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Before trying to keep up with the Joneses, find out where they're going?

Look for the Dallas Cowboys and the Los Angeles Rams to play an NFL exhibition contest in London, England, next summer.

The bitter holdout struggle Eric Dickerson waged with the Los Angeles Rams earlier in the year is currently showing negative results. The high-salaried Mr. Dickerson was ranked seventh among the individual rushers in the National Conference last week. A year ago, he was in first place. Dickerson is averaging a mere 3.7 yards per run with 685 yards on 184 carries. Meanwhile such class acts as Walter Payton and Tony Dorsett are averaging 5.2 and 4.7 yards per carry, respectively.

Quick now! Can you recall when Clemson, South Carolina, and South Carolina State have had disappointing football seasons in the same year? Bill Davis believes South Carolina State is a year away from becoming a great football team.

Big Charles Oakley, who stole the limelight in the CIAA a year ago while performing for Virginia Union, is being labeled "genuinely ineffective" in the early season games with the Chicago Bulls. He's hitting less than one-third of his field goal attempts and is scoring less than five points per game. He likely will be released shortly.

Syracuse will become the national leader in season attendance in college basketball before the year is out. The Orangemen have sold a record 22,000 season tickets and are being heralded as the best college basketball team on the East Coast. The nation's leading experts are overlooking Georgetown in their early season predictions. They might live to regret the oversight.

People from over in Raleigh are saying that Shaw coach Warren Reynolds has gone "up north and recruited players with enough energy to digest an atomic bomb." Co-champions of the CIAA Southern Division in 1984-85, the Bears have added seven classy rookies to a squad that lost only two players from last year's squad. CIAA experts predict the Bears will finish third in their division.

The Bears will show off their talent this weekend in Raleigh in the first United Negro College Fund Capital City Doubleheader. In addition to Shaw, the field includes St. Augustine's, Fayetteville State and the ACC-CIAA All-Stars. Fayetteville State is the experts' choice as the "team to beat" in the Southern Division.

Aside to those of you who believe the black athletes are not doing anything worthwhile with their millions: O. J. Simpson's production company, in conjunction with others, is plotting a black soap opera to be called "Heart and Soul." And Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and seven other basketball millionaires are investing heavily in the hotel business.

Dwight Gooden, a likeable young chap who just might be the best pitcher ever in major league baseball, says his future goals include "winning the Silver Slugger and the Gold Glove for fielding and pitching a no-hitter." In case you're wondering, he's won just about everything else baseball has to offer.

It may be a sign of the times, but a mere 3,250 fans turned out in Seattle, Washington, last week to watch the Harlem Globetrotters introduce their first lady cager. Twenty-six-year-old Lynette Woodard mixed her prowess with magic, but the Trotters' magic may be on the wane.

When Hampton defeated Winston-Salem State for the CIAA Football Championship, it was the eighth time a team from the Northern Division has captured the crown. The South has yet to win a title.

You have to send words of praise out to quarterback Earl Harvey and wide-receiver Robert Clark, both of North Carolina Central. Clark proved a record setter when he grabbed 67 passes for 1,387 yards and 13 touchdowns. A freshman from Fayetteville, Harvey's stats are more impressive. He set records in the CIAA, NCAA and at North Carolina Central with his pinpoint passing. He completed 188 of 392 aeriels for 3,190 yards while accumulating 3,008 yards in total offense on 538 plays. And he was the first player in NCAA history to pass for more than 3,000 yards in total offense in a season.

Can you imagine the once-great Earl Campbell has amassed only 463 yards in 12 games?

Charlotte native Charley Sifford added \$3,500 to his bank role, shooting 213 and finishing fourth in the Quadel Seniors Classic at Boca Raton, Fla., last weekend.

Lee Elder was four strokes off Gary Player's winning pace and collected \$12,500.

Mississippi Valley State's great quarterback, Willie Totten, is being projected by NFL scouts as a top draft choice....Don't be too surprised if a large number of black colleges dropped football in the near future. Morgan State, Alabama A&M, Alabama State, Florida A&M, and Bethune-Cookman are among the colleges giving serious thoughts to cutting back their athletic programs. They are beginning to feel the financial pinch.

Following a performance in which he completed 32 of 46 passes for 446 yards and eight touchdowns, coach Arthic Cooley said Willie Totten played the "worst game he's played this year."

Johnson Is "Happy" To Be A Golden Bull!

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer
At 6'8" and 190 pounds, Dante Johnson is known around Johnson C. Smith University as "The Franchise."

It is he around whom the Golden Bulls hope the season revolves.

The junior communications major is from Summerton South Carolina's Scotts Branch High School and stayed out a year after graduation before coming to Smith, where he made All-CIAA last year with his 19.5 points per game and 14 rebounds per game average.

"My most exciting game last year was against Virginia State," smiled the affable basketball star. "I scored 38 points and pulled down 25 rebounds in an overtime thriller in Petersburg."

