

# SPORTS



**ALL-AMERICAN TEAM**—Shown above, (33), is Donald Williams, Jr. from Garner. Williams was recently named to the 20-man McDonald's All-American Team. (Photo by James Giles Sr.)

## Douglas Makes Plans To Buy Recreation Home

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Former world heavyweight champion James "Buster" Douglas plans to buy four acres in the neighborhood where his career began for a recreation and community center for inner-city youths.

Douglas disclosed last Thursday he will buy the near east side site from the Pontifical College Josephinum. The land was the original site of the college.

The center, costing \$2 million to \$3 million, will be developed in two phases over five years.

The first phase will include refurbishing and opening a closed roller-skating rink that is on the site. Rodney Rogers, a friend of Douglas and executive director of the center, said that should be accomplished by the end of summer. Boarded-up storefronts are also on the property.

Later work will focus on the 27,000-square-foot community center. Plans call for it to include an auditorium and gymnasium, Rogers said.

"Now that I've achieved my goals, I can hold the door open and help others achieve theirs," said Douglas. "Through sports, I can go and help others."

The Rev. Blase Cupich, president of the college, said the price of the land has not been determined but will not exceed \$1 million.

The Franklin County auditor's office lists the land value at \$125,200 and the buildings at \$155,500.

"We could have sold it to anybody, and probably for more money in the long run," said Cupich. "We're more interested in the sale including a buyer looking to help young people. This is a dream come true for us."

Douglas said the center will take the name of his mother, Lula Pearl Douglas, who died in January 1990, two weeks before he won the heavyweight boxing title. The development will be handled through the Lula Pearl Douglas Foundation.



**SIAC ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSIVE UNIT**—Atlanta, Ga.—Moses Brewer, Assistant National Program Director for the Coors Brewing Company (2nd row far right) and Eugene McCullers of Coca Cola, USA (2nd row center) join the SIAC All-Conference Defense Unit. The members of the unit include Ed Lighting of Albany State; Leon Crenshaw of Tuskegee; Corey Norwood of Fort Valley State; Eugene Brantley of Savannah State; Bobby Maddox of Fort Valley State; Todd Woulard of Alabama A&M; Mike Baker of Albany State; Robert Benton of Albany State; Desmond Brown of Tuskegee; Kareem Bacon of Clark Atlanta; Mario Black of Fort Valley State and William Garth of Alabama A&M.

## Hall Of Famer Wins Civil Suit

A federal jury has awarded baseball Hall of Famer Joe Morgan \$540,000 in his civil rights suit against a detective who mistook him for a drug suspect at Los Angeles International Airport.

The six-member panel found that Los Angeles Detective Clayton Searle violated Morgan's constitutional rights by arresting him without probable cause and using excessive force in the March 15, 1988 incident.

"I didn't do it for the money. I didn't do it to massage my ego," the broadcaster and former second baseman said of his suit against Searle and the City of Los Angeles.



**ASK BARRY**

BY BARRY COOPER

**Q.** What has happened to Ralph Sampson? He was the best college basketball player I have ever seen, but his NBA career has fallen to nothing.

R.P.

Dallas, Texas  
A. When both of his knees were healthy, Sampson, 7'4", was a marvelous blend of grace, speed and power. But as you say, he is nowhere near being the player he once was. Both of his knees are shot. I watched him play for Sacramento the other night and it is almost as if he is immobile. He struggles to keep up with the other players and he has virtually no lateral movement. But he is making more than \$2 million a year and he is going to continue on until his contract runs out in a few years. You certainly can't argue with that. For Sampson, basketball is just a business now.

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A. Haven't noticed anything yet, but surely there must be something in the works for linebacker Lawrence Taylor. Keep in mind it is a tough time for advertising right now. Not very many new commercials of any kind are being made.

T.R.

