



Prep Chatter

With James Cuthbertson

It is an injustice to "us" North Carolinians that USA Today can name the top 25 teams in the United States and not mention North Mecklenburg's Vikings.

With Bobby Moore at the helm, the Vikings are one of the best teams in the country. They won the prestigious Celriver Tournament in Rock Hill, South Carolina, recently and are on their way towards a state championship.

Coach Robert Moore says that center Reggie Thompson is an expert on recognizing talent as evidenced by the conglomerate that he has put together that has produced the best regular season record at Johnson C. Smith University in 25 years.

The Southern Division champions relied heavily on another Charlotte product, Reggie Moses.

The North girls are ranked highly, but the boys should be in the top 25 also.

Other standouts on that team are Tim Little, Nelson Frazier, Dedrick Robinson, and Kenneth Wylie.

The Vikings recently completed a deuce triumph over arch nemesis and defending state champion West Charlotte.

Olympic's Trojans looked like the Trojans of old when they took on West Mecklenburg recently at the Indians' home.

The Trojans beat the Indians, 84-57, with Patrick Floyd scoring 24, Byron Davis 19, Carlton Anthony five, Bobby Simond 14, Tyrone Long eight, Danny Cabie two, and Tommy Hicks two.

Johnson C. Smith has turned to Charlotte for a freshman of promise.

Maurice Flowers, 6'4", 212, of East Mecklenburg High School has signed with the locals and with him comes an outstanding basketball and football talent.

Flowers, touted as one of the best in the area, is the first major local recruit for the Bulls in five years.

Andy Muriel, offensive tackle, of Olympic, and Vernon Alsbrook, defensive back of Olympic, are other locals who have decided to come to Johnson C. Smith.

Coach Greg Richardson worked hard in his role as a recruiter to bring these top-notch athletes to Beatties Ford Road.

Also assisting head coach and athletic director Horace Small in building the J.C. Smith program have been Ike Fullard, Steve Joyner, Eddie Harris, and Darius Helton.

METROPOLITAN RANKINGS: BOYS

1. North Mecklenburg - With Bobby Moore, the Charlotte Post's "Mr. Basketball" averaging 21 points per game, the

North Mecklenburg Vikings could go far in the state playoffs.

2. Myers Park - Larry Crowder, Terry Massey, and Kevin Wilson give the Mustangs' an arsenal.

3. East Gaston - The Warriors led by Shane Trull have emerged as a dark horse in the Western Regionals.

4. Garinger - With Juan Mason, Darren Stinson and Nate Sanders the Wildcats could be the best team in the state.

5. Independence - The Pats with Rodney Farrington and Larry Blakeney are always tough.

6. West Charlotte - The Lions have dropped but with Jules Springs, Chris Welch and Steve Rivers, they could be a regional dark horse.

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

8. East Mecklenburg - Maurice Flowers, Antoine Teasley and Anthony Truesdale beat the Mustangs at Myers Park. They could be tough.

9. Providence Day - Dave Price has the Chargers headed towards another state title.

10. Crest - Tee Burton is gearing up and the Chargers are scoring and playing tough defense.

THE BEST OF THE REST

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

METROPOLITAN RANKINGS: GIRLS

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

TOP TEAMS IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

BOYS: Albemarle, North Stanly, Mooresville, Salisbury, Northwest Cabarrus, Wilkes Central, North Surry, Lincoln, R-S Central, Burns, W-S Parkland, McDowell County, Lumberton, Byrnes, Spartanburg, Lower Richland, Eau Claire, Sumter, Darlington St. John's, North Central, Lewisville, Blenheim, and East Clarendon.

GIRLS: Albemarle, Piedmont, Newton-Conover, Bandy's, Bunker Hill, East Rowan, Concord, North Iredell, R-S Central, Burns, Chase, East Rutherford, North Davidson, McDowell County, East Burke, Hoke County, Richmond County, and Scotland County.

Howard, A&T, Norfolk Take Interest In Moore

"I want the best for my son, Bobby," said coach Robert Moore of the Johnson C. Smith University Golden Bulls.

"He has the SAT and the grade point average to go to Division I despite Proposition 48 standards," he said.

Mr. Basketball is averaging 21 points per game and is rated as one of the top prospects in North Carolina because of his athletic ability and because he will have no problems getting into a major college.

The colleges that have come to the Huntersville address looking for Mr. Basketball include Howard and North Carolina A&T of the MEAC and Norfolk State of the CIAA.

"I would like for Bobby to play with someone who would get considerable television exposure," said coach Moore. "That's when an entire country gets to see you and you get more exposure."

"I am not really that concerned about where I go," said Bobby Moore, "but I would like to play Division I or in a credible Division II program. The main purpose is to get a good education that would prepare me for the future and I would like to study for a good livelihood after I graduate from college."

There are some who would like to see Bobby play for his dad at Johnson C. Smith University.

With Ricky McCormick graduating, the Golden Bulls will be in need of a point guard.

And Bobby Moore is tuned enough to play this position for the

Bulls, and Bulls' faithful are hoping that Bobby does not go to a school where he plays against his father.

Bobby said earlier in the season that playing for his father might be a good idea.

"Of course, he is the one who has helped me the most with my basketball ability," he said at the beginning of basketball season, "and I would like to pay him back by helping him strengthen his program."

Things are looking up for Bobby Moore, who has led North Mecklenburg to a banner season and has them in contention to be

Pervis Thomas

Ranks Six In Nation

"Very good quickness," "excellent outside shooter," "plays hard" those are just a few of the things that are being said about Pervis Thomas, a freshman guard at Montreat-Anderson Junior College.

Thomas who graduated from Garinger High School is ranked as the number six junior college scorer in the nation. This season alone, Thomas scored a record 45 points in a game against Morristown. His average is 29 points per game.

Thomas is the son of George and Mary Thomas.

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come the second Tri-County team in a row to win the State 4A Championship.

In a few weeks, we should have an idea of where Bobby Moore will enroll in school.



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