

By James Cuthbertson



**PREP
CHATTER**



The hot and heavy Southwestern 4A Conference basketball season is underway and already there have been some surprises.

Garinger, last week's number one team, has already tumbled and has been replaced by the hottest team in the conference this week.

THE RANKINGS

1. **NORTH MECKLENBURG** - The Vikings have emerged as the hottest team in the conference. They are getting good mileage from Letura Stitt, Todd Holden, Rodney Sims and Lee Clark and begin the season where they ended last year, at the top.

2. **WEST CHARLOTTE** - The Lions have more talent than anyone else in the conference. They have good height and good shooters in Kevin Reid, Maurice Caldwell, Horace Small, Lance Jones, Ravon Currence, and Michael Cureton.

3. **GARINGER** - Maybe the loss to North was a fluke. The big men are producing for the Wildcats, but depth looks like it will be a problem for the talented team.

4. **OLYMPIC** - Last week's hottest team in the conference, the Trojans beat the West Mecklenburg Indians on the road and showed a mark of success they haven't shown lately, winning on the road. With Antonio Howard being a hot shot and a great supporting staff in Dwayne Glenn, Donald Simmons, and Larmar Simond, the Trojans could be the conference dark horse.

5. **HARDING** - The Rams, led by Anthony Houston, J.D. Cauthen and Lonnie Tucker, are doing something they didn't do last year - putting points on the boards. The Rams are tough. Houston is probably one of the conference's better junior basketball players. Look for great things from the young man who is averaging 16 points per game.

6. **WEST MECKLENBURG** - As long as Milton Moore is hot, the Indians can stick it to anyone in the conference. This looks like it will be a good season for the young man with the fade away jumpers from the corners.

7. **MYERS PARK** - The Mustangs won the league last year and could do it again, but it won't be as easy as last year.

8. **INDEPENDENCE** - As soon as the Patriots get their full squad back, they will be tough.

9. **EAST MECKLENBURG** - It may be a long year for the Eagles. Byron Dinkins is one heck of a shooter.

10. **SOUTH MECKLENBURG** - The Sabres are a very young and inexperienced team.

THE GIRLS

1. **NORTH MECKLENBURG** - Andrea Stinson, 5-8, is the hottest prospect in the area. She should keep the Vikings near the top of the conference.

2. **HARDING** - The Rams are tough this season.

3. **OLYMPIC** - The Trojans, led by Veronica Harris and Judy Graham, could challenge for top honors.

4. **WEST MECKLENBURG** - As long as the Indians have Lori Helton, they are dangerous.

5. **SOUTH MECKLENBURG** - Renee Emerson and Mia Nance are top guns for the Sabres, who upset West Charlotte.

6. **WEST CHARLOTTE** - The Lions are led by Tuwanda Smith and Marla Walker.

7. **INDEPENDENCE** - The Patriots are led by Lavetta Dawkins.

8. **EAST MECKLENBURG** - Johnetta Peterson leads the Eagles.

9. **MYERS PARK** - The Mustangs are hoping to improve.

10. **GARINGER** - The Wildcats are young this year.

THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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SHOWDOWN GAMES

Friday, December 14, at Harding:

When the Olympic Trojans invade the Harding Rams' abode on December 14, they will be bringing in one of the hottest acts in the conference. The Rams are tough this year and play well, especially at home. Look for a barn burner.

Tuesday, December 18, at West Charlotte:

One of these teams could go into the Christmas holidays as a contender. The other one could have problems.

The Cats have height.

The Lions have shooters.

HOTTEST PLAYER IN THE CONFERENCE

East Mecklenburg's Byron Dinkins is the hottest player in the conference. He scored 27 points on Ashbrook and 20 on Independence to be a bright spot in the Eagles' lineup.

HOTTEST TEAM IN THE CONFERENCE

The North Mecklenburg Vikings beat A. L. Brown, 90-35, Mooresville, 76-57, and Garinger, 86-83. They are red-hot, sizzling.

The Vikes of Leroy Holden have been getting great shooting and rebounding.

Entrepreneur Jerry Buss Champions College Education For Black Youth

Los Angeles, Ca. - Sports entrepreneur, real estate magnate, philanthropist and chemistry scholar Dr. Jerry Buss is actively involved in the United Negro College Fund's 1984 telethon efforts to aid private black colleges. The "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" airs coast to coast, Saturday, December 29, from noon to midnight.

As national telethon chairman, Buss' commitment has been far-reaching. "Education gives you freedom," is one of his philosophies. "The more education you have, the more freedom you have."