New York City  
A. Nicholson remains one of the top publicists in the country and he still is very close to Grambling coach Eddie Robinson and the Grambling program. Yes, it would be nice to see a weekly Grambling highlights show. I

have been saying for years that Black Entertainment Television ought to jump on that project. But of course, some of the other black colleges would grumble. But hey, life is tough. The black schools could use their version of Notre Dame, and that is exactly what Grambling was before integration began to eat away at their talent.

Answer to trivia question: Jackie Robinson, who also broke the color barrier in baseball, accomplished a similar feat in football. In 1966, he was the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, a pro football team in the now-defunct Continental League.

Trivia question II (answer below): Only two original NFL teams are left from the league's inception in 1922. Can you name them?

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Answer to trivia question II: The two teams are the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers.  
Got a sports question? Just write "Ask Barry," P.O. Box 681545, Orlando, Fla. 32868

## THE COACHES BOX

BY JAMES L. GILES, SR.

**GARNER'S WILLIAMS IS MCDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN**  
During a recent press conference held at McDonald's regional office here in Raleigh, Garner High prep star Donald Williams, Jr., was named to the 20-man McDonald's All-American Team. He will participate in the McDonald's All-Star Game April 6 in Springfield, Mass.

Williams graciously thanked God, his parents, Coach Eddie Gray and McDonald's for the honor.

"I grew up watching the McDonald's game on television, and the opportunity to play in the game is a dream come true," said Williams with a wide smile. "I am honored and flattered."

The all-star game will be nationally televised.

The UNC-Chapel Hill bound Williams becomes the 12th prep cager for the Tar Heel State named to the elite "dream" team since its inception in 1977. He follows basketball greats Brad Daugherty, Keith Gatlin, Curtiss Hunter, Danny Manning, Michael Jordan, Buzz Peterson, Rodney Rogers, Chris Washburn, Kenny Williams, Dominique Wilkins and James Worthy.

Currently eight of the McDonald's All-Americans from North Carolina are playing professional basketball. Rodney Rogers from Durham's Hillside High is at Wake Forest and was named to the 1991 All-ACC Conference Team.

At the end of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season, the four top teams combined played 16 McDonald's All-Americans. Duke played six; Carolina seven, Wake Forest one and N.C. State two, led by record-setting Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe.

Now basketball fans, you can make your evaluation of the significance of being named a McDonald's All-American.

With all the notoriety Williams keeps things in proper perspective by taking one step at a time. "My greatest desire now is to help my

team win the 4-1 state basketball championship. I am happy to have the opportunity to further my education and pursue a career in broadcasting. From the advice of my father I signed early so I could concentrate on my studies." Williams is currently maintaining a B-plus average.

On the basketball court, Williams is averaging 36.4 points per game and is on pace to break the existing state record. To maintain that average, he has knocked in 53 percent of his two-point attempts and 45 percent of his shots beyond the three-point line, while converting 82 percent of his attempts from the charity stripe.

Overall, he has netted 2,486 career points while establishing class scoring records his sophomore and senior seasons. His 873 points this year includes a career-best 55-point performance early last month.

Though he has been asked to carry a lion's share of the team's scoring, Williams has managed to dish out 2.3 assists and make 2.3 steals per game while collecting 7.4 rebounds.

On Monday night, Williams kept his number-one goal in focus by leading the Garner Trojans to an 89-70 victory over Oxford Webb in the first round of the state playoffs. Williams was the show as usual, scoring 36 points in what may have been his final home appearance.

The victory sends Garner to East Wake for a Thursday night second-round game. Garner and East Wake split regular-season games. East Wake also eliminated Garner from the state tournament last year.

Garner got key play inside from senior Kevin Wall and sophomore Tony Daughtry. Wall had 21 points and 13 rebounds while Daughtry had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

At the McDonald's press conference, Williams spoke highly of teammate Daughtry. "Tony has been playing well in the 'pit,' and we all think he will be even better on the wings because he is a natural slashing player," he said.



