



Prep Chatter

With James Cuthbertson

A modest proposal for passing the SAT for black athletes and other athletes who are interested in passing:

START:

- 7th grade** - Sign up for Algebra, Regular English, French-Spanish-German, Physical Science.
 - 8th grade** - Sign up for Algebra, Regular English, French-Spanish-German, Earth Science.
 - 9th grade** - Sign up for college preparatory courses and take the SAT in the spring for the first time.
 - 10th grade** - Take the SAT in the fall and spring and gauge your scores while participating in a college preparatory curriculum.
 - 11th grade** - Take the SAT in the fall and spring and gauge your scores while still taking college prep courses.
 - 12th grade** - Take the SAT in the fall and spring if you have not received the prescribed score. By this time with seven opportunities to take the test, you should have made the prescribed 700 score. The SAT is as much psych as it is difficult. You have to go into it with the right frame of mind and be ready to perform.
- The biggest mistake that athletes make is the limited number of times they take the test. They do not become acclimated to it.



The conference tournaments for the two local conferences begin on February 23 and last through February 27. The sectionals, in which five teams from each conference will be invited, will be held from March 2-7. I am going out on a limb and predicting the teams that will go from each conference. I believe one team, North Mecklenburg, is good enough to advance to the regionals on March 12-14. The state championship will be held March 21 at the Deandome in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



From the Southwestern 4A Conference: Myers Park, Independence, Garinger, East Mecklenburg, Hunter Huss.
From the Tri-County 4A Conference: North Mecklenburg, East Gaston, West Charlotte, Olympic, Crest.

METROPOLITAN RANKINGS: BOYS

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

METROPOLITAN RANKINGS: GIRLS

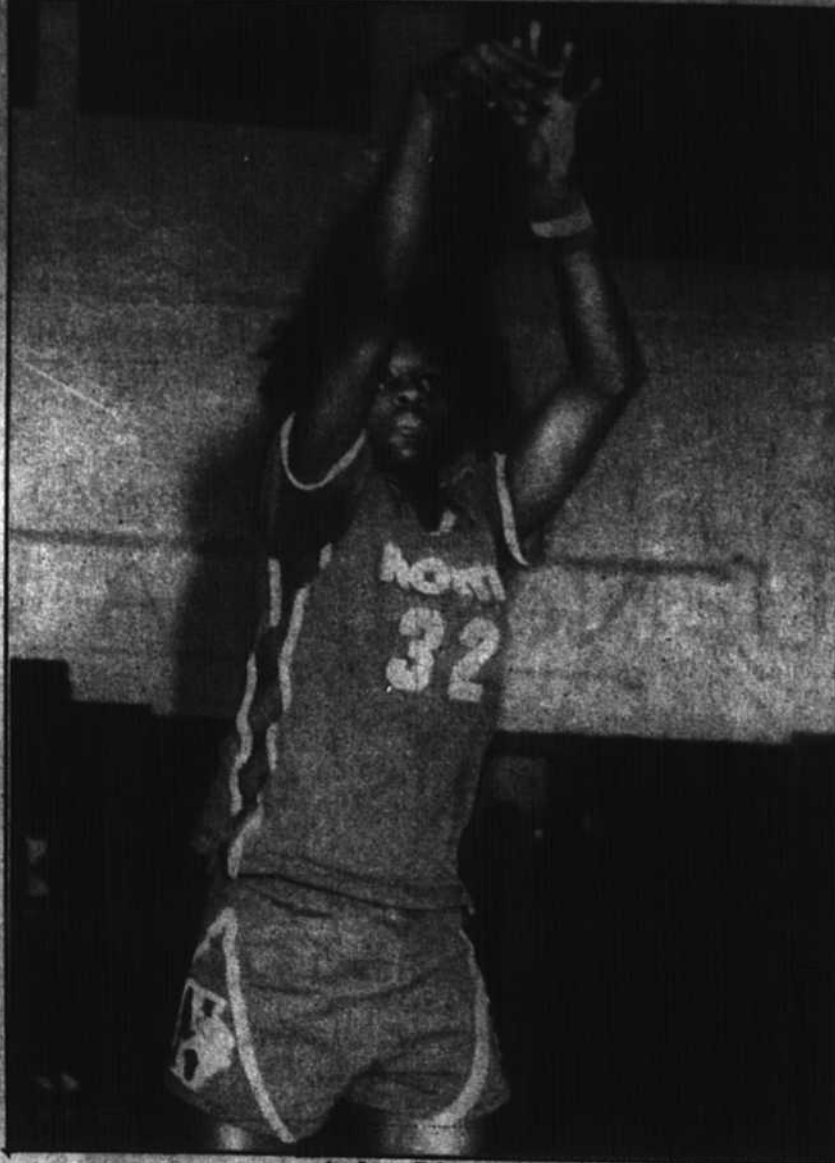
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THE LADIES OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA

