

SPORTS BEAT



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THE \$1.98 RAP SESSION!.....
If you get an idea, once in a while, you're not doing badly!

ESPN management people have changed their minds. They're now saying they will televise live 35 USFL games, starting February 26.

Look for the Atlanta Braves to trade first baseman Chris Chambliss for a pitcher. The Braves, faced with the loss of starting pitcher Pascaul Perez, will be without two of their starters when spring training opens shortly. Fifteen-game winner Perez is in a Dominican Republic jail, facing a minimum two-year prison sentence on a charge of cocaine possession. Another Brave front-line hurler Phil Niekro has signed with the New York Yankees.

Word is that Robert Morris will head up a group of sponsors who will field a semi-pro baseball team in a local league this summer. If plans are carried out, the team will play its home games on the field near the old Plato Price High School.

Would you believe that the Philadelphia Phillies paid center Garry Maddox more for playing in 97 baseball contests last year than Joe DiMaggio earned in one of the game's most illustrious careers?

Ralph Sampson must be foul prone. The big Houston center has been whistled to the bench five times in his first 40 games. That's a near record for NBA players. I find it difficult to believe that Wilt Chamberlain did not foul out of a contest in 14 NBA seasons.

It's a good thing the Los Angeles Dodgers are not paying their high-salaried pitcher Fernando Valenzuela for runs scored. The big righthander allowed more runs (122) than any other National League hurler last year.

Record shows the teams that pay more money win more games in baseball and that the teams that pay less money win fewer contests. Las Vegas bookies are now saying an estimated \$75 million was bet on the recent Super Bowl football game.

"Street And Smith's Basketball Yearbook" has joined the large group of boosters with high praise of Norfolk State All-American senior David Pope. S&SBY rates the 6'7" forward among the top five seniors in College Division Basketball.

Northern Division experts, who earlier ranked the Norfolk State Spartans third behind Virginia Union and Hampton, have changed their minds. They are now saying Charles Christian's brilliant outfit will take the title and the CIAA Tournament crown as well.

Christian points to the "super play" of freshman forward Barry Mitchell and rookie guard Ralph Tally, who have sparked his team to its best start in 31 years.

The latest MEAC Men's Basketball statistics reveal North Carolina A&T is the conference's only team with a winning record in all games played. According to the January 29 release, the Aggies are 12-4 against all comers. They, however, are tied with Howard for the league lead, each with 4-1 records.

Charlotte native Eric Boys is shooting a commendable 15.4 points a game for the Aggies to rank sixth in individual scoring in the MEAC weekly standings. The former Independence High standout is hitting 49.5 percent of his shots from the field.

This one is difficult to believe! In its first 18 basketball games this season, Johnson C. Smith outplayed its opponents in each major category except assists and games won and lost. The Golden Bulls are hitting the bull's eye with a respectable 49 percent of the floor shots but they have been rather anemic from the foul lines, hitting a mere 67 percent of their aims.

List South Carolina State and Delaware State among the schools turning out "Slick" basketball media guides. Bill Hamilton and his able SCS staff rate an "A" for their efforts.

Reports from the Norfolk, Virginia, area are that there are no hotel or motel rooms available and that the tickets are going fast for the annual CIAA Basketball Tournament in the Norfolk Scope week after next. Johnson C. Smith athletic director Eddie McGirt predicts a "sellout."

Prairie View A&M has chosen Conway Hayman to replace Jim McKinley as head football coach. Hayman has served as an assistant coach at the school for the past three years. Florida A&M is looking for a head basketball coach to put new life in its sagging program.

The Big East Conference owns the best record among major colleges for the graduation of its athletes. Twelve of its seniors earned diplomas in 1982. During the same period, only four of 24 seniors in the Southwest Conference graduated.

Here Saturday Night

UNCC 49ers Take On Jacksonville Dolphins

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer
On Saturday, the UNCC 49ers take on the Jacksonville Dolphins in a Coliseum matchup at 7:35 p.m.

The 49ers lost to Jacksonville by a mere three points in the Florida city in overtime recently.

The hot man on the team continues to be Melvin Johnson whom many tab as a highly regarded NBA prospect.

Johnson has upped his average to 18 per game which is third in the Sun Belt Conference.

The 6'9", 220 pounder



Melvin Johnson
.....Hot prospect

from Miami, Florida, put on a scoring exhibition at South Alabama in which he executed for 34 points

against the Jaguars.

Former coach Lee Rose comes to town on Thursday, February 16, with the Bulls of South Florida for a 7:35 p.m. contest.

The Bulls have enjoyed a mastery over the 49ers in recent years.

Charlie Brady is the Bull to watch and the most deadly of a team that would relegate the 49ers to a lower division status in the Sun Belt with a victory.

Hoping to get out of the rut, the Niners will have to get increased scoring from Randy Davis and Emery Atkinson to take some of the load off Melvin Johnson.

Moore Exhibits Hot Shooting Streak

By James Cuthbertson
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West Mecklenburg's Milton Moore is repeating as "Player of the Week" for The Charlotte Post because of the steady streak of the hot-shooting that he has been exhibiting around the Southwestern 4A Conference recently.

In his last four games, Moore hit 34 against North Mecklenburg, 24 against Olympic, 28 against South Mecklenburg and 18 against West Charlotte to bring his scoring average to fourth in the conference at 15.1.

Only a junior, West Mecklenburg's hopes of making the playoffs rests on his 6'2" shoulders.

Moore average 14 points per game for the junior varsity last year and is the hottest item in the conference at this time.

His 34 points against

North gave him the highest point production in a single game by a member of the Southwestern 4A Conference.

"I would like to make the All-County team," said Moore, who is rather shy about shooting and had to be encouraged by his coach to take more shots.

Coach John Day calls Moore the "best all around athlete" on the Indian basketball team.

"I would like to do anything to help our team make the playoffs," said Moore, the son of Mrs. Doris Moore.

"We have been playing well lately," he said. "We believe that we are getting better as the season goes along."

And indeed they have. The Indians rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat Olympic 68-67, romped over South 76-62 and car-

ried West Charlotte to the end only to lose 59-57.

Milton Moore of West Mecklenburg is a star on the horizon.

Other stars included Angie Henderson of West Charlotte who hit 25 points in a 66-61 triple overtime win over West Mecklenburg. Haywood Workman of Myers Park who hit 24 points in a 68-62 win over East, Paul Grier of Myers Park who hit 21 in the win over East, Leonard Faulcon of Harding who hit 20 in a loss to Olympic, and Mark Schell of South who had 22 in the loss to Garinger.

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