



I WISH I HAD THE ANSWER!.....

Those of us who look for Johnson C. Smith University to develop a first class athletic program without the benefits of a total commitment program are more foolhardy than those of us who feel President Ronald Reagan is not serious about his proposed budget cuts.

I wouldn't think it would be so difficult for us to believe that a program of any kind could be run efficiently and effectively without lots of money. Yet, we tend to get angry when our athletic teams do not live up to our expectations. If we want them to perform like "supermen" we must recruit "supermen." I find it hard to deal with the fact that some of us become so angry when our teams lose, that we publicly state that "we're going to use our influence and get the coach fired."

Is it possible to "fire" someone when you've not contributed to that person's paycheck? Are we really silly enough to believe that president Wilbert Greenfield and his able athletic committee will listen seriously to our moaning and groaning if we're not making worthwhile contributions to the school's athletic programs?

Are we aware that our coaches and our athletes do not travel first class or live in the best hotels and motels when they attend away from home contests? Are we aware that our coaches do not travel first class when they are on recruiting trips? Please tell me how in the world do we expect him to make an impression on a top-ranked athlete if he's operating at a second class level? That is why the great majority of the best black athletes are enrolled in predominantly white schools!

Let's face some cold facts. It costs J. C. Smith the same amount of money to make a trip, via chartered bus, or a plane or whatever, as it does Duke or North Carolina, or any other predominantly white school. The same is true of the cost of uniforms.

Our teams do not attract large crowds and we're not in position to share in the lucrative contracts being dished out by the major television networks, therefore we must dig down deep in our pockets and produce the necessary funds to meet the demanding cost of operating a first-class program.

Another alternative is to employ a full-time professional fund-raiser, one with the best track record to go out and raise the necessary capital to enable us to develop a program that would be designed to stop the flight of the best black athletes to the predominantly white schools.

Of prime importance is the fact that the best black athletes are color blind when it comes to being associated with a first-class athletic program, with a school that has great academic recognition. The solution to the problem would be to accept the challenge that to build a top-rated athletic program would at the same time present us with the great responsibilities of improving our schools' images and reputations to that of outstanding academic institutions.

We should be mindful of the fact that while most predominantly white colleges and universities are operating on a million-dollar-plus budget just for one major sport, football or basketball, our black institutions are barely getting by on a pittance 200 thousand dollars for their entire athletic programs.

Something ought to be done about it!

It is possible that the baseball season will drag on until October 28? The playoffs are scheduled to begin Tuesday, the championship series will get underway on the 13th, and the World Series starts Tuesday, October 20.

Reggie Jackson likely will be the first major league baseball player to reach 2,000 strike-outs as a hitter. Rumors are that George Steinbrenner will go after Dave Parker at the end of the season if he fails to keep Reggie Jackson.

With 13 selections to choose from this week, the Old Crystal Ball is not too optimistic about upping its record of 27 correct picks and 6 mistakes.

We're going out on the limb early this week and pick Fayetteville to defeat Bowie State and Elizabeth City to upset Virginia State. Our long-shot for the week is Mississippi Valley over A&T.

S.C. State will crush J.C. Smith and N.C. Central will turn back Morgan State. Virginia Union will breeze past Clark and Howard will trounce Delaware State. Jackson State is too strong for Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman will eke by Albany State. UDC will add to St. Paul's winless miseries and Winston-Salem State will make life tougher for Livingstone. Emory Henry will bounce Hampton and Elon will decision Norfolk State in a squeaker.

## Here Saturday Bulls Face S.C. State In Non-Conference Battle

Many area football fans feel that Johnson C. Smith playing S.C. State the week after A&T State is literally jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. Golden Bulls head coach Wylie Harris doesn't quite see it that way.

"I've stated all along we have a good football team that is maturing and finding itself," reflected Harris. "Playing nose-to-nose on even terms with the Aggies tells us what we are capable of doing."

The statistics support Harris' claim. Johnson C. Smith is averaging 304 offensive yards a game while holding their opponents to 227 yards a contest. The Bulls have outgained their opponents on the ground and in the air. The only statistic opponents lead, unfortunately, is points scored.

"We have hurt ourselves with youthful mistakes early in the season," explained Harris. "But we have grown together as a team and improved. The point difference will swing in favor of Johnson C. Smith as long as we continue to dominate the statistics in the second half of the season."

One point in favor of a Bulls winning streak ahead



Jeff Steele

Hard running fullback is that JCSU will play four of their next five games at Charlotte Memorial Stadium. The final four games are all conference contests against southern division foes.

In the meantime, the Gold and Blue must face powerful S.C. State, stung by an Alcorn State touchdown with no time remaining in a 24-20 loss last week. The Bulldogs allowed the Alcorn Braves only 11 yards on the ground, but proved vulnerable in the air.

"John Henry Thomas may prove a deciding factor Saturday," commented S.C. State SID Bill Hamilton.

The Bulldogs shun the pass themselves, going with the rush 82 percent of

the time. State averages a healthy 4.4 yards a carry with a bevy of talented runners in Henry Odom, Anthony Reed and Mack Reed. It would be unlikely for the visitors to attack the Bulls secondary, especially with Steven Gray and Alvarez Abernathy on a rampage with eight interceptions, eight pass break-ups and five fumble recoveries between them along with leading the defense in tackles.

Johnson C. Smith will be able to counter State with their own respectable running game as Darrel Wesley leads the CIAA with 94.4 yards a game rushing and fullback Jeff Steele in contributing a respectable 64 yards a contest rushing and 25 yards per game in the air.

Most of the credit goes to the Bulls' offensive line as Kenneth Jones, Willie Hughes, Richard Shankle, James Hairston and Ray Ellis are winning the physical battle in the trenches.

