

SPORTS



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The Sounds Of Fury: A Night At A Hornets Game

The Sounds of a Hornet Game

... "Put it up Uwe (Uwe Blab of Golden State)" ... "Put in Tolbert" (Former Charlotte Hornet Tom Tolbert).

The air smelled of jalapeno peppers and the sparkling beer was illuminated by the shining lights of the Charlotte Coliseum.

J.R. Reid to Muggsy Bogues to Kurt Rambis. A score. "Brick." "Go Home Uwe."

A Great defensive play by Rex Chapman. A rebound by Muggsy.

"He is cold as ice. You are willing to sacrifice." Chapman to Muggsy to Kurt Rambis.

"I sure would like to see that again." Tripucka to Muggsy to Chapman.

Three point field goal by Rex Chapman. The quarter ends.

Hornets 29, Golden State Warriors 22.

"He was holding. Wake up, Hornets. Come on."

"Hornets' basket by Number 30, Dell Curry."

"Hornets' basket by Number 23, Terry Dozier."

"Hornets' basket by Number 32, Brian Rowson."

A steal by Dell Curry.

"The halftime score is 51 Hornets, 51 Golden State."

"Hornets' basket by Number 31, Kurt Rambis."

"Hornets' basket by Number 7, Kelley Tripucka."

"Get it, Rex. Oh!"

"End of the third quarter. Golden State 75, Hornets 75."

"Not that!!!!!!!!!!!! Gosh Almighty!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"Charge! Charge! Charge! Jesus Christ!"

"A three point field goal by Number 30, Dell Curry."

"I think

"He intimidated that guy."

"It's a shot clock violation."

"Three point field goal by number 30 Dell Curry." "Charlotte 99 Golden State 98."

The end of the game.

The crowd stood cheering noisily as the Hornets had won number two, their second straight on the home court. "It makes you want to SHOUT."

Post game sounds.

"That was a super game. When you come from behind and against a good team, I think we deserved to win," Coach Dick Harter.

"I took too long on the shot from the corner that I had missed. Muggsy was good at knowing how much time was left. He could have taken the jumper also. I knew that we did not have but 14 seconds to run the play and we had used most of it. Muggsy had to make a real good pass. Rex or I had the option. I knew it was in. When you shoot the ball, you have a pretty good idea when it is going in. The key for us this season will be to stay close and maybe have a big play at the end. It felt great." Dell Curry.

"The miss that Dell had stunned me. But he is the type of shooter who can really come back," Muggsy Bogues.

"The Charlotte Hornets are exciting this year. They were exciting last year," Donn Nelson, Golden State head coach.

Week 3 Of High School Playoffs Predictions

THE PREDICTIONS

Asheville Reynolds 12-0 at Independence 10-2

The Patriots played in a tough conference and, in tight games, this will be helpful. Look for the Pats to advance to the Final Four. INDEPENDENCE 21, ASHEVILLE REYNOLDS 16

West Forsyth 11-0 at Harding 9-3

The Rams are another team that had to fight to get to the quarter-finals through a tough conference that included West Mecklenburg and West Charlotte. Entering as the number three seed, this team who made it to the semifinals last year finally won a game that I predicted they would win. Let's go again with the Rams in a big upset. HARDING 24, WEST FORSYTH 17

Yadkin Starmount at Charlotte Catholic 9-2

This is a safe bet. With Vee Hood, the Cougars move on to the next round. CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC 24, STARMOUNT 8

