

By James Cuthbertson

# Prep Chatter



"I am very excited," said Garinger's Gene Brown. "You can't beat it. I went down a couple of weeks ago and they offered me a full scholarship."

Brown was recruited as a wide receiver. Coach Steve Shaugnessey had told me that The Citadel would offer me a scholarship at receiver. I had thought about the Navy, but I fell in love with the school in Charleston, S. C." Brown runs the 40 in 4.55. At Garinger, he was an All-County quarterback. I expect to see a lot of action. The Citadel throws 35 to 40 times a game. Good luck to Gene Brown, a quality athlete.

North Carolina Central signed six players to grants-in-aid in the Charlotte area. They were Van Jackson, a 6-1, 245 pound guard from South Mecklenburg; Robert Massey, a 5-10, 180 pound defensive back from Garinger; Earl Adams, West Charlotte guard; Gerald Mack, Garinger defensive back; Darren Stinson, Garinger kicker; and Maurice Wilson, West Charlotte linebacker.

Teams advancing to this weekend's games at East Burke High School in the boys' bracket are MYERS PARK 19-7, WEST CHARLOTTE 21-8, GASTONIA HUSS 17-9 and ROXBORO PERSON 22-2.

Advancing in the girls bracket are HIGH POINT CENTRAL 24-1, NORTH MECKLENBURG 23-3, MORGANTON FREEDOM 19-5 and HENDERSON VANCE 21-1.

Final Southwestern 4A girls rankings:  
1. North, 2. East, 3. South, 4. Harding, 5. Olympic, 6. Independence, 7. West Mecklenburg, 8. Myers Park, 9. West Charlotte, 10. Garinger.  
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The All-Conference Northern Junior High Boys League team includes: Larry Blakeney, J. T. Williams, Clarence Montgomery, Piedmont; Carlos Tate, Kennedy; John Campbell, Cochrane; and Dale Rainey, Ranson. The Player of the Year was Kenneth Wylie of Ranson. The Coach of the Year was Gonnell White of Ranson.

The All-Conference Southern Junior High League team included Harry Davis, Smith; Mark Robbins, Carmel; Reggie Hunter, Carmel; and Volo Deas, Quail Hollow. Tony Horton of Randolph was the Player of the Year. Nathan Kelton of Quail Hollow was the Coach of the Year.

In the Southern League girls team were Nicole Watts, Alexander Graham; Patty Purvis, McClintock; Tracy Jones, Albemarle Road; Aimee Sockwell, Alexander Graham; and Coley Tiller, Northeast. The Player of the Year was Sockwell. The Coach of the Year was Londell McClary of Alexander Graham.

The Northern League All-Girls team included Becky Rowell of Cochrane, Kelly Reid of Eastway, Josephine Young of Sedgewood and Tammy Houston of Eastway. The Player of the Year was Trisha Fox of Alexander. Flora Jean Craig of Alexander is the Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to Providence Day and Coach Dave Price. "I feel great," said superstar Reggie Clark. "I am glad that we won it. In the first game of the tournament I scored 18. In the second game I scored 18. In the final game against Bishop McGuiness I scored 13 points and 15 rebounds." Reggie's next sport at Providence Day is baseball.

Erica Abrams is the hottest thing on the junior circuit in basketball. She is averaging 14 points from her point guard position. She threw in 14 points recently as her team beat Coulwood. The 11 year old plays for Long Creek. Erica attends Myers Park Traditional School.

Former Independence star player Eric Boyd was named the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Dave Price is just a phenomenon. He won a state championship at Providence Day. This year's team was 23-10 while winning the State Independent Schools Athletic Association Championship. Price also won in 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1976 while at South Mecklenburg.

The Southwestern 4A All Conference Coaches' team was announced recently. They were Byron Dinkins, East; James Elmore, Garinger; Paul Grier, Myers Park; Dee Pritchett, Myers Park; Todd Holden, North; Letura Stitt, North; Antonio Howard, Olympic; Roman Phifer, South; Kevin Reid, West Charlotte; and Lonnie Tucker, Harding. The Coaches' Coach of the Year is Charlie McCullough of West Charlotte.

In last week's rout by North over Northern Durham, the stars were Andrea Stinson and Sherry Mobley. The Charlotte Post's 1985 "Miss Basketball" scored 24 points and pulled down eight rebounds and had six steals as North won 72-41. Mobley, junior center, grabbed 21 rebounds and scored 23 points.

Terry Massey is a very talented individual. He was the one Mustang that nobody could stop in the aggressive defense that Henderson Vance threw. Tony Burris has to be the most improved player in the Southwestern 4A. He has really become a consistent force in the Mustangs' attack. Although the Mustangs have been playing only six players, they appear to be the most conditioned team in the Southwestern 4A. Myers Park won 63-48.

