

# SPORTS

## Perles Shows Off Starting Quarterback In Lansing

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State football coach George Perles showed off his 1991 Spartans last Saturday, but said he'll keep his choice for starting quarterback secret until Sept. 8.

Perles must find a replacement for Dan Enos, who finished his eligibility last year after leading the Spartans through an 8-3-1 season and a John Hancock Bowl victory.

He said he'll let his four candidates continue to compete for the starting job throughout fall practice. Freshmen reported for practice August 18 and the full team begins two-a-day practices Monday.

Whoever ends up on top will have Michigan State's fleet flanker Courtney Hawkins as a receiver and shifty Tico Duckett at tailback to round out a diversified offensive attack. The defense will be built around Perles' trademark 4-3 stunt defense.

"We'll make our decision on Sunday before the first game," on his television show, Perles said. Michigan State opens its season Sept. 14 against Central Michigan at home.

"We'll come up with a good quarterback. We'll be able to do some things. We won't have a whole lot of changes," he said.

## "Sleepy" Robinson Will Start At Quarterback

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — William "Sleepy" Robinson will start at quarterback when Mississippi State opens its 1991 football season on Saturday against Cal State Fullerton.

"There's no question...we'll start with Sleepy," coach Jackie Sherrill said Friday after his team's 2 1/2-hour scrimmage. "He's been very good in fall camp — very consistent and throwing the ball well for us."

Robinson, of Jackson, passed for three touchdowns and scored another on a 17-yard run in the Bulldogs' final

pre-season scrimmage. "I feel I've prepared myself well enough to go out and lead us to victory over Cal State Fullerton," said Robinson, a 6-0 195-pound junior.

Robinson improved 125 percent since he came to camp," receiver Chris Firlie said. "Sleepy looks like a quarterback standing in the pocket now. If it's there, whoever's open, they're going to get the football."

"He doesn't have the prettiest throwing motion, but the strength of his arm is not a problem," Sherrill said. "He can get the job done."



**SPOTLIGHTING A COMMERCIAL** — Bob and Spud Webb head to the courts during a break in shooting Krystaf's new kryss-cross cheese fries commercial. Krystaf's new spokesperson, Bob, left, and the Sacramento Kings' Spud Webb took a break for a game of one-on-one while shooting Krystaf's new Kryss-Cross Cheese Fries commercial. Kryss-Cross Fries are large, waffle-cut potatoes that have been coated in a herb and spice mixture, then deep fried. They are also available topped with a spicy nacho cheese sauce. The new commercial will begin airing Sept. 8 in many states.

## THE COACHES BOX

BY JAMES L. GILES, SR.

Defending champion Winston-Salem State University has been picked to win the CIAA football title this fall by the league's head coaches, and three North Carolina Central University players have been named to the pre-season All-CIAA team.

The Rams (7-4-1 and 4-1-1 in the CIAA in 1990) topped Virginia Union University (10-2, 6-0) in the voting. Both teams represented the CIAA in the NCAA Division II playoffs last year.

Offensive lineman Frank Wooten, defensive lineman Willie Holmes and defensive back Jarrod Chapman were named to the pre-season All-CIAA team, though the Eagles were picked to return to their communities as positive ambassadors.

Raleigh area players expected to contribute big to the Eagles' attack are Brian Battle, Michael Denning, Randy Grissom, Isiah Hill and Alphonza Carpenter, Jr., a 6'2", 270-lb. freshman center from Athens High School.

In the season opener, the NCCU Eagles will face arch-rival A&T Aggies, the MEAC No. 1 pick, in an afternoon game Saturday, Sept. 7, in Greensboro.

- COACHES' PREDICTED FINISH**
1. Winston-Salem State
  2. Virginia Union
  3. Norfolk State
  4. Livingstone
  5. Hampton
  6. Fayetteville State
  7. North Carolina Central
  8. Bowie State
  9. Virginia State
  10. Elizabeth City State
  11. Johnson C. Smith

**WORLD RECORD RUN**  
When Carl Lewis crossed the finish line first in the 100 meters at the World Track and Field Championships in Tokyo, he raised his arms and glanced toward the sky. Lewis turned quickly toward the clock, saw the time, 9.86, and covered his head with his arms. He had set a world record.

The greatest spring in history included an unprecedented six runners breaking 10.0. Leroy Burrell, Lewis' training partner, finished second in 9.88, .02 under his old world record. Dennis Mitchell (9.91) gave the USA a 1-5-5 sweep.