"I am devoting my energies to the success of the 'Lou Rawls Parade of Stars' because the education of the nation's youth, above all other causes, is what will have the most

effect on all our lives. College Fund graduates are our futures - in the sciences, business, culture - in every area of our endeavors."

Buss understands first hand the need for financial aid for education. He worked to support himself throughout high school and college. He earned a B.S. degree from the University of Wyoming and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Southern California.

Buss enthusiastically supports education-related charities. He finances the college education of several young people and funds a chemistry fellowship at his alma mater. But, it is as "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" national chairman that Buss is most personally involved. Hosting fund raisers and

calling upon his friends in many areas of American business, finance, sports and academics, Buss is forcefully leading the 1984 telethon drive.

UNCF President Christopher F. Edley commented, "Jerry Buss brings to the United Negro College Fund the same sense of commitment he devotes to his business enterprises. He understands the importance of a good education from the viewpoint of a businessman and a scholar."

Known by its motto, "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste," the United Negro College Fund supports 42 private, historically black colleges and some 45,000 students enrolled at these schools. More than half of the student body comes from families earning less than \$14,000 annually and most require financial assistance. The College Fund is currently in its 14th year and has raised over \$350 million in support of member colleges and academic scholarships.

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WHERE THEY PLAY

**COLLEGES
THURSDAY
December 13**

Hampton at UDC
Shaw at Virginia Union
WRAL TV Tourney (St. Augustine's)

**SATURDAY
December 15**

S.C. State at Illinois
Furman at UNCC
Virginia Union at Livingstone
N.C. A&T at N.C. Central
Shaw at Bowie

Norfolk at Winston-Salem
Elizabeth City at UDC
WRAL TV Tourney

**TUESDAY
December 18**

UNCC at Tennessee
N.C. A&T at Georgia Tech

**SOUTHWESTERN 4A
THURSDAY
December 13**

East at Myers Park

**FRIDAY
December 14**

Independence at North
West Charlotte at West Mecklenburg
South at Garinger

**SATURDAY
December 15**

Olympic at Harding

**ASHBROOK AT EAST
MONDAY
December 17**

Olympic at Gaffney

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West at East
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Harding at South
North at Myers Park
Olympic at Independence



At the recent Omega Psi Phi Grand Council meeting in Washington, D.C., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Grand Basileus, Dr. L. Benjamin Livingston (far right) took time out to congratulate fellow Omega Ray Armstead, (second from left) Olympic Gold Medalist. Ray, a junior at Missouri State College, ran the 2nd leg in the 400 meter relay. His time was 43:97. The team time was 2:57:91. Also pictured are (left) Mark Iles, Second Vice Grand Basileus and (third from left) Dr. Moses Norman, First Vice Grand Basileus.

Milton Moore Has "Star" Written Across His Jersey

By James Cuthbertson
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West Mecklenburg's Milton Moore has "star" written all across the number 14 jersey that he wears for the West Mecklenburg Indians.

"I believe I had a great performance," he said, in reference to the 30 point total that he put in the record books in the Indians' opening 66-59 win over Gastonia Ashbrook.

When Moore is having a good game, the Indians, whose supporting cast includes good talent in center Carrol Raley, forward John White, forward guard Eric Trivette, and guards Derrick McGowan and Deron Davis, could be dangerous and most assuredly will improve last season's record.

"I am beginning to feel really confident about my games," said Moore, who rightfully should after hitting from all areas of the court in the Gastonia gym.

With 11 from the floor and eight from the line, the 6-3, 175 pounder looks like a major college Division I prospect all the way.

"I feel I need to take charge and make things happen on the floor," he said.

Last year, coach John Day had nothing but accolades on the attitude of Moore and how much he meant to the team. Moore had a 17

points per game average last year. Pennsylvania State, Louisville, Clemson, Missouri, Hampden-Sydney, Eastern Kentucky and Georgia Tech are some of the names who appear to be interested.

"I worked on my ball handling abilities at camp in Atlanta at Georgia Tech this summer," said Moore.

At Georgia Tech, he made the All-Star team and won an award for free throw shooting.

"My team won the championship," he added.

Watch out for those West Mecklenburg Indians.

Moore had 22 points in a losing effort to the Olympic Trojans.

Other outstanding performances: Ronald Downer of Independence threw in 28 points as the Patriots nipped the Eagles, 57-53.

Byron Dinkins of East hit 20 points in the losing cause.

Garinger's James Elmore hit 18, but it wasn't enough to offset the North Vikings' comeback effort.

Big number 44, Kevin Reid of West Charlotte, hit 21 points to lead his Lions to a 69-51 rout of South Mecklenburg.

Antonio Howard of Olympic hit 23 to lead his Trojans over West Mecklenburg.



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