



Prep Chatter

With James Cuthbertson

An open letter to the black athlete:

Dear Black Athlete:

The NCAA has mandated that by 1988, no matter whether you are entering a Division I or a Division II institution, you will have to have a 2.0 average and an SAT of 700 or above to be eligible to play sports your freshman year.

Some of you have reacted negatively to this and have accused the NCAA of being racist or prejudice because some of you believe that you cannot achieve the minimum standards.

And make no mistake, they are minimum. Most of you with some practice, some interest, some desire, some dedication, and some determination could easily master those minimal standards.

The problem is that you have been treated as a demagogue too long and the adjustment period is what you fear.

I am tired of reading about athletes who cannot read and cannot write.

Everyone cannot be a professional. For some, the ticket to play sports in college includes an education and the chance to prepare to be a useful part of society.

The degree should be the ultimate and not a professional contract.

Somewhere along the way, you have lost your bearing on what school is about. School is a necessity for survival in this world. Athletics is an extracurricular activity that you could survive without. It is fun and school would be the same without it, but when the American public education system began in the 1700s, the only extracurricular activities were a little rope jumping and ball throwing for exercise.

Black Athlete, White Athlete, Red Athlete, Blue Athlete and Green Athlete, you must all return to the basics—reading, writing and arithmetic—and master the skills necessary to score well on the SAT and to maintain at least a 2.0 in high school.

I applaud the NCAA and I challenge the black athlete to show that the faces will be the same after a minor adjustment period.

Your forefathers survived slavery, a much more difficult task than Proposition 48.

You can do it.

My hopes and heart is with you.

Show everyone that you can become model students and good athletes at the same time.

METROPOLITAN RANKINGS: BOYS

1. North Mecklenburg - Bobby Moore is outstanding. He is the leading contender for player of the year honors in Mecklenburg County. Moore is averaging 20 plus points per

game. The Vikings also have Kenneth Wylie, an outstanding junior forward.

2. Myers Park - I saw Larry Crowder play against East Mecklenburg and he is undoubtedly one of the best guards around. He is outstanding. He has more moves than a chess game. Terry Massey is not bad.

3. Garinger - The Wildcats are tough. They lost two close ones but have bounced back. Juan Mason and J.R. McIlwaine are both tough.

4. Independence - The Patriots of Dave Christenbury lost a close one at Garinger, but still are in the running.

5. East Gaston - When the Warriors beat West Charlotte, they served notice that the Lions' claim to the state championship may be over.

6. East Mecklenburg - Maurice Flowers, Antoine Teasey and Anthony Truesdale are three of the best players around. The Eagles will have a tough time beating Myers Park out for the Southwestern 4A championship.

7. West Charlotte - The Lions have some talent, but the football players must blend for them to be tough down the road.

8. Providence Day - Reggie Clark is the star here. The Chargers gave Dave Price his 400th win recently.

9. Hunter Huss - Huss is still looking for the answer. As soon as they find it they will be tough.

10. Ashbrook - Rodney Patterson and Steve Alexander lead the Green Wave.

THE BEST OF THE REST:

11. Charlotte Catholic, 12. South Mecklenburg, 13. Christian, 14. Charlotte Latin, 15. Country Day, 16. West Mecklenburg, 17. Harding, 18. Crest, 19. Olympic, 20. Gaston Day.

METROPOLITAN RANKINGS: GIRLS

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

WHERE THEY PLAY HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 30	FEBRUARY 3
Hunter Huss at Garinger	Crest at Ashbrook
West Charlotte at Crest	East at South
Olympic at East Gaston	Hunter Huss at Independence
West at South	Garinger at Myers Park
North at Harding	North at Olympic
Myers Park at Ashbrook	East Gaston at West
Independence at East	Harding at West Charlotte



Larry Blakeney of Independence sets up for a layup. Independence wins the game in over-time.



Kurt Betha (no. 34) gets two points for South Mecklenburg in a jump shot over the Patriots.

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"Fifty Years Of Tar Heel Basketball

Three former University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill basketball team captains will highlight an evening of socializing, reminiscing and talking Tar Heel sports during the Union County Alumni Chapter meeting Thursday, February 12, in Monroe.

"Fifty Years of Tar Heel Basketball" The Way it was Back Then" also will examine the similarities and contrasts in training and coaching techniques, game rules and strategies, coaches' involvement, playing facilities and players' physical characteristics.

Featured speakers will include Earl Ruth, captain of the 1938 Tar Heel squad; Danny Lots, captain of the 1959 team; and Bobby Jones, former Philadelphia 76er and captain of the 1974 UNC cagers.

The meeting, to be held at Rolling Hills Country Club, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The Tar Heel basketball program will follow.

Tickets for the event are \$11 per person. Checks -- payable to UNC Alumni Chapter -- should be mailed to Lee Pottar, 114 N. Church St., Monroe, N.C. 28110, by Saturday, February 7.

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with members of the UNC General Alumni Association, Tar Heel alumni and graduates of the UNC Executive Program and Young Executives Institute receiving priority. GAA individual annual membership dues are \$20 and

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