

J.C. Smith Host For Tip-Off Tourney Thursday And Friday

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - At the start of the season, Joe Alston's J. C. Smith basketball unit was touted as the CIAA's team to beat.

The experts were right and to prove it the Bulls went out and lost three in a row following two homecourt victories.

"The coaches in the CIAA always put a jinx on us when they talk that Smith is the best stuff," laments the youthful Bull mentor.

"We're scoring over 105 a game," Alston injects, "but we're giving up about 104."

The Bulls lack of defense might be pointed to as the reason for the Herds present 3-3 record in all games.

Alston, however, may have found a solution for his team's dismal showing to date.

"We're going to slow it up a little and go for the percentage shot. Of course, we'll still fast break when possible."

In addition to the Bulls' lack of defense, Alston points to the absence of 6-5 forward Bob Butts, a two year All-CIAA performer out with a leg injury.

"When we go without Bob, we're losing 20 points and 20 rebounds a game from our first quintet."

Out for the past three games, Butts is expected to return to the line-up when the Bulls travel to the Windy City to play in the Chicago Invitational Tourney December 27 through the 29.

Alston's charges will be playing five contests in as many nights that week. They'll leave Chitown on Thursday morning

(30) and fly to the Queen City to play host in the Charlotte Tip-Off Tourney.

The Queen City dribble derby will feature small college powers N.C. Central, N.C. A & T, and South Carolina's Benedict College.

The Bulls will face the five day, five game schedule with hot shooting Willie Joplin as sixth man. The 5-11 sophomore guard leads the CIAA's Southern Division in scoring with a 21.4 average.

After breaking even in six contests, Alston still expresses optimism. "We're going to the top this year, despite our record."

The stretch to the top is a long way off, but with the offense the Bulls generally generate and some undisplayed defense, the Herd might get there.

STRIKES AND SPARES

BY PHYLLIS ROBINSON

Dedicated to Ross McClain who departed his life December 22, 1971.

Ross was well liked among his fellow teammates and one of the most spirited and good natured persons in the league. His average was small, but his ability and potentials were big. Last season his friends would kid him constantly about the speed which he used in his approach and delivery of his ball; But Ross could take it with a smile and continue to do that which he felt was the best way for him.

I had the pleasure of bowling on the same team with him last season and I know him to be a very fine bowler. He carried a 111 average and could produce some very good games and sets.

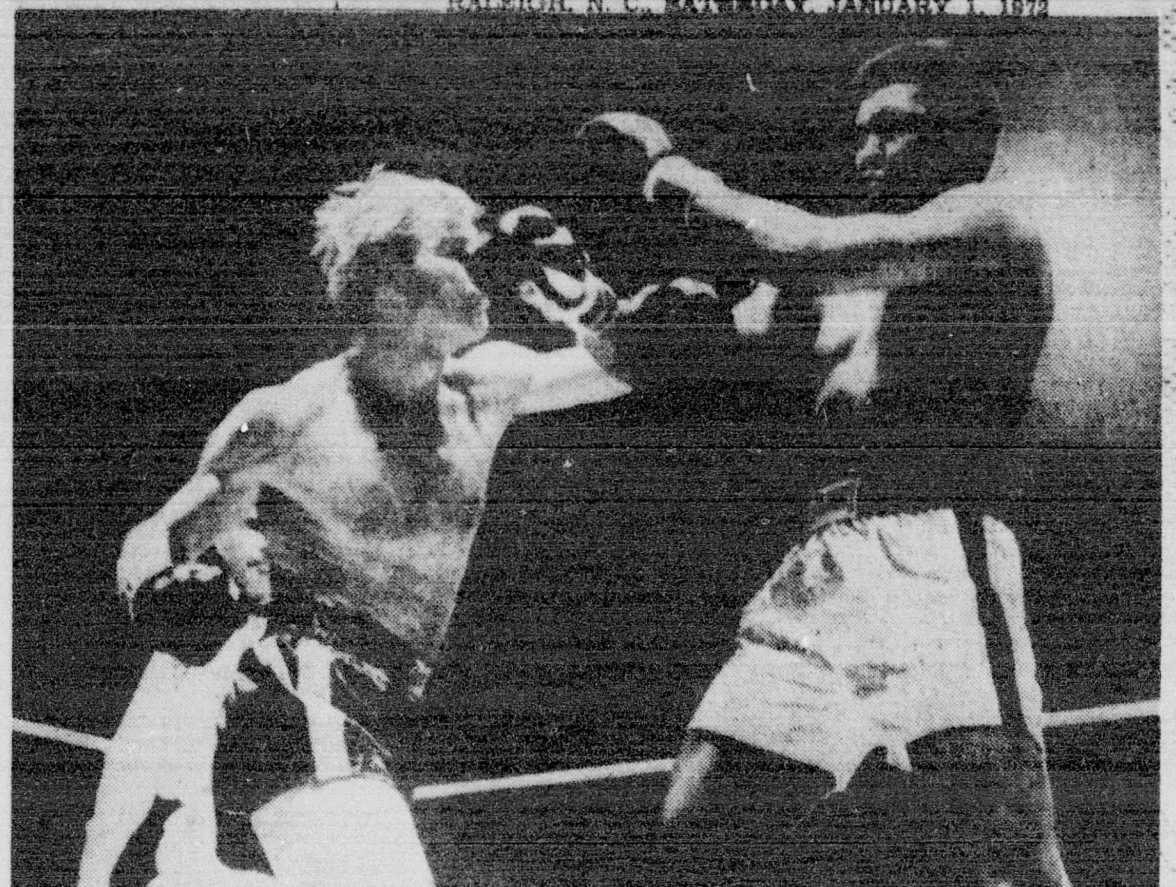
The members of the Raleigh Mixers and Ross's team which "he" named the Rookies mourn the loss of a fine person and a fine team member.