**RECEPTION FOR MANUTE BOL**—Manute Bol played another position recently as he spoke for Sudan aid during a reception held recently at Saint Augustine's College. Dr. Helen Othow, head of the English department and co-chair of the International Studies Committee at Saint Augustine's College greets Manute Bol, center, Philadelphia 76ers; as Anade Othow, lobbyist, Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association, RRA, looks on.

## George Foreman Blames Don King For Downfall

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Former world heavyweight champion George Foreman, who retired from the ring in 1977 after being defeated by a much less-experienced boxer, Jimmy Young, has revealed that the defeat was due to advice from boxing promoter Don King.

In an interview with Jose Torres to be published this Sunday in Parade magazine, Foreman recalled that King was in charge of arranging a series of boxing matches to be televised by ABC. "I fought maybe four guys," Foreman said, "and I was knocking them out in three, four rounds. That's when Don King told me, 'You know, George, the network loves you. But you're knocking these guys out too quick.'"

"I was not dejected by the loss," Foreman added. "I had complied with Don King's request of not knocking guys out so fast. With Jimmy Young, King had told me, 'This time we're gonna prove to the world and

show the TV networks what you can do. Don't knock him out. They wanna get more commercials in there.' So I went out not to knock him out but to go into the later rounds. That's what I had wanted to do, and I found myself using all my energy jumping around, doing things."

Torres, who was unable to reach King for comment, said that Foreman recalled "with sadness" how badly wounded Young had been early in the fight and said he stepped back to allow the fight more time as King had advised. "Then," Foreman commented, "when I went to knock him out [in the late rounds], I didn't have the energy."

Young won the fight by a unanimous decision.

Asked how he feels about King today, Foreman, who began a comeback in 1987, said, "Nothing he did to me have I taken personally. I consider him a friend... Business with him? Well, that's another story."



**BROTHERHOOD OF SKIERS AT SUMMIT '91**—Wayman F. Smith III (left), corporate affairs vice president at Anheuser-Busch Companies, and Victor M. Julien (right), corporate affairs director of special programs, present a contribution to officials of the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS) during the ski club's "Summit '91" in Park City, Utah.

Accepting the corporate contribution are Paul Ray (second, right), NBS past president, and Samuel E. Lawlor, NBS president. The Anheuser-Busch contribution will assist various NBS programs that support skiing among minorities and the training of minority youth to qualify for the United States Ski Team.

## Angry Atlanta Residents Want New Home, Stadium

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Residents of a decaying community making room for a colossal Olympic stadium have drafted an ambitious blueprint to convert their environs into a showcase in time for the 1996 Summer Games.

The plan by Summerhill residents calls for razing and replacing the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium with a park full of gardens and monuments. The park would be the centerpiece of a mixed-use suburban

village.  
"If we succeed in Summerhill, every neighborhood in this city and every blighted neighborhood across the country can duplicate what we did in Summerhill," said Douglas Dean, the former state legislator and current president of Summerhill Neighborhood, Inc.

The proposal, unveiled Saturday to about 150 residents, also pushes for new housing, retail zones and mixed-use development. Parking for up to 5,000 people would also be included.

The plan falls in line with a proposal to build the 85,000-seat Olympic stadium on the parking lot south of the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Dean said.

"Our plans are going to work with or without the Olympic stadium," he said. "The Olympics will enhance our plans."

Dean also has asked the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to declare Summerhill the official Olympic neighborhood and to start a partnership with Summerhill and the city.

"I think it's a wonderful idea and indicative of the partnership we intend to have with the people there," said ACOG President Billy Payne, who declined to comment on the neighborhood's draft.

Other elements of the plan:  
• Transform the Fulton County juvenile justice center north of the existing stadium into a center that would provide athletic training to young people.

• Create a mixed-use urban village a few blocks from the stadium.

• Erect a mid-rise apartment or condominium buildings with extensive amenities to attract downtown workers.

• Build an official mayor's residence in the heart of redeveloped Summerhill.

• Link Summerhill to Grant Park with improved east-west access.