

By Bill Johnson

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TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS.....

Progress doesn't flow from excuses!
The CIAA is getting into the act of over-saturating the market with basketball. Bob Moorman's outfit has scheduled six contests for opening-day for their 38th annual Dribble Derby at the Norfolk Scope, February 23.

One would think that's a bit too much court action even for the most die-hard cage fans.

The tournament will tip-off at 9 a.m., February 23, and it will end somewhere around 11 p.m. Weary-eyed enthusiasts would have seen six teams dropped by the wayside and a like number advance to the quarter-finals during the approximately eight hours and 20 minute span.

The session will return to a more saner schedule on Thursday, with only four games on tap. The semis are slated for Friday night and the championship finals will be held Saturday.

Early indications are that Bob's tournament committee is considering housing the Women's Championship Contest as the opener of Saturday's twinbill.

Betcha you didn't know that nothing is ever accomplished tomorrow?

I agree with Barry Cooper, the noted columnist who says that Black schools made a mistake when they opted to move up to NCAA Division I. Until these schools can find a way to raise more money for their programs, they're going to find the odds heavily against them when they compete with the major, predominantly white colleges who operate their athletic programs with what appears to be an unlimited purse string.

Only four players have rushed for more than 10,000 yards during their NFL career. They were Jim Brown, O. J. Simpson, Franco Harris and Walter Payton, all Black men.

Wonder why the WBA is going to the trouble of ordering a rematch between heavyweight champion Michael Dokes and former title-holder Mike Weaver?

How about a round of hearty applause for coach Bob Moore who is doing one helluva job coaching basketball at Johnson C. Smith in what is generally considered as a "rebuilding season."

Don't be too surprised if the Chicago White Sox peddle outfielder Ron LeFlore to another club. They reportedly are willing to pay \$500,000 of the controversial outfielder's \$750,000 annual salary to any takers.

Recent statistics from the baseball commissioner's office list Reggie Jackson with more RBIs in the last 10 years than any other baseball player in the big leagues. The California Angels' outfielders have driven in 1,010 runs since the 1973 season.

Although the New York Jets are making a believer out of me with each appearance, I am going to stay with my beloved Dallas Cowboys as the team to beat in the upcoming Super Bowl. They will win it all!

Tony Dorsett has moved ahead of Earl Campbell in career rushing. The famed Dallas Cowboy is now in 10th place among all-time NFL runners.

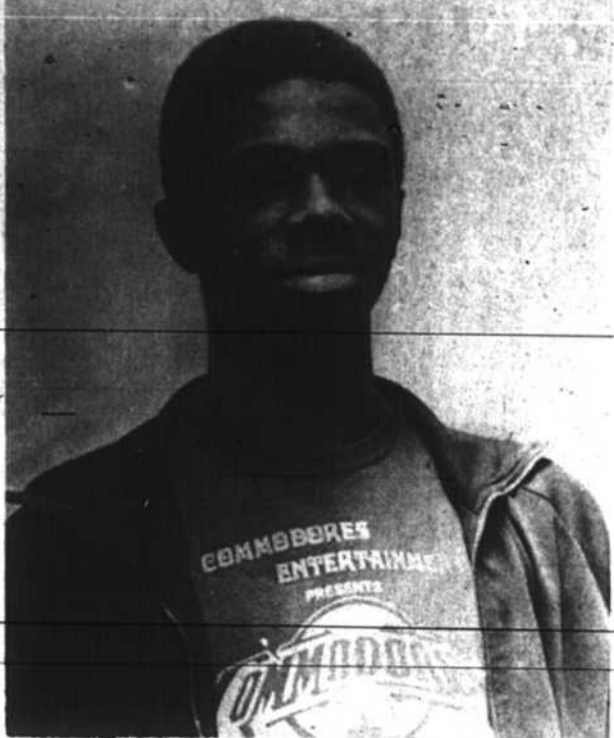
Wonder how many basketball coaches wish the shot clocks were abolished. Washington State coach George Ravenel reports, "We're going to finker with the product (game) until it's unhealthy."

Take a look at the possible confusion the shot clock and the three point scoring play could evolve. Imagine turning to your television set to watch the SEC play with their 45-second shot clock, then on the next night an ACC game comes to the tube with a 30-second clock and their 19-foot three-point scoring range. The third night could find you watching a Big 10 contest with a 22-foot arc and no shot clock.

Statistics support the belief that Calvin Peete belongs in the company of the Super Stars. In addition to earning \$318,470 on the PGA Tour in 1982, Peete finished fourth in total earnings, second in average scoring per round, and was the leader in the accuracy range. His 1982 success moved him up to \$703,860 in total career earnings. He likely will become the second Black to win more than a million dollars on the tour during his career. Lee Elder was the first Black man to reach this lofty plateau.

