

# SPORTS BEAT



## THE \$1.98 RAP SESSION.....

A new broom won't sweep clean unless someone uses it!  
Wonder if Muhammad Ali and Harold Rossfields Smith are still friends?  
Local executive of the West Charlotte Optimist Club are planning a big confab here in early August...The conference will officially kickoff promotions for the WCOC's first CIAA Championship Football Game at Memorial Stadium here Saturday, November 21.  
Commissioner Bob Moorman, the football coaches around the league and several of the top athletes will be in attendance.

One of the easiest things to do is to start an argument and one of the hardest things to do is to stop one!

Simon P. Gourdine, deputy commissioner of the National Basketball Association, is thinking of stepping down when his current contract ends next January. The holder of the highest position in sports for blacks likely will be quickly grabbed up by some other sport or outside major industry, if he leaves the basketball circuit. Gourdine's expertise in dealing with and settling issues helped the NBA survive its stormiest period.

Wonder why it's easier to forgive an enemy after you get even with him?

The Greater Charlotte Junior Tennis Tournament -- for boys and girls 18 and under -- will be held at the Park Road Park, August 10-14.

Entry fees have been set at \$4 for singles and \$6 doubles. The deadline for entering is August 5. Entry blanks can be picked up at the City Recreation Centers, The Tennis & Ski Shop, Tennis & ETC., Faul and Crymes, and at all area Pro Shops.

The event is being sponsored by the Charlotte Park and Recreation Department and the Charlotte Tennis Association.

Winston-Salem State head football coach Bill Hayes has added Alfred Harvey and Steve Komondorea to his staff.

Both are highly regarded in the profession. Harvey returns to his alma mater after one year of coaching at South Stokes Senior High School in Walnut Grove. He previously served as assistant coach at WSSU, following his graduation.

Komondorea, a graduate of Wake Forest, formerly served with Dick Crums' staff at the University of North Carolina. He formerly coaches at Cummings Senior High School and at Reidsville Senior High School.

Rumors have it that Bob Moore, basketball coach at Johnson C. Smith, has added a well-known personality to his staff as assistant coach. Bob has also added a couple of prep basketball greats to his squad. He's expecting huge things from 6-8 Phil Smith and 6-3 Dervin Parks.

A wing guard from Wilmington, Del., Park was All-City, putting an average of 24 points through the hoops and pulling down 18 rebounds a game. Smith is the top candidate for the pivot. He's from Houston, Texas.

Lenoir-Rhyne will host the SAC-8 Rouser in Hickory August 3-4. Rick Strunk says, "It will be a chance for some good food and fellowship, as well as a chance to get a look at the eight teams that will battle for the SAC-8 Championship this fall. Strunk has scheduled golf for Monday, August 3, at the Granada Farms County Club for a mere \$8 per person, including green fees and carts.

Mike Burton, who starred for Northside Christian Academy, has signed to play basketball with Wingate College Bulldogs. Wayne Shadrack says the 6-foot, 155-pound candidate for a guard position "...is going to be a terrific addition to our team."

Wingate has also latched onto Sam Williams, an All-Southwestern 4-A Conference catcher. Williams led South Mecklenburg to a 22-3 record this past spring.

Georgia running back Herschel Walker has been named winner of the 1981 Tanqueray Achievement Award for excellence in amateur sports. The irony of this is that my favorite football player is being honored by my favorite beverage.

Bob Moorman says 1981-82 will be "...the most exciting sports year ever in the CIAA."

Local golfers, especially those who are members of the Par Busters Club will tee it up in Atlanta, Ga., this weekend. They'll be competing for titles and trophies in the Bill Lucas Memorial Pro-Am Tournament in that lovely city.

The Par Busters tournament is slated for Crystal Springs, August 8-9.

If you're wondering why JCSU coach Wylie Harris is not smiling these days, how would you feel if you had to face Elizabeth City State, Lenoir-Rhyne, Virginia State, N.C. A&T State, S.C. State, Winston-Salem State and N.C. Central on the gridirons this fall? Rugged schedules cause sleepless nights!

