



TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!.....

Common sense is a quality many fail to understand!

This is the week the awesome Bulldogs of South Carolina State come to town for a meaningless football clash with the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith. Neither team will profit from the venture. The last time Bill Davis brought his highly-rated outfit to Charlotte, they unmercifully mauled Wiley Harris' youngsters by a lopsided 82-0 score. Ironically that game followed a controversial decision South Carolina State lost to Alcorn. Alcorn soundly trounced the Bulldogs in Orangeburg last week, 41-6. It's hoped here that the Bulldogs will arrive in good humor, having forgotten the Alcorn embarrassment, and will leave without doing much physical damage to JCSU's young athletes.

ABC's stock zoomed skywards after the announcement of Howard Cosell's retirement. Monday night football has gained in the TV ratings.

Remember Gene Baker, the fine secondbaseman of several years back? The former Pittsburgh star is now a Pirate scout. He will manage a Pirate team in the instructional League this winter.

Franco Harris, who refused a reported \$557,000 a year to play for the Pittsburgh Steelers, is now carrying the football for the Seattle Seahawks for a mere \$375,000 per season. What's a good word for that?

USFL football star Herschel Walker has contributed \$100,000 for the Butts-Heritage Building on the University of Georgia campus...Look for the big schools to challenge in court a recent ruling by the Internal Revenue Service which says contributions to university foundations and booster groups cannot be tax deductible if the contributions are tied to preferential ticket distribution for the college's football games.

If enforced, the new rule would drastically hurt college athletic programs.

ESPN is riding a new high rating with its weekend college football games.

If Dwight Gooden does not win the National League's Most Valuable Player award, league officials who had a hand in the voting should be hauled off to the land of no return. The New York Mets rookie's stats are unbelievable.

Now that Ted Turner has ditched Joe Torre, will Torre's sidekick Bob Gibson be the next Atlanta Brave to get the ax? My guess is that he will be released and Johnny Sain will be hired as the team's pitching coach before next season.

Detroit and Chicago are my choices for advancing to the World Series. Detroit will win it all! A knee injury has sidelined Norfolk State's star runningback Marvin Brown for the rest of the season.

Word out of Fayetteville is that Bronco's runningback Benjamin Knox is the best in the CIAA. Last week's CIAA statistics support the claim. The flashy sophomore is averaging 148 yards rushing per game, with 296 yards for 31 totes in his first two contests. He leads the league in individual rushing and is second in total offense.

As a team, the surprising Broncos are leading the conference in rushing and in team total offense. Adrain Wright, Virginia Union's ponderous 250-pound fullback, who ran wild against J.C. Smith, has been collared in his last three appearances. Wright currently ranks seventh among the top CIAA runningbacks, but he's third in scoring offense with four touchdowns.

If North Carolina Central loses out in the chase for the Southern Division title, give all the credit to Hampton. The Pirates knocked the Eagles out of serious contention with the 17-13 victory they tacked on North Carolina Central, thereby removing all chances the Eagles had for overtaking Winston-Salem State down the home stretch.

Ever heard of a woman coaching a boys' basketball team? Detroit's Cass Tech High has employed Brenda Gatlin as head coach of its boys' varsity basketball team.

When the Los Angeles Dodgers trade Pedro Guerrero to the Montreal Expos for catcher Gary Carter say you saw it here! Did you know that 261 rookies earned positions on the NFL rosters this season? Or that San Diego is the major league's second smallest TV market?

History was quietly made on TV in early September when Bill Wilkerson became the first black play-by-play announcer. A week later, NBC teamed Wilkerson with analyst Harvey Martin for another first.

Aside to those who say Lefty Driesell of Maryland cannot coach; Statistics dictate otherwise. Lefty has won 480 contests in 24 years with only 198 defeats for a lofty .708 percentage.

Top MEAC officials were stunned recently upon learning that Morgan State has not renewed its contract with basketball coach Billy Newton....Bill Davis, who received a huge pay raise, believes the 1984 South Carolina State football team will be his best ever.

If one is to believe Tom Landry Tony Dorsett is the centerpiece of the Dallas offense. One of the games greatest running backs, Dorsett is approaching 10,000 career rushing yards.

HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS ONE? New York Yankees' manager Yogi Berra praises his ex-teammate Mickey Mantel as being "naturally amphibious" because of his ability to hit from both sides of the plate. Wonder if he meant "ambidextrous?"

College football has become big business. CBS and ABC will pay \$68.8 million for the right to televise 28 games this season and ESPN is going to shell out another \$5.5 million for 14 prime-time cablecasts.

Are you wondering why the popular Los Angeles Dodgers are faring so poorly in the National League West race? It's because they have been beset with a succession of injuries to key players. Manager Tom Lasorda has used 71 lineup combinations to date.

ONE FOR THE BOOKS - The players will be the big winners should the United States Football League fold. Where else can an obscured athlete earn \$600,000 or more for a year's work?

JCSU Faces Bulldogs, Also!

SCSC Marching Band Prime For Dynamite Show!