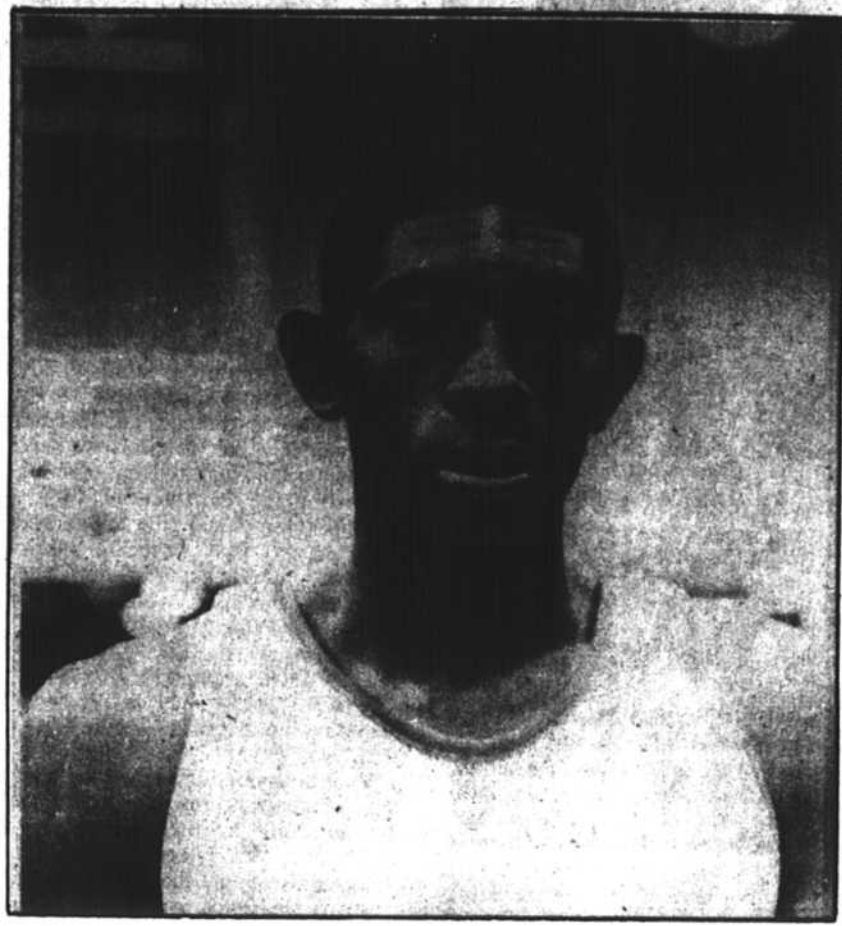
This year," he said, "I will contribute to the team by combining a little bit of offense with a little bit of defense."

For the Golden Bulls' faithful, this means a lot of everything because the young man from Summerton never does a little bit of anything.

Satisfaction guaranteed, Dante Johnson is happy to be a Golden Bull. It beats playing in the adult leagues in Summerton and he gets personal attention and help from coach Robert Moore who has taught the things about basketball that he did not learn when he was in high school.

Dante is talking loudly. "I'm talking championship," he said. "I feel that we should be able to at least make it to the championship game based on the talent that we have. We have so many people coming back and we have so many good young people who are going to be a definite plus for our program."

The major weaknesses that the Bulls have, according to Johnson, is



Dante Johnson
....."The Franchise"

at the center position. "This hurt last year, but Eddie Jordan and Christopher Jones are really working hard to give us strength in the middle," he added.

Dante's wish for 1986 is a CIAA championship ring and in 1987, upon graduation, he hopes to get a shot at the NBA. The young man may get his wish. He has a devastating jump shot.

Dante knows that the scope of the

Bulls' fortunes will come early.

"We have a rough road schedule coming up with Elizabeth City on December 5 and Hampton on December 7 and then we go to Norfolk on December 16 after we finish exams.

"If we can come out of that trip with three wins, we will be well on our way," he concluded.

Look for big things from the Golden Bulls led by Dante Johnson.

"Cassie" Howell Is "Hot" Item!

By James Cuthbertson
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As the women of Johnson C. Smith University prepare for a conference match Saturday at Brayboy Gymnasium, it must be noted that Cassandra "Cassie" Howell is a hot item around Charlotte.

Last year, Cassandra Howell made the most consecutive field goals in a game with 13 and leads Division II of the NCAA in that category.

Since Cassandra came to Johnson C. Smith three years ago from Asheville High School, the team has won 44 and lost 31 for a .587 percentage, won the JCSU Women's Invitational Championship in 1984, won the Southern Division Cham-

pionship of the CIAA in 1985, made an NCAA appearance and finished third in the NCAA regionals in 1985.

Her season high last year was 32 points and 22 rebounds scored against Winston-Salem State.

In 25 games, she hit 162 of 279 field goals for 58 percent, 65 of 124 free throws for 50.4 percent, and pulled down 305 rebounds for a 12.2 average.

She garnered 26 assists, 19 blocked shots, 37 steals and never fouled out. Impressive?

Wait. She made 389 points for a 15.5 per game average and made the All-CIAA teams in 1984 and 1985, the All-Tournament team in 1985 and the NCAA South Atlantic Regional

Team in 1985.

For her career, she has played in 72 games, shot 60.7 percent from the field, connecting on 425 of 700 shots, shot 60.2 percent from the free throw line, connecting on 183 of 304 and pulled down 754 rebounds for an average of 10.5 per game. She has scored 1,034 points for a 14.4 average.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Howell of 111 Edgar Street, Asheville.

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