

THE \$1.98 RAP SESSION.....

"Here We Go Again!" Remember that one? Well, I was the guy who predicted Livingstone College would whip Fayetteville State last week to remain on top of the CIAA Southern Division.

David Corley's lads absorbed their first setback by a league opponent and are now in second place, a half-game back of Winston-Salem State. And they probably will have to wait until November 16 to settle this darn thing.

Excitement will also prevail in the Northern Division race where three teams are still in the running for the title. Norfolk State is leading the division by a half-game over Hampton, with Virginia State in third place.

Norfolk State has to get by third place Virginia State while Hampton has conference contests scheduled with St. Paul's and Virginia State. The CIAA rules that if two teams are tied for the division title, the team that won the regular season meeting will cinch the crown. In this case, the honor would go to Hampton, who defeated Norfolk State earlier in the year.

The Southern Division looks as if it will go down to the final week before announcing a winner. Winston-Salem State will have to whip J. C. Smith and Elizabeth City before facing Livingstone in what most likely will be a showdown matchup in Winston-Salem Saturday, Novem-

Livingstone's path to the title game appears easier. David Corley's youngsters should defeat St. Paul's dangerous Tigers at homecoming in Salisbury Saturday. They will then tangle with Bowie State's winless Bulldogs in Bowie, Maryland, a week from Saturday before going up to Winston-Salem for the "crucial" battle.

Hampton is looking for its first title since 1928. One of the loop's oldest members, Hampton has won eight CIAA Championship tropies in football in 73 seasons. Norfolk State coach Willard Bailey is one of the league's most successful mentors. He has won the conference championship each year since 1981, three while at Virginia Union and last year at Norfolk State.

Winston-Salem Sate has captured five conference championships since 1971 and Livingstone has not won a football title in the 23 years it has been a member of the CIAA.

Isn't it about time someone sent words of praise for the good job coach Robert Pulliam is doing down at Fayetteville State? The first-year mentor is the only conference coach to turn back David Corley and his hot Livingstone Blue Bears this season.

Can you imagine New York Mets ace pitcher Dwight Gooden looking for ways to improve his change-ups and the speeds of his curve ball? The sensational young righthander said in a recent interview, "I want to work on a change up and vary the speeds of my curve balls."

There's another William "Refrigerator" Perry among us. He's Vincent Torrence, a 17-year-old senior tackle at Northwestern High School in Dade County, Fl., who stands 5'10" and weighs 360 pounds. Reports are he moves with the swiftness of a halfback.

Atlanta's new manager Chuck Tanner says the first thing he must teach the Braves is how to win in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. The Braves are 69-92 for games at home in the last two seasons.

Fortune Magazine lists Ted Turner among six owners of major league baseball teams on its Fortune 400 lists. They say the Atlanta Braves owner is worth \$300 million.

Dusty Baker, who is on the last legs of a brilliant baseball career, will soon join the free agent market. Several teams are interested in the aging outfielder, but none appear too happy about assuming his \$700,000 a year contract. That's the big drawback.

Ricky Mahorn, the NBA star who performed for the Hampton Pirates prior to earning a position with the Washington Bullets, has won a starting forward post with the Detroit Pistons. The 6'10", 250-pounder was traded to Detroit for Dan Roundfield. The Washington Bullets may have made a big mistake.

South Carolina State football team has open dates back-to-back. Wonder why?

Incidentally, things will not get better for Bill Davis' beleaguered outfit. After resting for two weeks, the Bulldogs return to action with Virginia Union in Richmond, Va., Grambling at Grambling, La., before closing out the season with Georgia Southern in Orange-

There's something to this thing about going to the well once too often. The Old Crystal Ball learned this valuable lesson last week when it suffered its worst setback of the season, with five wrong picks in nine selections.

