

# Sports Beat



## JCSU Gives Its Coaches Unanimous Vote Of Confidence

Special To The Post  
Johnson C. Smith head football coach Willie Harris and basketball coach Bob Moore received a unanimous vote of confidence by the Athletic Committee in their March meeting.

"Our athletic program has certainly become more competitive," commented JCSU President, Wilbert Greenfield. "Both head coaches are well received in the community and have represented J. C. Smith values well."

"We're proud of the Southern Division basketball championship," remarked Jack Martin. "I believe coach Harris is building in the direction of a winning football program. It just takes four or five years of hard work."

The work began in earnest Monday with the start of spring football practice. The annual Blue-Gold game will end the month-long sessions on Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m. on campus. Head coach Willie Harris invites the public out to view the squad that returns 15 starters from last year's 4-7 campaign.

"We're happy to have a good nucleus of experienced players back," commented Harris. "We're going to need that experience since we open with four road games out of our first five contests this fall. The 1981 schedule features two new faces in the Elizabeth City State Vikings and the Bowie State Bulldogs, both CIAA members. Virginia Union and Hampton were dropped as CIAA commissioner Bob Moorman initiated a rotating schedule among the conferences' 14 teams. Traditional rivals N.C. A&T, S.C. State, Livingstone and Winston-Salem State return along with Lenoir-Rhyne, Fayetteville State, Virginia State, U.D.C and defending CIAA champions N. C. Central.

Harris and his staff are pleased with the 29 athletes signing national football letters of intent with JCSU. "We've inked a half-



Robert Moore  
Basketball coach

dozen blue chip prospects," cited Jack Martin. "After a period of initial adjustment, several incoming players will be able to help us out right away."

A report on the Golden Bull recruits will be upcoming in the POST as the Smith football staff has not finalized the list. "We've still got our fingers crossed on a couple more," explained Harris.

1981 Football Schedule  
Sept. 5 - Elizabeth City



Willie Harris  
Football coach

State, away; Sept. 12 - Lenoir-Rhyne College, away; Sept. 19 - Virginia State University, home; Sept. 26 - Bowie State, away; Oct. 3 - N.C. A&T State, away; Oct. 10 - S.C. State, home; Oct. 17 - Livingstone, home; Oct. 24 - University of D.C., away; Oct. 31 - Winston-Salem State, away; Nov. 7 - N.C. Central, Homecoming; Nov. 14 - Fayetteville State, home.

All Charlotte home games to be played at Veterans' Memorial Stadium.

## BATCH Elects New Officers

BATCH Racquet Association is kicking its year off with the announcement of new officers, two early season major tournaments and a major league tennis schedule.

Officers for 1981 are George Neale, director; Cornell Whitley, vice director; Darlene McCullough, secretary; and Floyd Young, Treasurer.

Board of Directors are Robert Reeves, Derek Anderson, Tom Brown, James Cuthbertson, Leon Norman, Frento Burton and Stan Law.

The first major tournament is the Nest Open, to be held at Hornets' Nest Park on April 4-5. Singles events are men's, ladies' and junior. Doubles events are men's, ladies', junior mixed and junior-senior.

For information call Robert Reeves, 525-1515 or 376-0496. Singles events are \$5 for adults and \$3 for juniors. Doubles events are \$8 per adult team and \$6 per junior team. You must bring a can of balls for each event to be played.

The 4th annual South-eastern Racquet Associa-

tion Tennis Tournament will be held at Hornets' Nest Park on April 25 and 26.

Singles events will include 35 and over men's, ladies', junior boy and junior girl.

and junior girl mixed. Senior costs are \$6 per event per person. Junior costs are \$5 per event per person.

BATCH's first match is at Sugar Creek against the Stokers on March 21, beginning at 9 a.m.

Round Robin will be held March 28-29.

## THE \$1.98 RAP SESSION

If you live by high principles you will not have to tell anyone. It would appear that finances are getting tighter at the predominantly black schools at the college level. Morris Brown College basketball coach and athletic director Charles Hardnett quit his post recently, citing "It's been too little monetary compensation and not the best support." Hardnett accepted a position with the Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department because he was "tired of working on a shoestring budget."

Grambling will make history next fall when the Tigers battle Southern Methodist University on the gridiron. It will become the first time the famed Tigers have taken the football field against a predominantly white school during regular season.

There are some men in public office who ought to be in private life.

Racing buffs will be interested in knowing that Charlotte's '81 collector car flea market-antique car show and old car auction is coming to town April 10 for a three-day stand at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Some last-minute basketball notes, not of tournament interest. ....Hampton set three school records during the past campaign. They established a new standard for shooting accuracy when Lionel "Gino" Marquetti shot 57. from the floor. Hank Ford's Pirates, who'll return 11 lettermen next year, also hit 49.7 percent of their shots from the field and they connected with 35 of 52 field goal attempts against Southeastern for a sizzling 67.4 percent.

