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Chatter



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Chances are good that Harding's Carl Williams, a 6'5", 240 pound bohemian of a football player, will be highly recognized before this football season is over.

Already getting their hands in the fire are Appalachian State, The Citadel, Wake Forest and Chowan Junior College.

The multi-purpose big man—defensive tackle, offensive tackle, linebacker, nose-guard—plans to strive for the best next year.

"I like the competition between the schools," he said. "I moved here from New York in the ninth grade and decided to play. We should have a good team next year. The junior varsity was pretty good. We had an off year last year."

Plans this summer include working out in the weight room to gain strength and agility and getting in top-notch shape for a season opener with the East Forsyth team from Winston-Salem.

"I am real excited about the prospect of going to college," he said. "I would like to major in electronics or electrical engineering."

In his spare time, Williams is a Thespiian, having starred in a recent Harding production, "I Survived Selling The Fish."

Look out for Carl Williams, a top college prospect for next year.

Congratulations to the Independence Patriots for making it to the semifinals of the state playoffs.

To get that far, the Patriots representing the Southwestern 4A conference beat previously unbeaten Roxboro Person.

The Pats beat Roxboro 8-0 with Chip Ferguson getting the win.

Mark Withers of the Patriots had three hits and scored three times.

Ferguson pitched a four hitter and slammed a two run homer to aid his efforts.

South Mecklenburg's Teri LeBlanc was the big winner at the girls' competition of the State High School track meet winning two events and leading South to a second place finish.

She won the high jump, the 100 hurdles, finished second in the 200 and fourth in the 400.

The Independence Patriots were strong in the boys' event finishing first in the 800 and second in the 400.

East Mecklenburg's 1600 relay team finished third.

Eric Landis of East finished fourth in the 1600 meters.

Other high finishers in the boys' competition were Donnell Walton of South; Triple Jump, third place; Teddy Pauling of Independence, 300 hurdles, third place.

Best of luck to the new Olympic football coach, Ray Barger. Barger comes to Olympic from Wilson Beddingfield, where he has coached since 1978.

The Gardner-Webb graduate is a Hickory native and the son of Hickory coach Frank Barger.

He replaces Dave Johnson who left his football position to coach the Trojans basketball team.

The June 6 date for reorganization of the State's 4A system is rapidly approaching and most of the coaches and the athletic directors seem to feel that it is workable.

It seems that there is sentiment for all the Charlotte schools to play each other, but some coaches are not happy about the prospect of playing opponents that are too tough in non-conference games.

Some of the Division 11 coaches are worried about playing West Charlotte and North Mecklenburg especially.

Those are always two crowd-drawing teams and the loss of money would indicate playing these two.

But they are also traditionally the powerhouses of the present Southwestern 4A and loom to be even bigger powerhouses among football weak East Gaston; sometimes powerhouse Shelby Crest, Olympic, Harding, and West Mecklenburg.

West Charlotte pitcher-outfielder Alan Lewis, All Southwestern 4A as a junior and senior will attend Davidson on a scholarship.

He hit .356 and had four home runs and was 1-0 with seven saves as a relief pitcher.

# Haywood Workman Named Post's "Athlete Of The Year"

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Myers Park's Haywood Workman is The Charlotte Post "1984 Athlete of the Year."

The 6'4", 190-pound dynamite package is headed to Winston-Salem State University.

He led his team to the second round of the state playoffs where they lost to Page of Greensboro.

They were 10-0 in regular season and finished with an 11-1 record.

The quarterback who played in the Shrine Bowl was The Charlotte Post "Football Player of the Year" and "Basketball Player of the Year," the first time one player has received both honors.

He was All-Southwestern 4A in football and basketball, leading his hoop team to the regular season conference championship with his 18 points and eight rebounds per game average.

Charles Holland of South Mecklenburg rushed for 1,316 yards, caught 385 yards on passes, returned the ball 750 yards and set a school record of 245 total yards gained against Olympic. He was All-Southwestern 4A in football.

North Mecklenburg's Clarence Bryce is 6'4" and 190 pounds. He was All-Southwestern 4A at defensive end and at tight end, double All-Conference.

## Activity Day

Southwestern District 4-H Activity Day will be held June 27 at Olympic High School, 4301 Sandy Porter Rd.

