

With James Cuthbertson



James

Prep Chatter

I wish Bill Johnson had been here last weekend to see the two recipients of the award that has his namesake.

The Bill Johnson Award goes to the top student-athlete in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

This year's winners were Roman Phifer of South Mecklenburg and Sheila Williamson of Olympe.

Phifer was All County in football and basketball. A member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Beattillon Militaire, he maintained almost a 3.5 average. He is attending summer school at UCLA where he will play for the Bruins this fall.

Williamson was All County in basketball while maintaining a 3.7 grade point average. She was very active at her high school.

Best of luck to the recipients.

Count me as one of those who wish the sportswriters and news media would let Lenny Bias rest in peace.

When you honor someone, you have no right to pry into their private lives or to scrutinize every moment. On Earth God is the only one we have to answer to for our sins and misgivings. If you are living in a glass house be careful not to be the first to cast a stone. We all have our sins, whether they be having too much to drink, too much sex, cursing too much, coveting thy neighbor's spouse, or just being evil.

Lenny Bias was a human being and let me be the first to say that on the basis of his basketball abilities, he should have been named as the ACC Player of the Year.

It is unfortunate that he died while under the influence of cocaine, but with his death he has paid dearly.

Just think. Everytime you pop a California Cooler you could be setting yourself up for death.

So many things can kill you. A man in Illinois died from drinking an excess of water.

The headline would read: "Bill Smith died last night from drinking California Cooler."

Admittedly, it is a legal drink. And this in an oversimplification of a serious problem.

But let us put Lenny to rest. He will always be a great basketball player and a great human being as far as I am concerned.

Mark his account REFUND DUE. Because he provided us with more thrills while he was on Earth than we could ever pay him for.

Here's wishing luck to Myers Park's Bob Nastase.

Nastase will leave Myers Park to become assistant coach at Oral Roberts University. He will join Dave Pritchett on Ted Owen's staff.

Two of his former players, Haywood Workman and Clinton Hinton are on the Oral Roberts team.

Nastase, 50, coached at UNCC from 1978 to 1982. He came to the 49ers with an excellent 13 year coaching career at Lakewood High in Lakewood, N.J., where he won two state championships, six sectional crowns and nine league titles.

At Myers Park where he has been since 1983, he compiled a 74-29 record over four years.

He led the Mustangs to a tie for the conference title in 1983 and won it in 1984. He also won in 1985 and reached the state tournament semifinals. Last year, his team was 10-14.

Nastase is a native of Beaverdale, PA, and graduated from Pennsylvania State.

Expressing his love for Charlotte, he said that he hopes to return one day.

Ways to correct the problem our athletes are having.

1. The admission standards should be increased until the word reaches junior high school that you can study and maintain an average high enough to get you into college or you can study enough to maintain an average low enough to keep you and your talents on the public playgrounds for the rest of your life.

2. The seasons should be restricted to a single semester. Football season, inclusive of the bowls, should be over in December and basketball season should not start until January. Basically for most teams, only six or seven games not counting Christmas tournaments are played in December. We could open the season with the Christmas tournaments and end it with the national championships in April. This would allow students an entire semester to concentrate on one sport and their grades. The other semester, they would be free.

3. The pros should develop a farm system for basketball and football, the way they do baseball. They would be responsible for the training and not the colleges. Now, they reap a bonanza. They don't have to pay salaries and for coaching.

We could have AAA, AA, AA for basketball and football. Imagine the Southern AAA basketball league with teams in Greenville, Greensboro, Knoxville, Charlotte, Macon, etc.

Or the Southeastern AA basketball league with teams in Gastonia, Forest City, Fayetteville, Rock Hill, etc.

Or the Western Carolina basketball league with teams in Hickory, Lenoir, Lincolnton, Marion, etc.

We do this with baseball.

4. The university officials should provide enough monitoring and tutoring to insure graduation. Class attendance should be linked with court or field appearance.

The football playoffs begin November 14.

Of interest in our area, the Southwestern 4A has three berths this year.

Look for these teams to be East Mecklenburg, Gastonia Ashbrook, and Independence.

The Southwestern number one team is home in the playoffs with the Tri County number two team.

That conference has A.L. Brown, South Rowan, Davie County, Mt. Tabor, West Forsyth and other Winston-Salem area schools in it.

Top Recruits Will Help Bulls' Effort

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Johnson C. Smith University came up with some top recruits that coach Horace Small believes will help the Golden Bulls' effort immediately.

Steve Boone is a 5-11, 175-pound quarterback from Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, N.C.

Joe Fishback is a 6-0, 180-pound defensive back from Austin East High School in Knoxville, Tenn.

John Terry is a 6-4, 265-pound offensive lineman from Greenwood, S.C.

Anthony Deas is a 6-7, 33-pound tackle from Sanderson High School in Raleigh, N.C.

Returning Bulls are senior line-backer Billy Banks, 6-1, 220 pounds; junior line-backer Ronald Capers, 6-3, 195 pounds; senior line-backer Jackie Wilkes, 6-0, 210 pounds; junior line-backer Horace Jackson, 6-3, 220 pounds; junior defensive back Anthony Byers, 6-1, 175 pounds; and junior defensive back Anthony Linyard, 5-9, 160 pounds. Byers was All Central Intercollegiate Conference Second team.