Would you believe the Chicago Bears paid runningback Walter Payton \$325,34 for each yard he gained during the 1980 NFL football campaign? Payton was paid \$475,000 last year. He gained 1,460 yards rushing. In the meantime, the Atlanta Falcons were compensating their backfield duo of Lynn Cain and William Andrews with pittance in comparison. For example, Andrews and Cain did not make \$100,000 between them last fall. But together they rushed for 2,223 yards. Andrews earned \$52,500 and Cain was paid only \$45,000.

The best show in town this summer will be found in Atlanta where the powerful Braves are going to make a serious run for the National League Pennant.

Now that the college basketball season is winding down one wonders if a great deal of pressure will be brought to bear on Virginia's famed sophomore Ralph Sampson. The 7'4" center turned down a bid from the Boston Celtics to turn pro last year. Already the scouts are saying that Sampson does not have the strength to play against the big boys and that his weakness may become more apparent in another year of collegiate competition. Isn't that a cheap way to get a kid to sing?

My guess is that either Notre Dame or Louisiana State will capture the NCAA Championship this year. The prediction is based on their performance last week. Wonder what the public relations people in the ACC are saying now that two of their three teams got bumped in the first rounds of the playoffs? Could it be that the ACC is vastly overrated? I think so.

The New York Mets have hired former star Cleon Jones as their minor league hitting instructor...Elvin Hayes, the durable Washington Bullets' star, says he will enter the ministry when his playing days are over.

Eddie Murray and Ken Singleton of the Baltimore Orioles have proven they're men of exceptional worth. Both have purchased blocks of tickets to the Orioles 1981 home games to give to poor youngsters and the elderly. You'd have to take your hat off to Grambling and Southern, who went out on a limb to promote their own athletic event last fall. The gamble paid off to the tune of \$192,945, slightly more than \$66,000 each more than the returns they received when the experts handled the promotion.

Walt Frazier is currently earning more yearly as a legitimate executive than he did when he was performing so brilliantly in the NBA for the New York Knicks. Walt's agency managers some of the nation's top athletes.

Would you say that national polls aren't worth a hill of beans? The Black College Basketball Poll last week lists Johnson C. Smith in a seventh-place tie with Grambling State while Virginia State, a team that whipped Smith twice during the season and came within an eyelash of winning the CIAA Tournament, was placed in the 14th position. And Norfolk State, which got bumped out of the CIAA Tournament the first night, is roosting in fourth place.

Grambling will not play Morgan State in New York City next fall.

## Thomas Pettway Is "Athlete Of The Week"

By Chase Vance  
Special To The Post  
"I didn't know how good I would do," said Thomas O'Neil Pettway of Olympic High School after his astounding early season showing on the high jump bar at a track meet recently.

His jump of six feet and four inches is one of the best marks of any high school senior in this young track season. And although the Trojan track team has not been a legitimate competitor in years, he seems like a possible choice for an All-State if he keeps improving.

"I just try hard to do my best," said Pettway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Pettway of the Rollingwood community.

"I love track," he added. "Next year, when I go to college I would like to run track and play football. That's my other interest."

Pettway, the Charlotte Post Spring Sports star of the week was an outstanding tight end and wide receiver. He holds three of his school's passing records.

Pettway is also active in community affairs. He is serving in the 1981 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Beautification Militaire.

At Olympic, he is in the Key Club, and was on the basketball team. He plans to attend Gardner-Webb or North Carolina Central to major in Bio-Chemistry.

Other outstanding performances were recorded last week by Tony White and Durain Anderson of the West Charlotte Lions baseball team. Although they lost 7-6, White went 2 for 4 with two RBIs and Anderson was 3 for 3 with two RBIs.

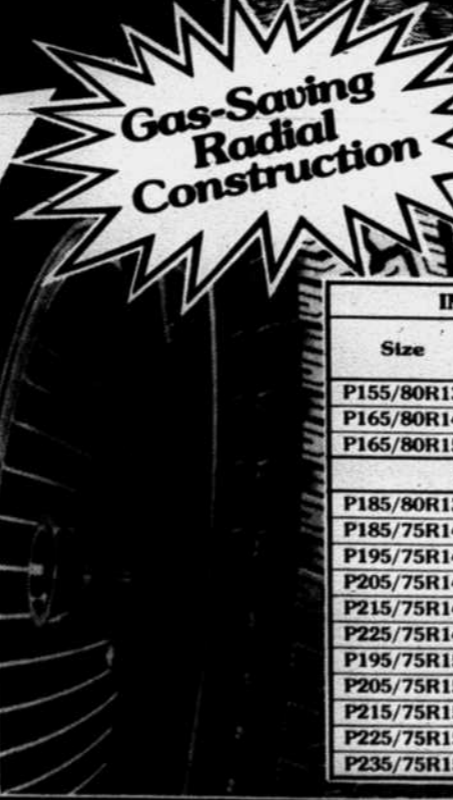
Also Drew Berry defeated Andy Fink of Providence Day 6-1, 6-4 and John Murphy defeated Todd Nelson 6-1, 6-0 as the West Charlotte Lions beat Providence Day 6-3 in tennis.

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