



TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!

A fanatic is simply an individual who knows that he's right!

For want of a better phrase, I shall call it the "Big Basketball Ripoff." Its purpose is not to discredit the honest and those who aspire to be fair, or to expose the dishonest. Its main purpose is to discourage the guilty.

Now, I said all of that to bring up the fact that it's about time the national press gives John Thompson the credit he so richly deserves. Compare his record....Compare his devotion to the welfare of his athletes, especially in motivating them to become better students and men of better character.

There is nothing in Georgetown's track record under John Thompson that points to the reference "Street People," as his players are too frequently called.... The Georgetown players dress extremely well....They appear to be more intelligent than most athletes, and, above all, they graduate on time.

Can any other college or university match that record? Here's three rousing cheers for John Thompson and for the respect he's brought to the college game of basketball. I wish there were more men in the profession like him!

HERE AND THERE, ETC.....

Billy Packer, who's almost as silly as the Miller High Life beer commercials, apparently believes that he must use the microphone to teach basketball coaches how to play the game. Maybe he should apply for the vacancy at Kentucky.

Can you imagine losing a basketball contest when your team shoots 55 percent from the field? My guess is that -- despite the loss in the championship game to Villanova -- Georgetown will continue to reign as the No. 1 college basketball team in America. They're 35-3 for the year, and that's darn good!

Did you know that Georgetown has lost two championship games in the past three years by a mere three points?

"We know how to win games, we know how to lose, too. I just don't want us to get in the habit," my main man John Thompson said shortly after the defeat Monday night. Villanova assistant coach Mitch Buonagaro attributes the victory to the shot clock. "Tonight, we didn't have to take bad shots," he pointed out, adding, "we worked the ball until we got the shot we wanted. With the shot clock, in previous games, we were forced to take some bad shots we didn't want to take."

Donald Trump wants other USFL owners to help pay his New Jersey Generals quarterback Doug Flutie \$5 million-to-\$8 million contract. "They agreed to help pay before he signed his five-year pact," Trump said.

SUDDEN THOUGHT -- It has been estimated that more than 50 million Americans will begin their trek to the fishing holes this month. What has not been figured is that they will pay four times more for beer than they'll pay for supplies.

The \$22,000 minimum wages USFL rookies are paid this year will escalate to \$25,000 next year and to \$30,000 the year after...Pat Ewing is very impressive in his anti-drug TV commercial.

I find it hard to believe that Smokin' Joe Frazier is planning to fight again. The 41-year-old former heavyweight champion will meet Robert Cleroux in Montreal on June 23. He will be paid \$120,000, plus \$10,000 in training expenses and a \$3,000 signing bonus.

Concerned with declining TV ratings, NFL officials have scheduled 21 prime-time football games for next season. They're also considering scheduling "more appealing matchups" for Monday nights on ABC.

Sources in Richmond, Va., report that there are few, if any, hotel and motel rooms available for next year's CIAA Basketball Tournament....The average NBA player would take home \$6,500 per week if they were paid on a weekly basis....Chicago Cubs firstbaseman Leon Durham says he's set his sights on hitting 30 homeruns, 30 stolen bases, and a .300 average.

