

By James Cuthbertson

Prep Chatter



If anyone should dare question the argument of there being a more all-around basketball player in the county than Olympic's Antonio Howard, I beg them to step forward with the evidence.

The Southwestern 4A Conference has a bevy of good ballplayers this season, but all have some limitations.

Olympic's Howard excels in all areas.

His greatest strength is his shooting. He is shooting the daylight out of the ball.

His next greatest strength is his quickness. Give him a jump and he will take the ball in on an exciting slam dunk.

Ballhandling ability is another of his strengths.

And according to his coach Dave Johnson, Tony has a great attitude.

He is second in the conference with a 20.2 per game average.

His high game this season was 28 against Myers Park.

At his current clip, he will probably score close to 500 points.

A definite Division I prospect, Howard is an exciting player to watch and already has the moves that make the college scouts drool. A can't miss prospect for the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Tony excels in another important area also.

He has 3.72 grade point average and ranks number 31 in his senior class of 304.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby M. Howard of 4024 Whitehurst Road in Clanton Park said he succeeds because "I always give 100 percent in whatever I do." Whether it is work or play, I am always striving to be the best that I can be.

Tony hopes to attend college to major in mathematics or accounting.

He spends his spare time as an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity's Beautification Militaire Leadership Training Project.

Promising Players:

Pervis Thomas, Garinger; Lonnie Tucker, Harding; Kevin Spann, Harding; Lee Rozier, Independence; Mark Jackson, Independence; Harry Fuller, Independence; Rodney Simms, North; Damon Rawlinson, South; Lance Jones, West Charlotte.

Hottest Player:

Antonio Howard of Olympic is the league's hottest player. The leaper is averaging 20.2 points per game. He can rebound. He can dunk. He is quick. He can dribble. He can shoot.

Scorers:

Byron Dinkins, East; Antonio Howard, Olympic, 20.2; Dee Pritchett, Myers Park, 20.0; Donald Simmons, Olympic, 17.9; Roman Phifer, South, 17.8; Todd Holden, North, 16.5; James Elmore, Garinger, 15.4; Letura Stitt, North, 15.4; Carol Raley, West, 14.7; Willie Walker, Garinger, 14.6; Paul Grier, Myers Park, 14.4; Pervis Thomas, Garinger, 13.4; Lonnie Tucker, Harding, 13.2; Ronald Downer, Independence, 12.7; and Kevin Reid, West Charlotte, 12.4.

Outstanding junior varsity players at East Mecklenburg are Maurice Flowers and Jimmy English. Both have just been moved up to the varsity.

The Baby Eagles are 8-8. Flowers was averaging 16 ppg. He is 6-3. English was averaging 8 ppg. and 8 assists per game.

Southwestern 4A Rankings (Boys)

1. West Charlotte- The Lions have some breathing room.
2. Myers Park- The Mustangs are hot and cold, but lately they have been red-hot.
3. North Mecklenburg- The Vikings have lost ground on the Lions but are still deadly.
4. Olympic- The Trojans have emerged. With three of their final games on the road and the jinx of not being able to beat Myers Park behind them, they could be dangerous by tournament time.
5. East Mecklenburg- The new Eagles deserve some ground here. They are tough.
6. Independence- The Pats have lost some stars but Julio Morrison, Harry Fuller, Mark Jackson, Ronald Downer and the Rozier brothers Lee and Anthony are beginning to bring a shine back to Patriot's floor.
7. Harding- Since a big win against North, the Rams have gone dormant.
8. Garinger- The Wildcats could be a surprise, come tournament time.
9. South- The Sabres need to get a streak going.
10. West Mecklenburg- The Indians are buzzing. Milton Moore is back in uniform.

Southwestern 4A girls

1. North, 2. East, 3. South, 4. Harding, 5. Olympic, 6. Independence, 7. West Mecklenburg, 8. Myers Park, 9. West Charlotte, 10. Garinger.

Private Schools (boys)

1. Country Day, 2. Providence Day, 3. Latin, 4. Christian, 5. Catholic, 6. Northside.

Private Schools Girls

1. Country Day, 2. Christian, 3. Latin, 4. Providence Day, 5. Catholic, 6. Northside.

JUNIOR VARSITY RANKINGS (Boys)

1. Independence, 2. Harding, 3. West Charlotte, 4. Myers Park, 5. North, 6. Olympic, 7. East, 8. Garinger, 9. South, 10. West Mecklenburg.

The big Charlotte winner at the Charlotte sectional wrestling was defending state champion Tony Mercer.

He won over Mike Wallace of West Mecklenburg by a 5-4 count.

Melvin Jones of West Charlotte, 195; Fred Alexander of West Mecklenburg, 185; Robert Harper of Independence, 167; Wayne Haydt of Independence, 155; Paul Ensminger of North, 138 David Gragson of Independence, 126; Ron Elliot of Myers Park, 119; Darryl Seegars of Olympic, 112; Mack Baker of East, 105; and Nate Davis of Garinger, 98, were all winners in the event.

West Mecklenburg won the team championship.



Despite inclement weather, Carolinas football fans reacted enthusiastically to Charlotte's first USFL game with Memorial Stadium's first "wave," shown here turning the heads of several New Jersey Generals players. The wave drew a post-game comment from superstar Herschel Walker, who said, "The wave was great. Those people deserve a team." Charlotte

businessman George Shinn, who hopes to bring a USFL team here, will put on a second game Saturday, February 16, at 1 p.m. with the defending champion Baltimore Stars and UNC's Kelvin Bryant meeting Tampa Bay, one of the league's top passing teams behind John Reaves.