Jack Nicklaus won only one tour victory a year ago. However, he needs to win a mere \$7,929 this season to become the first pro golfer to earn \$4 million during a career.

If you feel the Golden Bulls aren't for real, a closer look at the team's stats sheet will change your mind. Bob Moore's herd is having modest success with their aims from the field, hitting 47.1 percent; they're out-rebounding the opposition by six carsoms per game, and four of Bob's regulars are shooting in double figures. Roosevelt McGruder is the leader with an 18.6 scoring average.



Kerry McDonald
...Effective rebounder

McDonald Is Formidable

Force In Trojans' Attack

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer
The Olympic Trojans realized what a formidable force Kerry McDonald could be in a game against the North Mecklenburg Vikings.

In a big upset, McDonald hit eight of 10 field goals, two of two free throws, pulled down 12 rebounds and shot 80 percent from the field in leading the Trojans past the Vikings.

His previous high was 24 in a 70-62 win over Garinger in the Myers Park Christmas Tournament.

The son of Mrs. Carolyn Bradshaw is this week's Charlotte Post Basketball Player of the Week. He is 6'3", 170 pounds and sports number 50 on the basketball court.

"I shot well in the North game," he said. "On defense I did the job that was needed. On the boards I was in the right place at the right time and the ball just seemed to come into my hands."

Shy McDonald is a little modest. The ball didn't exactly fall into his hands. With a great vertical leap he dominated the boards with his long outstretched arms tormenting the Vikings who were limited to one shot.

Coming off a disastrous loss to Myers Park, he attributed the team's organization and desire as the reason for the upset.

"We are close to being as good as we were last year," he said. "We are just lack-

ing in experience." Last year the Trojans advanced to the quarter finals of the state playoffs before losing to Chapel Hill High School, a finalist in the 4A division.

His most exciting moment in basketball?

"Getting named to the All Tournament team at Myers Park has been my most exciting moment," he revealed. "Nothing like this has ever happened to me before."

Ralph Sampson is the most exciting player that he likes to watch.

"I like to model myself after him," McDonald said. "He motivates me and he is very exciting to watch."

Runner's Clinic

Kay Overcash previous winner of the Charlotte Observer Marathon and other prestigious races, and Dr. David Gardner, fitness director for the Charlotte Fire Department, are among the "technicians" who will lead a two-week clinic at the Trade Street YWCA, beginning January 24, 12:15 p.m.

Runners are welcome at any or all sessions, Monday, Wednesday, Friday through February 4 for discussions on nutrition, injuries, training hints, and actual running workouts.

Fees are 75 cents per session for members and \$2 per session for non-members.

Athletic Program

100 Club Sponsoring Game To Raise Funds For JCSU

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer
The Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University have a big Southern Division contest coming up Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Brayboy Gym against the Blue Bears of Livingstone College.

The 100 Club is sponsoring the game to help raise funds to supplement JCSU's athletic program.

"We have donated over \$70,000 to the athletic department since we have been functioning," said member Harold Winston.

The 100 Club has approximately 30 members, including Harold Winston, F. J. Armstead, W. W. Twitty, Norman Brooks, John Costner, Hazel Ellis, Bill McCombs, Rufus Spears, Eddie McGirt, John Staley, William Dickson and Dr. Gordon Wilkins.

Walker Stands Out In 49ers Win

By James Cuthbertson
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Charlotte's own Odell Walker, a 6'3", 180-pound sophomore guard at UNCC from Garinger High School, had one of the shining moments for the 49ers this year.

In the 109-77 win over Buffalo, Walker hit seven of eight field goals for an 88 percent field goal percentage, four of five from the line for an 80 percent free throw shooting percentage, and finished with 18 points in 11 minutes played. In addition, he had three assists and two steals.

As a freshman last year, he hit 49 percent from the field and 77 percent from the line. He is a deadly outside shooter and a big threat for the three-point field goal.

He led his Garinger Wildcat team to a 16-10 record, the city championship and a state playoff berth his senior year while averaging 21 points per game and shooting 55 percent from the field and 88 from the line.

As a three year starter and letterman, he had 116 assists and hauled in 73 rebounds in 26 games.

Thursday, January 27, the 49ers aim for a revenge match with the South Alabama Jaguars of Mobile.

Earlier, the Jaguars beat the 49ers 84-72.

The president is Thomas "Jack" Martin.

Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door.

The Bulls are battling it out with St. Augustine's and North Carolina Central to see who gets the automatic berth to the NCAA playoffs. Only Southern Division games count for this, making the game Saturday crucial.

The Bears are battling to finish in the upper division and avoid a first round encounter with a top notch team.

The Bears are coming off a close 74-72 loss at North Carolina Central.

"We hope that people will come out and support the Bulls," said Winston. "This will benefit the entire athletic program. The success depends on the people participating."

Winston is optimistic that the Bulls will have Bray-

boy packed on Saturday.

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