Members of 4-H, ages 9-19, will compete for district honors and awards. Winners will advance to State competition held during 4-H Congress, July 17 in Raleigh.

There will be live demonstrations in 57 categories performed before panels of judges. The competition begins at 9:30 a.m.; awards presentations wrap up the day's activities at 1:30 p.m.

The 17-county Southwestern District of 4-H will be represented by approximately 300 members, leaders, parents, and Agricultural Extension staff members.

The public is invited to attend 4-H Activity Day. For further information, call the Mecklenburg 4-H office, 374-2062, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Savings And Loan

Mutual Savings and Loan Association of Charlotte, North Carolina announced the offering of a new nine month savings certificate.

"Because of the demand for shorter term savings plans, Mutual wanted to fill the existing gap between the six month savings certificate and the one year term," said Executive Vice President Eric Clark. The certificate will require a \$500 minimum deposit and will compound continuously. The initial rate will be 9.76 percent with an annual yield of 10.25 percent. "A nine month savings certificate satisfies a natural cycle such as the school term," says Clark, and if opened today would mature in early February 1985, available for New Years planning.

This certificate completes Mutual's offering of terms from seven days to ten years, and provides the security of the FSLIC Insurance Corporation.

For more information, contact Elizabeth South at 379-1763.



## HAYWOOD WORKMAN

Headed for Winston-Salem State

Bryce caught seven touchdowns passes and made 29 catches for 430 yards.

He averaged 12.0 points

per game leading North to the conference championship in basketball and the second round of the playoffs.

East Mecklenburg's Eric Abrams is the first black to make it to the state regional competition in years.

Only a tenth grader, the 5'8", 145 pounder played number one at East Mecklenburg and garnered a 7-2 record.

Tony Mercer, behemoth of a football player, from North Mecklenburg, was an All-Southwestern 4A Conference lineman and the state heavyweight wrestling champion.

Other "Athletes of the Year" are the Springs twins, Herman and Sherman.

Herman played football and averaged 15.9 points per game from his All-Conference basketball position.

Sherman, an outstanding punter and pitcher, set a school record with a 61 yard punt.

They plan to attend Livingstone College on scholarships.

Gene Raley of Myers Park was All-Southwestern in the secondary on an undefeated football team and one of the leading hitters in the league. He was All-Southwestern 4A in baseball.

Gene Young of Olympic was All-Southwestern 4A in the secondary and an All-Southwestern in Basketball with a 12.6 average. He is headed to Livingstone College.

Harding's Anthony Blakeney rushed for 1,500 yards, had 15 touchdowns. He is headed to Wake Forest on a football scholarship.

Terry Nance of West Charlotte averaged 17.9 points per game in basketball. Nance was runner-up for Charlotte Post "Player of the Year."

High caliber athletes of merit are Roman Phifer of South Mecklenburg, football and basketball, averaged 12 points per game in basketball; Donnell Walton, South Mecklenburg, third in triple jump in state competition; Constance Watt, Harding, All-Conference volleyball and basketball; Hughart Roberts, All-State in soccer; Milton Moore, West Mecklenburg, All-Conference with 16 points per game average; Patricia Massey, Independence, fifth in the state in triple jump; Harrell Patterson, Independence, All-Conference, 16 points average.

Also, Ojah Vasser, Independence, lineman; Gene Ford, East, gained 1,200 yards; Ike Lowery, West Charlotte, lineman, 70 tackles, 30 assists, three sacks, two recovered fumbles, two interceptions; Tyrone Fuller, West Charlotte, football; Torrence Casey, Myers Park, defensive end; James Truesdale, Myers Park, lineman; Reggie Grier, Olympic, wide receiver, 47 catches for 485 yards, Ernie Blue, Olympic, 1,000 plus yards and seven touchdowns; and Jeff Caldwell, Myers Park, All-Conference.

Athletes of note were Dann Robinson, Anthony Sterling, Jarrod Harris of Harding; Cherod Webber of East; Vernon Jones, and James Moore of Harding; Allen Tillman, James Ekmore and Willie Walker of Garinger; Huan Burke and Devon Berry of West Mecklenburg; Reggie Clark of Providence Day; Tyrone Conner, Keith Chisholm, Junior McGill of North Mecklenburg; Alan Lewis, Maurice Caldwell, Chuck Hill, Brian Watt of West Charlotte.

Also Paul Grier of Myers Park.

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