

SPORTS



MICHAEL AND KIDS—Michael Jordan, the former star of the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill and now the star of the Chicago Bulls, really has a soft spot in his heart for kids. Recently, he said "Every kid that I meet is my kid. I treat them as my kids. I love kids and I love to see them smile, and I'd say within the next five years I will have a little Michael Jordan running around somewhere."

Jordan & Lawson Guests On Ebony/Jet Showcase

Basketball sensation Michael Jordan and actor Richard Lawson appear on "Ebony/Jet Showcase" the weekend of Feb. 5-7.

Nationally known basketball star Jordan calls time out from his commercial project with filmmaker Spike Lee to review his remarkable career. The North Carolina native, who leads the NBA in scoring and slam-dunking, says his hometown feared he'd get "lost in the shuffle" on the University of North Carolina courts, but says attending that school led to gold medal honors in the Olympics, a \$6 million, seven-year contract with the Chicago Bulls and numerous commercial offers. Jordan says his commercial endorsements are for companies that "reach out into the community to help individuals." Revealing his personal side, the 6'6" star talks about his love for kids and his plans for marriage and fatherhood in the near future.

Former "Dynasty" regular Lawson says a knife-wielding audition that could have gotten him arrested turned his acting career

around. Lawson, who won acclaim for his part in the award-winning show, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," is now working on the CBS show, "Silent Whisper." He discusses the importance of his role as Nick Kimball, the love interest of Diahann Carroll's character on "Dynasty," tells how dropping his character from the show may be shortchanging black viewers; and tells how he juggles his time as a father, drug counselor and band manager.

"I say that I'm a teacher by profession and a gospel singer by avocation," notes Sister Thea Bowman, the black nun with the opera-quality voice and African garb. Sister Thea decided as a child she wanted to become a nun and now inspires children to believe in God and themselves. This energetic nun who battled breast cancer twice, also teaches a black spirituality course to white priests and reflects on her message of hope, faith and love.

Plus, outrageous singer Millie Jackson says she's still "all the way live," and talks about her image with men today.

Deacon's Ivy Toughens Up With Each ACC Foe

In Sam Ivy's first ACC basketball game last season, Georgia Tech's Tom Hammonds took the Wake Forest rookie into the pivot and taught him an unforgettable lesson.

Though stunned in his ACC debut, Ivy responded. He got tough.

Ivy led Wake in rebounding and ranked second in scoring his freshman season. In the rematch with Tech, he also did some "in-your-face" shooting with a 25-point effort. He was runner-up to North Carolina's J.R. Reid in the ACC Rookie of the Year voting.

Since that time, the 6'7" Deacon forward has become stronger, smarter and more skillful, to a great extent because of a stringent weightlifting program and experience in last summer's U.S. Olympic Festival. Results of his work ethic are revealed in the averages—18.0 points and 6.8 rebounds per game going into Thursday's matchup against North Carolina. Heading into the contest, he also had a 56.3 percent field goal touch, 14 blocked shots for the season and 17 steals.

Ivy modestly views his performance as "okay" but constantly searches his game for flaws. Free-throw shooting, boxing out, defense and rebounding are areas he insists can be upgraded.

Thursday, Ivy tested himself against North Carolina and the rugged Reid, whose wide shadow often dims the glow of other good players.

"People are probably looking at us two," Ivy said of the matchup. "But it's not a personal [duel] with me, not from my standpoint. I was with J.R. during the summer, and he was a nice fellow."

Ivy isn't easily intimidated—not by the North Carolina squad, not by anybody. In two contests against Carolina last season, he scored 39 points, snared 17 rebounds and hit 16 of 28 shots.

On the court, he is a deadpan Deacon. His facial expression seldom changes. He's not big on high fives, low fives or other emotional shows. But a dark, competitive fire burns inside him. All Ivy does is score, rebound, block shots, make steals and play defense.

Despite his contributions, the Deacons are still not a winning team and that gnaws at him.

"Of course, it's frustrating," Ivy says. "I'm not saying I'm used to it, and I don't want to get used to it."

think we have the ability to play with anybody. We played the full 40 minutes against State (in a 71-67 upset), and that let everybody know we can win games."

Ivy came to Wake Forest from St. Louis, where his life was not always pleasant.

His mother died when he was a sophomore in high school, a hard blow at a pivotal time. He also had to work during the summers and after school with his father and four brothers as a janitor.

