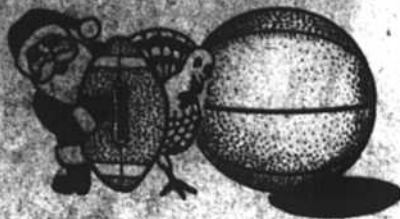


# SPORTS BEAT

WITH BILL JOHNSON



Bill

**UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES OF 1985** .....  
 God Bless the President, the governor and the mayor....  
 If they're worth it!

Early morning on Crystal Springs golf course....Hot dogs, a medium Coke and popcorn at baseball games.... The rare pleasure of watching Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls winning in any sport .....The thrills, excitement and camaraderie at the CIAA Basketball Tournament.

Leisure moments spent in the company of Adam Turner, Thomas Chiles, Jim Roddey, Charles Ramseur, J. B. Rose, Alfred Glover, and Charles Williams....The opportunity to meet people like Lawrence Toliver, Clayton Lovell, Richard Vinroot, Catherine and Ron Harper, Cyndee Patterson, Sherry Suttles, Lt. Governor Bob Jordan, and Nasif Majeed.

Playing golf at Crystal Springs, Pawtucket, and the Asheville Hilton where the terrain is most challenging and the people are the friendliest....Watching Patrice and Tonya, my granddaughters, emerge as beautiful young ladies....Lunching with Jimmy Grier, the world's greatest tailor who has a special penchant for making deliciously tempting snacks.

Friends like D. G. Martin, Alfred Glover, Otis Roberson, John Harris, Robert Morris, Thomas Springs, James Peeler, and Cecil Wallace....Weekends in Williamsburg, Va., and the opportunity to play golf on the beautiful King Mills Golf Course and the even more picturesque Golden Horse Shoe Course....

The immense enjoyment of responding to the foot-stomping sounds of Jazz greats at the Hampton Jazz Festival....Dining with Lawrence Toliver at the fabulous Tower Club....Dining with Charles Williams any place....Eating at McDonald's Cafeteria....Breakfast at Gert's.

Sunday afternoons in the company of Peggy Rose and Vivian Duncan....Their Kannapolis homes are always bedecked with delicious foods, warm, friendly hospitality, and interesting small talk.

Playing pool with J. B. and Ram, the world's greatest cheats. This pair would best the great Minnesota Fats at pool if he'd challenge them in Ram's spacious playroom on his tricky pool table. They're also adept at playing cards....

Sharing moments with Billye, the world's greatest. Rushing home in the afternoon to get my daily dose of "Sanford and Son"....Evenings spent on the back patio with Tom Chiles, Adam Turner, Alfred Glover, and Billye....Tangeray, tonic water and lime...an unbeatable combination.

Friends like Bill Rollins, Nancy Cooper, Bob Walton, Willie Stratford Sr., Hazel "Runt" Ellis, Jack "Chicken" Benson, Judge Clifton Johnson, Attorney Edmund Johnson, John "Big Eater" Erwin, and James "Snake" Johnson....Playing golf with Judge Johnson, John Harris, Robert Morris, my sons, Bobby and Gerald, and Tom Bradley.

Baked ham sandwiches with sliced turkey breast, mayonnaise and rye bread....Whoopi Goldberg...Sabrina, a granddaughter to be treasured....Christmas presents....Thanksgiving dinners....The Mecklenburg County Semi-Pro baseball team....Eddie McGirt and Jack Martin, two of the best coaches ever whose main focus was on building men....

Home on a quiet night and television...Mayor Harvey Gantt, they don't come any better....Horace Small, a bright, young man who deserves a better fate....Jazz music on FM 90.7....Jazz singers Billie Holiday, Randy Crawford, Joe Williams, and my main man blues singer, B. B. King.

Dr. Robert Albright, the best thing that ever happened to Johnson C. Smith....Nasif Majeed, a great fellow who sprouts great ideas....Bob Walton, D. G. Martin, Harvey Gantt, master politicians who exemplify great love for mankind.

Arthur Griffin, a young man's who's going places... Rev. George Battle, an interesting conversationalist... Golf balls in flight to the intended target....The bass fish that doesn't get away....A fly pattern that works smoothly when an accurate throwing quarterback hits a speeding target down field for a touchdown.

The world's best people like granny Elsie Brewer, my mom, Rosa Belle Davis, and the one and only Creola Robinson....

**EVENTS OF INTEREST** .....

CBS college basketball telecasts are up 18 percent over a year ago. USA, which reaches 32 million homes via cable, has entered the bidding for the NBA Cable Rights. WTBS is also making overtures to the National Basketball Association. The Atlanta Super Station is beamed into 36 million homes.

