



## INSIDE STUFF

By DICK DEVENZIO

The pressure is already obvious.

In Virginia's recent game with Athletes in Action, Terry Holland, known usually as the soft-spoken, gentleman-type coach, was off the bench repeatedly, complaining to the referees and one time slamming his fist down hard on his seat after his team allowed an easy layup.

Of course he was well aware that Athletes in Action had already played four other ACC teams and lost to them all.

He could use the excuse of having Kenton Edelin hurt and Othell Wilson suspended, but still the questions would begin earlier than he would like—"What's Wrong?"

"Are you aware that all the other teams beat AIA?" "Do your players lack confidence now that Ralph is gone?"

The easiest way to avoid all these questions is to win—something that won't be easy for Virginia to do this year.

The players very definitely feel the pressure to show they can do it without Ralph, but they don't appear to have the strength inside to do that consistently.

Olden Polynice, at 6'11" showed signs of brilliance in the AIA game, but the coaches were all quick to point out that he isn't nearly that good yet.

Having been a dominating high school player because of his size, he wasn't forced to develop the fundamental skills which he needs to be effective in the ACC. As a freshman, he will not be the consistent inside man the Cavaliers need.

Edelin's problem will be in having sat out so long with an injury. For an unproven player, it is difficult to gain confidence during the season when you're first struggling merely to feel healthy.

Jimmy Miller, at 6'8" is steady but not strong enough. Best of the big men is 6'9" freshman Tom Sheehy, who looks like he'll be an ACC star from the start—offensively. But the Cavaliers will be hurt a lot more defensively by the loss of Sampson than offensively.

It is simply too easy to score on Virginia inside.

At guard, the Cavaliers are tough. Rick Carlisle is confident and playing extremely well, and Ricky Stokes, known in the past as 'mdrezyoa' a hustling little man, has taken a giant step beyond that. He played yne of the West games I have evdr seen at the past merely as a hustling little man, has taken a giant step beyond that. He played one of the best games I have ever seen a guard play versus AIA.

He went 7-for-7 from the field, 8-for-8 from the free throw line, made numerous steals, came up with a half dozen loose balls and totally controlled the game. He will pick up a lot of confidence from this game, and from Othell Wilson's early absence, and this year he'll be more than an inspirational spot player.

Othell Wilson of course was suspended last week—for an outburst/argument in practice. It seems it was a rather dramatic event which Terry Holland handled skillfully.

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He has silenced the whole thing, giving Wilson another chance to grow up, while not losing the respect of his team, apparently having successfully persuaded them that Othell's competitive spirit and the pressure to perform were responsible for his unacceptable actions.

As a result, you can expect Wilson to be an important part of the team again, yet likely to continue his up-and-down career, sometimes playing excellently, sometimes failing miserably. Terry Holland summed the whole season intelligently saying:

"Our kids will feel a great deal of pressure to prove they are good without Ralph, and I think that will have a backlash effect early in the season. We will have to get that out of our system and realize that we can lose—and it is not a terrible trauma—and then find ways to win.

When we do, it will be a lot more fun, and I feel that by the end of the season, we will be among the best teams in the country."

I don't agree, but I do agree with Terry Holland's realistic approach and his quick response to Othell Wilson's lantics—showing him at the start that the overall atmosphere is more important than an early win or loss.

### A Word on NC State

I am still one of the skeptics—I am not yet convinced that State will be in the top four in the ACC this season.

But I am wondering if Coach Valvano really is magic right now.

The win against Houston recently was a bigger one game accomplishment than last year's.

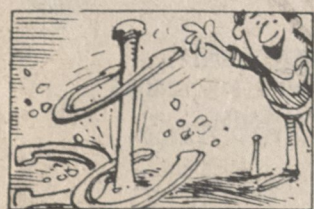
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## Belmont Youngster Is Shrine Bowl King

Michael Holloway, son of Mrs. Rebecca Price of Belmont has been named Shrine Bowl King.

In 1977, Michael entered the Greenville, S.C. Unit of Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children. By August, 1982, King Michael was to have been in the hospital seven times in 4½ years for five operations in an effort to make both legs the same length.

"They said I would never be able to ride a bike, but I showed



The length between stakes in the game of horseshoes is forty feet.

them. I did learn," says Michael.