## Sensational Cager

# Buford's Love Is Basketball!

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

Love for some ladies would be a walk on a sandy beach...for others it may be a new Cadillac. But for Angie Buford love is basketball and it all started with one material object.

If it wasn't for a basketball rim placed in the backyard of a home her family moved into when she was in the sixth grade, Ms. Buford's fondness for the game might not exist.

"If it wasn't for that rim I don't think I would be playing now," she stated. Her career started right there in her backyard and the next year she decided to try out for the 7th grade girls' basketball team...she made it and was placed as starting point guard.

Since then her performance has only improved. During her 10th grade year as a forward, she became the "Most Valuable Player of the Year" at West Mecklenburg. She was the Charlotte News "Female Player of the Year" and the Harding Invitational Tournament, "Most Valuable Player."

Her senior year was just as productive. The Charlotte Observer voted her the "Most Valuable Player in the girls' basketball division, Charlotte. West Mecklenburg again voted her the "Most Valuable Player," leading the Indians to the top ten high school tournament finals. West lost by three.

She was chosen the "Most Valuable Player" at the District Championship at UNCC where West Mecklenburg won the title; made All-City for Weekly West during her senior year; and was awarded a plaque and selected to the outstanding female athletes list by Stayfree Mini Pads.

## Thompson Captures BATCH Singles Title

"I am very excited," said Jamaican-born Errol Thompson, a student at Johnson C. Smith University where he plays the number two position on the Golden Bulls tennis team. "It is a great honor," he added.

Thompson defeated Dana Eric Berry 7-6, 6-1 in the men's singles finals and teamed with Dot Clark and defeated Wilbur Young and Joan Bender, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

Thompson, who teamed with June Perry, lost in the finals to Chuck Whitley and Stan Law 1-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Monica Bonikowski defeated Darlene McCullough 6-2, 6-1.

In women's doubles, Brenda Styles and Ratre Smith defeated Carolyn Rippey and Ella Loven 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

In the 35 and older men's singles, Wilbur Young defeated Ernie Felder 7-5, 6-4.

Twana Staley defeated Tammy Marr in junior girls' singles 6-1, 6-1.

Don Mackin defeated Everett Wohlbruck in junior boys' singles 6-3, 6-0.

## Prep Football Is Month Away!

High school football is just a little over a month away from tipoff.

The Harding Rams of Coach Will Holtshouser will have the dubious honor of opening the season when they entertain the Trojans of Northwest Cabarrus on Thursday, August 27, at 8 p.m. in their new stadium on campus.

On Friday, August 28, the East Burke Cavaliers will visit West Mecklenburg, the Garinger Wildcats will visit the Hunter Huss Huskies, the Olympic Trojans will meet the Catholic Cougars at Myers Park and North Mecklenburg's Vikings will travel to Greensboro to play Page.

The other teams will open on Friday, September 4, as Independence goes to Central Cabarrus, South visits power A. L. Brown of Kannapolis, East visits Richmond County and Crest travels to West Charlotte.

Conference openers begin on Friday, September 11, with East at South, Independence at Harding, Myers Park at Garinger, North at West Mecklenburg, and Olympic at West Charlotte.



ANGIE BUFORD  
...Charlotte's finest

letes list by Stayfree Mini Pads.

Now an '81 graduate of West Mecklenburg, Ms. Buford has been chosen for the line-up on the All-Star East-West Team. They will be pitted against The Eastern Division in Greensboro Coliseum July 28.

Ms. Buford and nine other young ladies were chosen from statewide competition. The women's game will be held at 7:30 p.m. while the men's game will be held at 9:30 p.m. Ms. Buford will start as point guard.

With a point average of 25, rebound average of 12 and assists 5, Ms. Buford has scored 41 points in

four games during her basketball career.