Maurice Caldwell came into his own as West Charlotte beat Greensboro Page 40-35. Caldwell scored 20 points of 50 percent of his team's total.

It is a shame that the Western Regional is held in the mountains every year. What logical purpose? Salisbury was a great site. The weather was big and the city was easily accessible. Seven of the teams will be traveling at least one hour and a half to get to East Burke High School in Icard, N. C. Roxboro Person will be traveling about five hours. Why not bring the tourney to Charlotte or somewhere in the Piedmont that is a lot closer to the schools involved. The state might realize a great profit. The Coliseum would be a perfect site for this year's tourney with Huss, North, Myers Park and West Charlotte. We are talking 8,000 fans.

# Teddy Pauling Has Been Honing Up His Talents

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Independence High School's Teddy Pauling has been honing up his track talents on the indoor courts this winter. Back in January, he finished third in the 400 meter dash at the Chapel Hill Indoor Championships.

His relay team of Kelly Dixon, Harold Simpson, David Kistler finished third.

His events are the 400 meter dash, the 300 meter hurdles and the long jump.

Last year, he won the Southwestern 4A Conference in the 300 meter hurdles and finished third in the state with a time of 37.6 seconds.

Over 30 young harriers have been practicing for the Patriots.

Pauling is the son of Mrs. Rosanna Pauling of Northerly Road.

He hasn't decided what college to attend but is pondering North Carolina State, Furman or North Carolina A and T.

His heart is at North Carolina State where he is considering majoring in chemical engineering.

An active participant in track and football for all three of his high years, he also participates in the National Honor Society, Order of the



Teddy Pauling  
"Athlete of the week"

Patriots, Kappa Alpha Psi's Beautillon Militaire, Project Excel and on the Senior Class Executive Council as President.

Weightlifting is a hobby for the young man who was an Academic All-American in football and on the All County Teams in Track and

Football.

He also received a U.S. National Football Award.

"Since entering Independence High School, I have become involved in such activities because I feel that it takes a well-rounded student to excel in school," he said. "I am proud to know that many of my classmates respect me because of my many accomplishments."

His next goal?

"My next goal is to win a state championship in track," he said.

The Patriots won the team championship last year and Pauling was one of the reasons.

The Pats should be tough.

## Spring Tennis

The Charlotte Spring Open Tennis Tournament will be held March 30 and 31 at Hornet's Nest Park.

The deadline is March 16.

Events include adult singles, junior singles, adult doubles and junior doubles.

Adult singles cost \$8, junior singles \$5, adult doubles \$12 and junior doubles \$10.

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# Andre Springs Is Headed For Another Banner Season

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Andre Springs is dusting off his golf clubs and that usually means another banner season for the affable golfer.

In his last time out, he teamed with Johnny Bernhardt to win the 20th annual Grady McCaless Memorial Four-Ball Tournament in August in Salisbury, N.C.

Spring, a Charlotte native and graduate of West Mecklenburg High School, is a 1979 graduate of Fayetteville State University where he was captain of the golf team, earned All-CIAA and All-District 26 honors for three consecutive years while also being named the CIAA's most outstanding golfer.

"I like golf," said Springs. "It is a game of relaxation and fun."

In 1981 and 1982, Springs was runner-up in the Rowan County Amateur Tournament.

His career in golf began as a dream as a child.

On one summer afternoon in Charlotte when he was 13, he went home to get a football for a game of touch and was distracted by his brother's golf clubs.

"I went into the storage room to find the football," he said. "Then I saw my brother's old dusty golf clubs hanging on the wall."

"I took a club and a ball and went back and hit it in the woods," he added. "It went a long ways and pretty straight. I went back and got all my

brother's balls and hit them into the woods. I never did get back to the football game."

Golf became an integral part of his life from that instance. He began working with each club, hitting more balls into the woods. Then he tried out for his junior high golf team and got cut. The coach told him to work on his game and try out again.

He worked on his game and was transferred to a different school. He was cut again.

"I was really disappointed," he said. "But it just made me more determined."

During the summer, he went to work at a local driving range and he worked hard all day and hit balls

well past dark after everyone had gone.

You see, Andre Springs had a dream, a dream that he began to feed daily.

He could see himself playing on the PGA tour.

The next year, he made the team and concentrated about playing number one.

Currently an Admissions Counselor in the Registrar's Office at Livingstone College, Springs formerly served as Head Golf Coach and recruited the nucleus for Livingstone's 1984 CIAA golf champions.

He still is seeking his dreams, saying it will come in time.

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