

At J.C. Smith

Johns Needs 12 Points To Set New Scoring Record

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For any follower of basketball who has not seen a women's college game in the last six or seven years, you just won't believe your eyes. The women have developed their skills faster in a shorter period of time than almost any other sport in competitive history.

The caliber of players at Johnson C. Smith University today would have matched any Division I program in the country five years ago.

"More girls are seriously involved in competitive athletics in the junior and senior high schools than ever before," noted JCSU women's coach Steve Joyner. "They arrive on campus much further developed than just a short time ago."

Certainly All-CIAA senior guard Odelia "Smokey" Johns is a case in point. The Danville, Va., native needed just 12 points to break Marsha Alexander's career record 1,188 points against Barber-Scotia Thurs-



Odelia "Smokey" Johns
.....Scoring phenom

day night. Johns and Alexander, now the women's assistant coach, were the first two JCSU women to

join the exclusive 1,000 point career club at Smith.

Smokey does not score at the expense of the team. Johns is averaging 19.3 points per game on 49 percent field shooting. She leads the team in assists with 5.7 per game. The Smith women are off to the best start in the school's history at 8-1.

"Odelia is just a super competitor who contributes whatever is needed to win," acknowledged Joyner. "Her floor leadership, defense and confidence make her one of the premiere guards in the CIAA."

"A lot of the credit goes to every one on the team," remarked Johns. "We have considerable talent in Cassey Howell and Caryl Hardin. Everyone on the team contributes to every win."

Smith's recent 60-57 win over previously undefeated Norfolk State should generate votes for a possible NCAA playoff bid at the end of the

season.

The men's 76-73 win over the Spartans has reassured JCSU followers that the Golden Bulls are very much in the hunt for the CIAA Southern Division title in what promises to be another wide-open, exciting race in the conference. A good move by those planning to attend the CIAA Tournament on February 27 through March 2 would be to purchase tickets now from any CIAA athletic director. A fourth straight sell-out year is guaranteed. For tickets, call JCSU Athletic Director, Horace Small, at 704-378-1206.

Taxes Due January 7

The deadline for paying 1984 Charlotte-Mecklenburg property taxes is Monday, January 7, 1985. Payments received after this date will be subject to interest charges - 2 percent the first month and 3/4 percent every month thereafter until the bill is paid. Advertisement of unpaid taxes will occur after January 15, 1985, and additional cost will be added to cover advertisement charges.

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TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!
All things come to him who waits --but "him" better be working while he's waiting!

One of the most highly respected men in college coaching ranks passed last week. The beloved Howard K. "Brutus" Wilson, who spent long years teaching and coaching at Shaw and Winston-Salem State, was eulogized in Smithfield Saturday. "Coach" touched the lives of many during his career, which began in 1934. He retired in 1978. His name is etched in the record books along side two of the nation's longest winning streaks. He master-minded Morgan State to a string of 54 victories in football and he led his basketball team to 47 consecutive triumphs.

The injury-plagued New York Knicks have signed 7'1" center Ran Cavenall. The former Texas Southern stand-out was performing with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Rumors out of Norfolk are that Norfolk State is about ready to pull up stakes and leave the CIAA to join the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference....Look for Terry Bradshaw to replace Phyllis George on the "NFL Today" show...The former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback likely will get the official word before the playoffs begin a week from Sunday.

The drug problem among professional athletes continue to worsen. Houston has sidelined hot-shooting John Lucas and the Utah Jazz this week waived high-scoring John Drew for drug-related problems. The Jazz has arranged for Drew to enter a drug treatment facility.

The showdown between Georgetown and DePaul, scheduled for Saturday afternoon, has the country's college basketball fans up in the air. Early odds have Georgetown favored by 10 1/2 points. WBTV will carry the contest, beginning at 3:45 p.m. TV ratings are expected to go through the roof.

Howard Cosell has no effect on the low ratings that Monday night football is currently receiving. According to a poll concluded last week, 59 percent of the pro football fans who watched the game on television said they have not missed Howard. Neither have I.

Do you realize that Eric Dickerson has run the length of the football fields more than 20 times this season?

Add it up!
The big Los Angeles Ram has rushed for 2,003 yards in 14 contests for an average of 143 yards an outing. That's 20 times the length of the gridiron!

Barry Cooper, the outstanding young sports writer from down Florida way, asks: "Should black schools leave Division I-AA?" Cooper believes, and I agree, that when the 12 predominantly black colleges and universities "eagerly gave up their Division 11 membership, the real lure was not the prospect of competing in a new league, but the possibility of getting rich from TV receipts." It didn't happen in the early years, although several of the schools did reap a good harvest. However, it's crystal clear now that black colleges will not receive the big dollars from network television anymore. Florida A&M, one of the teams that drew several big checks, is currently faced with a \$400,000 deficit and A&T just recently asked its board of trustees for an increase in student athletic fees, saying it sorely needs the more than \$100,000 the increase would generate. Most of the 12 schools are confronted with a deficit in their athletic departments.

If Ken Free and Dr. James Frank are really serious about the CIAA getting involved in the second Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic, it seems to me they would name Willard Bailey of Norfolk State to serve as head coach of one of the teams. He's the most successful football coaches in America.

Shortly after I suggested that Larry Holmes should retire from boxing, the heavyweight champ signed with promoter Don King to meet someone named David Bey in late February or early March.

In my opinion, Marcus Allen of the L. A. Raiders should be rated up there with the O. J. Simpsons, Jim Browns, and the John Riggins.

Grambing coach Eddie Robinson says he had to drop two scholarships so he could have enough money to feed James Polk, his 6'11", 314-pound defensive tackle.

Free agent Lee Lacy is making requests that astound major league club owners. He places higher values on being assured of more playing time rather than receiving more money.

Atlanta Braves relief pitcher Donnie Moore is putting the "bite" on owner Ted Turner for more money. The team's most effective hurler in 1984 is seeking a three-year contract worth \$1.5 million. He was paid \$200,000 last season.

The Montreal Expos are seeking outfielder Chile Davis of the San Francisco Giants. They seem willing to give away anything but the franchise.

Did you know that CBS Network Radio will broadcast major league baseball games next summer? The cost is \$32 million, including plans to broadcast games nationally Saturdays during the regular season, beginning May 25.

My guess is that Saint Augustine's will win the CIAA Southern Division. The way I see it, Winston-Salem will finish second and J.C. Smith fourth.

CIAA Participates In Freedom Bowl

Greensboro - Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Commissioner Ken Free and Southwestern Athletic Conference Commissioner Dr. James Frank announced that the Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic organizers have extended invitations to the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) to participate in the 1985 football contest scheduled for January 12 in Atlanta, Ga.

The all-star clash will be played in the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium starting at 1 p.m.

Free said upon official acceptance, eight CIAA all-star seniors would join the MEAC team and eight SIAC players would be added to SWAC's roster.

According to Free, official rosters for the Second Annual Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic will be an-

nounced at a press conference luncheon set for 11 a.m. Thursday, December 13, in Atlanta's Ramada Hotel Capital Plaza.

"The invitation is designed to offer more post-season opportunities and exposure to all historically black athletic conferences," added

Free. The rosters are already partially complete because, in accordance with All-Star Classic guidelines, each senior on the MEAC and SWAC first team All-Conference squads automatically make the Freedom Bowl lineups.

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