Numerous colleges and universities offered Ms. Buford scholarships. Among them, North Carolina Central, UNC-Greensboro, Johnson C. Smith and a few others. She decided on North Greenville College in Greenville, S.C.

"I received a full four year scholarship from North Greenville," she began. "There are about 650 students there."

"I plan to major in Physical Education and would like to become a basketball coach and hopefully work with the women's professional basketball teams."

Ms. Buford's two favorite people are her mother, Minnie Stewart and grandmother Irma Buford. "They are at every game, standing behind me."

She has two sisters, Nita and Mindy and one brother, Petree. She attends New Zion Baptist Church and enjoys exercise, running, softball, volleyball, swimming, football. "It's important for me to stay in shape," she insists.

At 5'8" Ms. Buford is ready to slam in her divisional play. "Women don't slam the ball and I want to be the first lady to slam it," she announced.

## Optimism Peaks

# Bull Football Outlook!

For the first time in recent years Johnson C. Smith University has a solid chance to tip the scales in favor of a winning 1981 ledger. Fifteen starters return, 8 on defense, from last year's 4-7 squad.

The Golden Bulls will be led by NAIA All-American Daniel Beauford. The Baltimore, Maryland, defensive end was a unanimous choice as CIAA Defensive Player of the Year. Beauford's 18 quarterback sacks and 125 total tackles will be bolstered by a stronger defensive line, particularly with the return of sophomore defensive tackle Alvin Ellington to eligibility. Linebacker Reggie Wilson enjoyed a fine year along with defensive backs Alveraz Abernathy and Stephen Gray. The mobile Abernathy, cousin to Jack Tatum, was named All-CIAA and second team

NAIA-26 in his first year of competition with an impressive 105 tackles and five interceptions.

The offensive backfield returns intact as John Henry Thomas will guide at quarterback with Jeff Steele and Mark Saunders carrying the ball. The elusive Nate McDowell will team with prize recruit Ken White and tough tight end Ed McNeely, who missed last season, in forming a strong receiving corp. The offensive line will remain a question mark as Ray Ellis, James Hairston, Kenneth Jones and Richard Shankle return, but a few gaps and depth will have to be developed.

Last season's results took a large step in building confidence and restoring hope for the Golden Bull football program. The last JCSU winning season was in 1975. Two-thirds of the way through the 1980 season the Bulls were battling for the CIAA title, but close losses to Winston-Salem State (7-3) and Virginia States (12-7) dropped JCSU to the middle of the pack at year's end.

Charlotte's hosting the CIAA Championship game between the northern and southern division winners on November 21, may just provide the extra incentive for the Bulls to complete the turn around. There are more indications for a bright future ahead. Wylie



Wylie Harris

...Expects winning season  
Harris has come off a strong recruiting year, a sign that the Golden Bulls program is indeed gaining strength. "There is no question that we are coming off a down cycle,"

## Anytime Is Good Time For Vacation!

Anytime is a good time for a vacation. There are so many places to go, so many things to do in America that no matter what you prefer, it's available.

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commented athletic director Eddie McGirt. "But it's also clear that we are on a strong upswing."

Look for the southern division to be a three-way dogfight with the favored edge going to defending CIAA champ N.C. Central. The Bulls and Winston-Salem State won't allow the Eagles to rest on their laurels.

"We are not going to concede a single game on our schedule," promised head coach Wylie Harris. "We've worked hard in rebuilding and we didn't quite have the maturity and experience to pull out a few close games last year. My boys are hungry for the next step in the upcoming season."

