

By James Cuthbertson

Prep Chatter



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Mark Duncan is a 6'2", 190-pound football standout for the North Mecklenburg Vikings who trades his cleats for some sneakers during basketball season.

"We feel real good about our season at North Mecklenburg this year," he said. "We have Todd Holden, Donald Bradley, Letura Stitt, Bobby Moore, Kenneth Wylie and Hayzon Grier returning."

Coach Leroy Holden said that Duncan is a player who will see a lot of action for the team which was defeated in the semifinals of the conference tournament last year.

"We have got a good chance to win the conference," Duncan added.

Johnson C. Smith University coach Robert Moore must have taught his son Bobby all that he knows because the 6'1", 170-pound junior is being touted as one of the hottest prospects in the league.

Moore came off the bench several times last year to spark the Vikings.

Garinger coach Bruce Kreutzer said his team will be trying to beat two outsiders who are coming into the conference to make the Southwestern 4A very strong.

Now, in addition to worrying about the city schools, "we have to worry about two powerhouses from the West," he said. Inference to Hunter Huss and Ashbrook.

Crest's Ed Peeler has been a coach for 26 years, 19 of the them at Crest.

"We are enthusiastic about the Tri-County Conference," he said. "We will dislike the travel. But basketballwise, we will have good competition. We are used to that tough competition. East Rutherford, Chase, R.S. Central, and Kings Mountain from our old conference always had tough teams. It will be a strange environment but it will be something we will have to get used to."

Gastonia Ashbrook's Shepherd welcomes the Southwestern 4A teams.

"It puts us in a better situation," he informed. "We are a lot closer to home. We have less travel. There is more interest. We are looking forward to playing in our new league. It will be a tough game for us every night now, though. It is a dog-eat-dog world."

Hunter Huss coach G. C. Harrill said it won't make that much difference to him, but that last year the team could rest during some games.

"This will not be the case now," he added. "Every night there will be someone who can beat you."

Big 6'4" forward Reggie Ampley went to Prep Stars this summer and Harrill expects him to be greatly improved.

The combined records of teams coming into the Southwestern 4A last year was 97 wins and 81 losses.

Huss was 20-9, Myers Park 21-8, Garinger 14-11, Independence 14-11, Ashbrook 14-10, South 7-16, and East 7-17.

The combined records of teams coming into the Tri-County 4A last year was 77-78.

West Charlotte was 21-7, North 18-6, Olympic 13-11, Harding 13-10, East Gaston 7-15, Crest 13-11, and West Mecklenburg 5-18.

ALL-TENNIS

Nori Sie of South heads the All-Southwestern 4A Conference tennis team. Diane Pensabene, South; Hani Sie, South; Susan Stanley, Myers Park; Andrea Marsh, Myers Park; Sabine Emig, East; Johanna Quinn, East; and Laura Digh of Hunter Huss also made the squad.

Kami Hoffstetter of East Gaston heads the All Tri-County Tennis Team. Angela Simms, East Gaston; Christie Hodges, East Gaston; Lynn Howard, East Gaston; Becky Bryson, Crest; Meredith Stover, West Charlotte; Karen Hall, West Mecklenburg; and Kathy Williams of Olympic are also on the team.

The prepsters are really hot! In outstanding games so far, Roman Phifer scored 23 as South eked by Olympic, 76-70, in overtime. Teammate Spencer Miller scored 17 and the sensational sophomore of the conference, Harry Davis, popped in 18.

Olympic forward, Ronald Hargett, hit a career high 27 in the Trojan loss. Junior sensation Patrick Floyd hit 17 in his varsity start for the Trojans.

Terry Massey of Myers Park hit 21 in his opener to show that he is still a force with which to be reckoned.

Up at North, Letura Stitt scored 18 as the Vikings romped East Rutherford, 84-60. Kenneth Wylie had 12 points.

PO Asks Customers To Mail Early

The Charlotte post office is experiencing an increase in mail volume of 11.1 percent over the same period last year, stated Postmaster Peter Bernard.

From October 5 through November 22, 1985, the Charlotte post office handled 156.8 million pieces of mail, an increase of 15.6 million over the same eight-week period last year.

"To cope with the 279,000 average daily volume increase, the post office has initiated 'early bird' collections at all post office stations and in business areas throughout the city," Bernard said.

Processing an average of 2.8 million pieces of mail by 9:30 p.m. each evening requires a concerted effort on the part of the Tour III employees who begin work at 2:30 p.m. Those employees must have the mail distributed by 9:30 p.m. to connect with outbound transportation to other cities and for Tour I employees to distribute it to delivery units in Charlotte.

All of Charlotte's mail must be ready for transportation from the

General Mail Facility by 6:30 a.m. for the carriers to have their mail and for station clerks to distribute the mail to the customer's post office box.

"We cannot expand departure times because of other transportation connections down the line. The customer holds the key, and that rests with how much mail they can give us early in the day. We request the mailer's cooperation in depositing mail early and often, not just at the close of the business day," concluded Postmaster Bernard.

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Milling: UNCC Time Bomb Waiting To "Explode"?