That horrendous mistake resulted in the lowering of OCB's once-proud record from 49-9-1 to a slightly betterthan average 53-14-1. Here We Go Again! North Carolina Central will win easily over Bowie State; Fayetteville State will eke out a win over Elizabeth City; Winston-Salem State will defeat Johnson C. Smith; Livingstone will make its homecoming crowd happy with a win over St. Paul's; Norfolk State is too strong for Howard; Virginia State will down Virginia Union; Bethune-Cookman will stop A&T; and Jackson State will maul Morgan State.

Johnson C. Smith's young Bulls are holding their own in the defense against the rush department. They have yielded only 554 ground yards in seven outings for a commendable 79.7 average gain per game and are fourth in team rushing defense. Winston-Salem State, their

in team rushing defense. Winston-Salem State, their opponent Saturday, is fifth in team rushing defense, fourth in team passing defense and third in team total defense. The Rams are also leading the CIAA in team rushing offense. They're ninth in passing and third in total offense. Winton-Salem State is averaging 27.1 points per outing.

The CIAA will shortly name an All-CIAA Marching Band. The band will be selected just prior to the championship football game in November and will perform at the championship football contest. When 30,000 fans turned out for Norfolk State's homecoming it was listed as the second largest in the 49-year history of ned as the second largest in the 49-year history of orfolk's Foreman Field.

In Winston-Salem

Bulls Face Rams In "Crucial" CIAA Contest

By James Cuthbertson Charlotte Post Sports Writer

The Golden Bulls invade Winston-Salem State University Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Bowman Gray Stadium hoping to pull off an upset in the Rams' Homecoming.

The Rams dominated the Southern Division of the CIAA the last two seasons holding a string of 14 consectutive triumphs until they lost 17-7 at Virginia State.

They are 4-1 in the Southern Division of the CIAA and 6-1 overall. Coached by Bill Hayes, they feature running backs Leonardo Horn who is averaging 50.1 yards per game and Leroy Wonsley who is averaging 72.5.

Bobby Junior is one of the leading Ram quarterbacks. The Charlotte native completed 10 of 20 passes for 175 yards and one touchdown as the Rams conquered Fayetteville State recently.

A defensive standout for the Rams is John Cole from Charlotte.

The Rams versus Johnson C. Smith have a definite Charlotte connection.

A loss here and the Rams would almost certainly lose their clamp over the Southern Division to Living-

A look at comparative games: Virginia State 23 Johnson C. Smith 14, Virginia State 17 Winston-Salem

Radnor, Pa. - Patrick Ewing, No. 1

draft pick of the New York Knicks of

the National Basketball Associa-

tion (NBA), was advised to play

close attention to his dealings with

the news media by Los Angeles

Lakers' star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar,

a player with a long, sometimes

controversial career dealing with

The crucial part of Ewing's

career will come quickly in the NBA

when it is determined whether or not he can play the pro game, writes

Abdul-Jabbar in TV Guide maga-

zine (November 2 issue). "If he

can't, nobody's going to care what

he has to say and he's going to be

raked over the coals something

fierce; I can see the New York Post

headlines now. If he plays well,

though, the other things might take

The Lakers' star said Ewing's

media relations will depend largely

on his personality. "I don't know

Ewing. I hope he's not going to be

like Darryl Dawkins, with all that

stuff about the planet Lovetron and Chocolate Thunder. No bad rap - it's

just that he said a lot of stupid

gets the wrong perception of black athletes because of how they deal

with the news media. He said Julius

Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers has

Robert "Git" Brown

Wins Par Buster

Golf Group Title

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By James Cuthbertson

Post Sports Writer The Par Buster's Golf Group Club

Championship was held at the Lark-

Invited guests included Paul

Coutourrier, Otha Gamble, Larry

Dean, William Hearn, and Moselle

They were among the honored

guests at the event of the group that

is synonymous with Black Golf in

Robert "Git" Brown took top

Golfing enthusiast John Love had

Brice Ardrey was the net winner with a score of 71. John Granger had

The Calloway scoring system was

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Other gross and net scores were: Reggie Sellers, 80-74; Carl Stowe,

86-73; Paul Harris, 87-74; Charlie Barnette, 87-74; Otis Green 90-77;

Allen Talley, 93-76; Olin Grier,

95-77; Harry Benton, 102-74; and

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Burnice Bittle, 123-80.

an outstanding day also as he took

the runner-up honors with a score of

honors by winning the event with a

Abdul-Jabbar said the public often

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care of themselves,"

Jabbar writes.

stuff," he said.

reporters.