Others are defensive tackle DeCar Brown, 6-5 and 220 pounds; center Billy Wyatt, 6-4, 222-pound sophomore; T.C. Norris, 6-2, 270-pound right guard; and Dwayne Reed, 6-2, 269-pound left guard; Ralph Collington, 6-0, 270-pound left tackle; Raymond Joyner, 6-1, 215-pound running back; Rondro Boney, 6-3, 218-pound running back; Tim Jones, 6-1, 195-pound running back; and Tim Newman, who finished sixth in the conference in rushing with 426 yards in eight games and three touchdowns. Newman is 5-11, 180 pounds.

The quarterback fight will be between Mel Westmoreland who played in eight of the Golden Bulls' games last year and Anthony Walker.

Westmoreland, 6-1, 170 pounds, played in seven games and completed 49 of 146 passes for 33.7 percent. He had 11 interceptions and threw for four touchdowns and 425 yards.

He rushed for 128 yards. Walker played in three games and completed one of five passes with one interception for 20 percent. He threw for 28 yards and ran for 11 and one touchdown.

The Bulls were 1-5 in the CIAA South while scoring 93 points and giving 156. They were 1-9 overall while giving up 225 and making 165.

Here is how the Golden Bulls stack up against the rest of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The CIAA should be another interesting conference this year in the southern and northern divisions.

In the South, North Carolina Central, Winston-Salem State and Fayetteville State look like the biggest obstacles for the Golden Bulls.

Livingstone is a threat and Bowie is just Bowie.

The Eagles of North Carolina Central have big 6-3, 260-pound Eric Montgomery coming back as a hellacious center. Lining up behind him will be the record setting quarterback Earl Harvey who broke NCAA Division II pass records last year.

He completed 188 of 392 for 48 percent. He averaged 319 yards per game during his 10-game season for a total of 3,190 yards and contributed six touchdowns to the Eagle effort.

Rodney Rivers is the kickoff return artist averaging 14.1 per game.

The Rams of Winston-Salem have Lonnie Pulley and Leonardo Horn in

the backfield.

The 200 pounders will be packed up by Bobby Junior who completed 37 percent of his passes for six touchdowns and 687 yards last year.

Pulley ran for 473 and four touchdowns. Horn ran for 461 yards and four touchdowns.

Vincent Jones is the punter who averaged 39.8 last year for 2,032 yards.

Tyrone Smith is the extra point artist with 17 of 30 extra points and six of 12 field goals for 33 total extra points.

Fayetteville State has Aaron Lewis who punted for 2,595 yards for a 42.5 average.

Benjamin Knox is the junior running back who ran for 419 yards and five touchdowns for the Broncos.

Jerome Morgan was the quarterback. He completed 37 percent of his passes for 1,419 yards.

Moses Ford is the junior tight end who caught two touchdown passes and received 179 yards.

Mark Fisher averaged 9.3 on punt returns with 223 yards.

Livingstone has Jay Martin, a wide receiver, who passes for 650 yards.

Doug Clark punted for 2,250 yards and had a 34.6 average.

Clark had six interceptions for 95 yards and returned punts for 275 yards and a 12.5 per game average.

James Miller had 182 yards on kickoff returns for an 18.2 average for Bowie State. Marvin Brown, the freshman quarterback who is six feet and 170 pounds, averaged 45.8 yards per game.

Last year in the Southern Division North Carolina Central was 4-6, Fayetteville State 4-5-1, Winston-Salem State 9-2, Livingstone 7-3, and Bowie State 0-10.

The Bulls were 1-9.

The tough games are on the road at North Carolina Central, Fayetteville State University, and Livingstone. Winston-Salem, State is Homecoming and Bowie is also at home.

In the North, Hampton looks awesome again.

The Pirates have Carl Painer, junior running back, who averaged 106.2 per game for a total of 1,062 is back. He scored six touchdowns.

Craig Barber, freshman extra point specialist, is back. He kicked 27 of 29 extra points and six of eight field goals for 48 points or an average per game of 4.5.

Darryl Skinner is back. He carried for 360 yards.

Thomas Walker is back. He was the 5-10, 180-pound freshman quarterback who threw for 1,193 yards and completed passes at a 35.1 percent clip.



Billy Banks
...Senior line-backer



Tim Newman
...Sixth in conference



Mel Westmoreland
...Plays quarterback

Hampton is definitely the class of the North Division. The Bulls open with the Pirates in the Tidewater area.

The Pirates were 10-1 last year and are the defending champions of the CIAA.

Norfolk State lost several players but Ken Dickens returns. He had 531 yard and four touchdowns.

Virginia Union will be rebuilding. Virginia State has Sam Taylor, the quarterback, returning and Calvin Graham who ran for 313 yards.

St. Paul's and Elizabeth City State are both rebuilding.

The Bulls have Virginia State at home and Norfolk State on the road.

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A meeting to explain this program is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on August 12, 1986 in the Conference Room of the Greenville Neighborhood Center, 1330 Spring Street (off Oaklawn Avenue). Eligibility and other specifics of the program will be discussed at that time.

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