THE RANKINGS

1. INDEPENDENCE- The Pats keep moving.

2. HARDING- A big win over West Mecklenburg!

3. CATHOLIC- The Cougars stunned unbeaten Newton-Conover.

4. GARINGER- What a great season for the Wildcats.

6. WEST MECKLENBURG- As the Indians look forward to Maceo Bolin's senior season, they look towards a dynasty.

7. SOUTH MECKLENBURG- The Sabres have turned the program around.

8. CHARLOTTE LATIN- The Hawks flew high this year.

9. EAST MECKLENBURG- The Eagles still hold a big win over the rampaging Rams. That was a good game.

10. HUNTER HUSS- Hats off to the Gastonia Huskies.

A&T Faces UNCC 49ers

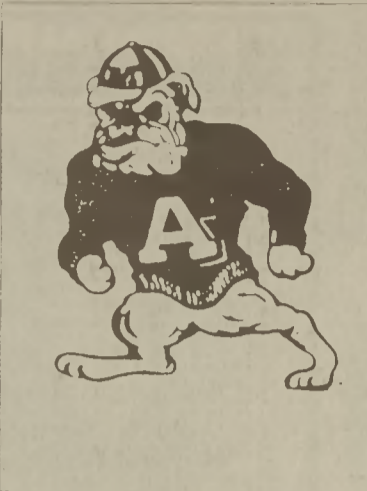
By HERB WHITE
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When UNC Charlotte and N.C. A&T step on the Charlotte Coliseum floor Monday, two young teams will be out to prove something.

The 49ers will be out to prove that UNCC is better than the preseason fifth-place finish forecast by Sun Belt conference coaches.

The Aggies, who failed to make the NCAA playoffs for the first time in seven years, feel they're capable of finishing better than the sixth spot MEAC coaches figure.

UNCC is led by sophomore guard Henry Williams and senior center Cedric Ball. Williams is the leading returning scorer for the 49ers, while Ball is being counted on to provide a major portion of the inside points.



"Cedric Ball has meant more to our team than even his stats say," said UNCC coach Jeff Mullins. "The success we've had has been when Cedric has been ell-



gible. I think this will be Cedric's best year."

A&T, coming off a 9-18 season, its first losing campaign in nine years, lost its first game of the

year 66-67 to St. John's in the Dodge NIT. The Aggies have a proven scorer of its own in point guard Glen Taggart, who made the transition from shooting guard last year.

Charlotte's Bobby Moore and a host of others will fight for playing time in Aggies' coach Don Corbett's scheme. Dana Elliot, a 6-5 guard and 6-8 center Colin Spady are expected to provide some badly-needed help once they become familiar with A&T's system.

UNCC will be short on experience but long on speed, Mullins said.

"We're not very big. We're not going to overpower anyone, so we'll have to push the ball more. It's the natural fit," he said.

NFL Bans Manley

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WASHINGTON (AP) --- The Washington Redskins knew too well that the child-like frailties of Dexter Manley made him susceptible to dependency on mood-altering drugs.

The Redskins were hoping that Manley could overcome his addiction to drugs, but the revelation that he had tested positive for cocaine hardly came as a surprise. Like bettors who wager on a longshot, Washington coaches took a chance that the stellar defensive end would break a losing pattern and come up a winner.

Instead, Manley was cited for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy for a third time earning an indefinite suspension from the league. It is the opinion of former Redskins general manager Bobby Beathard that it was only a matter of time before Manley -- a human time bomb -- exploded.

"I'm not surprised and I don't think the people at Redskin Park were surprised," Beathard said Sunday on NBC's NFL Live. "I think it wasn't 'if' this happened to Dexter, it was just 'when' it was going to happen to Dexter."

Beathard, who resigned his job with the Redskins earlier this year, said team officials were getting fed up with Manley's off-the-field antics. And, although Manley had a team-high nine sacks this season, Beathard said the Washington hierarchy had somewhat soured on his play of late.

"For the last couple of seasons, they haven't been happy with Dexter, from either a player's standpoint or a personal standpoint," Beathard said. "His erratic behavior has even led a lot of people at Redskin Park to say 'How can we get rid of Dexter, we've got to trade him, get somebody to take his place.'"

"His play has been declining. After 10 games this year, the guy has 12 tackles," Beathard added. "From a football standpoint, I think the Redskins are better off without Dexter Manley."

Manley thrived on the attention he received as a football player and a source said he has still not accepted his suspension, saying the test was erroneous. The source said Manley, despite evidence to the contrary, denies he used drugs this season.