Blacks achieved their greatest heights in the PGA circuit in 1985. Calvin Peete and Jim Thorpe earned \$384,489 and \$379,091, respectively. And Lee Elder and Charley Sifford performed well on the Senior Tour. Elder won more than \$200,000 and Sifford went over the \$100,000 mark for the third straight year.

Get This! Atlanta Braves' righthander Pascual Perez gave up the most hits per innings, in addition to allowing the most base runners per game. Braves' management ought to renegotiate his long-term contract.

Earl Harvey, N.C. Central's passing wizard, set 28 school records, nine CIAA records and seven NCAA Division II passing marks. He's only a freshman.

Look for John Taylor of Delaware State to emerge as the No. 1 draft pick at the wide receiver position. Rumors from down in Orangeburg are that South Carolina State's athletic program may be under an NCAA investigation.

The San Francisco 49ers have given the starting wide receiver job to rookie Jerry Rice. After dropping 11 passes in the earlier games, the former Mississippi Valley State star redeemed himself with a record shattering performance last week with 10 receptions for 241 yards.

The Philadelphia 76ers are considering boosting their bench strength with the addition of Bob McAddo, who was recently released by the Los Angeles Lakers.

Season's greetings to ALL!

## Times Have Changed For Bourke

By James Cuthbertson  
 Post Sports Writer

Michael Bourke played sparingly as a freshman seeing action in 25 of 28 games splitting time at the point and shooting guard positions. He averaged 2.4 points and .8 rebounds per game in his first collegiate season under coach Hal Wissel.

Times have changed and so has his attitude.

"Coach Jeff Mullins has been a great coach for us," he said. "He has really tried to help turn our program around. We really have a new spirit that should help us down the road."

His best game was when he played 35 minutes last year against South Alabama and had 13 points, four rebounds, and four assists on January 31, 1985.

In high school, he was a star at Mt. St. Michael Academy in Bronx, New York.



Michael Bourke  
 .....Has new attitude

He was a two time all league performer and two time team MVP. Mike was highly recruited by UNCC, William and Mary, Prince-

ton, and Pennsylvania. He is one of 13 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Bourke. The 20-year-old is from an athletic family. His brother, Guy, played at McPherson College and brother, Steve, is St. Michael's College (Vermont) fourth all-time leading scorer in the school's history.

Other highs for Bourke include two steals against Virginia Commonwealth University on February 7, 1985; five of 13 field goal attempts and made against South Alabama on January 31, 1985, and five of six free throws made and attempted against Wofford on November 26, 1984.

At UNCC, he is a sophomore accounting major. He is a 6-3, 180-pound big guard who has one varsity letter to his credit.

UNCC's next game is against San Diego State Friday, December 27, in the Holiday Bowl Classic in San Diego, California, at 11:30 CPST.

### Speaking Out

## Dramatic Change Necessary For CIAA?

As an outsider who has watched the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for year, I believe that the time has come for a dramatic change if the Southern Division schools are to maintain respectability and exist in these troubling financial times.

The CIAA is entirely too big to serve all its constituents well. A 14-team conference is unheard of in this day and time.

The Northern Division spends more money on its programs and has better facilities. Thus, the Southern Division schools are always trying to catch up.

The extensive road trips required for the games against Northern Division opponents keep Southern Division youngsters on the road entirely too long.

For instance, Johnson C. Smith played at Elizabeth City on a Thursday, Hampton on a Saturday and went back to the Tidewater area to play Norfolk State on a Monday.

Show a kid the 9,000-seat Norfolk Gymnasium and you wonder why the Spartans are even in the CIAA. Their gym is prettier than several Division I schools.

You are at a disadvantage when you are coaching at St. Paul's, Johnson C. Smith, or Livingstone.

The changes that I recommend would decrease traveling expenses and time away from school. It would give schools more games to play against local rivals who would bring more fans to the gym. The Northern schools don't have a great following in the South, unless they are having a good year and people go to see their standouts.

It would also break up the CIAA as we know it. This might be good for all involved.

The Northern Division would be best served by one conference that would include Norfolk State, Hampton, Virginia State, Virginia Union, Bowie State, Elizabeth City, and St. Paul's. If Maryland Eastern Shore were smart they would opt to move back to Division II and play in this league. Their program is very compatible with it. Let's call this the TIDEWATER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.

The schools are in close proximity to each other. The longest trip would be from Norfolk to Bowie. Most of the other trips could be made in two to three hours. This would give the students more time to

study and more local fans could travel to away games. You would have a strong football conference and a strong basketball conference.