Ivy did find time for prep basketball in the winter and pickup games in the off-season. But unlike many standout high school players, he attended only one summer camp—at Missouri—during his formative years. And when it came to recruiting, Nebraska, Tulsa, Missouri, and Wake Forest were the only major schools seriously trying to sign him.

Ivy grew up admiring Charles Barkley and Moses Malone.

Ivy said he didn't particularly want to come this far away from home but he knew that if he went to a good league and a good school it wouldn't matter.

Norfolk's Archie Recently Feted By Athletic Club

Known as being one of the more colorful and respected coaches and athletic administrators in the CIAA, Coach Bill Archie was honored recently by the Norfolk Sports Club.

In a surprise presentation at the Omni Hotel in downtown Norfolk, Archie received the Tom Ferguson Memorial Award for being the club's Man of the Year in Sports for 1987.

Club member Don Fentress described the former Norfolk State athletic director as being "a tremendous force on the Norfolk sports scene for a quarter of a century, boosting and promoting athletics in the area at the college level as well as working with the youth."

Recently retired NBA star Julius "Dr. J." Erving, who was the keynote speaker at the banquet, will return to Tidewater in February to address CIAA student-athletes at the annual Basketball Tournament Tip-off luncheon, sponsored by Coca-Cola.

Walker Agrees To Help Arizona State Program

Leroy T. Walker, the former N.C. Central coach and chancellor, has agreed to assist Arizona State's troubled track and field program as special consultant.

Charles Harris (the Arizona State athletic director) called Walker and told him they were having problems out there and asked Walker to help them out.

Walker recently said that since it was two very close friends (Harris and Herman Frazier, the ASU associate athletic director) who were in need of assistance in a sport he has given all his life to, he agreed.

According to the retired coach, how long he will serve and in what specific capacity has yet to be determined.

Walker recently stepped down as chairman of the board of N.C. Amateur Sports, the host organization for last summer's highly successful U.S. Olympic Festival.

Harris announced last week that Arizona State head coach Clyde Duncan had been fired amid an investigation into allegations of NCAA rules violations.

Since Duncan coached sprinters and hurdlers, Walker said he probably would fill that role.

"But mainly I want to help them understand how to run a good, strong program without being in confrontation with the NCAA," said Walker, who coached at Central from 1945-74 before stepping down and then coaching the U.S. men's track team at the 1976 Olympics.

Walker later served as the NCCU chancellor from 1983-86 and is currently the president of The Athletic Congress, the national governing body for track and field in the United States.

NBC's 'SportsWorld' To Air F. Tate's Title Bout

NBC's "SportsWorld" will present live coverage of IBF middleweight champion Frank Tate's first title defense when Tate meets British veteran Tony Sibson Sunday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. Marv Albert and "The Fight Doctor" Ferdie Pacheco will describe the scheduled 15-round bout from Staffordshire, England.

Tate, a 1984 Olympic gold medalist, owns a perfect 21-0 record with 12 knockouts. He captured the vacant IBF crown with a unanimous decision over Michael Olajide last Oct. 10 in a bout curried by NBC.

The Tate-Sibson bout will be the first fight in three straight Sundays of boxing on NBC in February. James "Buddy" McGirt will take on Frankie "Panchito" Warren Feb. 14 for the IBF junior welterweight crown, and Darrin Van Horn will meet Ugandan veteran John Munduga in a scheduled

Antonio Davis Named Player Of The Month

Antonio Davis, who used up his eligibility with the Livingstone College Fighting Bears, was named the Miller Lite Player of the Month for January.

Through the first 10 games of the season, Davis led the CIAA in scoring with 34.6 points per game. He also led the conference in free throw percentage and was a 44 percent three-point shooter.

Tyson Tabbed Boxer Of The Yr.

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Mike Tyson, who made the second defense of his undisputed heavyweight title by knocking out Larry Holmes, was named Wednesday as Boxer of the Year for 1987 by the World Boxing Council.



DRAG THE MAN DOWN—Denver's Ricky Hunley dragged Oler's Alonzo Highsmith down from behind after a short gain during a playoff game in Denver January 10th. Denver advanced to the Super Bowl which was played on January 31 and they clashed against the Washington Redskins.

