

St. Augustine's To Meet Shaw Sat. At Dorton Arena

SPORTS VIDEO

SUPER SUNDAY COMING UP
Sunday has been billed as "Super Sunday" and a more fitting name could not be given to a day when sports fans will gather around the television right after Sunday School or breakfast to witness two of the most exciting athletic extravaganzas on the tube.

When the schedule makers formulated plans to match the North Carolina State Wolfpack against the Terrapins of Maryland in a national televised basketball game, they had no idea that this game would match two of the top four teams in the nation. Because of the wealth of talent returning for Maryland this season plus the fact David Thompson, considered by many as one of the top ten players in America today on the college level, would be playing for the Wolfpack this season, speculation was that this Atlantic Coast Conference game would be ideal as a preliminary to the Super Bowl football game matching the champions of the two professional leagues. And what a preliminary contest.

Talent in the Atlantic Coast Conference is in an abundance this season and for this reason if no other, the seven teams are more evenly matched. The task of predicting the order of finish for the seven teams at the start of the season was put to one sportswriter and he responded by saying "put the names of the seven teams in a hat and pull them out at random and that guess will be just as good if not better than any prediction I can give you."

Let's face facts. One of the main reasons the teams are more evenly matched this season is because of the presence of the black athletes on the teams. The day has come when no longer does the topflight black athlete have to sit back and wait for one of the smaller schools to recruit him. It all boils down to the fact that if you are good enough, then your service is in demand.

But another question pops into the minds of many people now. Now that the predominately white schools are recruiting more and more black athletes, how will the white coaches be able to relate to the black athletes? In some cases this could be a problem and in other instances it could be helpful for the athlete and the coach. One of the ways some of the white schools have decided to solve this possible problem is by hiring a black assistant coach. Let's be realistic. In more times than not, the black coach is hired to be the communication line between the coaching staff and the black players. We are not saying that the black coach does not have the ability to help with the athletic programs at these white schools. But we are saying that his number one assignment is to relate to the black athletes.

But getting back to the quality of basketball in the ACC Tournament in Greensboro will be full of thrills and excitement. But before the three-day tournament March 8-9-10, the regular season is going to be full of surprises and upsets. The upcoming game "Super Sunday" is a great way to display the talent of basketball in this area.

PICK A SUPER BOWL WINNER
Referring back to the statement made by the sportswriter who was asked to predict the order of finish in the ACC, the task of picking a winner in the Super Bowl game is just as difficult. Personally, I refuse to predict the outcome of the game. All I can say is that two super teams will be battling for the championship. The question has been asked why has Washington been tabbed as a slight favorite? Well, I think this question was best answered by a former college coach when he said "I think Washington is more hungry for the game."

But on the other side of the coin, you must remember that Miami has to be just as hungry because last year the Dolphins went to the Super Bowl and were defeated by the Dallas Cowboys.

Maybe Johnny Wooden, head basketball coach at UCLA, had the answer to the Super Bowl game. Following his team's win last Saturday night, Wooden said that championships are won on defense. And we must respect him for his thoughts because after all he has won a few championships himself. So maybe the Super Bowl will be decided on defense. The team that can make the big play on defense will more than likely be the winner. Of course some other items go into winning like scoring some points. Also the team getting the breaks will also help decide the outcome of the game.

Anytime two teams survive the entire regular season schedule plus the playoffs leading to the Super Bowl, then they have to be the cream of the crop. So it will be two champions going against each other.

Regardless of the outcome of the basketball game between Maryland and North Carolina State and the verdict of the Super Bowl, Sunday, January 14th definitely has to be "Super Sunday."

RANDOM COMMENTS FROM HERE AND THERE
THIS CORNER HAS HEARD that Howard University will be forced to forfeit its national soccer title of 1971 because of irregularities of some of the players. We understand that some errors were discovered on the records of some of the Howard soccer players. Of course the coaching staff and the administration at Howard should not be taxed for this error but they will bear the blame for the error. We understand the players gave some false information to the registrar's office and also to the admission's office. This is a tough break for the Howard athletic program.

HOLLAND MOORE, BACKCOURT PERFORMER for Elizabeth City, likes his chances better in the ABA than the NBA. Moor feels that because of his size, he will be overlooked by the NBA. But in the ABA, Moore's speed and quickness will be more a value in that league than the NBA.

GEORGE QUIETT, WHO IS turning over the head coaching football job this year, will remain on the NCCU athletic staff. It is expected that Quitt will take over as head coach of one of the spring sports—either golf or tennis. Dr. Jimmy Younge, athletic director and head tennis coach, has reported that he is ready to give up coaching tennis. It may be that Harry Edmonds will switch from coaching golf to tennis and Quitt will take over a golf coach. An official announcement is expected from the athletic department at North Carolina Central following the NCAA meeting in Chicago this week.

