

With James Cuthbertson



Prep Chatter

James

Congratulations to Olympic's Edward Reid. Big Ed won the state 3A-4A track championship in the shotput with a throw of 162'10".

He beat Charlotte Garinger's Vernon Grier by 10" to lead a Tri-County-Southwestern domination of the discus events.

Reid who will attend North Carolina State of a football scholarship was at his first state track championships.

The 6'4", 235-pound Reid will be a defensive end or defensive tackle for the Wolfpack.

Other Charlotteans doing well were Greg Clifton of Independence who was second in the long jump, Donald Ray Colson of North Mecklenburg who was third in the 100 and fourth in the 200, and Robert Harper of Garinger who was third in the pole vault.

In the girls' meet, Phyllis Yocum of North was second in the discus, Katrina Sloan of Independence was second in the 100 and third in the 200, Missy Willis of North was third in the 800, Vea Jenkins of South was fourth in the long jump and fifth in the 100 hurdles.

In the boys' race, Garinger and Gastonia Ashbrook were fourth and in the girls' race Independence was seventh.

Other high finishers in the boys' championships were: East Mecklenburg's Bryant Robbins, sixth in the 110 hurdles; the Myers Park 800 relay team, fifth; East Mecklenburg's Jimmy Brown, fourth in the 1600; the Independence 400 relay team, fourth; the Harding 400 relay team, fifth; Ashbrook's Mark Pressley, sixth in the high jump; East Gaston's David Nash, fourth in the triple jump; Garinger's Derick Glenn, fifth in the 400; Independence's David Kessler, fifth in the 300 hurdles; East Gaston's Scott Jordan, sixth in the 800; and the 1600 relay team of Garinger, third.

Independence finished 10th in the state championships. Winston-Salem Glenn won by one point over Durham Hillside.

In the girls' race, Independence tied with Burlington Cummings for seventh place, North tied with Smithfield-Selma for ninth.

Other finishers were South Mecklenburg 23rd and Myers Park 37th. Greensboro Dudley won the girls' title.

Other Charlotte area achievers: Sylvia Barber, Myers Park, sixth in discus; Neese Gray, North, sixth in the 100; the Independence 800 relay team, fifth; and Ronda Alexander, Myers Park, fifth in the 400.

When South Mecklenburg beat North Mecklenburg, 6-0, in the quarterfinals of the state softball championship, it marked the end of an exciting sports year for Andrea Stinson who is the Charlotte Post "Female Athlete of the Year."

They called her the Home Run Queen this season. She is an exciting volleyball, basketball and softball player.

In Caldwell County when it comes to baseball, South is the word. The South Caldwell Spartans have not done much in sports since they have been members of the Western 4A and now the Northwestern 4A, but they have ruled the roost in baseball.

Football player and pitcher Greg Wilcox was the star as he threw a one-hit shutout at South Caldwell and knocked in a two-run homer as the Sabres won by a 4-0 count in Granite Falls-nicknamed Granite-where the locals are adamant in their pride of their team.

Jole Polite hit a triple in that game for the Sabres. Wilcox struck out 12 and allowed only two balls to leave the infield in the game.

South Caldwell was undefeated in the Northwestern 4A and rated as a high contender for the state championship.

While the Sabres were winning, Alexander Central was beating Asheville Reynolds to set up a quarterfinal with South Mecklenburg. The Cougars are 17-5.

Congratulations to coach Ken Lowrance and the best of luck to him in his new position at Garinger High School. Lowrance, an assistant at Independence High School, was named by Garinger athletic director Dick Henderson as the new head football coach. He is a native of Mooresville and an Appalachian State graduate. He has been in the system for 12 years and has coached at South and Harding before joining Independence.

JCSU Considers A Change In Division Status

By Chase Vance
Special To The Post

"This game is going down to the wire...Johnson C. Smith has the ball...There are three seconds on the clock...This ballgame is history... Final Score...Johnson C. Smith 89 Duke University 85...The Bulls advance to the second round of the East Regional and will play at home in the Charlotte Coliseum against Norfolk State, a 101-88 winner over St. John in New York City...The CIAA has finally arrived. This is Division I basketball at its best."