Jill Hensley of Crest scored 20 points in the Chargers' win over Harding High School...Aimee Sockwell had 17 points and Rhonda Bentley had 14 points for West Charlotte in a win over Olympic High School...Andrea Stinson of North Mecklenburg had 24 points and Sharon Stinson had 10 as the Lady Vikings beat West Mecklenburg...Lori Helton had 16 for West Mecklenburg in the loss...Robin Brown of South Mecklenburg had 14 as South Mecklenburg beat Hunter Huss.

THE MEN OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA

Antoine Rivers, reserve guard for West Charlotte, scored 16 points for West Charlotte in the win over Olympic...Byron Davis of Olympic scored 16 points in the loss...Bobby Bell of Crest scored 26 points as the Chargers won in overtime, 72-70...Robert Johnson had 28 points for the Harding Rams...Darren Stinson abused Ashbrook with 21 points as the Wildcats escaped with a narrow victory...Shane Trull of East Gaston hit 22 in the Warriors' 61-57 win over East Mecklenburg...Maurice Flowers had 19 in the loss...Larry Crowder of Myers Park had 23 in the win over Independence...Rodney Farrington had 25 for the Patriots...Kenneth Wylie had 22 for the North Mecklenburg Vikings in their win over West Mecklenburg, 100-66.



Andrea Stinson

Andrea Stinson Scores 24

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Senior All-American Andrea Stinson led the North Mecklenburg Vikings to a 57-42 win over the Lady Warriors of East Gaston.

Stinson had 24 points. She is this week's "Player of the Week."

She glides like a gazelle across the court. She is highly rated and recruited by many colleges throughout the United States.

Andrea is averaging 26 plus points per game and in she has out-scored the entire opponent on two occasions.

Early in her career, coach Carol Mizelle said that she was one of the best that he has ever seen.

And I think that she is one of the best around.

Other good games were turned in by Tina Tucker and Lori Helton of West Mecklenburg who had 26 and 22 points, respectively.

Shane Trull of East Gaston had 28 points in an 81-68 win over East Gaston.

Jules Springs of West Charlotte had 18 points in a 49-34 win over West Mecklenburg.

Dwayne Brice of Hunter Huss scored 23 in a 66-64 loss to East Mecklenburg.

Anthony Truesdale scored 22 points in leading East Mecklenburg to a 66-64 win over Huss.

Terry Massey scored 24 points in Myers Park's 73-52 win over South Mecklenburg.

Teo Burton had 29 points for Crest as they beat Olympic, 61-60.

Patrick Floyd had 24 and Byron Davis had 22 in the loss to Crest.

Darren Stinson of Garinger had 23 in a 99-69 win over Harding.

Bryson, Sharpe

Earn

NAIA Honors

Hickory - For the second straight year, Lenoir-Rhyne grid standouts Brian Bryson and Smith Sharpe have earned NAIA Academic All-American honors.

Bryson and Sharpe were among some 44 NAIA Division I players named to the squad. Fourteen of the 44, including Bryson and Sharpe, were repeats from last year's team.

Bryson, a 5'10", 175-pound quarterback, earned first-team All-District 26, second-time All-SAC 8 and honorable mention All-Americans honors this year after being among the SAC-8 and District 26 leaders in passing and total offense all season. The Sylva, NC, native, who already is the Lenoir-Rhyne career passing leader, completed 131 of 250 passes for 1,730 yards and five touchdowns. He holds a 3.33 grade point average as a biology major and was recently named to the SAC-8 All-Academic squad as well.

Sharpe, a 6'1", 210-pound line-backer, was the Bears' leading tackler for the second straight year recording 163 total stops.



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