

Crippled Golden Bulls Face Stephone Darby Working Three Tough CIAA Opponents On Earning Third Letter

SPORTS BEAT



Bill Johnson

THE WAY IT LOOKS TO ME!..... Marriage is a committee of two on ways and means. One has her ways, the other provides the means.

Calvin Peete, who finished fourth on the PGA money list in 1982, says he will enter as many tournaments this year as he can. Peete earned \$317,000 last year....Speaking of golf tournaments, NBC has announced that it will televise 12 major professional golf tournaments during the upcoming season.

Isn't it about time for the major media to stop picking on Tampa Bay's black quarterback Doug Williams? The former Grambling star connected with 26 of 49 pitches against the Chicago Bears last Sunday to up his rating among the top passers in the National Conference. He's emerging as one of the best young signal callers in the NFL.

Local sports fans are in for a rare treat Monday night at the Charlotte Coliseum. That's the night David Pope and his Norfolk State basketball teammates come to town to tangle with the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith. David is the best pivotman in the CIAA, possibly the best in small college circles. The muscular center is a sure pro prospect.

Look for the PAC 10 Conference to recommend the NCAA reduce the number of football scholarships at Division 1-A schools from 95 to 80. Reports are that football scholarships average from \$5,000 to \$11,000 a year for each student.

Local operators of amateur baseball leagues should form an early line at the major baseball league business offices. That's because major league teams are going to contribute \$577,666 to an estimated 227,000 teams this year.

How's this for hitting the jackpot? Each member of the winning Super Bowl team will receive \$70,000. The Super Bowl losers will each earn \$52,000.

Sudden Thought: If unheralded Chaminade last week knocked Virginia off the No. 1 perch in the major college weekly basketball standings, how come Chaminade is not rated among the top 40 major teams in this week's lineup?

Darryl Dawkins is in coach Larry Brown's doghouse. The former Philadelphia 76er, who was traded to the New Jersey Nets last year, could well be the biggest disappointment in the NBA this year.

Dallas is my choice to win the Super Bowl!

Imagine. The participants in the NCAA final four will each earn about \$515,000 next March. James Wortley is the newest millionaire in the big-time commercial business. The Gastonia native reportedly signed a \$1 million property endorsement deal with New Balance Shoes.

Former UNCC ace Bobby Potts is presently performing in the Continental Basketball Association with the Wisconsin Flyers. The NFL is losing its popularity with home TV viewers. That's the recent findings of a television research committee which says viewers of pro football games have fallen off considerably.

Can you produce football players in training camps in late January and early February? The 12 USFL teams will begin practicing later this month. The season opens March 6 and ends July 3, with the division play starting July 9-10. The championship contest is scheduled for July 17.

SOME DREAMS I'D LIKE TO SEE COME TRUE IN 1983.....

A football coach who admits that he got the devil beaten out of him rather than state that the referees stole the game from him...Calvin Peete capture the Master's, U.S. Open and the Tournament of Champions. Johnson C. Smith win the CIAA Southern Division basketball title and then go on to be the conference's prestigious basketball tournament championship.

Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, who is fun to watch in action, announces his retirement from the game he's contributed so much to and then changes his mind to give us one more year of the excitement that only he can generate on the courts.

An invitation to all the parties in Norfolk during the CIAA Basketball Tournament.

Commissioner Bob Moorman and company pack the Scope far beyond its 11,000 capacity for each of their tournament games next month...a special award for the gutsy guys who referee football and basketball games, especially between bitter rivals like North Carolina A&T and Winston-Salem State in basketball; or North Carolina Central and North Carolina A&T in football.

By Phil Busher
Special To The Post

Johnson C. Smith's Golden Bulls will limp into CIAA competition while the women unleash a bevy of transfers and players fresh off the injury list when JCSU travels to N.C. Central for a doubleheader Thursday.

Robert Moore's cagers are standing in line at the infirmary. Forward Glenn Phillips broke his hand in a fall at Bowie State, forward Stephone Darby's knee popped, guard Tobe Jackson dislocated his thumb on his shooting hand and forward Roosevelt McGruder is having his knee examined because of a nagging pain. Forward Elbie Montgomery's mother died, necessitating the transfer's return to Philadelphia.

"We're down to 11 players, three of whom I just pulled up from the JV team," remarked Moore. "This could be a very long week ahead."

Both Smith teams travel to St. Paul's for a doubleheader Saturday in Lawrenceville, VA. The Bulls will host perennial power Norfolk State at Brayboy Gym Monday, January 10, after the Smith ladies host St. Augustine's at 5:30 p.m. The Norfolk game was originally scheduled for the Charlotte Coliseum, but



Stephone Darby

Junior strongman since JCSU students are still on break the site was changed.