JOHN LUCAS AND DAVE THOMPSON WILL FACE each other head up Sunday for the first time since Lucas decided to enter Maryland. Lucas and Thompson played together some last year when Lucas was trying to make up his mind where he would go to school. N. C. State was one of the teams in the final running for Lucas before he made his decision. Lucas and Thompson are the best of friends other than for the 40 minutes when they will be going against each other Sunday. More than likely, Lucas will get the assignment of guard State's Monte Towe.



ONE OF 21-80. Augustine's Larry Gooding (with ball) grabs one of his 21 rebounds against Johnson C. Smith last Saturday. In this photo, Gooding fights off the efforts by teammate Collins Vincent (54) and James "Twiggy" Sanders (42) of the Golden Bulls. Watching the action in the background is Charles Cooper (50) and an unidentified player for the Falcons. St. Augustine's won, 91-88. (Photo by Hinton).

Safety Tips Offered For Motorcyclists

The chances of being injured or killed may be as much as 15 times greater on a motorcycle than in a car, but there are some ways to narrow the odds and improve the cyclist's chances of survival. Using available safety equipment and shopping wisely for the right machine will help, but most importantly the cyclist must ride defensively, says Consumer Reports. That means "always expecting the worst" from drivers around you.

The consumer publication says its engineering staff believes a motorcycle with an engine of about 250 cc could keep up with most traffic, yet not be too heavy to push or hard to maneuver at low speeds.

Too small an engine can present dangerous problems, says the magazine, because any vehicle that travels substantially faster or slower than the surrounding traffic is much more likely to get into an accident than a vehicle that keeps up with traffic flow.

The January-issue report, drawn from experience with six motorcycles of widely differing sizes and weights with engines ranging from 100 to 750 cc, concludes that tires can make an important difference: "Knobby" or "off-road" tires with a blocky, aggressive tread pattern gave poorer cornering power on paved roads than did conventional-tread road tires; and they were especially poor in wet weather."

Wheel size was another factor in a machine's stability noted by the report: "Generally, we found that the larger the wheels and tires, the more stable the machine and the less likely it was to upset or to be knocked off course severely by road irregularities."

The Consumers Union publication urges its readers to be wary of motorcycles with dangerously protruding parts and accessories. Some models, it points out, have fuel tanks with filler caps that are hinged to open upward and forward. "In test crashes...such caps tended to flip open in a crash, inflicting serious groin injuries on the instrumented dummy rider."

Because of their greater tendency to rupture in an accident and spill gasoline over the rider and the hot engine, the consumer-advisory publication urges motorcyclists to avoid models with fiberglass tanks. Noisy machines, or ones that vibrate excessively, will tire out their riders prematurely and dull their senses. This increases the chances of a rider reacting improperly in an emergency situation says the report. It urges that before settling on any model, a prospective purchaser should take a road test to check noise and vibration levels.

A point is also made about the value of an electrical starter as more than simply a convenience. "If the engine should stall in traffic," says Consumer Reports, "an electric starter could get you going again faster than could a kick-starter, especially if the engine is large or hard to start."

While goggles or a face shield are important to protect eyes from dust and flying objects, the magazine says a good motorcycle helmet is most important piece of protective equipment one can wear.

The report notes that studies have attributed to head injuries between 64 and some 80 per cent of motorcycle fatalities. It adds that 44 states and the District of Columbia require motorcyclists to wear helmets.

"That motorcycle helmets save lives has been proved dramatically," says Consumer Reports, explaining that in states with helmet laws the drop in the fatality rate ranged from 6 to 25 per cent after the laws were enacted. It adds that when the state of Michigan temporarily dropped its helmet law the death rate shot up by about 33 per cent.

Falcons Gain 91-88 Win Over Smith; Bears Fall To Elizabeth City, 81-65

Throw the records out of the window and disregard all the statistics for both Shaw and St. Augustine's. When these two cross-town rivals meet at Dorton Arena Saturday night at 8 o'clock, records and everything else can be forgotten. What it boils down to is 40 minutes of exciting basketball with the players from both teams and spectators from both schools hooping it up for the first meeting between the two local institutions.

But before the big inter-city battle Saturday, the teams have other matters at hand, and they are games against two other CIAA schools before the Saturday night tipoff.

The Falcons played St. Paul's Wednesday night at the Emery Gymnasium and Shaw travels to Fayetteville Thursday night to battle the Broncos of Fayetteville State.

St. Augustine's won an important conference game last Saturday night at the expense of Johnson C. Smith. The Falcons broke open a close game in the second half and then held off a rally by the Golden Bulls for a

91-88 win over the Charlotte quintet.