By James Cuthbertson
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When the UNCC 49ers sold out only their second game in history with a 68-67 squeaker to Wake Forest, it was a testament to the "New Attitude" phrase the 49ers are coining this year.

Eleven thousand, six hundred and sixty-six fans crowded the Coliseum and they left pleased by the talent

Golden Bulls

Return To Action

The Golden Bulls travel to Elizabeth City on Thursday, December 5, for a game with Elizabeth City and Hampton on Saturday, December 7, for a game with Hampton Institute.

Then the Bulls return home for exams.

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The leading rebounders are Dante Johnson with an 11.5 per game average, Kevin Hinton, 6.0 per game, and Jeff Ervin, 4.0 per game.

The big thief on the Bulls' team is Brown with 2.5 steals per game, James Shockley with 2.0, and Rodney Richardson with 2.0.

Vincent Brown is leading in the assist category with 4.5 per game.

Brown is leading the team in field goal shooting percentage with 53.6

the new 49ers possess.

One time bomb that is waiting to explode is 6'7", 210-pound junior forward Mike Milling out of Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C., by way of Moberly, Missouri Junior College.

The 49ers go on the road to the hills of North Carolina on Saturday when they visit Appalachian State and on Monday when they visit Western Carolina.

Milling played two seasons at the Missouri junior college and led the Greyhounds to a third place national finish last year with a 35-5 record as he led the team in scoring with 14.9 points per game and in rebounding with 6.3 per game, while earning All-Region VI honors both seasons. He shot over 55 percent.

The son of LaNita Proctor is a business administration major at UNCC.

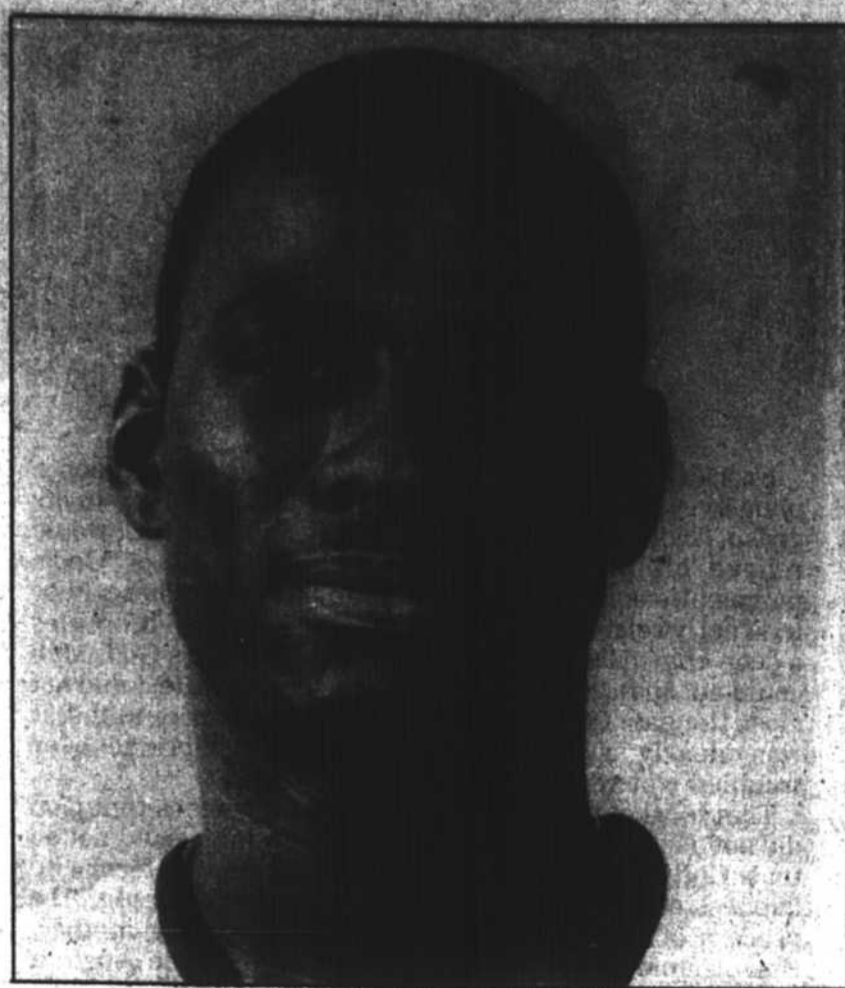
"We feel like Mike will offer a great deal to our young team," said coach Jeff Mullins. "He's a very versatile player, an excellent shooter, and perhaps most importantly, brings to us junior leadership from a winning program. He will be a leader for us on and off the court."

Milling has shown that in his first two games. Against Wake Forest, he hit 16 points and played 38 minutes.

Winter Wild Walk

The Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Department will sponsor a "Winter Wild Walk" at Latta Plantation Park off Beatties Ford Road, Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m.

The free hike will be a guided tour through the wintery woods. Join the Park Ranger on the Beechwood Trail - a one and a quarter mile trail that winds through Latta Plantation. Meet at the Visitor Center.



Mike Milling
Junior forward

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