"Playing against A&T State and S.C. State just pumps us up all the more," explained Ellis. "Our goal is to clear those big bodies out of the way all day long."

Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

### CIAA Football Roundup

## Fraylon Guides Eagles To Southern Division Top Spot

Special To The Post  
HAMPTON, VA. - The Panthers of Virginia Union closed out the CIAA fifth football week still at the top of the Northern Division but only 1/2 ahead of their neighbors 25 miles away, the Men of Troy from Virginia State.

Virginia Union remained undefeated by routing St. Paul's College 55-6. Six different Panthers crossed the goal line with Harry Mitchell and Gary Mayor doing it twice. All Ameri-

can candidate William Dillon remained on track intercepting two passes, one for a 30-yard touchdown.

The Trojans of Virginia State, stayed in the hunt by thrashing the Bears of Livingstone 29-18. This is the fastest Trojan start since the 1970 season when they won seven straight enroute to the CIAA Championship.

The shock of the week came when Winston-Salem rammed the charist of the Norfolk State Spartans and

threw it off the championship track with a sound 25-6 whipping.

After throwing 88 passes in the first three games, the Rams honored the air controllers strike and went back to the game that had

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## James Johnson Chosen "Player Of The Week"

The Myers Park Mustangs are muddling around near the bottom of the conference this year with a record they are not accustomed to. Going into Friday's game with the East Mecklenburg Eagles which they won 20-13, they were 1-2 in the league and 1-3 overall.

"We needed this one in the worst way," said Coach Ron Wright. "Our kids played hard. They could have folded, but they didn't."

The difference in winning and losing was this week's Charlotte Post "Player of the Week," James Johnson.

He scored all 20 Myers

Park points, running for 183 yards in 26 carries and carrying for three touchdowns.

The winning touchdown was a 10-yard scamper with 2:15 remaining in the third quarter.

Other standouts were: Haywood Smith of Harding with two touchdowns... Nate May of Harding with 99 yards on 21 carries... Olympic's Mel Wallace catching a 52 yard pass from Daniel Smith... Steve Griffin of South Mecklenburg with three touchdowns, 247 yards total, of which 191 were rushing... Kevin White of South Mecklenburg with 92 yards on four carries including a 61-yard second quarter

touchdown... South's defensive front of Dennis Brandau, Mark Pellin, Skip Thompson, John Cole and Melvin Gaddy who allowed weak Garinger only 40 yards rushing in 30 carries... Olympic quarterback Daniel Smith completing 11 or 16 passes for 176 yards... Harding quarterback Dean Benson, 8 or 12 passes for 77 yards... North's Tyrone Graham, Danny Campagna and Raymond Phillips, and Milton Poots for leading their team in an upset of number 8 ranked Independence... Kenny Cuthbertson of Independence for a touchdown...



### CIAA SOUTHERN DIVISION

CONF.	ALL	South Meck
WLT	WLT	Indep'nce
N.C. Central	3 10	3 10
Fayetteville	1 10	1 20
J. C. Smith	1 20	2 30
Winston-Salem	1 20	1 30
Bowie State	0 20	2 20
Livingstone	0 30	1 40

### NORTHERN DIVISION

Virginia Union	4 00	4 00
Virginia State	3 00	4 00
Norfolk State	2 10	3 10
Elizabeth City	2 10	3 10
Saint Paul's	0 40	0 50

### CONF. ALL

W.L.	W.L.
Emory Henry at Hampton	4-0 5-0
S.C. State at J.C. Smith	3-1 4-1
Livingstone at Winston-Salem	3-1 4-1
Elon at Norfolk State	3-1 4-1
Morgan at N.C. Central	2-2 3-2
U.D.C. at Saint Paul's	2-2 3-2
Virginia Union at Clark	0-4 2-3
Bethune-Cookman at Albany State	0-4 1-4
Howard at Delaware St.	0-4 1-4
Jackson St. at Florida A&M	0-4 0-5
Miss. Valley at N.C. A&T	

### WHERE THEY PLAY

Friday Night (8 p.m.)  
East Meck at West Meck  
Independence at Olympic  
Myers Park at North Meck  
South Meck at Harding  
West Charlotte at Garinger

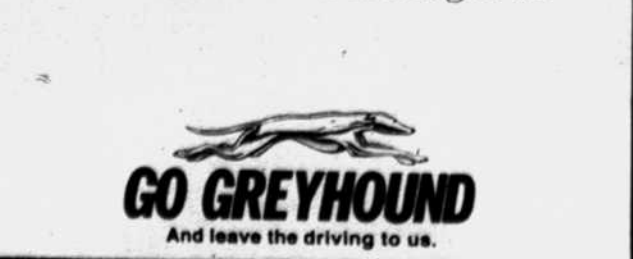
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## EXCITING COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

"Golden Bulls"

-VS-

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**

"Bulldogs"

John Henry Thomas  
...Star quarterback

Jeff Steele  
...Fullback

Nate McDowell  
...All-CIAA receiver

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1981**

**1:30 P.M.**

**CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL STADIUM**

**ADMISSION**

**\$5.00** Adults      **\$2.00** Students

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**REMAINING HOME GAMES**

Livingstone - 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 17

Open Date - Saturday, October 24

N.C. Central - 1:30 p.m., Saturday, November 7 (Homecoming)

Fayetteville State - 1:30 p.m., Saturday, November 14

**AWAY GAME**

Winston-Salem State at Winston Salem, N.C. Saturday, October 31, 1:30 p.m.

Children 12yrs. of age and under are admitted free when accompanied by parent or guardian