Today, the Shrine Bowl King does indeed ride a bike. He also swims. And, this past summer the sixth grader played first base for a Gastonia Optimist Baseball Team.

Shriners operate hospitals for the care and treatment of crippled and burned children. Treatment is rendered without cost to the patient or parent.

The 1983 edition of the Shrine Bowl Football Game is slated for December 10th at Charlotte's Memorial Stadium. Proceeds of the game are contributed to the Greenville Unit of Shriner's Hospitals.

The All-Star Classic pits the very best senior athletes from North Carolina against the same from South Carolina.

# Kevin Mack Sets Season Rushing Mark At Clemson

Kings Mountain's Kevin Mack recently closed out his four-year football career at Clemson University by entering his name into the Tiger record books.

Mack set a season's rushing record for a fullback with 862 yards rushing in 151 carries. His record broke the old mark of 845 yards set by Fred Cone in 1950.

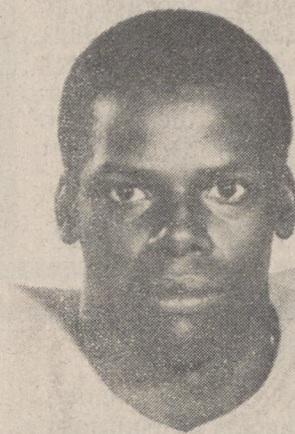
Mack's 5.7 yards per carry rushing average was the best in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the best of any fullback in the nation.

He led the Tigers in rushing in five of their 11 ballgames and

topped the 100-yard mark three times. His biggest rushing game was 186 yards in a 52-27 victory over Maryland.

Mack scored the most touchdowns rushing (8) of any Tiger back and tied freshman tailback Kenny Flowers for second place in the Tiger scoring race with 48 points. Placekicker Don Paulling led the scoring with 90 points, hitting on 36 of 37 extra points and 18 of 20 field goals.

Mack was the first fullback in 11 years to lead the Tigers in rushing.



KEVIN MACK

Mack, who holds the single season rushing record at Kings Mountain High with 1,585 yards, was a backup tailback for the Tigers his freshman year. He moved to fullback his sophomore season and alternated there for two years with Jeff McCall, who is now with the Los Angeles Raiders. Mack was the starting fullback in the 1982 Orange Bowl Game when the Tigers defeated Nebraska for the NCAA championship.

Mack finished his Clemson career with 1,450 yards rushing, 15th best in Tiger history.

## Deacons Win Three

Dee's Deacons won three of four games from The Awesome Angels and the Unknown Disciples and the Holy Rollers split a four-game set in Church League Bowling action November 17 at the Dilling Heating Lanes.

Tommy Barrett rolled a 123 line and 345 set to lead the Deacons. Mark Dixon had a 105 line and 294 set for the Angels.

Stan Barrett's 111 line and 308 set led the Holy Rollers to their split with the Disciples. Bobby Rathbone had a 127 line and 340 set for the Disciples.

### BASKETBALL

There will be an organizational meeting for the Kings Mountain Church Basketball League Sunday at 4 p.m. at Second Baptist Church. All teams are urged to have a representative present.

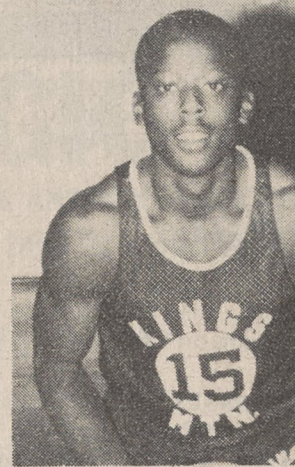
# Carl Smith Starting For Massachusetts

Carl Smith, former Kings Mountain High basketball standout, has cracked the starting unit at the University of Massachusetts.

Smith, a point guard, is the only freshman starter at UMass, which is trying to build a winning program under new head coach Ron Gerlufsen.

The other four starters were starters on last year's 9-20 team. They are sophomore forward John Hempel, senior center Edwin Green, junior forward Horace Neysmith and junior guard Donald Russell.

