

With James Cuthbertson

Prep Chatter



James

Congratulations to former West Charlotte standout Henri "Struggy" Smith for his inclusion on the Little All-America football team as an honorable mention. He was an outstanding defensive back for the Mountaineers.

Clarence Bryce is also turning heads at Mars Hill. Bryce was an outstanding wide receiver-tight end and defensive back at North Mecklenburg.

Bryce, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Collins Bryce of Trinity Park, is a 19-year-old sophomore. He has grown to 6-4 and 205 pounds and led the Mars Hill team in quarterback sacks with 12. The team was 8-3 overall and won the SAC 8 Conference title.

"I really like the football program at Mars Hill," Bryce said.

Olympic's standout and 1985 Charlotte Post Basketball Player of the Year, Antonio Howard, is having great success at Emanuel Junior College in Franklin Springs, Georgia.

He is starting and averaging 17.0 points and four rebounds per game.

He scored 27 against Gordon College and 27 against USC-Lancaster and former Olympic teammate Donald Simmons.

"Donald is doing real well for USC-Lancaster," said Howard. "He is averaging 21 points per game."

Tony came home with a 3.4 average.

Rushing back for a January 10 game against Brunswick at Franklin Springs, he said that coach Jim Ganey expects to improve over last year's 9-19 mark. They are presently 7-4.

"I like playing here," he said. "I am in a shooting guard position and sometimes I play point guard. I love to get the ball out on the fast break. I'll complete my two years here and hopefully get a shot at a good Division I program."

Congratulations to the Independence Patriots and their victory in the South Mecklenburg Holiday Wrestling tournament.

The Pats scored 157 points and Eric Lindley was voted as the most outstanding wrestler.

He won the 138 class. Other Patriots who captured weight titles were David Gragson (132) and Mike Houston (195).

South was second in the meet with 154½ points.

Following in order of finish were Ashbrook, Garinger, Piedmont, Lenoir Hibriten, Northwest Cabarrus, and Olympic.

South had four individual winners in Carter Cort (98) - Todd Grantham (105), Duane Lockhart (112), and Rafik Betabshoo (145).

Other class winners were Joe Cauble, Northwest Cabarrus (119); Rich Bean, Ashbrook (126); Reggie Miller, Garinger (155); Robert Harper, Garinger (167); Stacy Tate, Ashbrook (185); and Chris Harrill, Piedmont (Heavyweight).

The Wildcats of Garinger continue to show how good they really are.

With Pervis Thomas pouring in the points, they beat West Montgomery to win the Owens-Illinois Classic at Rockingham. Thomas was the MVP and teammate Darren Stinson also made the All Tournament team.

Over at Myers Park, Hunter Huss was the big winner with a 64-58 win over the Mustangs. Ashbrook was the third place winner, Gaffney fourth, Olympic fifth, Harding sixth, West Mecklenburg seventh, and Lancaster eighth.

Dwayne Brice was MVP. Reggie Ampley and Dirk Floyd of Huss, Anthony Houston of Harding, Rodney Patterson of Ashbrook, and Terry Massey of Myers Park were on the All Tournament team.

In the Cel River Classic in Rock Hill, Independence eked by the tournament favorite, Seneca (Louisville, Ky.), and North Mecklenburg used a jump shot by Bobby Moore from the left side of the key with four seconds left to beat the tournament favorite, Christ the King of New York, 60-58, in double overtime.

Moore had made two foul shots to put the Vikings up 58-56. He paced the team with 17 points.

The teams made it an All Charlotte championship as the Patriots beat Fairdale, Virginia, 50-41, and North beat Northwestern of Rock Hill, 74-65, in double overtime, their second straight double overtime game.

Independence beat North, 55-53, in the championship.

Anthony Rozier scored 24 points in the finals and was MVP.

Rodney Farrington (Independence), Todd Holden (North), and Bobby Moore (North) were All Tournament.