I can't tell whether the Mixers were recuperating from the holiday spirit or what, but it seems like things were slow at Fairlanes Monday night.

The biggest upset was the Flames shutout of the high handicapped hard to handle Rookies 4-0. The Johnson-5 took 3 from the 5-Aces. The Aces must be losing their lucky streak of the past weeks and passing it on to the Blazers who took three from the 5-Spots.

Outstanding performances were turned in by: Carlton Lassiter who had a hot 203-149-192 for 544 set. Stone Walker had a super bad 201-148-188 for a 537 set. Junior Brown came in with a 200-154-172 for a nice 526 set. Skip Lassiter 178-169-197 for a 544. Rev. L. Coppedge 152-179-170 for a 501 and Pearl Fowler had a 190.

Standings for this week show: The Blazers in first place with a 42-22 mark, The Johnson-5 in second with a 37-27 record. The 5-Aces slide down to third with a 34-30 slate. The 5-Spots, and the Flames are tied for fourth at 31-33. The Rookies are on the bottom at 16-48. And from the looks of things, next week will bring about a New Year and a new kind of bowling game. Here's wishing each of you a very Happy New Year from The Raleigh Mixers and myself.



ALI DEFENDS - Zurich: Muhammad Ali (L) and Juergen Blin mix it up in the third round of their scheduled 12-round heavyweight bout here December 26. Ali, the former heavyweight champ, koed the game German in the seventh round with a right cross to the jaw. (UPI).



TIME FOR MUSIC - New Orleans: University of Oklahoma QB Jack Mil-dren and running back Greg Pruitt (R) pause on arrival December 25 to savor a bit of jazz from the Dixieland musicians on hand to welcome the Sooners, who commence workouts December 26 for the January 1 Sugar Bowl and opponent Auburn. (UPI).

Howard Makes Challenge For Soccer Championship

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Collegiate soccer made its biggest bid for national interest in Miami's Orange Bowl, this week when the St. Louis University Billikens defended their national championship against the challenging Howard University Bisons, Harvard University Crimson and the San Francisco University Dons.

The Howard University eleven has been established as the most serious threat to the perennial National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title-winning Billikens. The Bisons are 16-0-0 for the season.