To Clash Here Saturday Afternoon

USFL's Most Successful Football Teams

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

When the Baltimore Stars and the Tampa Bay Bandits play in Charlotte on Saturday at 1 p.m., they will bring in two of the U.S. Football League's most successful clubs.

Former Atlantic Coast Conference standouts Kelvin Bryant of North Carolina, who plays with the Stars

and Greg Boone of Duke who plays with the Bandits are big drawing cards in their respective towns.

The Stars are the defending champions of the USFL, having won the title when based in Philadelphia. They have won 35 of 41 games during the league's first two years.

Other Duke players with the Bandits are running backs Mike

Grayson and Joel Blank, quarterback Ron Sally and receiver John Brinkman.

Boone earned the distinction of having the USFL's first 100 yard game and has led the Bandits in rushing each of the club's two seasons.

Grayson was All-ACC and holds the Duke record of 4,381 all-purpose yards. Brinkman was also All-ACC and Duke's Co-MVP. Blank currently ranks as the Bandits leading rusher after two intrasquad games.

A pair of UNC grads lead the Stars' number two ranked defense. Outside linebacker John Bunting is a former NFL player representative and was one of the prominent spokesmen for the union during the player strike in 1982. He is 6-1 and 217.

William Fuller is a former Tarheel All American.

UNC's Victor Harrison is a wide receiver for the Bandits. He is 5-10 and 170.

When the two teams square off at 1 p.m., there will be a lot of local flavor for the fans. A crowd of 24,500 is expected.

Against Winston-Salem State

Lady Bulls Seek To End Long

Losing Streak Saturday Night

By LaShun Lawson
Special To The Post

The Lady Bulls of Johnson C. Smith are still going strong. Even though the team has lost the last five games they are still at the top of the charts. Tied for first place with Shaw University on the Southern Division title race, teammates and Coach Steve Joyner are joining together for a more unified effort.

"It's not too late for us to still remain number one," stated Tammy Daily, JCSU guard. "We still have two more CIAA games to play and it will only take one win for us to regain the lead."

The Lady Bulls are 14-7 and for the last five games have experienced a turbulent downhill descension. The players haven't given up hope for recovery however.

"There is no real reason for our losing streak," Daily interjected. "The team could be more unified."

"It seems more like last year and we have come a long way since then. With the tournament coming up I am sure we will have a lot more togetherness," Daily continued.

The team was showing promise until recently. With Odeila (Smokey) John averaging 16 points a game and Cayl Hardin and Cassandra Howell following close behind, it was as if nothing could stand in the Lady Bulls way. Still all three have played well throughout the season.

Tennis Love Set

The Add-In Tennis Association will sponsor a Tennis Love Set February 17 at the King and Queen Lounge located at 119 South Brevard St.

The purpose is to provide an opportunity for persons who play tennis or would like to learn, an opportunity for persons who play the game. Also to find out when, where, and what times others are playing tennis.

The event will also provide persons who play tennis a chance to find out about tennis clubs in the area and the requirements for membership.

The charge for admission is \$2 in advance and \$2.50 at the door. Tickets may be obtained from any Add-In Tennis Association member or at the King and Queen Lounge. If you have any questions call 598-6709 after 6 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded.

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Garinger at Independence
West Charlotte at North
South at Olympic
West at Myers Park

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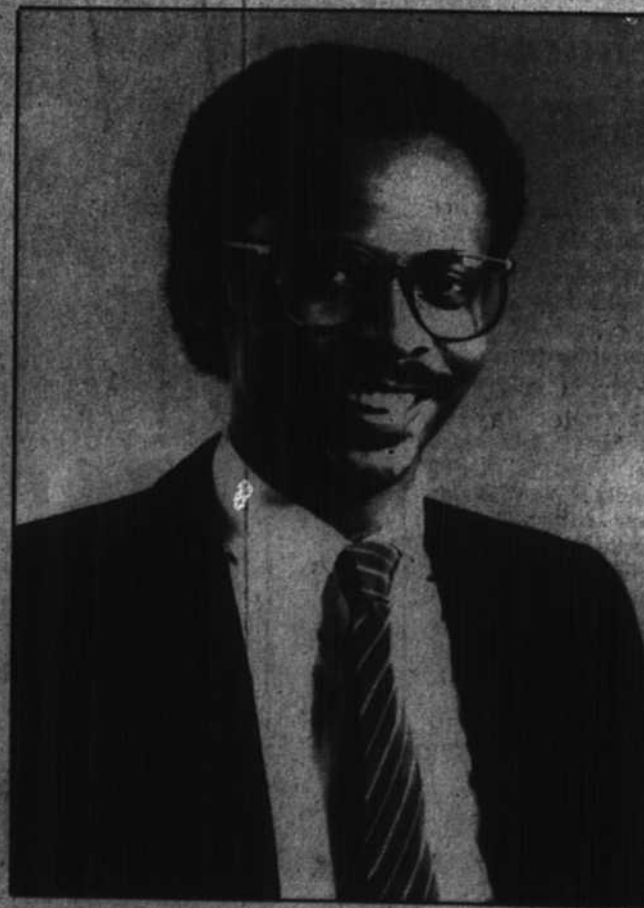
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