Women's coach Steve Joyner will celebrate the new year with the return of co-captain Chanda Truesdale and Marsha Alexander off knee injuries. Alexander owns JCSU's career scoring and rebounding records (1,089 points; 826 rebounds) while being named All-CIAA and All-NAIA-26. Transfer Sonya Dalton and Carly Hardin will play their first game against the Lady Eagles. N.C. Central will provide a stern test for the Smith women. Yvonne Edwards, who coached Fayetteville State to successive Southern division titles, takes over the reigns at NCCU. Central's men's team has

been scoring high with the return of senior David Binion to eligibility. The 6'6" forward is averaging 20 points and leads the CIAA with 16.6 rebounds per game.

Monday's game against Norfolk State will feature a match-up of two of the CIAA's dominant teams of recent years. The Bulls own a three game win streak over the Spartans, including an 81-62 victory in the CIAA Tournament last year. Coach Charles Christian, winner of four CIAA Tournament titles, will have two-time All-CIAA forward David Pope (22.6 points per game, 14.3 rebounds per game) along with super slick Billy Walker at guard. Only Hampton Institute and Winston-Salem State have even won four games in a row over Norfolk State in the CIAA since 1938, the year NSU first started playing.

BULL NOTES: Roosevelt McGruder ranks seventh in scoring in the 14 team CIAA with 19.0 points per game. JCSU ranks third in team scoring 87.7 points per game and third in team rebounds, 48.1 despite a smaller line up from last year.

The February 14 game against Hampton Institute, originally scheduled for Brayboy Gym, will be moved to the Charlotte Coliseum.

By Phil Busher
Special To The Post

Jack Armstrong, the mythical All-American radio hero, could do it all on the athletic fields and classroom. The day that football players played both offense and defense has long gone, replaced by athletes who are trained for specialized roles over an athletic lifetime.

College recruiters advise high school seniors with multiple sport talent to pick one sport to participate in. The demand of year round training, the complexity of the games, and the academic demands make it virtually impossible to be a two-sport letterman. Exceptional student-athletes are still, with tremendous determination and hard work, able to succeed in more than one sport. Herschel Walker runs over NCAA track records as well as opponent football players while maintaining a B average in criminology.

Charlotte's Mike Eppley is equally adept at directing Clemson football or basketball while holding down Dean's list honors. Johnson C. Smith's Stephone Darby bucks even greater odds as the Columbia, SC, native is working on earning his third different letter of the 1982 athletic year. Darby is best known for his crunching hits as one of the two inside linebackers on the

Bulls' 7-3 football team. The junior strongman earned second team All-CIAA honors, District 26 honors and All-CIAA Southern division by the Sports-writers Association for his 125 tackles, four quarterback sacks, three interceptions, two fumble recoveries and seven pass break-ups in 1981. Darby's achievements only start there. Stephone earned All-NAIA 26 honors last spring in winning the javelin and placing in the discus at the District Championship meet. The communications major has been recruited by basketball coach Robert Moore as a back-up forward-center.

"The idea was planted when Stephone narrowly missed winning a campus slam-dunk contest," pointed out Moore. "Darby is more valuable than simply using him as an intimidator. His winning attitude and enthusiasm rubs off."

Stephone is pulling his

weight with his 6'2", 230-pound frame. He is averaging 3.8 rebounds and 2.1 points a game in spelling starting center Phil Smith in eight appearances. Darby also pulls his weight with the books which pleases his father, a teacher.

"I played basketball for A. C. Flora High in Columbia," pointed out Stephone. "I may not be able to make a living playing it, but I hope to help out any way I can."

"I enjoy meeting new and different people," stated Darby. "Athletics is just one part of me. My ability is a gift from the Lord. I enjoy singing His praises."

Now that's a combination that Johnson C. Smith opponents find difficult to compete against.

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Wissell Has History Of Tackling Formidable Odds

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Hal Wissell was considered the top Division II coach in the country over the past half-decade. Arriving on the Florida Southern campus in 1977, Wissell led the Moccasins to no less than four consecutive NCAA post season tournament appearances.

Under the 43 year old Wissell's guidance Florida Southern went to the Division II "Final Four" for three consecutive years, including a national championship in 1981, a third place finish in 1980 and this past season's second place national finish.

Wissell's five year record at Florida Southern was 104-49 for a winning percentage of 68 percent.

In each of the past four years, his team has won a conference championship.

This makes his rookie year at UNCC more difficult to take. The 49ers chance of winning the regular season title after an opening wipeout at Old Dominion in Norfolk appear to be relatively slim.

A strong finish in the upper division of the conference is still possible.

Wissell has a history of tackling formidable odds.

Voted Division II National Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches in 1981, he was head coach of Fordham from 1971-76 where he coached the Rams to a berth in the NIT with the fourth highest win total in the school's history - 18-9 - and an upset win over the 1975 Southern California team that was ranked fifth in the nation.

Prior to that Wissell had turned the programs around at Trenton State and Lafayette College.

49er fans are hoping for similar fortunes as the Miners prepare to take on Western Kentucky Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Coliseum and Iona Thursday at 7:35 p.m. in the Coliseum.

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