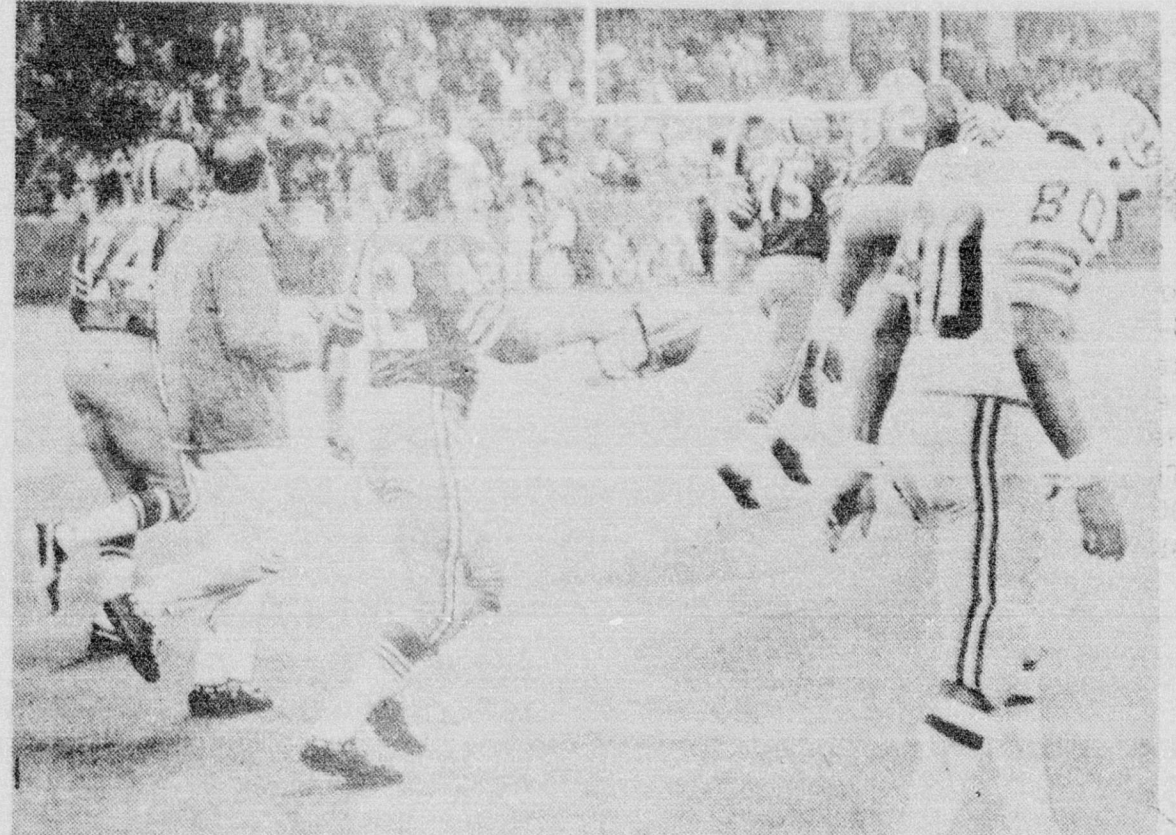
A former playing manager of the D. C. Darts, Coach Phillips discourages the student assumption that the Bisons will outclass the opposition. Admitting that he two Bison All-America choices, Keith Acqui and Alvin Henderson, are the best forward combination in university circles, Coach Phillips points out that St. Louis dotes on intensified team-play.

The Billikens have not been beaten in 33 straight games, while the Bison skein of regular season victories has climbed to 21 decisions.

Howard's Coach Lincoln Phillips said his team is pleased that at least 150 students are going to Miami on a special charter flight to root for the team. He warned student supporters, however, that Harvard has a brilliant and determined eleven. "After all," said the Trinidad-born mentor, "The Crimson defeated tough Hartwick (N.Y.) College, 5 to 2."

The series will mark the first time that Howard and es, of Black and non-Black Harvard, long considered the respective academic capstone education, have confronted each other in any athletic event.

At Edwardsville, Ill., a year ago, the St. Louis Billikens defeated UCLA, 1-0, for the national crown. UCLA eliminated Howard, 4-3, in the semi-finals.



SIGN OF DEFEAT - Candlestick Park: Head lowered Washington's Roy Jefferson (89) walks slowly off the field while 49ers Jimmy Thomas (24) and Doug Cunningham (42) race onto the field in jubilation following their 24-20 win over the Redskins. Forty Niners meet Dallas for the National Conference title January 2. (UPI).