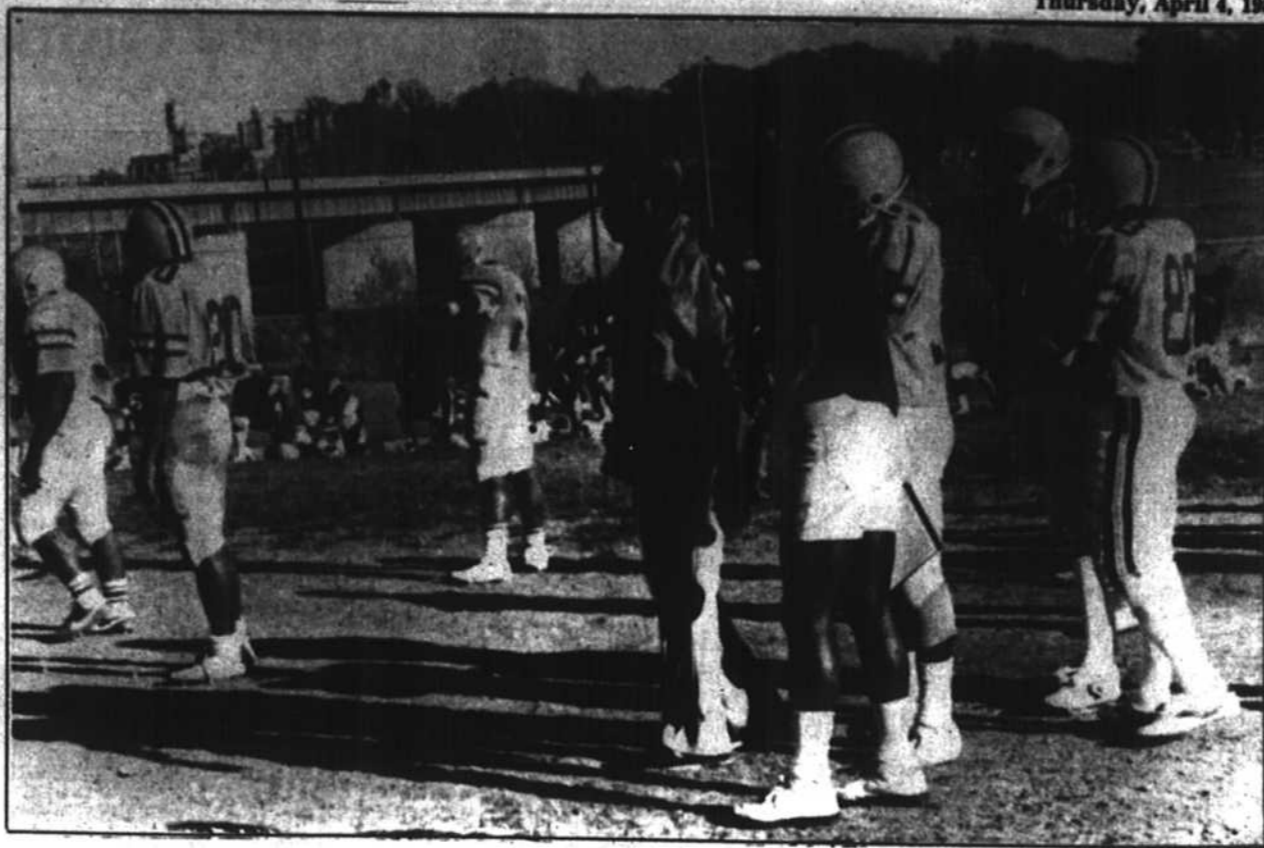
Charlottean Eric Boyd was among nine MEAC athletes to receive national recognition of excellence by the Associated Press and the National Collegiate Athletic Association recently. The former Independence standout, who earlier was named MEAC "Player of the Year," received honorable mention to the AP All-American Basketball squad, along with Jimmy Brown of A&T, Dominic Snowden and Bernard Campbell of Delaware State, and Sylvester Parson of South Carolina State. Anton Skerritt, Richard Louis and Teresa Allen of Howard, and Sophia Hunter of Delaware State were named All-American by the track coaches association.

Delaware State board of trustees voted not to renew the contracts of head men's basketball coach Joe Dean Davidson and head women's basketball coach Stanley McDowell. "The decision not to renew the contracts was based on the best interest of the two programs and the future of Delaware State College basketball," explains athletic director Nelson Townsend.

North Carolina's football team will show-off its new look here Friday night. The "game-like" Blue-White scrimmage will be held at Memorial Stadium, beginning at 7:15 p.m. "We'll throw the ball more this year," informed Dick Crum. Coach Crum also stated that the Tar Heels will "feature a new defensive alignment next fall."

Charlie Sifford is among the nominees chosen by the Hall of Fame selection committee. The induction ceremonies will be held June 24 in the N.C. Sandhills.

Calvin Peete, who pocketed \$162,000 in the Tournament Players Champions Golf Tournament a week ago, is not listed among the competitors in the annual Greater Greensboro Open at Forest Oaks Country Club in Greensboro this weekend. ESPN will carry the action live with two and a half hour telecasts Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.



Horace Small Listens Intently
...To Instructions From Coach Ike Fuller

Coach Horace Small Excited About Golden Bulls' Chance Of Improving

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Johnson C. Smith University head football coach Horace Small is excited about his team's chances of improving its 3-7 record of last year.

The Golden Bulls have completed their spring practice and progress has been noted by Small in the multiple wishbone offense that he is implementing.

"This is our second year of trying to run the wishbone offense," he said. "We are coming along fine. They are becoming more adapted to it. When we get it to working perfectly, defenses cannot zero in on one set of our offense."