The Falcons broke a 45-45 halftime tie by spurting to a 12-point lead in the second half and then held off a late rally by the visitors. The win for the Falcons was their second against a like number of defeats. Overall, The Falcons were 3-7 for the season.

Shaw dropped its second game to Elizabeth City within a week's time when the Vikings gained a 81-65 victory. Elizabeth City broke open a close game in the closing moments of the first half. The Vikings carried a 42-25 lead to the dressing room at intermission.

The Falcons had five players in double figures against Johnson C. Smith with James Cotton leading the way with 21 points. Charles Montague, who returned to the starting line-up after missing several games, responded with a 20-point performance against Joe Alston's cagers.

Larry Gooding, who led all rebounders with 21 retrieves, chipped in with 13 points. Collins Vincent had 14 markers and Calvin Rand collected 10.

The top scorer for the Golden Bulls in a losing cause was George Cooper who had 23 points. Willie Joplin had 20 points and Cecil Bradshaw had 19. James "Twiggy" Sanders, a former high school standout for Coach Harvey Heartley when both were at Ligon, scored 12 points.

Lonnie Smith scored 23 points for the Bears in a losing cause against Elizabeth City. Daniel Agee had 18 and Lester Roseboro 10 for Shaw.

Glen Wendley was the top scorer for the Vikings with 25 points. Henry Washington contributed 18 and Charles Carr 15.

This will be the first meeting of the season between Shaw and St. Augustine's. Last year, the two arch-rivals played three times with St. Augustine's winning two of the three games. The Falcons divided a pair of regular season games and St. Augustine's took the Bears in the finals of the Capital City Holiday Classic at Dorton Arena.

Heartley will select his starting line-up from a group composed of James Cotton, Larry Gooding, Collins Vincent, Ronald Richardson, Calvin Rand, Earl Brown and Charles Montague.

More than likely, Coach James Farris will call on Robert Smith, James Partin, Daniel Agee, Andrew Richardson and Lester Roseboro in the starting line-up for the Bears.



JUMP BALL. Calvin Rand of St. Augustine's and Stephen Joyner of Johnson C. Smith tie up the ball in the game last Saturday night played here at the Emery Gymnasium. The Falcons won the game, 91-88. (photo by Hinton).

Elizabeth City Gridder Wins NCAA Scholarship

ELIZABETH CITY - Darnell Johnson, senior mathematics major, at Elizabeth City State University, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for postgraduate study at the university or professional school of his choice. The award, made annually since 1964 by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, marks the first time that an ECSU student has finished among the awardees.

However, coming close to being honored were Rene Laughinghouse who ranked 35th last year and Shelton Bond who placed 34th among the 1969-70 finalists. The awardee from ECSU is the only student from a North Carolina institution of higher learning to be

awarded the NCAA scholarship and the second student from a pre-dominantly black institution to be so honored.

Johnson, a 6-3, 240 lb. defensive end, Portsmouth, Va., was nominated by Bishop M. Patterson, Chairman of the ECSU Athletic Committee and NCAA Faculty Representative. The nomination of Johnson was further supported by recommendations from: Robert L. Vaughan, Director of Athletics and Chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education; Thomas L. Caldwell, Head Football Coach; and Dr. Floyd B. Holley, Dean.

Chancellor Marion D. Thorne, reacting to the letter from the NCAA, commented, "In the scheme of things as we have planned them at the University, here we find living proof that excellence can be achieved in both strictly academics, which is a must, as well as in athletics and other activities. Of course this kind of achievement deserves accommodation and reward."

"As one of our outstanding athletes and student leaders, Darnell is very deserving of this award and recognition," Vaughan stated.

The 1972 "Viking Press Guide" pictured Darnell as being "A great leader. Strong against the run. A definite pro-spect." Naturally, his play and leadership were most valuable as rebuilding ECSU bounced back to post a 5-5 record, causing Caldwell to add, "Darnell is a fine athlete, student and gentleman, all of which were culminated into his being elected President of SGA and captain of the team."

Darnell does have plans to do graduate studies in mathematics, depending on his chances of being able to break into professional football. Married to the former Miss Stephanie Bailey, a junior elementary education major at ECSU, he is also a member of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



TAP IN - Larry Gooding of St. Augustine's (30) taps in a missed shot by one of his teammates in the game against Johnson C. Smith last Saturday. Charles Cooper of Johnson C. Smith tries in vain to prevent the follow shot. (Photo By Hinton).

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REPORTERS MEET SHULA - Long Beach, Calif. Miami Dolphin coach Don Shula is greeted by reporters as the team arrives in Long Beach Calif. to begin their final week of practice before they face the Washington Redskins in the Super Bowl January 14 at the Los Angeles Coliseum. (UPI).