

By James Cuthbertson

Prep Chatter



"Roman" Roman Phifer heads the pre-season Charlotte Post All-Metropolitan basketball team.

Phifer shot 51 percent from the floor and 70 percent from the line last year while averaging 18.1 points per game. He is a 6'3", 190-pound forward.

North Mecklenburg's Letura Stiff gets the second spot. He blocked 37 shots and had 15 dunks from his center position. He is 6'5", 180 pounds.

Kevin Reid of West Charlotte is 6'4", 168 pounds. He averaged 12.4 points per game last year while leading the Lions to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs where they lost to eventual champion Hunter Huss.

Dirk Floyd of Gastonia Hunter Huss is 6'0" and 160 pounds. He is one of the Huss guards. Brother Darryl Floyd is the other guard. He is 6'1" and 165 pounds.

Together the Floyds led Hunter Huss to the state 4A championship last year. They are the cream of the Southwestern 4A Conference.

The second team is headed by Todd Holden of North Mecklenburg. Todd is a 6'2", 160-pounder who averaged 14.9 points per game last year.

Maurice Caldwell is a nifty West Charlotte guard who packed 10.6 points into his 6'1", 168-pound frame last year.

Harding's Anthony Houston was one of the best pure shooters in the conference last year. He averaged nine points per game for the Rams.

Terry Massey of Myers Park led the Mustangs to the semifinals of the Western Regionals with his 15.6 points per game average last year.

Mark Jackson of Independence is a cannon waiting to explode. He averaged only 5.8 per game last year, but the critics say he is ready to go in 1985-86.

Leading the third team is Olympic's 6'5", 200-pound center Elliot Dunlap. Independence's 6'1", 180-pound forward Harry Fuller, West Mecklenburg guard Derrick McGowan, Myers Park forward Tony Burris, and West Charlotte forward Lance Jones.

POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGHS

Julio Morrison, Independence; James Glover, Myers Park; Damon Rawlinson, South; Deron Davis, West; Carl Neeley, Hunter Huss; J.R. McIlwain, Garinger; Darrin Stinson, Garinger; Todd Lynch, Harding; Ronald Hargett, Olympic; Mark Duncan, North; Greg Clifton, Independence; and Duane Montgomery, West Charlotte.

Former Charlotte South Mecklenburg football player Dale Similton caught three touchdown passes from Mars Hill quarterback Joe Pizzo to lead the Lions to their first South Atlantic Conference Championship. The Lions beat Gardner-Webb, 42-22.

Similton opened the scoring by catching a 13-yard scoring pass from Pizzo with 6:41 gone in the opening quarter.

He set a school record and an SAC-8 record for most touchdowns in a season with 12. On the season, he has 45 carries for 888 yards.

Similton made the All-NAIA District 26 team for his efforts.

Congratulations to the Southwestern All-Conference Cross Country team.

They are: Bill Salmon, South; Eric Hichman, Ashbrook; Barak Williamson, Garinger; Eddie Clark, South; Mike Osborne, Independence; Trey Ishee, East; Scott Blakeley, Garinger; Monty Powell, Independence; Dale Rogers, East; and Carl Howard, East.

All-CIAA tackle Gerald Patton is doing North Carolina Central proud. Patton was in Charlotte recently to take part in Central's shellacking of the Golden Bulls.

He is one of a few seniors on the North Carolina Central offensive unit and is a leader.

In regards to a less than spectacular season, Patton said coach Hank Latimore told the Eagles that they should put some of the things that happened this year behind them.

The Eagles finished 4-6, but Patton, a 6'3", 290-pounder, had a great year.

"He is such a tremendous ball player," said coach Latimore. "He bench presses over 450 pounds and he has tremendous leverage on defenders."

Patton was an offensive guard at South Mecklenburg High School and at that time weighed only 255 pounds and bench pressed only 405 pounds.

He is keeping his eye open for pro scouts.

"I haven't heard from them, although I'd like to play in the NFL if I get the chance," Patton said. "I guess that is something that sticks in the back of every college athlete's mind."

But he does not have to play pro ball. He will graduate in the spring with a criminal justice major and hopes to work for the federal probation system after he finishes playing football.

The biggest game he had was on homecoming two years ago when he fell on a Clifton Kersey fumble in the end zone for a two-point conversion.

"It is every lineman's dream to score some points," he said.

After William Perry's big run for the Chicago Bears, college coaches are looking for the big, tough linemen and he may get his chance.

"I am ready to carry the ball anytime they want me to," Patton said. "It'd be fun to even be able to be behind the line to block."

The All-Southwestern Girls' Cross Country team included: Jamie Oxendine, East; Sandy Bixler, South; Michelle Luhr, Garinger; Valerie Sowers, East; Kim Eldridge, East; Dawn Miller, South; Tricia Crowley, South; Leslie McCaskill, East; Stephanie Porter, Independence; and Nancy Kuhn, East.

The All-Tri-County 4A Cross Country team included: Steve Rigsbee, Harding; Steve Segar, North; Wrye Youngblood, North; George White, North; David Hagar, East Gaston; Scott Jordan, East Gaston; Andy DeCann, West; Mike Nixon, East Gaston; David Dutterer, North; and Steve Hord, West.

