

Prep Chatter



James

Eric Montgomery is being highly touted as one of the best players to ever leave Charlotte to enroll at North Carolina Central University.

"We should have a good squad coming back," he said. "We have nine returners on offense including the fantastic Earl Harvey. We have to get some linebackers for the defense."

Spring practice for the Eagles starts on March 18. Right now, they are in the midst of weight training.

Big games coming up for the Eagles next year are Grambling in the Whitney Young Classic in Yankee Stadium in New York City and Jackson State in Jackson, Mississippi.

At 6-0 and 210 pounds, Montgomery has the nickname of "Money" at North Carolina Central.

The junior has been a fixture in the middle of the line for the past three seasons.

As he embarks on his senior year, he is a definite candidate for All-CIAA honors from his center position.

Eric went to N.C. Central highly touted. He played in the 1983 East-West All-Star game and was All-Conference, Senior Class President at West Charlotte, Key Club Vice President, D.A.R. Citizenship Award Winner, Charlotte News All-Star Scholar. He lettered in high school track, also.

Big Al Montgomery, his father, was All-Conference at quarterback at North Carolina Central.

He is a political science major.

Congratulations to North Mecklenburg coach Leroy Holden who has been chosen to coach the West squad in the annual East-West All-Star game July 22 in Greensboro at the Coliseum.

Holden has had several good teams at North Mecklenburg High School and is in the process of developing another state contender.

METROLINA RANKINGS, BOYS

1. West Charlotte - The Lions keep getting rave notices. Maurice Caldwell, Duane Montgomery, Jules Springs, Kevin Reid, Lance Jones, and the boys keep popping it in the hoop.
2. Independence - The Pats are finally on top of the Southwestern 4A Conference.
3. Hunter Huss - The Huskies are serving notice that last year was no fluke.
4. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings are always tough in the conference tourney. Don Bradley, Bobby Moore, Todd Holden, Letura Stitt, and the boys are tough.
5. East Gaston - The folks in Mount Holly know how to really get on down when the Warriors are rolling.
6. Ashbrook - The Brookies are gearing up for a tough battle with arch-rival Hunter Huss.
7. Garinger - Juan Mason and is Thomas always make Garinger tough to handle.
8. Myers Park - The Mustangs with James Glover are beginning to gear up for a run on the money.
9. South Mecklenburg - The Sabres have cooled off. What a disappointment.
10. East Mecklenburg - The Eagles deserve a move here. They have been hot lately.
11. Crest - The Chargers are tough at home.
12. Providence Day - Reggie Clark is tough.
13. Olypic - Elliott Dunlap has turned into an enforcer.
14. West Mecklenburg - James White of the Indians is a top notch prospect.
15. Charlotte Latin - The Hawks are off to a great season.
16. Charlotte Catholic - The Cougars are finally in upper division of the Rocky River 2A.
17. Charlotte Christian - They are having a much better season than last.

TOP AREA TEAMS

Albemarle, Monroe, North Rowan, Thomasville, Mooresville, Bandys, Northwest Cabarrus, Wilkes Central, North Surry, Leñoir Hibriten, Lincoln, R-S Central, Burns, West Forsyth, Morganton Freedom, Pinecrest, Paw Creek Christian, Sumter, Eau Claire, Lower Richland, Northwestern, Cheraw, York, Fort Mill, Pageland Central, Lewisville, Blenheim, Camden Military, and Catawba School.

METROLINA RANKINGS, GIRLS

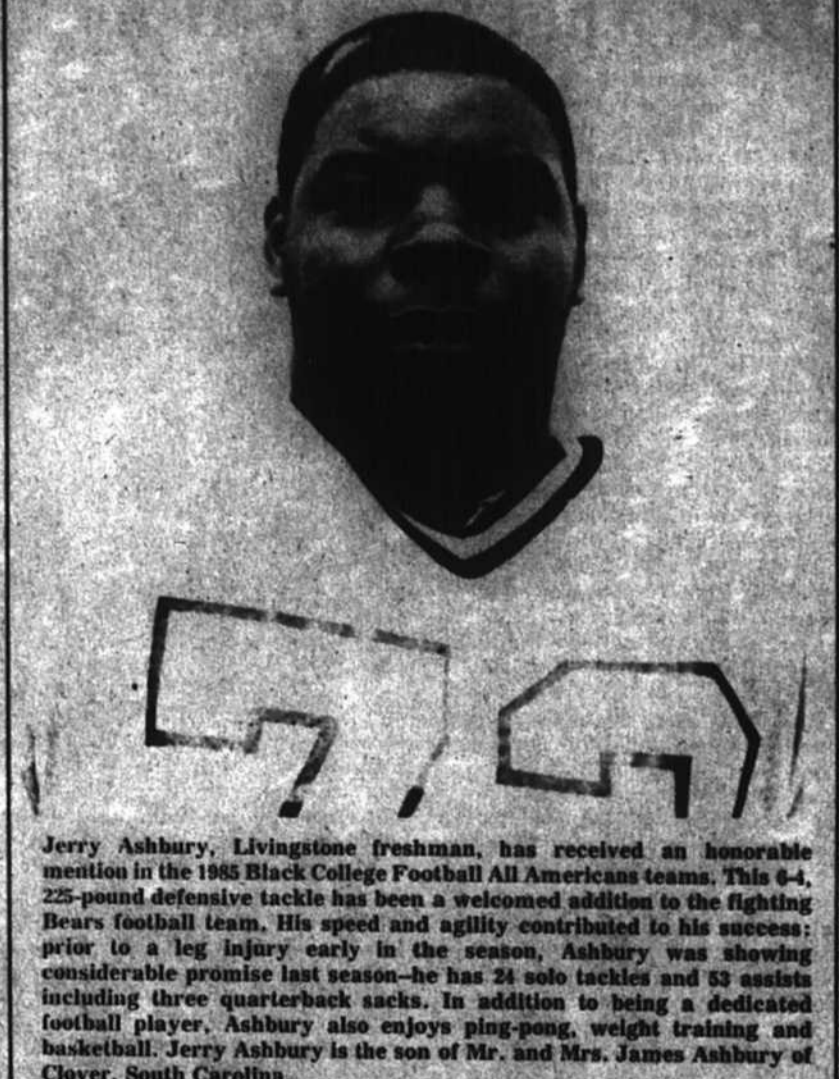
1. North Mecklenburg; 2. Gastonia Ashbrook; 3. Gastonia Hunter Huss; 4. Myers Park; 5. West Charlotte; 6. West Mecklenburg; 7. South Mecklenburg; 8. Olypic; 9. East Gaston; 10. East Mecklenburg; 11. Garinger; 12. Harding; 13. Charlotte Christian; 14. Charlotte Latin; 15. Independence; 16. Crest; 17. Country Day; 18. Providence Day; and 19. Charlotte Catholic.

