



Horace Small  
.....Intends to win!

**Horace Small Says:**

**Academically Ineligible  
Players Can't Help You!**

By Tay Burwell  
Special To The Post  
When Horace Small was introduced to the media as Johnson C. Smith University's new athletic director and head football coach, he was presented with a coach's dream situation.

"I don't care if Johnson C. Smith University does not win another football game, as long as Smith players succeed in their academic work and graduate with their degrees," remarked school president Dr. Robert L. Albright.

"I appreciate what Dr. Albright was saying," commented Small. "J. C. Smith has earned a reputation throughout its history as an institution that takes its educational mission seriously. That doesn't mean that we don't intend to win every athletic event scheduled or that we feel we won't be able to compete on the field or in recruiting."

Horace Small thinks just the opposite is true. "Academically ineligible

players can't help you in the line-up, nor will recruiting youngsters who drop out after a year or two," points out the Shaw graduate. "Student-athletes who have the discipline to be good students certainly have the discipline needed to be good football players."

Because JCSU graduates a high number of recruits brought to campus, Small has found a warm reception in the homes of recruits this year. "Parents want their sons to graduate from college," he emphasized. "We always sell our academic program first, then talk football."

If one word could summon Horace Small's coaching philosophy, it is discipline.

"We can't have 60 people doing 60 different things," stated Small. "We will be dressing out only about 45 people even for home games. Wearing the Gold and Blue will be a privilege earned each week." While the chain of com-

mand is quite clear on the field, Small is seeking to build a team support among alumni and supporters off the field.

"Building a winning program will mean building gate attractions and generating financial support in the community," reflected Small. "It's important for alumni to help scout the area talent and make the effort to convince a prospect to visit the school. Winning football seasons don't happen overnight nor without the involvement of many people who want a program to succeed."

As coach Small maps out an overall plan for the next five years and puts together the details for his 1984 campaign, a formidable schedule awaits him. The Bulls open on the road, traveling to defending CIAA champion Virginia Union on September 1. The home schedule will feature Catawba (September 8), Bowie State (September 22), N.C. A&T State (September 29), S.C. State (October 6), St. Paul's (October 20), and Winston-Salem State (October 27).  
Next Week: The JCSU recruiting year.

**City And County  
Government Phone  
Numbers To Change**

All City and County government telephone numbers with the 374 prefix will change to 336 effective July 1, 1984. The last four numbers will remain the same. All other local government telephone numbers will remain unchanged.

Persons needing emergency police, fire and ambulance service in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will still dial 911.

The new numbers will be published in the Southern Bell telephone directory to be distributed in late June and early July.

After the change persons calling the 374 exchange will receive a recording instructing them to dial 336.

In 1970 City and County government converted to the 374 exchange with a capacity of 1,500 lines. All of those lines are now in use. In the new 336 exchange 3,000 numbers have been reserved for local government use.



Phil Neely  
.....Top amateur golfer

**Phil Neely: One Of  
City's Better Golfers**

By James Cuthbertson  
Post Sports Writer  
Phil Neely has a reputation of being one of the better golfers in town.

When he is not on his salesmanship job at Pepsi-Cola, he is on the golf course. The native of Rock Hill, South Carolina picked up the game when he was 25 years old.

"I was a caddy at Rock Hill Country Club and the more I caddied the more I began to believe that this was the game for me," he said.

He attended Emmett Scott High School in Rock Hill and said he likes the sport of golf better than any sport.

"There is not as much running as football or as much jumping as basketball," he added. "In golf you can ride." Neely says he is a scratch player but 1984

honors include winning the East Mecklenburg Optimist Tournament, the Golfer's of America Larkhaven Tournament and teaming with Donald Littlejohn to finish second in the Mecklenburg Four Ball tournament.

What would Phil tell someone who was trying golf for the first time?

"I would tell them that it is very important to grip the club properly," he said. "If you don't learn to hold the club properly, you will not swing properly and you will never learn to play the game with any success. If you learn this you will always have fun at golf."

"Also you have to remember to keep an eye on the ball," said the golfer who plays year round. "There is no season in golf, you can play year-round. That is another thing that I like about this game."

**Corey Baker Has Chosen Jordan As "Role Model"**

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor  
Corey Baker. It's a normal enough name. But at the rate this 13 year old is going that name may fast become a household word like Michael Jordan or Wilt Chamberlain.

Baker, who has been playing since the age of three attributes his style and winning ability to his father, Willie Baker.

"I like the way my father plays basketball," Corey began. "I also admire Michael Jordan, who now has gone pro with the Chicago Bulls."

Baker has chosen Jordan as a role model and wishes to play for a college team first, then move on to the professional ranks.

