

By Bill Johnson

SPORTS BEAT



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SAY YOU SAW IT HERE!
... People who stand outside the church and criticize those on the inside have very little to do!

Has anyone seen a sweet, feminine, lady-like character on television recently? Oh, well!

If you're interested in trying your luck with a professional football team and feel you're not quite good enough to make it with the NFL teams, you might want to take a trip up to Baltimore for a tryout with the Baltimore Warriors, a semi-pro outfit that is a member of the Delaware Valley Football Conference. Coach Dick Burton and his staff are looking for players of "quality."

Wonder why Johnson C. Smith is not lining up a radio-broadcast network to send its away-from-home games back to Charlotte? Such a network would not only produce extra cash, it would also develop greater interest in our athletic teams. It's a great way to build a huge following.

Calvin Peete slipped a few notches on the list of 100 top golf money winners on the circuit last week. Smooth-swinging Peete has earned \$46,916 so far this year. At the same time, popular long-ball hitting Jim Dent has climbed up to 61st spot, with slightly more than \$25,000 in earnings.

Research reveals that only six percent of the college football players drafted by the pros came from predominately black schools...Accordingly, there were 330 athletes chosen and only 20 from black colleges. Some experts place the blame on a "lack of top flight talent." Tennessee State and Mississippi Valley State have entered a two-year agreement to play football in the famed Memphis Liberty Bowl, beginning this fall.

Look for the Los Angeles Lakers to offer San Diego an attractive package of talent for its leadoff spot in the upcoming NBA draft. If the deal can be made, the Lakers will go all out to get Virginia's Ralph Sampson in their fold. Local rumors report that Al Attlee is interested in Phil Flores of Johnson C. Smith. I find that difficult to believe. Almost as difficult as believing the reports labeling Rick Mahorn, formerly of Hampton, as the "meanest, toughest and dirtiest" player in the NBA.

Phil Busher says J. C. Smith has recruited three lovely young women for its basketball team. "To date we've not signed any male athletes for our basketball squad," Phil informs. Norfolk State, which has an impressive history for corraling top athletes, has signed Ann Theus, supposedly one of the most prolific scorers ever to play basketball in the Tidewater areas.

While the fussing rage over Yankee shortstops Bucky Dent and Roy Smalley - who is better and who should have more playing time, etc. - Larry Milburne is being overlooked. If you recall, Milburne led the Yankees into the World Series last fall while playing the position.

Julius Irving rammed home 164 dunks this past season. His Philadelphia 76ers teammate Darryl Dawkins was credited with only 50 dunks. Buck Williams set a New Jersey Nets record for rebounds. The former Maryland star grabbed 1,005 his first year in the pros. The Boston Celtics lost only six times in the Boston Garden where every game was played before a sellout crowd.

My guess is that Boston will tangle with the L.A. Lakers in the NBA Championship series. The struggling Cleveland Cavaliers have dropped \$9 million in the last two seasons...Surprisingly, the average attendance at NBA games increased by 5.7 percent over last year. I believe that if the Lakers fail in their attempt to get Sampson, they will go after James Worthy.

Houston Rockets Moses Malone, who likely will be named the MVP of the NBA, is asking \$3 million a year to play basketball. He's slated to become a free agent later this year.

...Bet You Didn't Know That - Reggie Jackson turns 36 on May 18? Or that the NBA Playoffs will extend into the second week of June if it runs its full course?

While the national press was showering high praises on the Atlanta Braves and their sensational early season win streak, the San Diego Padres were taking off like a space shuttle...All 58,838 tickets have been sold for the 1982 All-Star Baseball Game. It will be played in Montreal July 13.

The Atlanta Braves have become one of baseball's hottest items. They drew 37,268 fans for their 12th win and their TV rating has reached an all-time high. Thirty-seven percent of all TV sets in use on a recent Saturday night were tuned to the game while "Love Boat" and "Fantasy Island" drew only a 29 share.