Standouts during the spring practice have been halfback Jeff East-erling, halfback Tim Newman, nose-guard John Logan and defensive tackle Henry Galliard.

"Overall, we have had some good play out of some people," said coach

Small. "Anthony Byers in the secondary has had a real good spring. The attitude of this team is very positive."

The battle for quarterback is between Wendell Dixon and Leroy Martin.

Dixon is the quarterback from last year. Martin is a freshman transfer from the University of South Carolina.

"The guys on this team believe in themselves," said Small. "They think that we can win."

Conference games on the road are at Winston-Salem, Bowie State, and Norfolk State.

The Golden Bulls will entertain Hampton, Livingstone, Fayetteville State and North Carolina Central at home.

The non-conference schedule has not been set, but A&T and South Carolina State are two Division I-AA teams the Bulls will play.

The Bulls don't have any recruits from the Charlotte area but have some good looking prospects. They are:

- Warren Coleman, 6-4, 250, defensive tackle, Atlantic City, N.J.;
- Dino Vinson, 6-3, 185, quarterback, Jacksonville, N.C.;
- Tim Roberts, 6-4, 220, tight end, Florence, S.C.;
- Craig Roberts, 6-2, 215, tight end, Cherryville, N.C.;
- Sherman Hedricks, 6-3, 215, offensive tackle, Shelby, N.C.;
- Dexter Brown, 6-5, 220, defensive tackle, Florence, S.C.;
- Calvin Johnson, 6-3, 245, defensive tackle, Clio, S.C.;
- Ronald Jones, 6-5, 195, strong safety, Wilmington, N.C.;
- James Lofton, 6-3, 270, defensive tackle, Wilmington, N.C.;
- Eddie Glaston, 6-3, 280, defensive tackle, Burlington, N.C.;
- Greg Bennett, 5-11, 230, running back, Sumter, S.C.;
- Ronald Boney, 6-3, 215, running back, Wilmington, N.C.

Senior Games Set

Recreational and athletic competitions for adults 55 and older are planned for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area in May.

The Senior Games will include swimming, golf, bowling, tennis, and track and field.

The games will be on May 17-18 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, George Pappas Lanes, and the Fort Mill Springs Complex. Opening ceremonies will be at Memorial Stadium.

Winners will be eligible to go to statewide competition in Raleigh in October.

To participate or ask questions, call Susan Donaldson at 527-0237 or Melody Wiggins at 889-5382. Registration is \$2 and the deadline to register is April 22.

The games are co-sponsored by NCNB, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte Parks and Recreation Department, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Jefferson Pilot Communications, YWCA, Council on Aging, Mecklenburg County Recreation Department, Centralina Council of Governments, R.S.V.P., Community Health Services, and Pineville Parks and Recreation.



Thomas Saxon
.....Receives new duties

Bill Davis Names Saxon Offensive Coordinator

Orangeburg - Columbia native Thomas Saxon has been elevated to offensive coordinator by South Carolina State head football coach Bill Davis.

Saxon, offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the Bulldogs the past four seasons, takes over the duties of Robert Johnson who will devote full time to the S.C. State's men's and women's track and field squads.

Saxon will continue his responsibilities for the Bulldog offensive line, according to Davis, while defensive secondary coach George Suggs will take over as recruiting coordinator.

Saxon, a North Carolina Central graduate, joined the State football staff in 1981 after two years as an assistant at Winston-Salem State. He previously coached at the State University of New York at Cortland, and Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

A North Carolina A&T graduate, Suggs became the school's first full-time secondary coach in 1981. He came to State after working as defensive coordinator at Chapel Hill (NC) High School. Prior to that time, he was an assistant at N.C. Central.