The UMass team opened its season last week with an 82-76

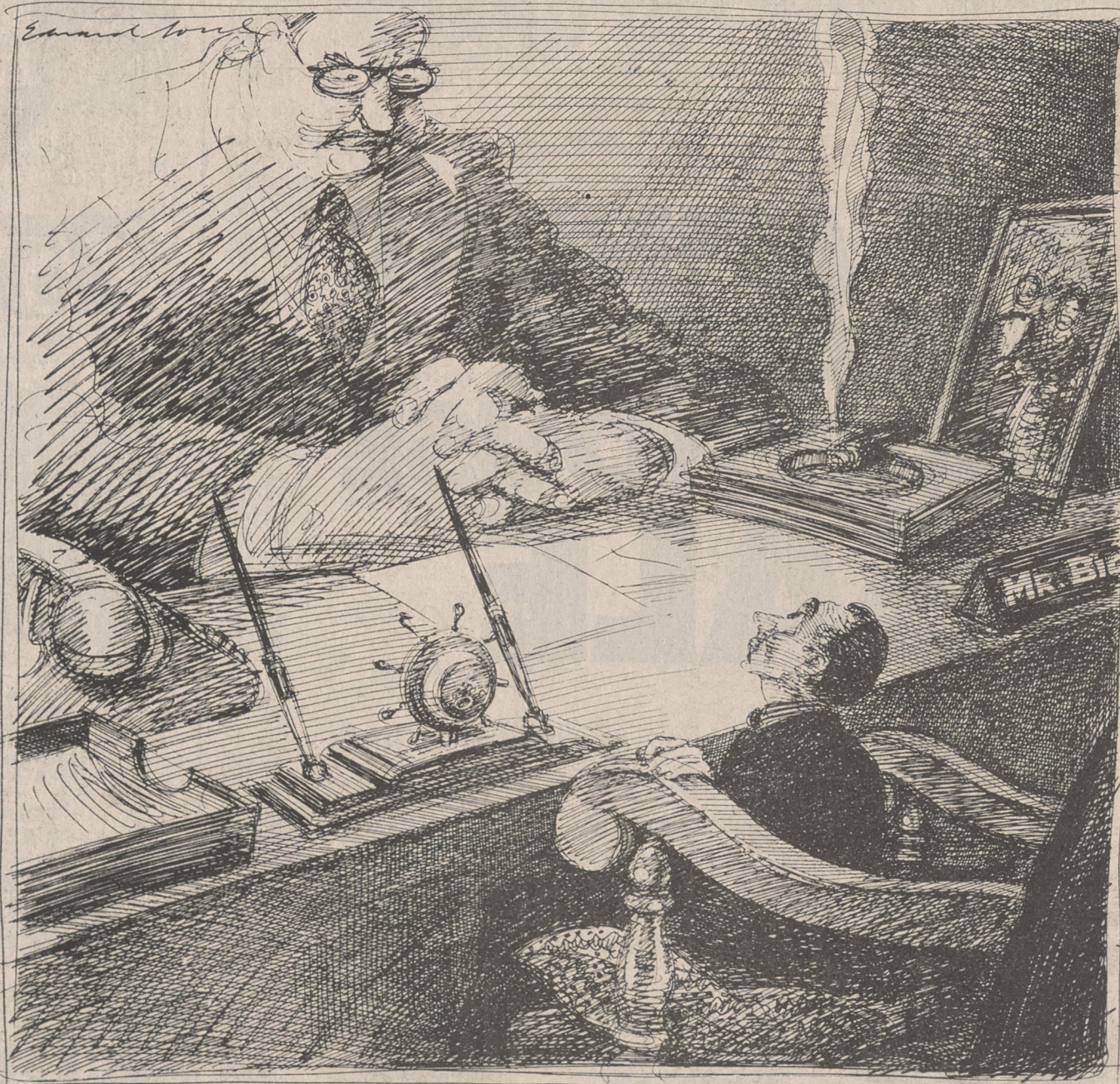


CARL SMITH

victory over the touring Yugoslavian team. They were scheduled to open regular season play Tuesday night against New Hampshire. UMass will also compete in the Stetson University Tournament next week in Deland, Fla.

Smith was a three-year starter at Kings Mountain High School and led the Mountaineers to Southwestern 3-A Conference championships his junior and senior years. He was Player of the Year in the conference both years. He played last year at Fork Union Prep School in Virginia.

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