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Several former Southwestern 4A Conference players have found themselves a niche on Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) teams.

Playing for the Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls are 6'4" guard Reggie Moses who attended West Charlotte and 6'4" forward Glenn Phillips who attended East Mecklenburg.

Phillips is a sophomore. Moses is a freshman.

John Brewer is a 6'6" freshman on the Norfolk State team.

North Carolina Central has 6'5" sophomore forwards Kenneth Davis from South Mecklenburg, 6'8" freshman center Rodney Davis from Myers Park and 6'1" freshman Carl Reid from South Mecklenburg.

The Winston-Salem Rams' 6'3" sophomore forward Eric Hudson from West Mecklenburg High School and 6'4" sophomore Anthony Nance from West Charlotte High School.

The Winston-Salem ladies' team features Annette Huntley, a 5'9" junior guard from North Mecklenburg and 5'7" freshman guard Carolyn Huntley also from North Mecklenburg.

Once again the Greensboro Page nemesis struck. This dynasty has played havoc on several of our Charlotte-Mecklenburg sports teams lately.

They beat South in soccer this year, Independence in the basketball semifinals last year and now Myers Park in the football quarterfinals.

Nevertheless, the Mustangs had a season to be proud of. They were exciting to watch and definitely a CLASS ACT, that will be hard for anyone to follow.

When the first ball goes up and basketball season begins look for big things from the top ten scorers of last year: Herman Springs of Olympic 15.6; Haywood Workman of Myers Park, 13; James Elmore of Garinger 12.5; Terry Nance of West Charlotte 11; Greg McCollum of East 10.8; Gene Young of Olympic 9.8; Leonard Faulcon of Harding 7.9; David Serpentea of East 7.8; Jeff Miller of Olympic 6.7; and Reggie Grier of Olympic 5.7.

The Pre-Season All Southwestern 4A Conference team for The Charlotte Post has forward Herman Springs, Olympic; forward James Elmore, Garinger; forward Terry Nance, West Charlotte; guard Greg McCollum, East; and forward Haywood Workman, Myers Park as the men to watch on the first team.

On the second team, Olympic guard Gene Young; Harding forward Leonard Faulcon; Garinger forward Willie Walker; North forward Clarence Bryce; and Independence forward Harold Patterson are the players to watch.

The third team includes Garinger guard Gene Brown; Olympic forward Reggie Grier; Olympic guard Jeff Miller; West Charlotte center J.D. Daughtry; and Harding guard Donald Sibby.

Honorable mentions go to Tim Foster, West Charlotte; Melvin Young, West Charlotte; Brett Thompson, Harding; Dennis Kennedy, South; Brian Blue, South; Andy Brown, South; Mark Scholl, South; Lou Trosch, West Charlotte; Tony Cruddup, West Charlotte; Bobby Junior, Olympic; Ramone Hollit, Harding; Gene Ford, East; Rodney Grier, Myers Park; Elliot Dunlap, Olympic; Roman Phifer, South; Chip Ferguson, Independence; David Serpentea, East; Maurice Caldwell, West Charlotte; Derrick Coleman, Harding; Jeff Anderson, Harding; J.D. Cauthen, Harding; Mike Cureton, West Charlotte; Mark Drag, West Mecklenburg; Steven Brewer, West Mecklenburg; Milton Moore, West Mecklenburg; Keith Simpson, Independence; and Latura Stitt, North Mecklenburg.

Returning players who had great performances last year include Herman Springs of Olympic who hit 28 against Harding for his personal high and popped the nets for 24, 14 and 23 in his last three games of the season.

Garinger's James Elmore hit 26 against Myers Park and 21 against East.

Haywood Workman hit 25 against Myers Park, 22 on Olympic and 24 on Garinger. Gene Young popped in 21 against Garinger.

In his last three games Reggie Grier of Olympic hit 15, 11 and 12.

Congratulations to former Independence Patriot Jeff McGill. McGill has signed a grant-in-aid to Wake Forest.

He is presently at Fort Union Virginia Military Academy.

