



Prep Chatter

With James Cuthbertson

If you have not seen Independence's Rodney Farrington in action, you might want to take in one of the Patriots' games.

"He is definitely a leader on the floor handling the ball at the point guard position," said head coach Dave Christenbury.

At mid-season, Farrington was shooting 87 percent from the line.

"He is a complete ballplayer," added Christenbury. "He is one of the best that I have ever coached. He has as much talent as anybody."

Some of Independence's alumnus that Christenbury has coached include Tony White of Tennessee and Jeff McGill of Wake Forest.

The 6'1", 160 pound senior is quick, agile, and can stop on a dime and shoot, according to his coaches.

"He would make someone a good three point guard in the Atlantic Coast Conference," reveals Christenbury.

The colleges are coming out of the woodwork and he has received letters from Wake Forest, UNC-Wilmington, Old Dominion, Virginia Commonwealth, Louisville, and Southern California.

His name got out during the AAU Nationals when his junior team won the national championship.

The Pats are one of the hottest items in the Southwestern 4A and Farrington is a big reason why.

It's worth the price of admission to see Farrington play.

Coach Christenbury believes that Garinger and Myers Park are his biggest obstacles to winning another conference championship. He has a string to his credit.

He considers Terry Massey as one of the better players in the conference and believes that he will have to use his quick and hot-shooting guards to battle the Mustangs, who really bang the boards.

East Mecklenburg wrestler Darryl Brown is really putting on a show for his fans.

Brown won his 100th match recently and became one of the top wrestlers in Mecklenburg County history.

At one point, he was 99-9 with 21 straight matches won this season.

He wrestles in the 138 pound division.

The 5'8" wrestler lost 22 pounds from his football weight of 160 when he was an Eagle halfback and defensive back.

The quick and agile young man went to Providence Day as a freshman where he was 25-2. He was 25-3 on the East team as a sophomore, and 28-4 as a junior.

He was fifth in the state last year.

RANKINGS

BOYS:

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

GIRLS:

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| 1. North Mecklenburg | 11. Independence |
| 2. West Charlotte | 12. Crest |
| 3. Myers Park | 13. Catholic |
| 4. South | 14. Garinger |
| 5. Hunter Huss | 15. East |
| 6. East Gaston | 16. Harding |
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Player Of The Week

Maurice Flowers Exhibits "Leadership"

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Maurice Flowers of East Mecklenburg is this week's "Player of the Week."

Flowers was an outstanding quarterback at East during football season and is now an outstanding basketball player in the Southwestern 4A.

From his point guard position, he believes that he exhibits "leadership, rebounding and points" to the team.

This is the best Eagle team in years and they have a legitimate chance at making the state playoffs.

Flowers is averaging 18.0 points and 6.0 assists per game.

"The major difference in this year and last year is that we have more skilled people and we are playing together as a team," said the affable 6'4", 200 pounder.

"We relax more this year before a game," he explained. "We go home and we joke sometimes and we were lucky in that Anthony Trussdale moved into our district and we got Teasley as a transfer from Crest."

"We had a lot of close games last year," he added. "This year, we are winning all our close games."

At Randolph, Flowers was the MVP of the football team and cannot decide at this point in time which sport he likes the best.

"I like the competitiveness of football and the fact that the quarterback has to work hard to generate all the parts of the team and get them to functioning to maximum efficiency," he related.

"I like basketball because you have a chance to shine as an individual," he said.

J. C. Smith, N. C. State, UNC-Chapel Hill and Clemson have all been after him for his football abilities.

Nebraska and UNCC have been looking for his basketball abilities.

Flowers will make some team a great asset and J. C. Smith Golden Bulls' fans have been rumored as saying they would like to see in a Blue and Gold uniform for football and basketball season.

"That would keep him from making a choice," one fan stated. "He could bring fame to the university and the city in both sports."

Another fan stated, "Wouldn't it be nice to have the announcer at a



Maurice Flowers

Golden Bulls' game say, "Starting at quarterback we have Maurice Flowers who played his high school ball right here in

Charlotte at East Mecklenburg High School?"

Dreams can come true if you believe they do, added another fan.

WHERE THEY PLAY

HIGH SCHOOL
JANUARY 23
Garinger at South
East Gaston at Crest
North at West Charlotte
Independence at Olympic
Harding at West
Hunter Huss at Myers Park
East at Ashbrook

JANUARY 27
Ashbrook at Hunter Huss
South at Independence
Myers Park at West Charlotte
Crest at North
West at Olympic
East Gaston at Harding
East at Garinger

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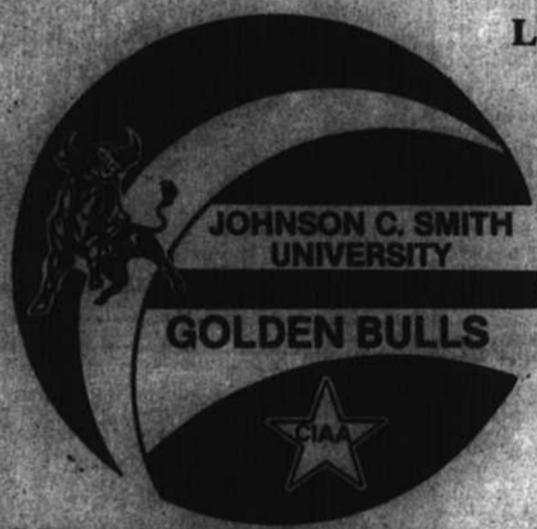
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Lenoir Bears

Add New

Football Coach

HICKORY - Lenoir-Rhyne College head football coach John Perry has announced an addition to the Bears' football staff.

Butch Caldwell, a native of Milton, FL, recently joined the Bears' program as defensive line coach and head of the team's strength program.

Caldwell comes to Lenoir-Rhyne from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he coached outside linebackers last season. Caldwell replaces Barry Shuford as defensive line coach as Shuford accepted a teaching-coaching position locally at Maiden High School.

Prior to his stint at UT-C, Caldwell coached three years at East Mississippi Junior College and served a couple of high school positions in the Pensacola, FL, area. Caldwell played offensive tackle in college at Livingston University in Alabama and earned his master's in physical education from Mississippi State.

"We are happy to have someone of Butch's quality and experience with us," said Perry. "He comes to us very highly recommended and has experience working with linemen on both sides of the ball."

Perry also announced that Mike Helms, a Lenoir-Rhyne graduate who coached tight ends for the Bears in 1986, will take responsibility for the offensive line. Helms replaces Bruce Ollis who accepted a high school coach position in Augusta, GA, in December.

"Mike did a good job with our tight ends last season and also helped a lot with our defensive line," Perry said.

WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN!

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