Two Golden Bulls Named To "All-CIAA" Squad

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Johnson C. Smith University suffered through a dismal 1-9 season in 1985, but two of its key players were appointed to the All-CIAA First Team.

Craig Warren made the team on the sheer strength that he possesses in his 6'2", 235-pounds at the linebacker position.

Warren, a senior from Camden, New Jersey's Camden High School, played his best when the Bulls played their worst.

For instance in a 25-7 loss to North Carolina A&T, he had nine solo tackles and two assisted tackles.

In a 38-0 shellacking at Norfolk State, he had 12 tackles—six solos and six assisted.

At Winston-Salem State, he had 14 tackles of which six were solo and eight were assisted.

Against Fayetteville State, he had 14 tackles, six solo and eight assisted.

That was the story of Craig Warren this season.

He played in nine games and the results from eight show that he has



Craig Warren
.....Outstanding linebacker
garnered 75 tackles, 37 solo and 38 unassisted. That means that 50 percent of the time, he needs no help at all from his team.

That's the big man at which the NFL scouts are looking.
Mike Swain, is a 5'11", 185-pound



Mike Swain
.....Punt return artist
return specialist from Tampa, Florida.
Swain returned 17 kickoffs for 243 yards and a 14.29 per game average.

He returned 11 punts for 193 or a 17.5 per game average. He was

among the top men in the CIAA in both categories.

Swain's best games were when he returned three punts for 47 yards against Livingstone, two for 58 against Bowie State and two for 37 against Winston-Salem State.

For kickoff returns, he returned five for 117 against Bowie State and three for 33 against Winston-Salem State.

He played in 10 games.
Anthony Byers, cornerback who played at Charlotte's East Mecklenburg High School, and John Logan, noseguard, made the All-CIAA Second Team also.

Byers is 6'1", and 175 pounds.

He only had one interception for a 39-yard touchdown against Fayetteville State, but on the season he had 47 tackles—31 solo and 16 unassisted.

Logan is 6' and 280 pounds. The player is from Stanley and attended East Gaston High School.

WHAT'S COOKING?
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Charlotte's Christmas Tree

Wednesday, December 4, Charlotte's first live 35 foot Christmas tree will be decorated by children from Irwin Avenue and First Ward Elementary Schools and the Metro Center at 11:30 a.m. in Independence Plaza Park (southwest corner of Trade and Tryon streets).

Mildred Wright, principal at Irwin Avenue Elementary School, is excited about the project because "making decorations for the City's tree gives children a sense of community spirit and responsibility. In addition, they are given an opportunity to give back to the community which gives to them."

Cleo Gullick, principal at First Ward Elementary, is also excited about the children's opportunity to participate in a community event. "As a member of the uptown community, we are pleased and excited to be a part of an uptown event, and we look forward to participating in future events." Mrs. Gullick remarks.

Central Charlotte Association's Uptown Animation Committee will complete the tree decorating at 5

p.m., December 4.

The 35 foot fraser fir was cut Friday, November 22, at Johnson Hollar tree farm in Crossnor, NC. Kermit Johnson, owner of the farm, will store the tree until it is delivered to Charlotte December 2.

Representatives from Central Charlotte Association, the City of Charlotte, the media and children from First Ward and Irwin Avenue Elementary Schools witnessed the tree cutting.

"The 35 foot fraser fir will be a focal point in Uptown Charlotte surrounded by exciting activities throughout December. These activities are for Charlotte's citizens, so we encourage everyone to visit Uptown during the holidays," says Sara Schreiber, Vice President of Central Charlotte Association.

Gymnastic Meet

By placing in the top six all around places in the Class IV and III District Gymnastic meet for ages nine through 11, the Charlotte YWCA Gynmns completely shut out the eight other teams.

In first place was Kere Zuger, who scored 32.95. Following were Jennifer Dasher, second place; Mary Chapman, third place; Bettina Schnaidt, fourth place; Mary Chapman, fifth place; and Heather Fain, sixth place.

Hosted by the Weyandts, the Gymnastic meet took place on November 17.

Also at the same meet, in the 15-and-older age group, Jane Hutchison first placed all around with a score of 33.60.

In the 12 to 14 age group, Kourtney Houston took first place all around. She scored 32.70.

Out of the 18 girls competing in the meet, the YWCA Gynmns qualified 13 girls for the State Class III meet which will be held February 15-16.

Tax Counselors

Anyone interested in serving as a tax counselor to older persons for the 1986 tax season should contact Marion Boyd at 568-8087.

Training will be provided by either IRS and state tax trainers or by Tax Aide volunteer instructors. There is no fee for the training. To be a counselor a person should have a desire to assist others, have an aptitude for and an interest in tax work with applicants and be willing to devote a minimum of four hours per week to the program from February through April. This program is being sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons.

Road Extension

A public hearing to discuss the status of the Delta Road Extension project in east Charlotte will be held Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the old sanctuary of New Hope Baptist Church, 7841 Idlewild Road. The public is invited to attend.

Designed with a planted medium, the proposed four-lane roadway is to be completed in two phases. The first phase will extend from the intersection of Idlewild Road and Idlewild Road North to Campbell Creek. Phase II will proceed from Campbell Creek to Independence Boulevard. Funding for both phases has been approved by City Council. The design contract will be considered for Council approval at their November 25 meeting.

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