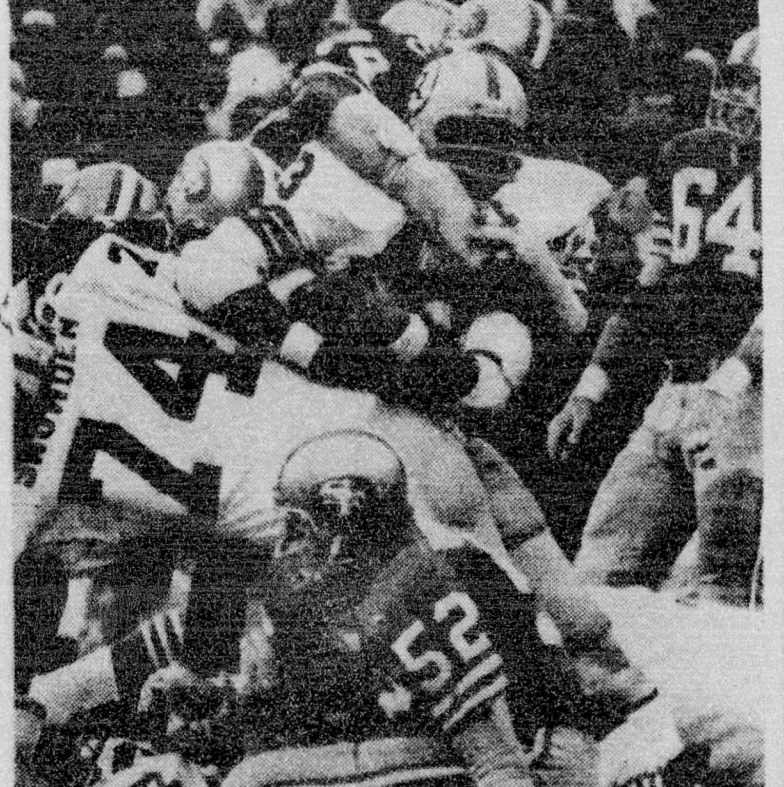
Ali Warns Youth To Shun Sports

Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali advises young Blacks to shun the "risky" world of sports when he appears on NET's "Soul", Wednesday, January 5, over PBS, the Public Broadcasting Service. Also on the show are singers Miriam Makeba and the Delfonics.

host Nikki Giovanni, says the Black movement needs well-educated professionals, whereas athletic careers too often result merely in wasted lives. "It's too risky," he says. "If you break a leg, or you don't have the talent you should have, you spend your life trying and the next thing you know you're in a certain age

bracket, you didn't make it, and they consider life a tragedy.

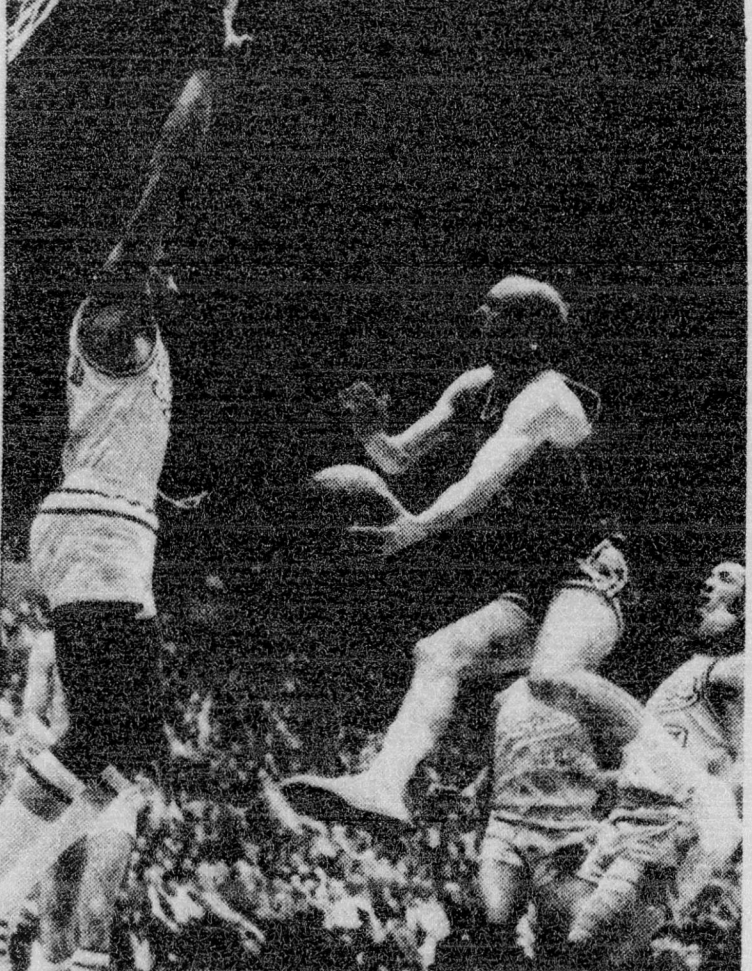
"Now that Black people are coming into power," he says, "we need electricians, we need mechanics . . . doctors . . . scientists. I advise them at three years old to start watching 'Sesame Street.'"