Nothing's sweeter than little babies. Their innocence shining brighter than the noon sun. Eleven gorgeous infants competed in the Ever Ready Club's Baby Contest recently in celebration of the club's 28th anniversary. No one knew for sure who would come out in first place. It was a close competition and the babies were working extremely hard. For most it was their competition and already their parents had instilled in them to do their best. But when the time came to announce the winner all contestants were at ill ease. Most were wiggling around in

the seats with anticipation until the emcee announced that Ronald Mitchell placed in first position. Second runner-up was Curtis Anderson; third place went to Sharlton Crawford; and fourth position was placed by Desmond Kiser. The members of the Ever Ready Club will not forget the valiant efforts of all the contestants. Included in the contest were little masters Damarcus Johnson, Bobby Caldwell, Jermar Perry, Bryant Love, Damarcus Perry, Demetric Blaylock and La Parshe McDowell.

May Fifth Among Shotputters

Nate May emains in the fifth position among state shotputters with a throw of 56'3".

The Jarding athlete has bettered his throw by two feet since the last rankings. Keenan Davis of Olympic is fifth in the triple jump with 46'8". Billy Williams of Myers Park is sixth with 46'7".

In the high jump Shelton Boyer of West Charlotte is tied for first in the state with six feet and ten inches. Billy Williams of Myers Park is third with six feet and eight inches. Russell Clark of West Charlotte is fourth with six feet and eight inches.

Steve Edwards of Myers Park is first in the pole vault with 14-0. Mike Rhoads of West Mecklenburg is sixth with 12'6".

Haywood Smith of Harding is second in the 100 meter intermediate hurdles with :38.5 seconds. Haywood Workman of Myers Park is sixth with :39.9 seconds.

James Johnson of Myers

Park is second in the 100 meter dash with :10.5 seconds. Steve Griffin of South is fifth with :10.6 seconds.

In the 400 meter relay Myers Park with a time of 42.1 is first. They are followed by South with 42.2 and Harding with 42.7.

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Grier Stars In Salisbury Track Meet

West Charlotte's Katrina Grier had an outstanding conference track meet sectional track meet in Salisbury.

This week's Spring Sports Star of the Week set a record in the long jump, improving the old one by two feet when she leaped 20'1/2". She also won the triple jump.

"We had a problem this year with distance runners," said second year coach Delores Easter, "but I could still count on people like Tracey Easter and Katrina Grier to win events when they needed to be won. We just took what we had and went for it. They gave it everything they had."

Tracey Easter bettered the sectional record of 29.1 in the 200 meter hurdles by cruising in at 28.39. She placed second in the 100 meter hurdles, fourth in the high jump and joined her teammates for third in the 800 meter relay.

Also setting records were North's Shunta Robinson in the shotput, Myers Park's Katrina Swanson in the discus, Olympic's Sonja Marshall in the 100 meter hurdles, Patricia Whitworth of Ashbrook in the 200 dash and Darwin Davis of South in the 400 dash.

Swanson was third in the shot and threw the discus

BATCH Wins

Second Tennis

Match

The BATCH Travelin' All-Stars won their second match of the season, 20-10, over Durham.

The Travelin' All-Stars beat Greenville's Western Carolina Aces, 16-9, last week.

The Stars move into a first place tie in the team overall standings with Winston-Salem's Kimberly Park Smokers. Both are 1-0 in the league. In the junior division, Charlotte is also tied with Winston-Salem. In the senior division, Charlotte is in first place with a 1-0 record. Winston-Salem is 0-0-1 and in second place.

Winning in singles for the Travelin' All-Stars were Wilbur Young, Stan Law, and Frento Burton. In doubles, Brenda Styles and Wildred Mack, Drew Berry, Eric Abrams, Junior McGill, Brian Murphy and Algernon Johnson.

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The next match for the Travelin' All-Stars is Saturday at Greenville, SC.

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