Arizona State won the NCAA men's outdoor track and field championship in 1977, but its program has been inconsistent since. In 1987, the Sun Devil men tied Clemson and East Carolina for 41st at the NCAA meet. Each had seven points.

Walker, 69, who produced numerous Olympians during his tenure at Central, said he would not be interested in the ASU job on a full-time basis.

Walker already knows the staff, having worked with it and some of the Sun Devil athletes last March while in Phoenix for a surgical procedure on his sinuses.

East Wake High AD Tells Changes In Schedule Here

East Wake High School Athletic Director Stan Terrill recently announced several scheduling changes for the Warriors' basketball and wrestling teams.

The Warriors' regularly scheduled Triangle 3-A Conference basketball games on Jan. 26 against Western Harnett are rescheduled for Feb. 5 at East Wake.

East Wake's scheduled Feb. 10 basketball game at Southern Nash were rescheduled for Jan. 26, replacing the Western Harnett contests.

The Warriors' scheduled Feb. 2 conference basketball games at Apex have been rescheduled to Feb. 10.

East Wake's cagers will also play at South Johnston on Feb. 15 in a makeup of conference games postponed on Jan. 15 because of inclement weather.

10-round contest Feb. 21.

Sibson, of Leicester, England, has a professional record of 55 victories, six defeats and one draw, and will enter the ring amid a large contingent of hometown fans. This is his third attempt at a world title. He challenged undisputed middleweight champion Marvin Hagler in February 1983 and was stopped in six rounds. Moving to the light heavyweight ranks for a while, Sibson met then WBC champion Dennis Andries in September 1986 and lost on a ninth-round knockout.

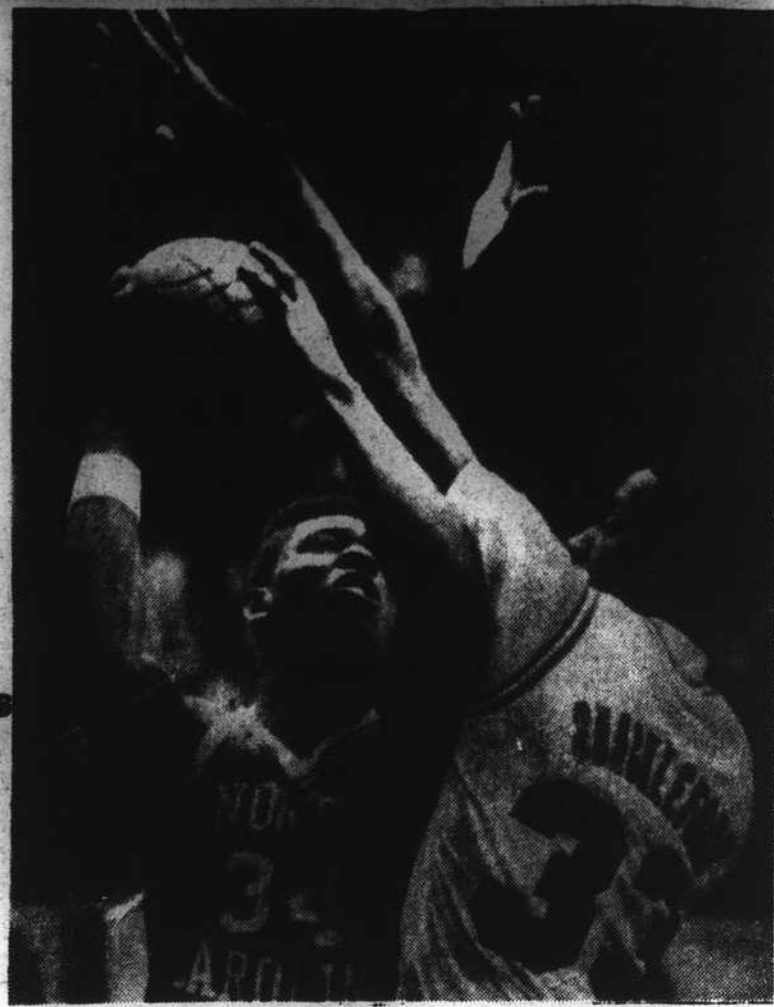
Sibson subsequently returned to the middleweight ranks, and in his sole 1987 appearance on Sept. 16, he halted Brian Anderson in seven rounds to win the Commonwealth middleweight crown and set up his showdown with Tate.