Baker just might be in line for the honor. At 13 he is already 5'6". His strategies are best as a team player and passing the ball. He is also good at shooting, averaging 16 points per game.

Competing recently in the Junior Olympics in Memphis, Tennessee, Baker walked away with one of the "Best Players" awards. This plaque and honor was given to four of the best players from seven competing teams.

As a member of the Winter Field Booster Club All-Star Basketball Team (since the age of six), Baker aided the team in the Eastern Region tournament against the All-Star Burlington Team. The



Corey Baker  
.....Basketball star

teams were shooting for the Junior Olympics.

Unfortunately, Winter Field lost the game to

Burlington. So how did Baker become fortunate and eligible for the Junior Olympics?

Burlington's team chose three players from the Winter Field Team and off to the Junior Olympic games they sprinted.

Now a member of the official Eastern Division winners Baker helped the team through two winning games. During the Junior Olympics championship the team came in second place. Now Baker's team will be off to Jacksonville, Florida, for another championship title.

Two other Charlotteans played on the Junior Olympic team: Sean Miller and Hewell Hykes. Hykes also received one of the "Best Players" honors.

Since the age of three, Baker has played basketball with his father and his three brothers, Willie Jr., Adrian and Dedrick. He is now in the seventh grade at Spagh Middle School and plans to play basketball and football next semester. He may also run the 100 and 4-40 relay in track. He labels "all sports" as his hobbies and practices

on various community courts with adults and one of his older brothers Adrian, who plays basketball for Harding Senior High School. "Adrian has taught me a lot about basketball also," Baker stated.

The dream of becoming a professional basketball star may be just a few years away for Baker. "My ambition is to become a professional basketball player," Baker interjected. With the proud support from his parents, Willie and Johnnie Baker, his chances are good.

He is a member of St. Paul Baptist Church, where Rev. Paul Drummond is pastor.

Baker's plaque reads: "1984 - 13 and under AAU-USA Junior Olympic Boys Basketball National Championships - Southeast Zone - All Tournament Team." His coach on the Winter Field team is B. V. Belk.

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**Rangers Romp Over Eagles**

Powered by the big bats of William Wright, Bobby Thompson, and Rudy Falls, the Queen City Rangers romped to a 15-8 victory over the Westside Eagles here last Sunday.

Designated hitter Wright led the assault against three Eagles' hurlers with four singles, while Thompson was hitting three one-base blows, and Falls' two singles and a triple. Wright scored three times and plated three teammates. Falls also had three RBIs.

Manager Herman Thomas used four pitchers in his team's 15th triumph in

17 starts this season. "I thought it best that we work them for a shorter period of time," he informed, pointing out that Phil Harris, Bill Davis and Bernard Thomas each worked two innings. Willie Patterson pitched the final three frames. Thomas was the winner. It was his third victory against no defeats this year.

The Rangers jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first two innings only to have the Eagles to cut the margin to one run after four rounds. A 5-run Ranger outburst in the sixth put the score out

of reach and the Rangers coasted from that point.

Thompson ignited the rout with a base on balls. Marcus Velasquez also drew a base on balls, but Wright came through with the second of his four base knocks to send Thompson scurrying home. Velasquez and Wright both came home when Michael Peake hit a long triple to right center. Fall tripled to score Peake and raced across home plate on the front end of a double steal.

After notching a singleton in the seventh and a pair in the eighth, the Rangers closed out the point making with a trio of tallies in the ninth.

"We were glad to get that win under our belts," Thomas stated, adding, "We will not play again until July 7th. We definitely wanted to go into the rest period with a win."

Thomas didn't elaborate on whether he would continue to use the four-pitchers-per-game rotation or not. "I'm not sure," he responded, "I just thought it was a good idea last Sunday. That doesn't mean I will use it on a regular basis."

**BATCH Plans Tennis Tourney**

The ninth annual Greater BATCH Invitational Tennis Tournament will be held July 13-15 at Hornet's Nest Park.

Singles events include 35 and over men's, men's, ladies', junior boy and junior girl.

**Judge Todd**

The Special Projects Committee to Re-Elect Judge Michael Todd will sponsor a "Cocktails With Judge Todd" affair Friday, June 29, from 7-8 p.m. The event will be held at the Excelsior Club, 921 Beaties Ford Rd. After the cocktail sip, a disco will also be sponsored. Tickets are \$5. The public is invited to attend.

Doubles events include 35 and over, junior boy, junior girl, mixed, men's and ladies'.

The cost is \$7 per single and \$10 per doubles team. Junior costs are \$5 per single and \$7 per junior doubles team.

Default time is 15 minutes.

The deadline is July 7. For further information, contact James Cuthbertson, 5537-3 Northstream Drive, or call 393-2058 after 9 p.m. or before 8 a.m.

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