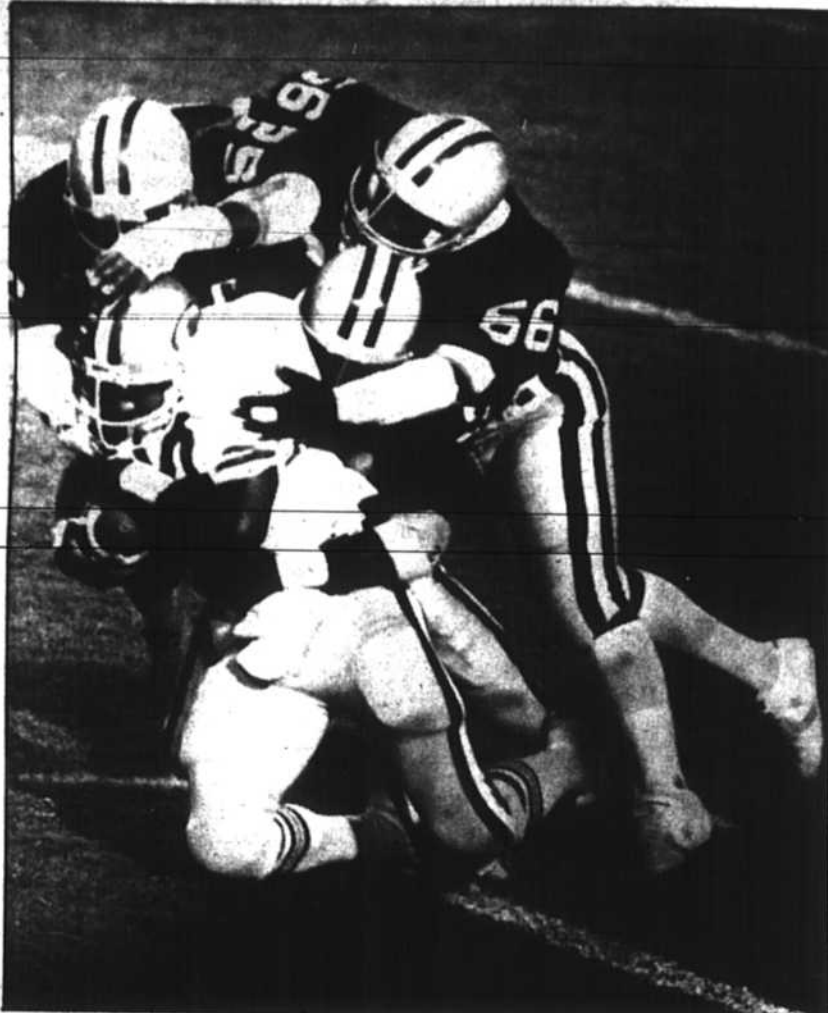
By Phil Busher
Special To The Post

They will be arriving at Charlotte Memorial Stadium Saturday night 150 strong. Capable of an awesome ground attack, this team runs patterns and executes maneuvers with military precision. Few colleges in the nation like to match-up against this outfit. Everywhere they go even opponent fans accord them tremendous respect and appreciation for their considerable skills. South Carolina State's Marching Band should charge double the price of admission for the dynamite show they put on!

The Bulldogs football team will also be here. Bill Davis' squad is in the middle of their toughest schedule in years while trying to rebuild. The unlikely results so far is a Bulldog team that is 2-3 and has surrendered 28 points per game. After last week's 41-7 thrashing at the hands of undefeated Alcorn State, SCSC will arrive in Charlotte in a mood to unload a lot of frustration.

Don't be deceived by the record. The 1984 Bulldogs team is more than capable of burning out the scoreboard lights at Memorial Stadium. After 10 straight MEAC titles, it appears that Delaware State will wrestle the crown away from SCSC. With only one conference loss, State still has a prayer, but losing any more games in 1984 will not help their cause.

The Bulldogs are led by sophomore quarterback Charles Glaze who leads the team in rushing with 275 yards and is the top passer in the MEAC. His favorite target is David Lee Norman who has made 24 catches for 375 yards and six TDs. There is plenty of talent in the



SERIOUS HITTING - You can expect some serious hitting as shown above when the Golden Bulls host a frustrated South Carolina State Bulldogs here Saturday night.

few more to add to his total of four on the year. DB Larry Nesmith is SCSC's leading tackler with 52 hits so far. Defense has been the Achilles heel of State.

While the Golden Bulls played well in Orangeburg last year, dropping a 23-14 decision, the going will be tougher at Memorial Stadium Saturday night. Reserve quarterback Wendell Dixon rallied Smith for its only score against N.C. A&T and drove deep into Aggies territory twice late in the game before being stopped. If JCSU plans to threaten the Bulldogs, receivers Tracey Gayne, Shelton Johnson and Leon Shipp will have to play a major role.

Game time Saturday night will be 7:30 p.m.

Richie Melchor Named "Player Of The Week"

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

This week's Charlotte Post Player of the Week is a young man who gained 167 yards and two touchdowns last week as he led his team to a 28-7 rout in the game of the week.

Richie Melchor's runs of 20 and 10 yards for touchdowns insured that the West Charlotte Lions would remain as a title contender in the Southwestern 4A Conference.

