

# Sports Beat

BY BILL JOHNSON



TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS.....

A good loafer is an artist at his profession.

According to Patrisha S. Tulloch of the Greensboro Pacemaker, Antonine Luther has a lot of college recruiters camping at his doorstep. The star cager for Greensboro Day School, who is averaging a little better than 20 points a game, is being sought by Davidson, Greensboro College and VMI. He presently is leaning towards Davidson where his 3.0 academic average would be suspect.

If Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines fails to pull the proverbial rabbit out of the hat and lead his Winston-Salem State Rams to a winning season, it will be the first time since 1968—the year after Earl Monroe led the Rams to a national title—that Bighouse has failed to win more games than he lost.

There's quite a controversy brewing up at Delaware State because the administration has employed a white man to head its football program. Joe Purcycki, formerly a defensive backfield coach at mostly-white Delaware University, has replaced Charles Henderson, who was fired recently following a 1-9-1 campaign. The DS alumni and fans are upset because a white coach has been hired at a black college.

The top names among the black golfers on the PGA tour will compete for \$10,000 at the 28th annual Ray Mitchell North-South Golf Tournament in Miami, Fla. February 17-21. Lee Elder, Calvin Peete, Pete Brown and Jim Thorpe are in the field.

Barber-Scotia will take on Knoxville College in a "big basketball game" on the campus in Concord Saturday night. The contest will serve as the highlight of Barber-Scotia's annual homecoming celebration.

When Bethune-Cookman and Florida A&M joined the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference a year ago, commissioner Ken Free boasted the two schools would "add considerable strength to the league's sports programs." It appears that Ken was correct in the prediction because Bethune-Cookman is leading the 7-team circuit with a 4-1 record and Florida A&M is in second place.

There's something special to being talented and beautiful. Take Marsha Alexander, for example! The six-foot Johnson C. Smith University sophomore from North Wilkesboro, who captured District 26 "Player of the Week" honors last week, is the third best scorer in the CIAA. Miss Alexander is burning the cords with 21.7 points for each appearance this season. She's an excellent bet to become JCSU's first woman "All American."

There is talk around the national football league that Bum Phillips cannot win the "Big Games." However, what is being overlooked is the fact that each team that beat Phillips' Houston Oilers went on in the last three years to win the Super Bowl.

Look for the NBA Scheduling Committee to announce any day now that the conference has shifted its present October-May format to November-June. The Denver Nuggets will peddle David Thompson to the Los Angeles Lakers before the February 15 deadline. They're negotiating for \$1 million and guard Norm Nixon. The Lakers are reluctant to part with Nixon. Hence the deal is being held up.

Picking a winner in the CIAA regular season championship race is a risky business. The top slot has changed teams in the northern division in each of the last three weeks. Elizabeth City is enjoying the luxury of being the first-place tenants this week, with a 9-2 league record. Norfolk State (8-3) and St. Paul's (8-4) are close behind.

Johnson C. Smith has a shaky one-game lead over St. Augustine's in the South. The Golden Bulls, however, have to play five conference games with such imposing opposition as Fayetteville (twice), Virginia Union, Hampton and St. Augustine's. The advantage belongs to Bob Moore's run-and-gun outfit because they're playing their final four contests at home. St. Augustine's, in the meantime, has five games remaining, three of which will be played at home. Prior to coming to Charlotte on the 19th of this month, the Falcons will clash with Virginia Union, North Carolina Central and Livingstone in Raleigh and with Bowie State and JCSU on the road.

From this distance (three weeks) the upcoming CIAA Basketball Tournament has the chemistry for becoming the "best ever" for a conference which has a storied history for staging exciting events. The teams are as close as you'd desire to be to Lola Falana, with close to three games separating the first four teams in each division.



Marsha Alexander budding superstar



Coach Steve Joyner Turns program around



Kimberly Mathis guard-forward

## J.C. Smith Women Have Gone On A Winning Streak

While all eyes have been on Johnson C. Smith's men's team, the JCSU ladies have gone on a winning streak of their own. Steve Joyner's young squad stands at 5-4 in the CIAA with a good chance at making the conference women's tournament.

"If we split the series with Fayetteville State, I believe we'll be in for sure," noted Joyner. "The young players have started to yell. It simply took time to learn each other's limits and abilities."

Marsha Alexander continues to be one of the CIAA women's top players scoring 20.2 points per game and collecting 10.1 rebounds. Marsha has plenty of capable help in guards Lillian Wilder and Kimberly Mathis. Center Gail Pickett has also proven to be an exceptional talent. All three are only freshmen.

Bob Moore's team continues its road schedule at Fayetteville State tonight, Virginia Union Saturday and Virginia State Monday.

"We plan to sweep all three before heading back to Charlotte," promised guard Phil Flores. "Tell the folks back in Charlotte the Bulls are winners on the road and we will be looking forward to our last four games in Brayboy."

The Bulls will open against Fayetteville State on Wednesday, February 11; Saturday the show goes over to the Charlotte Coliseum as JCSU will host Winston-Salem State in a doubleheader.

### Basketball Clinic

The Central Branch YMCA, 400 E. Morehead Street, will have registration now through February 16th, for Brian Adrian's Basketball Clinic. The classes, for elementary through senior high students, meets 4-5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday starting the week of February 16. Central Branch YMCA members and non-members may call 333-6419 for more information.