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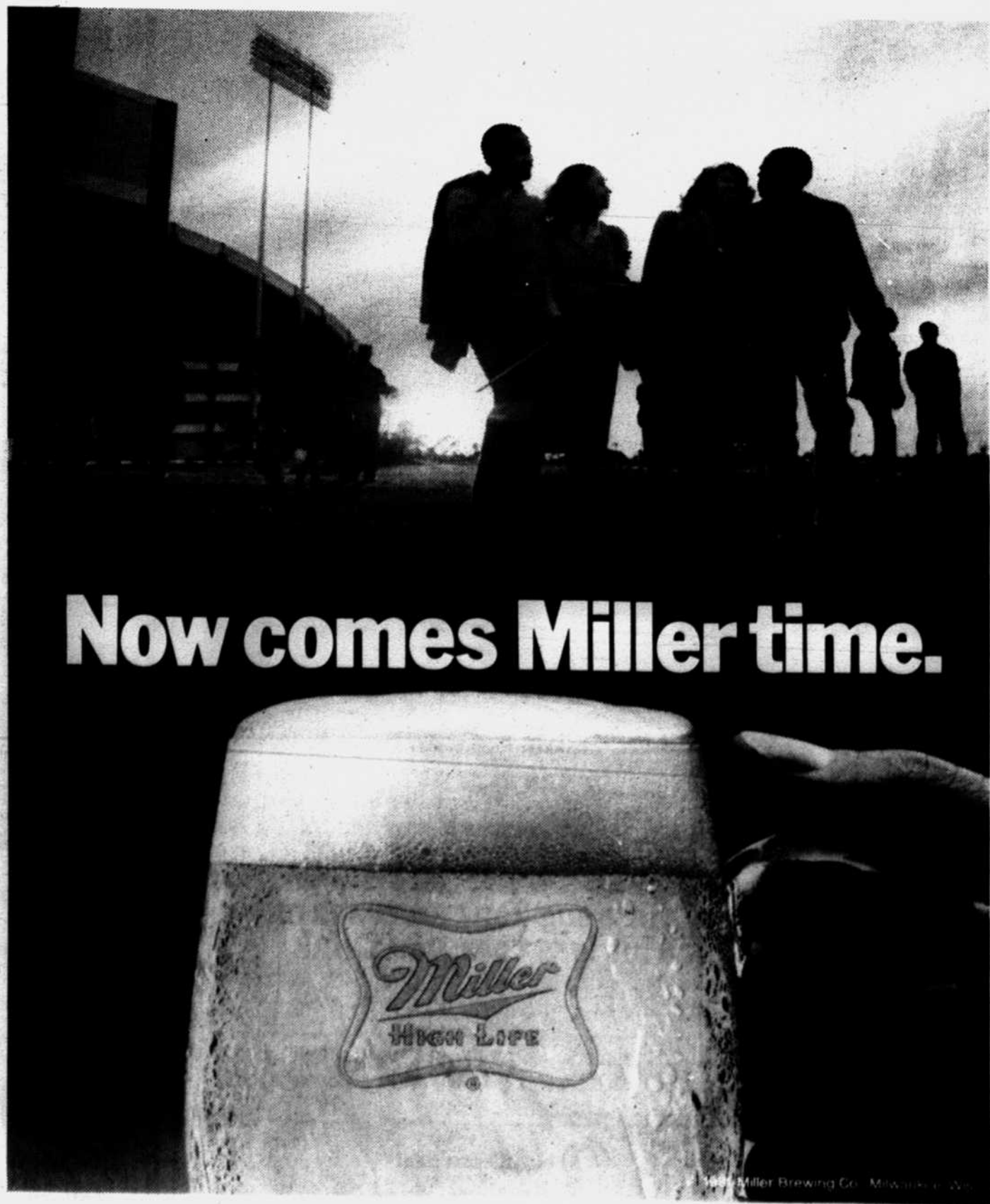
ORANGEBURG, S.C. The South Carolina State College Class of '71 will hold its first reunion September 18-19 at the Carolina Townhouse, 1615 Gervais Street, Columbia, S.C.

Deadline for reservations at the Carolina Townhouse is August 1. All reunion fees should be paid by this date also, according to a class spokesman.

For further information, call Andrew Hugine at 536-7062 or 534-2325; Bill Hamilton at 536-7060, 534-1649 or 534-1814; or Leroy Morant at 536-6104.

Opticians

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Now comes Miller time.