He opened the game's scoring in the first quarter and added an insurance touchdown in the third period.

This is not Melchor's best game this season, however. Melchor is a senior who has played in only four varsity games. But, he has rushed for 622 yards in this young season.

In the opening game, he rushed for 191 yards against Paluski (Virginia) High School and against South Mecklenburg, he rushed for 171.

He had 103 against East Mecklenburg.

His longest touchdown runs of the season are 91 and 60 yards.

He has also returned a kickoff of 95 yards for a touchdown to up his total to six for the season.

Melchor is one of the fastest players on the team, running the 40 in 4.65 seconds.

Melchor has been playing football since Pop Warner.

He played for the Plaza. Melchor played junior varsity football last year where he amassed 1,400 yards.

The stage was set for this season. People who have seen him compare his style to Dallas Cowboy, Tony Dorsett.

backfield in Frank Darby (4.7 yards per carry), Henry Bostic (5.7 yards per carry), Gerald Foggie (4.2 yards per carry), Mike Summers (3.8 yards per carry), and Bernard Burgess (4.5 yards per carry).

With 13 interceptions thrown by Golden Bulls quarterbacks so far in 1984, Bulldogs DB Dwayne Harper will be waiting and willing to pluck a

CIAA Football Roundup

Conference Came Up Empty Handed Against Two Outside Opponents

This was not a week for major upsets, but in non-conference action it was a donut weekend; not gaining a victory at all outside the conference.

The defending conference champions, Virginia Union, enjoyed homecoming as they stopped mistake prone St. Paul's, 26-7. St. Paul's finished the day with two lost fumbles and four interceptions. Senior tailback, Brian Smith finished the day with 151 yards on 14 carries, a 10.8 yard per carry average which helped Virginia Union out-rush the visiting Tigers, 255 to 109 yards.

Virginia State amazed Elizabeth City with six interceptions and five quarterback sacks in stopping the Vikings, 23-8. Three of the six interceptions were returned for scores in the first half, as the Trojans took a 23-0 lead into the locker room. Virginia State's victory broke an Elizabeth City jinx, that dated back to the 1979 season.

N. C. Central squeaked by Fayetteville St., 24-22, in a game that was not decided until the last three seconds of the game. Freshman quarterback, Calvin Davis completed a 44 yard TD strike to Robert Clark with three seconds left to give the Eagles the victory. Fayetteville's Ben Knox finished the day with 119 yards on 28 carries. If you can remember, Fayetteville had Virginia Union beat in their season opener, but a touchdown with eight seconds left stopped the Broncos from a major upset. That game finished in a 22-22 tie. The Broncos are seconds away from being in first place of the Southern Division.

Norfolk State won its fourth game in a row, blanking Bowie State, 38-0. The Spartans surprisingly only led Bowie 3-0 at the half, but took control at the start of the second half. Norfolk finished the day with a school record of 426 yards on the ground. Defensively, the Spartans held Bowie to a -56 yards on the ground.

In non-conference action, N.C. A&T stopped J.C. Smith, 16-6. JoJo White was held to a career low of 13 yards on 12 carries, as Livingstone was stopped by Gardner Webb, 38-10.

Hampton University and Winston-Salem did not play last week.

UPCOMING BRIEFS

There are only two games this week that will count in the divisional championship races. Fayetteville St. will be looking for a much needed conference victory as they travel to winless Bowie St.

Winston-Salem will return to action, after a week layoff, as they travel to division rival Livingstone College. This is an important game for the Bears, because they have yet to win a conference game. A Livingstone victory would really make things interesting in the South.

N.C. Central will take on the red-hot Norfolk St. Spartans in Norfolk, VA. This game will not count in the conference standings for either team. But regardless of that fact, this could be a big game for the Spartans as they try to stay unbeaten.

In non-conference action, Elizabeth City will travel to N.C. A&T. Hampton University will play host to

the University of District of Columbia, J.C. Smith will entertain South Carolina St., and Virginia Union will travel to Kentucky St.

NOTES & "QUOTES"




.....For the second week in a row, the CIAA game came up empty handed against outside opponents. The non-conference won-lost record dropped to 4-7. N.C. A&T topped J.C. Smith, 16-6 and Gardner Webb trounced Livingstone, 38-10. Against Division I-AA opponents, the CIAA, a Division II conference, is 2-2.....

.....Jo Jo White (LC) slowed up his race to the CIAA's career rushing top, as he was held to a career low of 13 yards on 12 carries. Presently, he

is 406 yards away from Timmy Newsome's record of 3,843 yards. White has 3,437 career rushing yards. He is presently number five on the CIAA's Top All-Time rushing list.....

.....A women's basketball note: The Virginia Wave of the new women's American Basketball Association held its pre-season camp on the campus of Virginia State University. The Virginia Wave are based in Norfolk, VA. Norma Knight of Norfolk St., and Maria Nicholson of Virginia Union both former CIAA All-Americans, were still on the roster at press time.

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The Golden Bulls!

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

"GOLDEN BULLS"

-VS-

S.C. STATE BULLDOGS

CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL STADIUM
7:30 P.M.

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Adults	\$6.00	Students	\$2.00
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