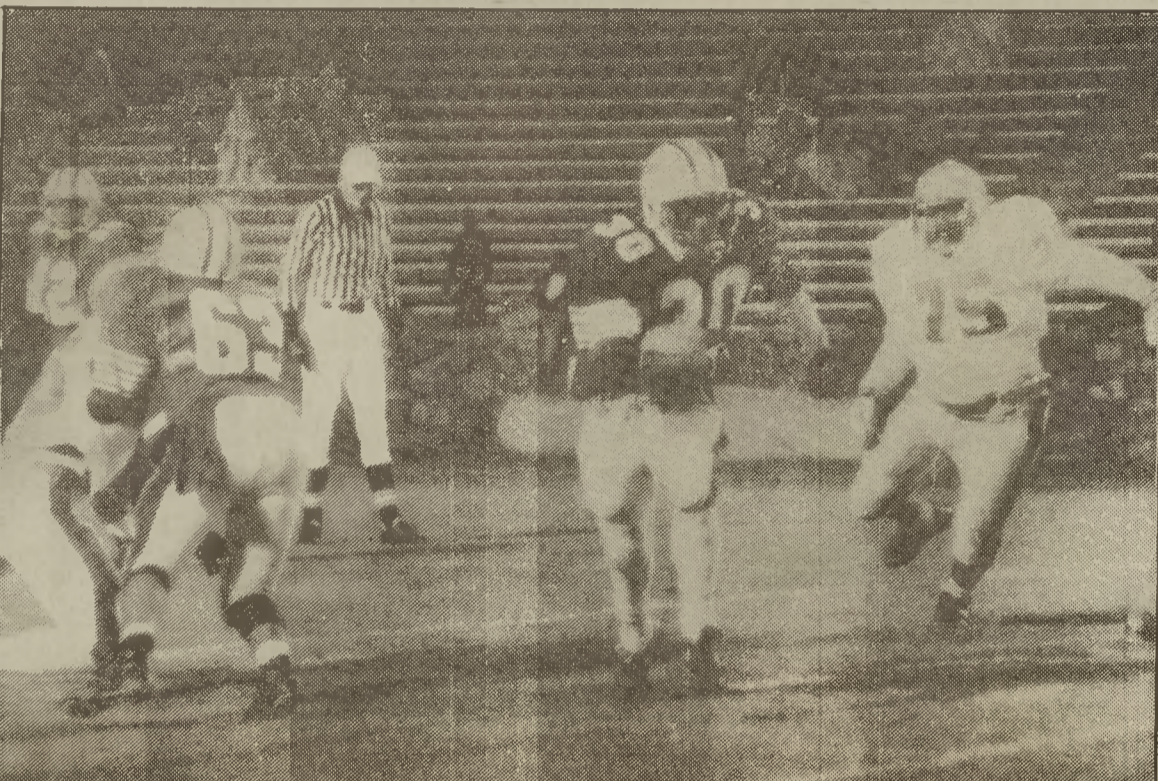
While Manley is staying quiet these days, in years past he was always saying something outlandish to draw attention to himself.

Since joining the Redskins in 1981, his mouth has drawn him as many headlines as his sacks. But the biggest headlines came in 1987, when he entered a drug-rehabilitation clinic; in 1988, when he received a 30-day suspension for cocaine-use; and this weekend, when he was banished from the league.

Months ago, Manley and cornerback Barry Wilburn (who was suspended this month) already were being eyed by Washington coach Joe Gibbs, who was well aware of the problems both faced because of drugs.

