averaged 22.5 points in shooting 72 percent from the field and 90 percent from the free throw line last week, has been named NAIA District "Men's Basketball Player of the Week."

There were no women's games played in the district during the past week. Bogues, from Camden, N.C., was superb as Atlantic Christian split two games in the Sertoma Invitational Tournament at Greenwood, S.C. He hit 11 of 15 shots from the floor and two of three free throws in scoring 24 points as AC edged Erskines 69-68 in the first round. He also grabbed eight rebounds and three steals.

In the consolation game against Lander, which AC lost 79-67, it was no fault of Bogues'. He was true on 7 of 10 from the floor and buried all seven free throws for 21 points. He also captured 13 rebounds and made three more steals. For the tournament, he was thus good on 18 of 25 from the field and 9 of 10 from the charity stripe for his 45 points. He had 21 rebounds and six steals. Bogues made the all-tournament team.

- This Week**  
In  
**Basketball**  
**WHERE THEY PLAY**  
January 17  
Bowie State at Maryland  
Virginia Union at Eliz. City  
Fayetteville at Chatlin  
Hampton at St. Paul's  
J.C. Smith at Livingstone  
Norfolk St. at Virginia St.  
Shaw at N.C. Central  
Winston-Salem at St. Augustine's  
January 19  
Bowie St. at Phila. Pharmacy  
Virginia Union at Eliz. City  
Norfolk State at Hampton  
Winston-Salem at St. Paul's  
January 20  
Winston-Salem at Eliz. City  
Fayetteville at Virginia Union  
N.C. Central at J.C. Smith  
January 21  
St. Augustine's at UDC  
January 22  
Virginia St. at Bowie St.  
Virginia Union at Hampton  
Fayetteville at Livingstone  
St. Augustine's at St. Paul's



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