Though Tate captured three of his 1987 outings by knockout, his most outstanding efforts were a pair of decisions. The first was a victory over Troy Darrell after 12 rounds last July. The bout, telecast by NBC, propelled Tate to the championship match with Olajide. In that match, Tate wore down Olajide with a relentless body attack and was on the verge of a knockout in the late rounds before settling for a unanimous 15-round verdict.

Hampton U.'s Hardwood Ladies Keep On Setting NCAA Records

Although head coach James Sweat still considers his Lady Pirates in a slump of sorts, they keep on winning and keep on setting those NCAA records. The first record you may remember was set way back in November during their second game of the season when they defeated the Fayetteville State Lady Broncos 142-68 and broke an NCAA record for most points scored in a women's game in Division I, II, or III.

In their 140-65 thrashing of the Elizabeth City State Lady Vikings, they set a Division II record for most



HARD FOUGHT GAME—North Carolina big man J. R. Reid draws the foul on N.C. State's Charles Shackelford on the way to the basket during second half action. North Carolina won a hard fought 77-73 decision over the Wolfpack. In their next game, the Tar Heels lost as the Wake Forest Demon Deacons pulled off a stunning upset. In that game, J. R. Reid and his teammate Scott Williams fouled out.

Washington Elementary Hosts Science Exhibition

"Learning By Doing" is the theme of the Science Exhibition being held at Washington Gifted and Talented Elementary School on Feb. 2. Since October, students at the school have been involved with science activities under the guidance of a parent/teacher Science Project Committee. With assistance from teachers, the media specialist, and parent-consultants, students have identified scientific areas of special interest for themselves.

Teachers and students in kindergarten through second grade have developed thematic displays on the "Human Senses" (kindergarten), "Animals and Where They Live" (first grade), and "Weather and Us" and "Scientists and What They Do" (second grade). These displays will fill the halls of the school on the day of the exhibition.

Individual students in the upper grades (3-5) have selected experiments and displays to enter in competition for the opportunity to represent Washington School at the original Science Fair in March. These displays will be set up in the gym for viewing from 1-3 p.m. Students in grades 3-5 will be acting like scientists as they explain their projects to others. Judging for Washington's exhibition is being done by science teachers from six local middle schools. Almost 300 of the 450 students at Washington School are involved with projects and displays associated with the Science Exhibition.

Because of the widespread interest, Dr. Jack Wheatley, chairman of the Washington Science Committee and

associate professor of science education at North Carolina State University, is using this opportunity to observe changes in students' perceptions of scientists and what scientists do. Washington's students have been involved in a "Draw-a-Scientist" activity where even the youngest children can record their views of scientists. Wheatley will use these data to document changes in the students' perceptions over a period of several years.

Parents are in for their share of the fun as the PTA sponsors an open house at 7 p.m. as a part of Washington School's emphasis on learning and teaching at the Science Exhibition.

Contact person at Washington is Cindy Lanier, the school's science coordinator.

SPORTS FROM THE PRESSBOX

by Jim Fuller

Michael Tyson, along with his promoter Butch Lewis, have been literally boxed out by Iron Mike Tyson, so the self-styled "People's Heavyweight Champion" has shifted continents in his international search for a fight site, as well as an opponent.

Spinks, who knocked out Gerry Cooney last June and has since been inactive, flew to the Ivory Coast, a West African in search of his conquest.

Previously, Spinks and Lewis had their sights set on a fight in Brazil against that country's Adilson Rodrigues. But they canceled a December trip to South America to scout Rodrigues when that fighter's scheduled bout was postponed.

Spinks and Lewis will exchange honors with Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny. A Spinks spokesman has said there is "very strong interest" in setting up a Spinks bout there.

But who? Is the party going to be BYOO—Bright Your Own Opponent?

To date, the New Jersey Nets have lost a league-high 132 manpower games to injuries, and interim coach Bob MacKinnon is worried about the effects, especially on John Bagley.

"He has played a lot of minutes, maybe too many. It's not fair to him. If O'Koren had not been hurt, we'd have another man playing backcourt. But he can't so we've got three guys rotating, and only one—Bagley—is a true point guard."

Just what the Nets need: more problems. ©1988, McNaught Synd.

The Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci was assessed for insurance purposes at \$100 million—making it the most valuable painting ever.