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ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?

The importance of being black is that you know that somewhere, someday, someone will fund a "study" on every related subject and the "study" will show conclusively that "we are our own worst enemies!"

The latest CIAA statistics reveal that St. Augustine's is the only team in the Southern Division with a winning record. The Falcons from over in Raleigh have won four of seven contests in all games and they're 3-1 in the conference. That was before the Christmas break!

Virginia Union will bring two of small college basketball's finest players to town when they tangle with Johnson C. Smith's Golden Bulls in the Bulls' Pen Saturday night. They are 6-4 junior Jamie Waller, a second team All American last season; and 6-9 freshman Terry Davis. Coached by one of small college's best mentors, the Panthers return eight lettermen from a year ago. Robbin has another rookie -- 6-7 Bill Pritchard -- who is drawing rave notices this season.

O. J. Simpson has finished taping a new commercial for NAPA Natural, a new soft drink with 30 percent juice.

The big money people favor Miami, Chicago, and the Los Angeles Rams and Raiders in the National Football League Playoff Semi-finals this weekend. Dallas is going to "surprise" them, I believe.

Julius Erving will announce any day now his decision to retire at the end of the current NBA season or whether he'll play with the Philadelphia 76ers another season.

There's a strong belief in the national basketball circuit that free agency in baseball has become a misnomer because the teams aren't competing for players anymore.

Quotable QuotesCBS analyst John Madden says the NFL quarterbacks are "beginning to look nervous." ...Wonder if he meant "scared?"

Chicago Bears' defensive end Richard Dent says its so cold in Chicago in January that "vaseline freezes up!"

The biggest heist of the year....John Riggins, who wrangled a new contract from the Washington Redskins worth an annual salary of \$680,000. He responded with a very poor performance that netted 677 yards on 176 rushes for a 3.8 per carry average. He scored eight touchdowns. Meanwhile George Rogers, who earned considerably less, romped to 1,093 yards with 231 runs for a 4.9 average....National Basketball Association insiders say Sidney Moncrief of the Milwaukee Bucs is the "best all-around performer in the league." The Bucs' 6-4 guard is a complete package, they rave.

The year 1985 will best be remembered as the year when fat became beautiful...It was the year that the energetic Fat Boys and the lovable William "Refrigerator" Perry rose to fame.

The Best Quotes Of The Year:Philadelphia Phillies centerfielder Garry Maddox, when asked to describe his first grand slam, responded, "As I remember it, the bases were loaded."Former boxing great Willie Pep when told the reports were that he had died. "Now," Willie answered grimly, "I haven't even gone out of the house!" ...And Los Angeles Lakers' Magic Johnson says he would "order championship rings for the next 10 years," if he played on the same team with Houston's Ralph Sampson.

Do you know the three groups in the world you shouldn't mess with? According to Mike Shuler it would be "the FBI, the Mafia, and the NBA referees."

One More Time....William "Refrigerator" Perry, who has more commercials in the coffer than NBC, is going to plug thermal undies in an ad campaign to be launched in January.

Credit the good people in Maxine Lewis' sports information department at Delaware State with turning out a great basketball press guide. It's both colorful and informative and should receive top recognition when the national awards are handed out next summer.

The theme "Building A Winning Tradition" is on target since the Hornets won the MEAC football title last fall and Marshall Emery has been appointed the arduous task to guide the basketball fortune to higher levels. He has impressive credentials. Marshall, who was selected CIAA Tournament Coach of the Year in 1970 and MEAC Tournament Coach of the Year in 1971, will have three top assistants. Five of Emery's 12 cagers are from the talented-rich Washington, D.C., area.

Bulls Return To Action With Tough Virginia Union

By James Cuthbertson
 Post Sports Writer

The Johnson C. Smith University Golden Bulls face tough Virginia Union Saturday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. to open their 1986 campaign in Brayboy Gymnasium.

The Bulls will carry a 0-0 division mark, a 1-4 CIAA, and a 3-5 overall mark in the game.

They are coming off a well-played 80-71 shellacking of St. Paul's on the outstanding play of Dante Johnson who scored 19 points and 13 rebounds and Jeff Erwin who scored 23 points. Vincent Brown added 14 points and a season high 10 assists. James Shockley hit four of five from the field for 18 points.

Two Bulls are chasing All CIAA honors.

Dante Johnson is averaging 19.8 points per game, 9.7 rebounds per

game, shooting .500 from the field, .745 from the line, and stealing 1.8 passes per game.

Vincent Brown is averaging 17.7, 5.3 assists, 1.2 steals, shooting .727 from the line. He is also the league's best three-point shooter with .888 percent on eight made and nine attempted.

Reggie Moses is shooting .531 from the field to lead the team.

The Bulls are averaging 82.8 points per game, shooting .463 percent from the field, .713 percent from the line. They are averaging 38.3 rebounds per game.

The Bulls' opponents are averaging 84.5 points per game, shooting .491 from the field and .627 from the line. They are rebounding at 44.6 per game.

The Bulls have hit 10 of 13 three-point attempts for .770, the highest in the CIAA.

Ritchie Cuthbertson Big Winner

Ritchie Durand Cuthbertson was a big winner at the PAL North Chargers' football banquet recently.

The 10-year-old son of Mrs. Yolanda Cuthbertson of Dawnshire Avenue was number five for the Mighty Mites who scored 11 touchdowns this season while leading his team to a 6-2 record. He was the team's most valuable player.

In one game against North Mecklenburg, he scored four touchdowns in leading his team to a 45-12 win. Against Starclaire in an 18-0 win, he scored three touchdowns, one of which was a 95-yard scamper.

He ran for over 1,000 yards from his quarterback position this season. Ritchie is a fifth grader at Statesville Road Elementary.

His brother, Melvin, played for the Pee Wees who were 10-1 and lost in the playoffs. He played linebacker and tailback with his longest run

being 10 yards.

Number 82 had several tackles for the Pee Wees. He is a sixth grader at Statesville Road.

Cousin Comyon Cuthbertson played for the junior Pee Wees. He was number 42 and played wide receiver, free safety and linebacker. He scored one touchdown in a 33-0 win over Starclaire. He is the son of Mrs. Anita Cuthbertson.

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