The former champ, who lost the title to Joe Frazier but remained a contender with his recent triumph over Buster Mathis, says Blacks should "use their brains and not their fists," but he quips, "if they do have anything to do with boxing, be the manager, cause usually they get all the money."

Of the present champ, Ali says "he can't box, he has no skill, but he hits hard—he hit me so hard in the twelfth round it jarred my knifolks in Africa."

Miriam Makeba, who also chats briefly with Nikki, sings "Brand New Day" and four songs in an African dialect. Miss Makeba, born in Johannesburg, South Africa, is a member of the Xosa tribe, a branch of the Zulu. Her South African citizenship was revoked after she appeared in a documentary about apartheid, entitled "Come Back Africa," which was smuggled out of South Africa to the 1966 Venice Film Festival. She is the wife of Stokely Carmichael.



AIR BRAKES - Seattle: Bob Weiss of the Chicago Bulls had to put on his air brakes when his attempted layup led him into the path of Seattle's Garfield Heard. Sonic player-coach Lenny Wilkens is at far right. The Bulls edged the Sonics in their December 26 battle, 103-102. (UPI).

CLOTHES LINE - San Francisco: Washington Redskins' Larry Brown (RB, 43) finds the going tough as he gains three yards in the 3rd quarter of the game with the 49ers at Candlestick Park December 26. Forty-Niners' Earl Edwards (RT, 74) puts the stop on Brown. The 49ers won, 24-20. (UPI).



ROUGH ACTION - San Francisco: San Francisco Forty Niners Ken Willard goes 5 yards through the center of the Washington Redskins line in the 4th period December 26. Redskins Chris Hanburger (LB, 55) tries for the stop. On the ground is 49ers Vic Washington. 49ers won 24 to 20. (UPI).

Maryland Deals Loss To Delaware

Delaware State of Dover, Delaware, Friday, December 17, was dealt its third basketball defeat in the MEAC, bowing to host University of Maryland-Eastern Shore 80-76.

Trailing 42-30 at halftime, Delaware State rallied in the last half to tie it at 52. Jack Bryant's goal broke the tie and put the home team ahead to stay.

Bryant was the game's top scorer with 19 points. Marvin Spratley scored 18, Tom

Hooks 16, and Jones 14 for Delaware State, which is now 1-3 in the conference and 2-5 overall.

Lincoln Host For Tourney

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. - The first annual Optimist Holiday basketball tournament should quench any area fans' thirst for well-played hardcourt action.

The two-day tourney, scheduled for December 29 and 30, will pit Southwest Baptist College of Bolivar, Mo., Lewis College of Lockport, Ill., University of Missouri—at Rolla, and the host Lincoln University Tigers.

The opening night will see Southwest Baptist and Rolla tangle at 7 p.m., while at 9, Lewis and Lincoln will meet.

The second night action will pit the losers at 7 and the winners at 9.

PARK CLOSURES

Lake Wheeler Park and Boating Facility closed for the season Sunday, December 19. The lake will reopen on a limited basis in March of 1972.

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Caldwell Named To Team

DURHAM - North Carolina Central University's junior split end, Jason Caldwell of Winston-Salem, has been named to an All American team selected by the Pittsburgh Courier.

The Courier, one of the nation's oldest black newspapers (established in 1910), has traditionally selected its team from among the predominantly black colleges.

The members of the team will be honored at a banquet sponsored by the Courier.

Caldwell, during his three years on the North Carolina Central University football squad, has caught 52 passes for 1,063 yards and 12 touchdowns. Because N. C. Central uses

freshmen on its varsity squad, Caldwell has one more year of athletic eligibility.

Omegas Sponsor Benefit Game

WINSTON-SALEM - The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mu Epsilon Chapter of Winston-Salem State University is sponsoring a benefit basketball game here Friday, January 7, against Johnson C. Smith University. The proceeds from the game will go to the Foundation for Education and Research in Sickle Cell Disease. This benefit game will be held in the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum, Cherry and Marshall Sts., at 8:00 p.m.