Dreaming? Dreams can come true if you believe they do.

Rumors have it that some CIAA members are considering Division I status in the next four years. And if this happens the CIAA could operate successfully as a two-tiered conference, Division I and Division II. This would eliminate a lot of the scheduling conflicts that the mammoth conference has and put the haves together in Division I and the have-nots in Division II for a more equitable distribution of competition.

CIAA Division I would include Virginia Union, Virginia State, Norfolk State, J.C. Smith, North Carolina Central and Hampton.

These are schools which have resources or access to resources necessary for the switch to Division I and are in cities with suitable arenas or have suitable on-campus arenas and large alumni associations.

Division II would include St. Paul's, Livingstone, Fayetteville State, Shaw, St. Augustines, Bowie State, Elizabeth City State, and Winston-Salem State.

These are schools with limited resources to play a Division I schedule.

Winston-Salem State is in a situation in which they could opt for a change or be a powerhouse at Division II.

If the CIAA moved to this Division I status with some schools look for North Carolina A&T, South Carolina State, Maryland Eastern Shore and Howard who are dissatisfied with the travel cumbersome MEAC to consider a move back to a more logical conference.

The main reason A&T stays Division I is the access to television monies that have gotten A&T athletic programs out of the red into the black on the basis of seven trips to the NCAA championships. A first round loser gets \$212,000 of which the conference gets a percentage and the school the remaining portion.

This would be a super conference.

Johnson C. Smith will have access to a 24,000 Coliseum with the opportunity to establish a Division I rivalry with two NCAA Division I schools in the city, UNCC and Davidson.

In close proximity are Winthrop, Campbell and UNC-Asheville. Finding opponents would not be a chore.

Being Division I AA in football would be easy to schedule also. Within a 200 mile radius are The Citadel, Davidson, Furman, and Georgia Southern, a school which won the National Championship last year after only four years of a football program.

Let's dream.

President Robert L. Albright and Athletic Director Horace Small could leave their mark on the school by being known as the men who brought Division I to Johnson C. Smith. The outstanding Johnson C. Smith University alumni truly deserve this and as in most cases with the increased status that Division I brings, alumni would come out of the woodwork with monies needed to fund the program.

Everybody, rejoice. It would be a



Horace Small
.....Leaving mark on Smith

brand new day.

Look out, Duke, North Carolina, Georgetown. The Golden Bulls could be on their way to the top.

Some pessimists would say it couldn't be done.

As the University increases its commitment to academic excellence, they should increase their commitment to athletic excellence and plan for a future when the University is tops in all areas and looked upon as one of the finest institutions in the nation.

Dr. Robert L. Albright has shown that he is a visionary and able to plan many years in advance for acts which will benefit the university and the university community.

If this Division I rumor becomes a reality, the Golden Bulls and the other schools opting would have the best of two worlds.

At any rate, we should begin next season by playing school with outstanding Division I athletic traditions and schools committed to academic excellence like North Carolina A&T, South Carolina State, Howard, Winthrop, UNCC, Davidson, Campbell and UNC-Asheville.

Give it a shot.

In 1969, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte was a relatively obscure Division III and NAIA school.

In 1970, they committed to Division I athletics on a limited budget and in 1977 were playing for the



Dr. Robert Albright
.....To elevate JCSU

NCAA basketball championship. It can be done.

If James Madison, Radford, Longwood, Marist, Coppin State, Bethune-Cookman, Coastal Carolina and Armstrong State, then so can Johnson C. Smith, North Carolina

Central, Virginia Union, Virginia State, Hampton, and Norfolk State.

J.C. Smith To Sponsor Lipton Tennis Match

Dr. William Madrey, tennis director at Johnson C. Smith University, has announced that a Lipton Mixed Doubles "Open" tournament has been scheduled for June 28-29, at the JCSU tennis courts. Madrey will be the tournament director. The event is for the more advanced player.

The winners of the local "Open" advance to sectional competition. A win at the sectional advances the team to one of 32 regional play-offs with a chance of winning a free trip to the National Finals, to be held at Saddlerock Golf & Tennis Resort near Tampa, Fla., October 9-12.

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