TOP AREA TEAMS

Piedmont, Monroe, Bandys, Newton-Conover, West Davidson, Southwest Guilford, Concord, North Iredell, Wilkes Central, West Caldwell, R-S Central, Burns, South Rowan, Morganton Freedom, Richmond County, Eau Claire, Byrnes, Gaffney, Spartanburg, Myrtle Beach, Bennettsville, Chapman, Clover, Andrew Jackson, McBee, Great Falls, Catawba School.

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT PICKS

Tri-County: West Charlotte (champion), North (runner-up).
Southwestern: Independence (champion), Huss (runner-up).



Jerry Ashbury, Livingstone freshman, has received an honorable mention in the 1985 Black College Football All Americans teams. This 6-4, 225-pound defensive tackle has been a welcomed addition to the fighting Bears football team. His speed and agility contributed to his success: prior to a leg injury early in the season, Ashbury was showing considerable promise last season—he has 24 solo tackles and 53 assists including three quarterback sacks. In addition to being a dedicated football player, Ashbury also enjoys ping-pong, weight training and basketball. Jerry Ashbury is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ashbury of Clover, South Carolina.

UNCC Will Dedicate On-Campus Phase II Housing Complex

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte will dedicate an on-campus housing complex in honor of Gov. James G. Martin at 3 p.m. Friday, February 21.

The Phase II student housing complex, located on the northeast side of campus, will be renamed Martin Village. This continues a trend of recognizing the accomplishments of the governors of North Carolina by naming residence life facilities in their honor. Other governors so honored include Terry Sanford, Dan K. Moore, Robert Scott, James Holshouser, and James B. Hunt, all of whom served since the campus was relocated to its present site.

Martin Village contains 10 apartment buildings, housing 304 students. Each two-story building contains eight apartments with four students of the same sex living together in each unit. The complex was built in 1979 and has been known since that time as Phase II.

The dedication ceremony will be held outside in the apartment complex. In case of bad weather, the ceremony will be held at the nearby Cafeteria Activities Building.

North Carolina Faces Growing Problem Of Attracting Teachers

Special To The Post
North Carolina has a growing problem of attracting teachers, and the problem is particularly acute in attracting black teachers, the president of the North Carolina Association of Educators said.

"Black youngsters, like their white counterparts, have discovered that there is more money and more opportunity in business and industry, and they are apparently voting 'No' to a career in teaching," Gladys Graves, president of NCAE, said in a press conference.

She said NCAE feels that the same things which are driving white youngsters not to entertain thoughts of a career in teaching are affecting the black youngsters and that the same countermeasures to solve the problem must be taken.

"We need to continue to improve salaries and fringe benefits for teachers, but we need to also address the working conditions of teachers which contribute to the decline in interest in teaching."

Mrs. Graves said the NCAE did a study earlier last year in which teachers identified too much paperwork, too many non-teaching duties, and a lack of commitment among students as the three most significant barriers to educational excellence in North Carolina. Running through the study, she said, was the feeling that teachers are not treated as professionals and are prevented from progressing in their careers as they hope to do.

Mrs. Graves said NCAE's Research Department undertook the study of black teacher supply "because we had heard from superintendents and principals that it was becoming increasingly hard to find black teachers and because we were being told by college professors that black students majoring in education were increasingly in demand by school system recruiters from other states. She said the NCAE Representative Assembly asked for a study.

"We learned enough in this study that we are shocked at what apparently are the trends in North Carolina," said Mrs. Graves.

Among the findings of the study were the following:

- North Carolina certified 408 new black teachers last year, 9.3 percent of all new teachers certified. That percentage is down more than six percent over the number of blacks certified in 1975 when 1,542 black teachers were certified.
- The number of undergraduate degrees conferred by traditionally black colleges in North Carolina has declined dramatically. North Carolina Central University graduated 131 teachers in 1979, only 45 in 1985.
- The percentage of blacks awarded teacher scholarship loans by the State of North Carolina was only six percent of the total loans approved by 1985, and the previous two years saw loan rates at the 3.3 percent and 3.4 percent level.
- A large percentage of the black graduates who obtain full teacher certification at black colleges either do not obtain jobs in North Carolina or choose to teach somewhere else. Only 23 percent of Shaw University's 1980 class was teaching in 1984.

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