Jabbar Advises Ewing Of The

Importance Of The News Media perhaps the best rapport with the press in pro basketball because he is available for interviews and questions. "And it's helped his career, his outside interests, enormously," Abdul-Jabbar said.

Abdul-Jabbar said he learned late in his pro career that reporters are not as difficult to deal with as he had first believed and found many of them "decent." The favorable response to his best-seller, "Giant Steps," helped give him better acceptance and confidence.

Like Ewing at Georgetown, Abdul-Jabbar was sheltered from the media while at UCLA. In retrospect, he said, it might have been better to have been exposed to reporters in controlled situations as was O. J. Simpson at Southern California.

"That way, O.J. had some preparation for what was to come. For me, when I got to the pros, I had no idea of how intense it would be, and I wound up making all the wrong moves," he concluded.



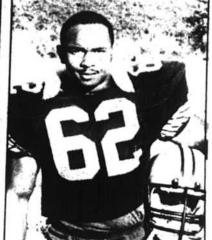
Winston-Salem State 34 North defensive line and backfield." Carolina A and T 25; North Carolina A&T 25 Johnson C. Smith 7; Winston-Salem 47 Hampton 13:

Look for a big crowd to be on hand at the Rams' Homecoming.

Hampton 10 Johnson C. Smith 6.

The Bulls are 1-6 overall and 1-4 in the conference.

Coach Horace Small is excited about his Golden Bulls' chances at Winston-Salem State Saturday, saying that the Rams have a "very strong running attack that we will have to stop with our outstanding



Leroy Wise

The Golden Bulls are ranked near the top of the CIAA in rushing defense, giving up under 80 yards per game. This is a credit to the defense. They have stopped almost all the rushing attacks that they have faced, but coach Small said they will really be put to the test Saturday by the two nifty backs that Winston-Salem has on its team.

The backs are Leonardo Horn and Leroy Wonsley.

Horn is a 6', 200-pounder from Winston-Salem, N.C., and Wonsley is a 5'8", 195-pounder from Moss



"You better believe the Bulls will have their horns on," coach Small said, explaining that he is putting outstanding defensive play trans-John Logan, Craig Warret Bully Banks, Jackie Wilkes, and In-

On offense, coach Small sc the Bulls are getting outstand a play from Willie Wast, took-Collington, Titte Newton M. Conley, and Tim Jones

"The game is won in the sive line and we feel that are lardoing a good job," said Small

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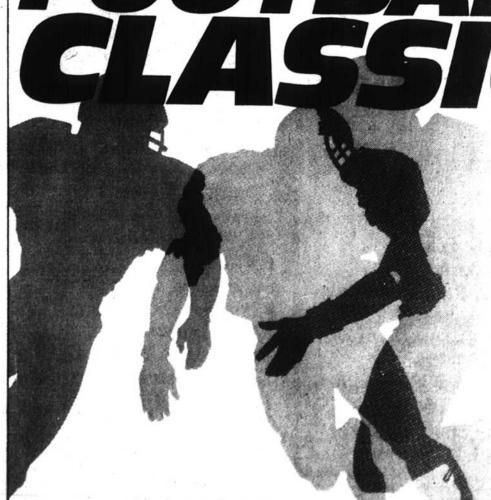
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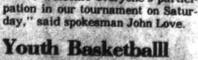
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