SCSC Hosts Relays

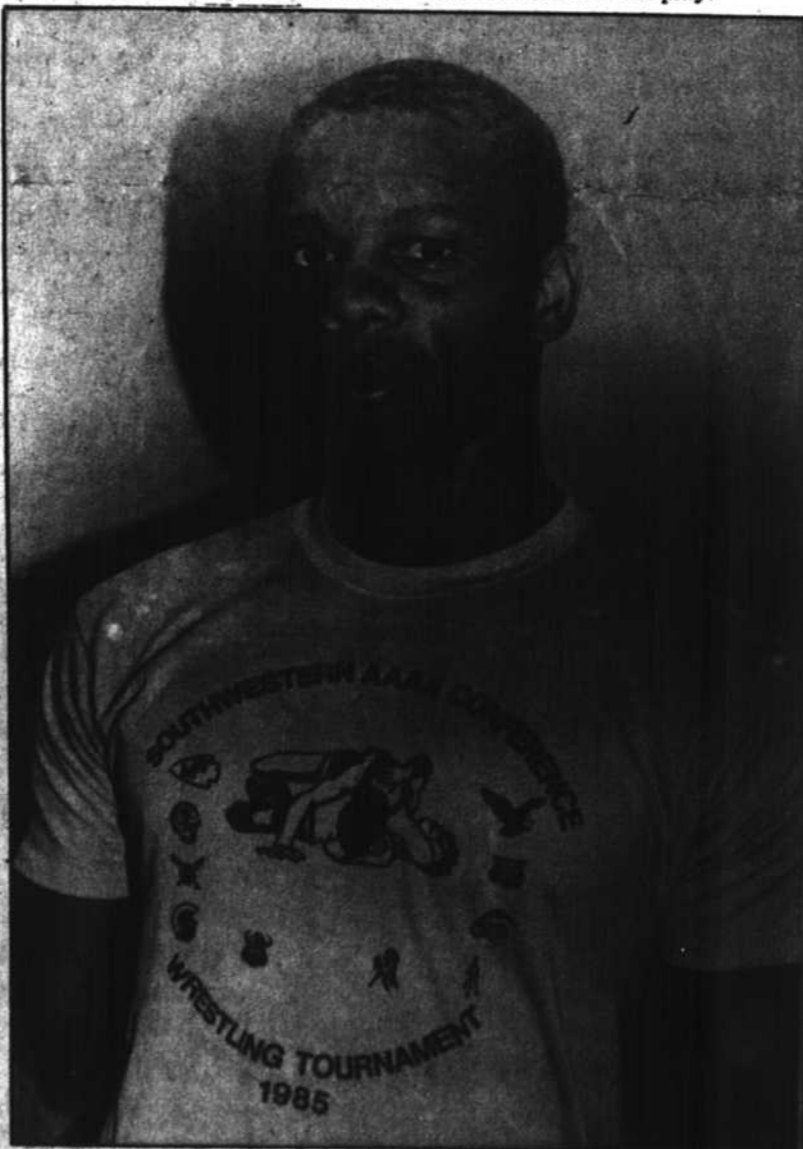
Orangeburg - A large field is expected Saturday, April 6, for the 29th running of the South Carolina State College Relays.

Sixteen teams in the men's division and 12 in women's competition are expected to be on hand for the meet which gets underway at 9 a.m. at State's new, all-metric Lorry H. Hawkins Track and Field Facility, located behind Dawson Bulldog Stadium.

Bulldog teams have dominated the Relays over the years, however, State track coach Robert Johnson expects stiff challenges to his teams' dominance in both divisions.

The Lady Bulldogs' toughest challenge should come from Florida A&M, followed by Alabama A&M and Fort Valley State. In the men's division, Florida A&M, Norfolk State and Alabama A&M should provide the stiffest opposition for the Bulldogs.

Other teams making up the field are Edward Waters, Clark, Florida Memorial, Bethune-Cookman, Fayetteville State, North Carolina A&T, Benedict, Morris, Paine, Claflin and Savannah State.



Rodney Huntley
.....Secure in position

Huntley Is Making Big News

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Myers Parks' Rodney Huntley is making news again. He's throwing the discus better than most of the conference's big men.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pounder strong man has participated in track and field since he was in the 11th grade.

Admitting that the discus and shotput are his favorite events, he said he wants to be the very best in the city in both categories.

He has won most of the meets that he has been in and recently won another discus title in a dual meet for the Mustangs.

"I am going to keep on trying until I live up to my expectations," he said. "I have set some goals for myself that I believe I can reach. I would like to increase my discus toss of 134 feet to 150 feet and I would like

to throw the shotput 55 feet or better.

Rodney is hoping that by conference tournament time, he will be achieving these feats and get invited to the district, regional and possibly a state championship.

"I am going to go into the conference meet," he said, "and try to do my very best. I would love to go to the state."

Huntley speaks with an aura of confidence. He is not cocky, but he is secure in his position that you don't have to look like Hercules to excel in the discus and the shotput.

Earlier in the year, he excelled in football as an offensive guard. In mid-year, he was a wrestler and finished seventh in the conference meet.

"I am really looking forward to competing with the best in the city, state and county," he concluded.

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