### Gymnastics

The Central Branch YMCA, 400 E. Morehead Street, will have gymnastics classes for adults, pre-school, elementary, junior and senior high school students. Registration, now through February 16, is for members and non-members.

Classes begin the week of February 16 and run for 6 weeks. Coaches and team members of the 1980 State Champions are the instructors. For more information on class times, call 333-7773.

### Self-Defense

The Central Branch YMCA, 400 E. Morehead Street, is currently holding registration for self-defense classes in Judo, Kung Fu and Jeet-Kune-Do. Classes are offered to members and non-members.

For more information, call the Central Branch YMCA at 333-6419 before 6 p.m. or 333-6262 after 6 p.m.

Find Out What's Happening In The Black Community. Read The Charlotte Post

"The St. Paul's game was a tremendous victory for us," commented Bob Moore. "The Tigers hit everything they threw at the basket, but our guys just reaced down deep and gave it everything they had."

The victory pulled Smith to a two game lead in the CIAA south.

"We intend to take care

## Will Ronald Reagan Be Scourge Or Boon?

"Will Ronald Reagan be a scourge to Blacks or is there reason to hope that his Administration can work to Black America's advantage?" queries "Black Enterprise" magazine in its February issue. "The Washington Page" of "Black Enterprise" analyzes the contrasting perceptions of the impending Reagan Administration and stories emanating from his transition team which hint at the demise of programs that aid minority business.

The president's campaign rhetoric was anchored deeply in calls for large cuts in federal social spending programs, a reduction of government interference into the private affairs of the business sector, curtailing of most affirmative action programs, and a much stronger national defense through massively increased federal funding.

Reagan's transition advisors and prospective cabinet appointees have been identified as conservative, middle-aged, business executive-types who will take the private sector approach to the problems of Black America if they determine these problems to be of high priority on their issue agenda. The Heritage Foundation, labeled a conservative think-tank with connections to some Reagan aides, has pressed for the "virtual dismantling of the government's entire affirmative action and civil rights machinery."

But there are those who believe that not so bleak a portrait should be painted of Reagan and his upcoming administration. Rep. Jack Kemp (R-NY), an influential congressman with access to the president, has urged Reagan and his transition team to answer the needs of urban Blacks by implementing

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## Brown Is A Marketable Prospect

By Chase Vance Post Sports Writer

Letters from area colleges are still coming in for this high school junior—UNCC, Carolina, State, Clemson, Georgetown, DePaul and Georgia—to name a few.

At 5-11, his height is not really an impression, but his uncanniness for basketball, his floor leadership as a point guard and his ability to hit from outside or penetrate the lane when he has a chance makes Chris Brown a marketable prospect in the world of high school basketball.

Last week in a game with one of the conference heavyweights—West Charlotte—Brown led his team with 32 points, 10 of which came against West Charlotte trees Mike Medley and Dennis McLain.

Sparking an Olympic rally which brought the team back from 16 points down to a one point lead with seconds to play, Frank Christopher Brown earns a spot among the select of Southwestern 4A Conference basketball players.

Only a junior, he has Miller Will

### Sponsor NBA Game Award

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Miller High Life has announced it will sponsor the "Player of the Game Award" for nationally televised (CBS) National Basketball Association games during the 1981 season.

At present, 40 games are scheduled to be televised. After each of these contests, a \$1,000 check will be given by Miller High Life to the Special Olympics organization in the name of the player selected. The Special Olympics is the NBA Players Association's charity for 1981.

"We are extremely pleased to join with the NBS and CBS in presenting the "Miller High Life Player of the Game Award" said Doug Rogers, Brand Manager for Miller High Life.

another year to build his reputation. The prediction here is that Frank Christopher Brown will be one of Charlotte's most highly recruited athletes before he graduates from Olympic

High in June 1982. Other standouts last week were North's Bradley Leak who hit 24 in a 77-72

loss over West Mecklenburg, West's Virgil Lattimore who hit 24 in the same game, West Charlotte's Frank Henderson who hit 23 in the win over Olym-pic, Geoffrey Crosby of South who hit 17 in a win over East Mecklenburg, and Garinger's Odell Waker who hit 20 in a 70-68 loss to Myers Park.

## 49ers Have Two Big Games Coming Up

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte 49ers are rocking and reeling in one of their rare losing seasons.

The young Miners face two tough games this week. They travel to UNC-Wilmington on Saturday and entertain Jacksonville on Tuesday in Charlotte.

The Seahawks of Coach Mel Gibson are Independent team.

Added height and quickness from a fine recruiting year and three dependable returnees from last season make this hard to beat. Danny Davis, a 6-7, 225-

pound forward, is the only senior on the team and their leading scorer.

Jacksonville is the fourth place team in the strong Sun Belt Conference. They beat UNCC earlier in the year in a double overtime 69-68 game in Jacksonville.

Leadres for the Dolphins are Phil Parisi a guard, Mike Hackett a forward and Steve Tutson a forward.

The Dolphins are led by head coach Tates Locke.

This is a big game for both teams as they jockey for positioning at the Sun Belt Conference tournament in March.

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