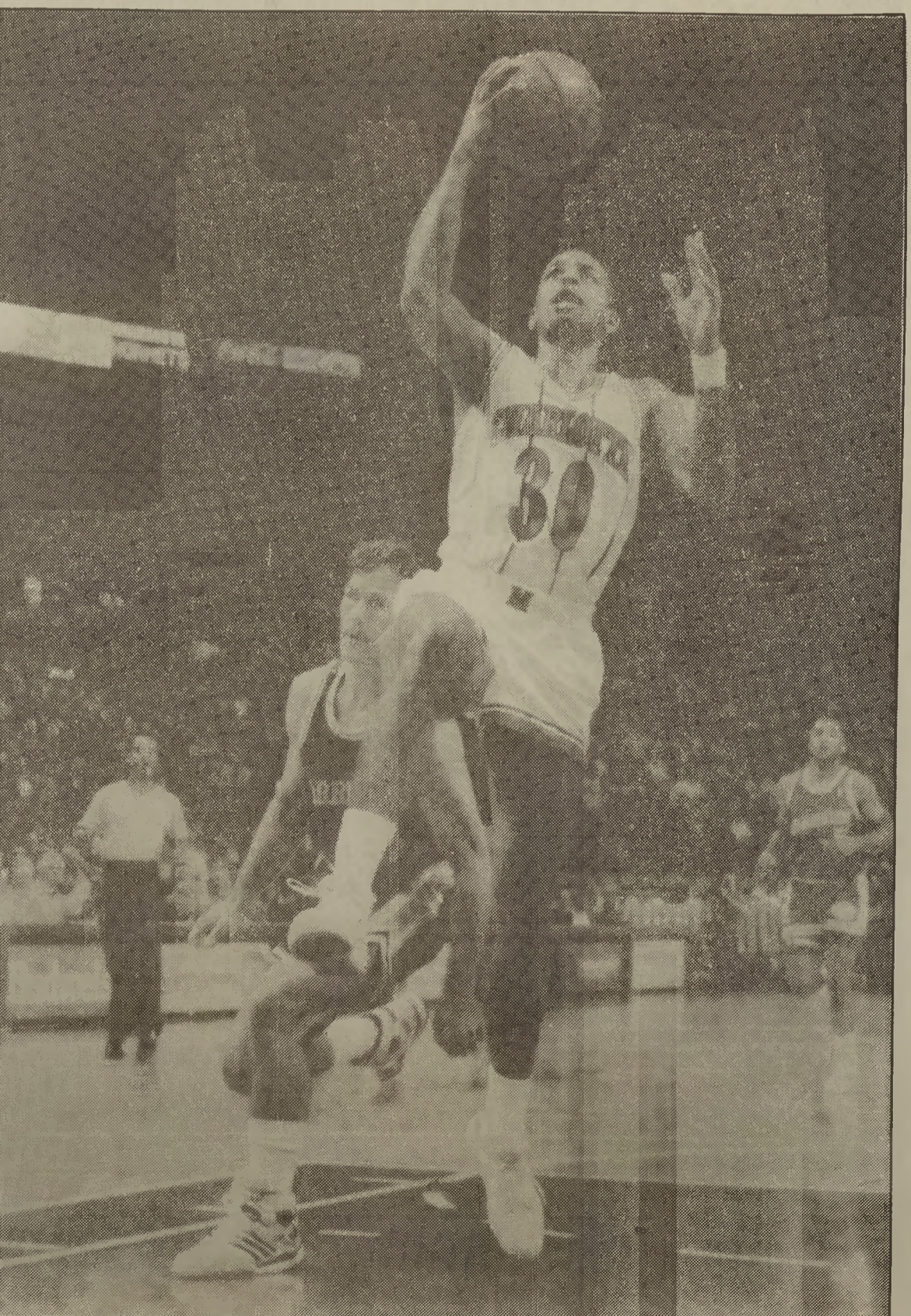
"I kind of knew when we were coming into the season," Gibbs said. "I knew that there was a potential and I knew where the problems could be and maybe we've lived with it for a while."

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Ronnie Killings of Harding (30) rumbles for a gain against West Mecklenburg last week at Memorial Stadium. The Rams beat westside rival

and Tri-County foe West Mecklenburg 35-0 in the second round of the N.C. 4A playoffs.



Charlotte Hornets guard Dell Curry drives for two points in the Hornets' 99-98 win over Gold-

en State Friday at the Charlotte Coliseum.

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