With the next setup in the South, you would have teams who would be very competitive with each other and not have to face a Northern slaughter because of the disparity of programs.

Let's call this the CAROLINA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (CIAA). This league would include Johnson C. Smith University, Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, St. Augustine's University, Fayetteville State University, and Livingstone College. Add Barber-Scotia to the league and you have an eight-team unit which is perfect for basketball and a five-team football unit. The football schedule the teams could pick up teams like Gardner-Webb, Catawba, Lenoir-Rhyne, Wingate, Elon, Fisk, Knoxville, Morris-Brown, Morehouse, and Clark to fill the schedules.

This would make the football unit competitive and give the students more time to stay in the classroom. The furthest distance of travel would be three hours in most situations.

Think about it, Southern Division fans. JCSU, Winston-Salem State, NCCU, Shaw, St. Augustine's, Fayetteville State, Livingstone, and Barber-Scotia.

That's a very compact league with schools of similar missions and similar resources. They are all

basically the same size. Traditions are hard to break, but time changes everything. What was good in 1940 may not be good in 1986.

As we head into the 21st century, we need to see if the CIAA is fitting the needs of the Southern Division teams.

In football, there is no comparison in the continuity of the programs.

Sure, we will get lucky and Winston-Salem might beat Hampton, but in the long range of the competition, we have been getting battered. The Southern Division is the abused child of the CIAA. The time has come to break and go to a more viable alternative.

By Evanuel Jones

**WHERE THEY PLAY**  
**WHERE THEY PLAY**  
**PREP SCHEDULE**  
**THURS., FRI. & SAT.**  
**DECEMBER 26-28**  
 Myers Park Christmas Tournament  
 ...Harding, Olympic, Hunter Huss, Ashbrook, West, Lancaster, Gaffney, and Myers Park  
**FRI., SAT. & MON.**  
**DECEMBER 27, 28 & 30**  
 Ceiliver-McDonald's Tournament (Rock Hill, S.C.) ...Independence, North Mecklenburg, Northwestern, Rock Hill High.  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 27-28**  
 Shelby Tournament  
 ...Crest, Burns, Shelby, Kings Mountain  
**SATURDAY & MONDAY**  
**DECEMBER 28 & 30**  
 Cherryville Tournament  
 ...Cherryville, East Gaston  
**FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 3**  
 Myers Park at West  
 South at West Charlotte  
 East Gaston at Ashbrook  
 Gaffney at Garinger  
 East at Northwest Cabarrus

**ACC Sports Center**  
 WBT Sports Anchor Paul Cameron will host a new series of "ACC Sports Center" shows, live from the site of various ACC basketball games, each Saturday beginning January 4 at 1 p.m. on WBT, Channel 3.  
 Each week, Paul will show taped highlights of that week's ACC games, and will discuss the upcoming games with guest sports commentators.  
 The new series of "ACC Sports Center" shows will be seen Saturdays through March 15.

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### Closer Look

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discovery Patrick Floyd is the brother of former All-County standout Decky Floyd, who led the team to the semifinals of the state playoffs.

Six-four junior Patrick Floyd is the team's best shooter and is better than his brother Decky.

He averaged 18 points on the junior varsity.

The top returnees are 6'4" forward Ronald Hargett, 5'8" point guard Leon Leak, 6'0" guard Patrick Brewton, 6'2" junior Bobbye Simond, and 5'7" point guard Darracus Newman.

According to coach Dave Johnson. The team has more intensity than last year.

The JV's were .500.

Rate the Trojans 80. You can call him Dave, but you don't have to call him Johnson.

5. "Going Back To Houston" - Anthony Houston is the man at Harding. The Rams were 13-10. He is 6'3", 170 pounds and averaged 11 points per game last year. The Rams were 13-10 last year. Todd Lynch is 6'4" and 180 pounds. Ken Stevenson, 5'7", 150 pounds, and O'Neal Faulcon, 5'11" and 180 pounds are top Rams.

Chad Armstrong, 6'1", 180-pound senior, and Troy Johnson, 6'7", 175-pound sophomore, are tough also. Harding is waiting on some of its football team to come out. These include standout Anthony Houston the football team's quarterback. He is a 5'10", 170-pound guard. Jon Strong is the head coach. Rate the Rams 75. Don't think twice.

6. "Everybody's Out Of Town" - Crest's Ed Peeler was 13-11 last year. The Chargers are led by 6'0" junior guard with 17 points per game, 6'2" junior center Fred Robbs, and 6'3" junior Anthony Mitchell.

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