He averaged 16.1 points and 5 assists per game and shot 55 percent from the floor.

As "Team To Beat"

Southwestern 4A Coaches Pick West Charlotte High Lions

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1. The coaches of the Southwestern 4A Conference have tabbed the West Charlotte Lions as the team to beat in the 1983-84 campaign.

Last year the Independence Patriots carried the honors of the Southwestern 4A to a three point loss in the semifinals of the state play-offs when they met eventual winner Greensboro Page.

This year the conference gets only one spot to the play-offs and the coaches have tabbed the West Charlotte Lions as the team most likely to get it. Regular season means nothing as the winner-take-all conference tournament looms as one of the most exciting ever.

1. West Charlotte. The Lions of Coach Charles McCullough were 9-17 overall and 5-13 in the league last year. They beat West Mecklenburg in a play-off game to decide the eighth spot before eventually losing 82-66 in the first round to Independence.

There won't be many blowouts like that this time around.

Terry Nance and Lou Trosch are the captains. Nance is a 6'3" forward who averaged 11 points per game and is a three-year starter. Trosch had a 4.0 points per game. He is 6'5".

J.D. Daughtry at 6'4" and 220 gives the Lions plenty of size at the post. The center will be 6'6" Tony Cruddup. Lance Jones is a 6'4" sophomore showing plenty of promise.

Mike Cureton is the best player off the junior varsity. The point guard should be Melvin Young or Tim Foster. Lex Maulsly at 6'4" is another tall Lion.

Hot shot Maurice Caldwell dominated the junior high leagues last year on the west side, and he's brought his hot shooting to the Lions who are planning to roar mightily again.

2. Olympic The Trojans of Vernon Hedrick missed the play-offs last year after finishing in the quarterfinals of the state tournament during Chris Brown's senior season.

There are no downtown Browns around, but the team has a bevy of deadly shooters.

In the last two games they showed signs of maturation after posting 7-16 and 4-14 conference records.

Forward Herman Springs popped the nets for 24, 24 and 23 points in the last three games. He finished the year with 15.6 points per game on a 6' frame.

Reggie Grier, 6'3" forward, averaged 5.6; Jeff Miller, 5'9" guard, averaged 7.0; and Gene Young, 6'1" guard, averaged 9.8. Bobby Junior will probably be the other starter. He averaged 3.0.

The junior varsity team tied for the conference championship with Independence with a 17-3 record.

Coming off that team are 6'1" forward Lamar Simond, 5'1" guard Antoino Howard, 5'11" forward Bobby Green, 5'11" forward Donald Simmons and 5'7" guard Duane Glenn, 6'2" forward Jim Corry and 6'3" forward Reggie Wilson. The Trojans will be quick as always and deadly shooters once again.

3. Garinger The Wildcats of Bruce Kreutzer were 6-18 and 6-12 last year.

Back is James Elmore with 12.5 points per game and Willie Walker. Both are 6'3" swing men.

Seniors Richard Moore at 6'1", Tim Murphy at 6'4", Vernon Harris at 6'2" and Darryl Hayes at 6'2" are top notch.

Up from the JVs are Gene Brown, Aaron McKnight, Bernard Cooper, Jeff Little, Kevin Eagle, Steve Ardrey and Pervis Thomas.

Roberts is a transfer. He is 6'5". The Wildcats are growing once more. Theirs will be a deadly lair.

4. Harding The Rams of Coach John Strong came on strong last year when they adjusted their defense and won seven of their last eight games. They lost in the



James Elmore

...Wildcats' top shooter back a 5.0 points per game. He is accompanied by Leonard Faulcon, 6'5", 7.9 points per game; Ramone Hollit, 6'4", 4.7 points per game; and Brett Thompson, 6'3", 3.2 points per game.