METROPOLITAN AREA RANKINGS

1. West Charlotte - The Lions are still off to the races.
2. North Mecklenburg - The Vikes are going to make it tough. Look for a big game coming up Friday, January 17, at North versus West Charlotte. Bobby Moore is an outstanding young junior.
3. Hunter Huss - True to form, the Huskies are better than they were last year at this stage. They are the defending state champions.
4. Garinger - The Wildcats are roaring. Witness a romp through Richmond County. Darren Stinson and Pervis Thomas are turning into a pair of All-Stars.
5. South Mecklenburg - The Sabres are led by Roman Phifer and Harry Davis Jr. They are in the thick of the competition of the Southwestern 4A.
6. East Gaston - Are the Warriors for real? Only time will tell.
7. Independence - The Patriots are coming on strong. They had a big win over North.
8. Myers Park - The Mustangs are a steady unit.
9. Ashbrook - Rodney and Fred Patterson give the Green Wave a lot of power.
10. Olympic - The Trojans are winning some close ones. Watch out for Pat Floyd.
11. Harding - The Rams have an All-Star in Anthony "Hank" Houston.

Cassandra "Cassie" Howell Is Hot Item

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Cassandra "Cassie" Howell is a hot item on the Johnson C. Smith University basketball court. Last year, she made the most consecutive field goals in a game with 13 and lead Division II of the NCAA in that category.

Since Cassie came to Johnson C. Smith University 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 Championship 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. Already Cassie has scored 35 points and pulled down 17 rebounds in a win over St. Paul's to set the pace for 1986.

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 and the NCAA South Atlantic Regional team in 1985.

This year, Cassie has played in four games and has sunk 35 of 54 field goals for 64.8 percent, 11 of 20 free throws for 55 percent. She has pulled down 44 rebounds for 11.0 per

game and is dishing out 2.5 assists per game.

In a week that included tough games against Norfolk State and St. Paul's recently, she averaged 28.5 points and 13 rebounds per game. Her season average is 20.2

For her career, she has played in 76 games, shot 61 percent from the field connecting on 460 of 754 shots, shot 60 percent from the free throw line connecting on 194 or 324, and pulled down 798 rebounds for an average of 10.5 per game. She has scored 1,115 points for an average of 14.7 per game.

Cassie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Howell of 111 Edgar Street in Asheville, N.C., where she attended Asheville High School.

She is a top notch All CIAA candidate.



Cassandra Howell
.....Golden Bull leader

Bill Johnson's "Sports Beat" Column will resume next week.

With Two Crucial Games

Golden Bulls Face "Tough" Week

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The Golden Bulls have a tough week coming up with games at Livingstone on January 11 and Gardner-Webb on January 13.

Both contests are on the road. The crucial game is with the team that many predict will win the Southern Division of the CIAA.

The Livingstone Fighting Bears are coached by David Corley. Corley was 12-15 last year and won the CIAA Coach of the Year honors.

Returnees who are key men for the Bears are 6-0, 185 senior guard Wayne Miller and 6-6, 190 forward

Raynell Jones. Both were All CIAA picks in preseason.

The other game pits the Bulls against the Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb, a team they beat 79-74 in the WBT Carolina Classic second round.

Led by Dante Johnson, whose 19.8 per game average and 9.7 rebounds per game average are among the tops in the CIAA, the Bulls feature an adept offensive unit that has been constantly improving on defense.

Playmaker Vincent Brown is also a potential All CIAA candidate. He is averaging 17.8 points per game and 5.3 assists per game. Both are among the tops in the CIAA.

SCSC Players To Play In Freedom Bowl

Orangeburg - Four seniors of the South Carolina State College 1985 football team have been invited to play in the third annual Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic in Atlanta January 11. The game, which pits seniors of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) against the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) seniors will get under way at 1 p.m. at Fulton County Stadium.

Bulldog players who will be participating are running back Gerald Foggie of Waterloo, guard Lance Bonner of Pensacola, Fla., wide receiver David Lee Norman of Lincoln, Ga., and defensive back Wallie Tarte of Dillon.

Foggie led the Bulldogs in rushing with 859 yards on 148 attempts and

scored six times on his way to earning All-MEAC honors. Norman set a single season receiving record with 45 catches for 774 yards and a team-leading seven touchdowns. The 5-10, 180 pounder ends his collegiate career as the Bulldogs' all-time receiver with 75 catches, all coming within a two-year period.

Bonner, the team's most consistent blocker, was also an All-MEAC selection and was the league's Offensive Lineman of the Week three times during the year, while Tarte recorded 58 tackles in nine games and was a second team All-MEAC choice.

Tickets for the Freedom Bowl are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

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