

# SPORTS BEAT



Bill

**TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!** ..... It is my sincere wish that you and yours have had a Merry Christmas and will have a happier New Year. It is also my sincere wish that you will find happiness throughout the New Year!

Not being one who believes in making New Year's Resolutions, this reporter would like to start the New Year with some predictions - some long shots and other not-so-long shots - of things to come in the sports world during 1984.

**WE PREDICT** - Johnson C. Smith's basketball team will not win the CIAA Southern Division Championship or the CIAA Basketball Tournament title this year. That honor will go to either Virginia Union or Norfolk State, if Charlie Christian can keep his act together.

**WE PREDICT** - The Washington Redskins will wait to the Super Bowl Championship and will go down in history as one of the greatest teams ever in professional football.

**WE PREDICT** - Bob Moorman will announce new attendance records for the CIAA Basketball Tournament prior to accepting an invitation to move his prestigious dribble session to Richmond, Va.

**WE PREDICT** - Florida A&M will shortly announce its intentions to join one of the top predominantly white conferences, leaving a void in the MEAC plans to regroup. The move will all but assure the MEAC of losing South Carolina State and possibly Bethune-Cookman.

**WE PREDICT** - Billy Sims will become America's newest millionaire regardless to the ruling of the judge in the upcoming court suit to settle the dispute between the Houston Gamblers and the Detroit Lions.

**WE PREDICT** - ABC will ditch Howard Cosell from the Monday Night Football announcing team and replace him with O. J. Simpson, who made a big hit as a part-time jock this past season.

**WE PREDICT** - The Seattle Seahawks will trade David Thompson to either Indiana or San Antonio probably before you read this.

**WE PREDICT** - The four basketball teams that reach the NCAA Final Four in the Seattle Kingdome in March will each receive more than \$750,000.

**WE PREDICT** - John Lucas, once a hot item in basketball, will be released by San Antonio before the NBA season is over. The former Maryland standout is currently performing for a mere \$40,000 a year.

**WE PREDICT** - Jackson State will be publicly reprimanded by the NCAA for recruiting violations. The ruling, however, will not affect the school's eligibility for post season competition or bowl competition.

**WE PREDICT** - The MEAC-SWAC All-Star Classic in Atlanta this weekend will be met with lukewarm reception. South Carolina State football coach Bill Davis will enhance his credibility as one of the great coaches in football.

**WE PREDICT** - Warren Moon will be signed by the Houston Oilers and that he will quickly become one of the top quarterbacks in the National Football League.

**WE PREDICT** - The success of the Atlanta Braves, who were beamed to more than 60,000 homes last season, will induce more baseball teams to turn to cablevision. The Baltimore Orioles will shortly announce a plan to air 80 of their home games on cable next season. The contests will be telecast throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia and North Carolina.

**WE PREDICT** - Dave Butz of the Washington Redskins will come out of the NFL Playoffs a very rich man. The stalwart of Washington defense has already earned \$10,500 since he signed a new contract which offered \$3,500 for each quarterback sack he made. He nailed Dallas quarterback Danny White three times in his next outing.

**WE PREDICT** - Money - and nothing else - hurt Sugar Ray Leonard back to the fight game. HBO has promised to pay the "Sugarman" \$2 million for a February 24 bout. The opponent will be a nobody who will be named later.

**WE PREDICT** - Former Johnson C. Smith football coach Wylie Harris will return to the game he loves so well either as a head coach at a local high school or as an assistant coach at North Carolina A&T.

**WE PREDICT** - Johnson C. Smith will sign Rudy Abrams as its next head football coach and immediately thereafter the football fortunes of the Golden Bulls will head skywards, reaping bigger and better times.

With all these predictions out of the way, it would be an excellent idea if we'd find a place to hide until this time next year when I will either overhaul the Ole Crystal Ball or sail to the high heavens. "I told you so!"

## Here Monday Night UNCC 49ers To Renew Rivalry With Davidson Wildcats

By James Cuthbertson Post Sports Writer  
The UNCC versus Davidson game Monday at the Charlotte Coliseum at 7:35 p.m. will renew exciting rivalry.

What can you say about this one? It is heated and the Coliseum will be almost packed. The 49ers lead the series 5-2.

In the initial game in the 1978-79 season, the 49ers won 93-83. The Miners won again the next year by a 104-82 count. Davidson won the second game in 1979-80, 73-70. The 49ers won 91-89 in two overtimes in the 1980-81 season and 78-71 and 74-72 (two overtimes) in the second game of the 1980-81 season. Last year, the Miners lost 82-73.

Davidson's big gun is 6'4" senior forward Kenny Wilson. The 7:35 p.m. game on Thursday, January 12, will pit the 49ers against a team that leads the series eight games to three, the Virginia Commonwealth University Rams.

The Rams sport 6'3" junior Calvin Duncan and are expected to win the league with four or five starters returning.

Bordering on the verge of



Ray Gromlowicz UNCC shot blocker

being ranked in the top 20, this will be their second conference game.

It will be the first conference game for the 49ers. Melvin Johnson is the leading scorer for the 49ers averaging 18 points per game.

He is followed by Emery Atkinson with 14.7. The leading rebounder is Johnson with 9.0; Atkinson with 7.0 per game. Ray Gromlowicz has 12 blocked shots on the season.

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January 6  
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Virginia State at Mt. St. Mary's (Ashland, Va.)  
St. Paul's at Radford, Va.  
Tourney

**SATURDAY**  
January 7  
Baptist at Bethune-Cookman  
Florida A&M at Tennessee State  
Maryland Eastern Shore at Cleveland State  
Fort Valley State at North Carolina A&T

Virginia State at Randolph Macon (Ashland, Va.)  
Elizabeth City at Mt. St. Mary's (Ashland, Va.)  
Hampton at District Columbia  
St. Augustine's at Norfolk State  
North Carolina Central at Shaw  
Copping State at Virginia Union  
St. Paul's in Radford  
Tourney

**MONDAY**  
January 9  
Davidson at UNCC  
JCSU at Norfolk State  
Campbell at Bethune-Cookman  
Chicago State at Delaware State  
Maryland Eastern Shore at Akron

**TUESDAY**  
January 10  
Hampton at Virginia State  
North Carolina Central at Virginia Union  
Faleigh Dickinson at Howard

**WEDNESDAY**  
January 11  
JCSU at Elizabeth City  
Norfolk State at Livingstone  
SCAA at St. Augustine's  
Morehouse at Winston-Salem State  
Morgan State at Delaware State

**THURSDAY**  
January 12  
Fayetteville State at North Carolina Central  
Virginia Commonwealth at UNCC  
Hampton at Coppin State  
Virginia Union at St. Paul's  
Winston-Salem State at Shaw

### SOUTHWESTERN IA

**FRIDAY**  
January 5  
North at East  
Garinger at West Meck  
Harding at West Charlotte  
South at Independence  
Olympic at Myers Park

**TUESDAY**  
January 10  
Garinger at East  
West at Harding  
West Charlotte at Independence  
South at Myers Park  
Olympic at North

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