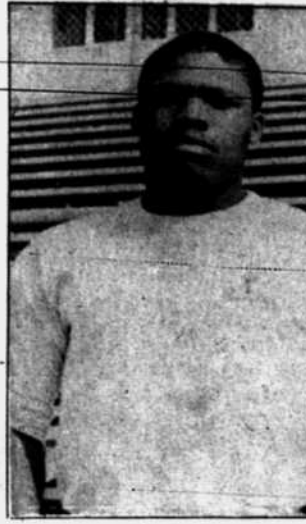
The Rams are led by junior guard J.D. Cauthen and have other good players in 6'1" forward Charles Brandon, 6'3" forward Lonnie Tucker, 6'2" forward Jeff Anderson, 6'3" forward Derrick Coleman and 5'10" guard Derrick Moise. The Rams hope to keep the winning streak alive.

5. Independence The Patriots almost won it all last year and although all but 6'4" Harold Patterson with a 4.2 points per game and 6'2" forward Brad Smith with a 4.3 points per game average are gone, hope remains.

The junior varsity was 16-3 overall and tied for the conference championship. Dave Christenbury's team has been joined by Keith Simpson, point guard and leading scorer on the JV and co-MVP with Chip Ferguson.

Transfers include Arthur Jones, 6' guard, and James Jett, 5'9" guard. The Patriots, no longer the dominant team on the scene, nevertheless have their stable of horses ready.

6. Myers Park



Herman Springs

...Shoots the lights out!

Coach Bob Nastase's team was 19-4 last year and 16-2 in the conference.

Haywood Workman is the top gun returning with a 13.0 points per game average at his forward-guard position.

Stuart Firou with 4.3, Rodney Grier with 3.2 and Nate Lewis with 2.6 are top returnees.

Workman is 6'2" and Lewis is 6'4".

Top JVs are Paul Grier, 6'1" forward, and Scott Ward, 6'2" forward. The Mustangs are always tough. Look for them to be aggressive on defense and sharp on offense.

7. East Mecklenburg The Eagles were 9-16 and 7-11 last year. Mark Carter is a new coach here.

David Serpentea, 6'3" forward, and Greg McCollum, 5'9" guard, are top returnees. They will blend with 5'10" Austin Jones and 5'10" Gene Ford.

Top JVs coming up are Brian Proctor, 6'6" Charles Workman and 6'4" Brett Harris.

The Eagles hope to improve last year's finish. The Eagles hope to fly higher than this rating and could easily do so.

8. South Mecklenburg Graduation losses hurt the Sabres who were 14-4 and 16-8 last year.

Herb Davis is the new coach. They are led by 5'9" guard Dodney Appling and 5'10" guard Richard Will-



Terry Nance

...Lions' ace gunner

A surprise is 6'6" senior center Andy Brown.

Promising JVs are Brian Blue and Dennis Kennedy. Roman Phifer the junior high player of the year is at small forward.

Mark Shol is a 6'8" player with plenty of potential. The Sabres could improve as their big men develop.

9. North Mecklenburg Six-five forward Clarence Bryce, 6'4" forward Mike Gurley, and 6' point guard Pat Baggett led the Vikings.

Darryl Williams, Tyrone Conner are probably returning starters.

Latura Stitt is one of the best of the junior high crop

going to high school. He is 6'3". He is joined on the team by 5'11" sophomore guard Todd Holden and 6' sophomore guard Donald Bradley.

Lee Clark, 6'1", Rodney Sims, 6'2" and Steve Baringer, 6'1", are the other Vikings. The Vikes have Harding, Myers Park, Independence and Garinger to open the season. If they win two, they'll be in good shape.

10. West Mecklenburg The Indians of Coach John Day were 7-17 and 5-13 last year.

The junior varsity was 2-18.

Tim Memtt, 5'10" point guard, and Anthony Davis, 5'8" point guard, are top returnees.

Mark Drag, 6'3" forward, had a 4.5 points per game. Darryl Dawkins and Terrence Grigg are back.

Helping strengthen the bench are Milton Moore, 6'1" player that Day calls his "best all around athlete"; Kevin Hughes, Eric Trevette, David Grice, Robby Pope, John White, Scott Crisco, Brian Riggin and Steven Brewer.

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