

PREP CHATTER



James

Coach Will Holthouser over at Harding High School is excited about one of his returning prospects.

At 6'4" and 205 pounds, Carl Williams looks like a menace for Ram opponents of the Southwestern 4A Conference this fall.

"He is a very good athlete," Holthouser said. "We are proud of the work that he did for us last year."

Carl is active on the weights this summer, hoping to better anchor the offensive and defensive line even better this year.

As a sophomore, he started in the varsity's last eight games.

Independence's Mark Maye and Tony White have been selected for the East-West All-Star basketball game in Greensboro at the Coliseum on July 28 during the coaches' meetings.

Maye is attending North Carolina on a football scholarship. White is attending Tennessee on a basketball scholarship.

They helped the Patriots to the semifinals of the state tournament where they lost by one point to eventual champion Page of Greensboro.

Coaching that West squad will be Vernon Hedrick, head coach at Olympic High School.

He will be assisted by Terry Rogers of Morganton Freedom.

North Carolina Central University swept into Charlotte in the spring and reaped a bonanza when they snared running back Rodney Rivers of the Southwestern 4A champion North Vikings, running back Darryl Smith also of the Vikings, center Eric Montgomery of West Charlotte and quarterback Stencil Stowe of West Mecklenburg. All of these athletes are blue-chippers.

At the beginning of the season no one in their right mind would believe that a Charlotte-Mecklenburg girls softball team would be competing for the state championship.

But the South Mecklenburg Sabres reached the finals against Douglas Byrd of Fayetteville.

A playoff win over East Rowan put them into the finals. The team with the final 20-9 record was coached by Jim Davis. Dave Price assisted.

South has a tradition of state championships with 13 in football and basketball.

The first softball team at South won the state championship in 1980 under Davis.

Davis said that his team had a great attitude and that was partly the reason they are state champions.

Superlatives for the Sabres included:
...Jane Stover, pitcher, with a 12-1 record. She moved from short stop to fill a void.
...Jackie Hinson with a .519 batting average.

...Stover with a .480 average during the playoff.

...Tricia Noble with a .454 average during the playoffs.

...Felicia McFadden with a .450 average during the playoffs.

Davis believes that the team was similar to the 1980 team in that both were hyper and liked to pull surprises.

Recapturing the scenario, the Eagles of Douglas Byrd beat the Sabres in the first game 1-0.

In that game Kathy Huskey of Byrd did the damage by hitting a homerun that provided the margin of victory.

Stover was the losing pitcher as the Sabres were shut out on four hits.

Joy Oxendine and McFadden had two of the hits.

In the second game, the Sabres won 3-4.

Co-captain Hinson hit a grand slam homerun with two out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning. Stover was the winning pitcher, moving her record to 12 wins and two losses.

To begin the seventh Nobel was out on a line drive to short stop.

Missy Cheves popped out to first baseman Kathy Huskey of Byrd.

Then Donna Robertson beat out the first. Stover singled to left. Sarah Nicholson singled to left and Hinson, who has 29 career homers, stepped up and went for it.

In the championship game, won 8-6 in the nine innings, Noble saved the team.

Trailing 6-4 in the bottom of the seventh, Jeannie Woodridge walked, Noble and Stover singled. Hinson smacked a single to left to tie the score at 6-6.

In the ninth Woodridge singled, Noble slammed the ball to left and came home on an error.

Congratulations, South Mecklenburg Sabres, another state champion for the Southwestern 4A Conference.

J.C. Smith To Sponsor Women's Basketball Camp

By Phil Basher
Special To The Post
The greatest growth area in intercollegiate sports the past decade has come in women's athletics. The most visible women's sport the past few years has been basketball, where the NCAA has absorbed much of the country's programs. The NCAA placed special emphasis on promoting women's sports in 1982. The result is an increase in scholarship opportunities as well as a demand for women's coaches, administrators and trainers.

"Title IX really opened the door for women to obtain college athletic scholarships in much greater numbers," points out J.C. Smith women's coach Steve Joyner. "As a result, it's been much more competitive the last few years among the high school girls seeking financial aid through sports. Certainly there has been a greater increase in skill development before entering college than ever."

That competition for available scholarships and the desire to improve skills has led to the opening of summer basketball camps exclusively for girls. Coach Steve Joyner will be opening Johnson C. Smith University's first-ever women's camp, running from July 19-22. It will be a day camp, starting each morning at 9 and run until 4 p.m.

"Fundamentals will be stressed in a setting of individual attention," noted Joyner. "Our program includes classroom lectures, station drills, special contests, league games and development exercises. We plan to have a lot of fun in between."

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Claudia Truesdale of Johnson C. Smith makes defensive moves to thwart opponent's jump-shot attempt for two points.

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SCSC Wins MEAC Award

Greensboro, NC - South Carolina State College collected 45 points and won the 1982-83 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference All-Sports championship for the tenth consecutive athletic season. Howard University accumulated 35 points to finish second, Delaware State College had 31 points, Florida A&M University had 29, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore 18, North Carolina A&T State University 16, and Bethune-Cookman 15. S.C. State remarkably retired its third permanent trophy last year. A MEAC school must win three all-sports titles, not necessarily in succession, before it can permanently retire an MEAC trophy. In 1982-83, the S.C. State

Bulldogs won MEAC championships in football, wrestling, outdoor track and golf. They finished second in both cross country and tennis, and placed third in indoor track and basketball. Howard piled its points on the strength of basketball and tennis titles and second place finishes in outdoor and indoor track. Rounding out the MEAC 1982-83 championships, Delaware State won indoor track and field, and Maryland Eastern Shore won the cross country crown. Dr. Maceo Nance, President of S.C. State, has said that the MEAC award signifies that S.C. State College has an all-around athletic program, and there are no favorites; be-

cause all of the sports are needed to determine a conference winner. Dr. Willis Ham, S.C. State's Athletic Director feels the ultimate goal in his department is the demonstration of excellence in the total sports program, and that the MEAC award publicly displays that excellence.

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