## Jordan Says He Is Reconsidering

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan says he is reconsidering his decision against playing in the Olympics but won't be swayed by attacks on his patriotism or his level of concern for fellow blacks.

"The Olympic decision will be mine, not one forced on me by what somebody else says or wants," the Chicago Bulls' superstar said in a copyright story in Sunday's Chicago Sun-Times.

Jordan says he has been talking recently with people involved with the U. S. Olympic basketball team.

"I'm in deliberation over what the schedule will be and I plan to reach a decision within the next few days," he

said. He said he resents insinuations that he must play in the Olympics next summer to prove he is a loyal American.

"I love my country and I've already helped the Olympic team win one gold medal (in 1984)," he said. "I don't want to prevent another player from having that honor. And I think it's unfair that so many people are trying to pressure me to play. Why can't I be free to enjoy my summers with my family like everybody else if I want to?"

Jordan led the NBA in scoring during the 1990-91 season for the fifth straight year. He was named the



MICHAEL JORDAN

NBA's most valuable player during the regular season, led the Bulls to the league title and was noted MVP of the NBA finals.

"I spend at least 8 months of every year playing basketball to the best of

my ability," he said. "If I don't get proper rest during the summer and report for the season tired or injured and have a bad year, people will knock me for that, too."

Jordan also rejected allegations by former NFL star Jim Brown that he is not a good role model for blacks.

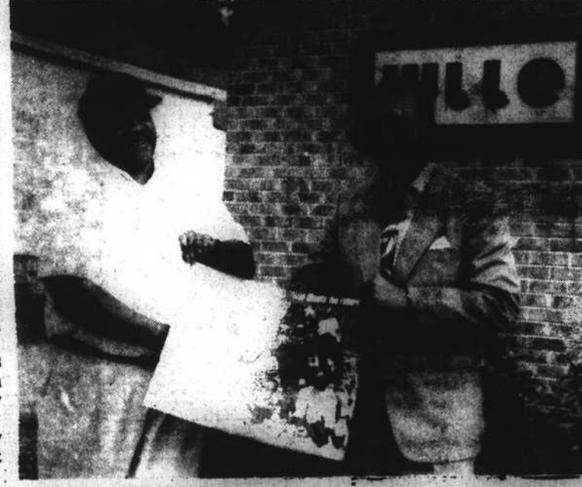
Brown said recently that Jordan's "main concern is the demands of corporate America" and that he "is not being a role model (for blacks) in the proper way."

Jordan earned more than \$18 million in endorsements last year, in addition to his \$2.45 million salary from the Bulls.

Jordan said he has done many things for the black community, but doesn't draw attention to his efforts.

More importantly, he said, he feels an obligation to all people, not just to blacks. Sometimes, Jordan said, drawing attention to racism makes it worse.

"All people support me and make me the success I am. So, regardless of what others say or think, I have a responsibility to help and inspire all kids to fulfill their dreams."



**NCCU EAGLES FOOTBALL**—Prior to an interview with Frank Roberts (left) popular talk show host for "Let's Talk On WLE Radio, Bishop T. Harris is seen displaying the '91 football poster. Harris is the new head football coach at the Durham school. Featured on the poster are Cadd S. O'Kelly, professor; former head coach Herman H. Riddick and Coach Harris along with former standout player, Pats Hayes. (See Coaches Box) Photo by James Giles, Sr.

## Sam Lacy: Working The Press Box On Color

BALTIMORE (AP) — While Jackie Robinson was busy breaking the color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, Sam Lacy was breaking another barrier in the press box.

Lacy made history when he was assigned to cover Robinson by the Afro-American, a black newspaper in Baltimore. The next year he became the first black sportswriter allowed into the Baseball Writer's Association.

Forced at first to cover games from the dugout and once from the roof of a New Orleans press box, he led the way for black sportswriters covering the major leagues.

"I did pioneer. I fought for it, but I can't take the credit for doing it all," Lacy said.

Almost 50 years later black sportswriters are not an unusual sight in newsrooms and Lacy, 87, still works 3 days a week at the Afro-American. He says he has stayed at the daily out of loyalty to a newspaper that gave him a chance when mainstream newspapers would not.

"We realize that without them and their accomplishments what we are going now probably would never have occurred," said John Harris, a black sportswriter who covers the NBA's Orlando Magic for the St. Petersburg Times.

"What these people did was they were the voices of the community during their time," he said. "Especially the heyday when blacks first began to enter sports. They experienced what the players themselves experienced. Through their writing, those messages, in a sense they united the black community."

When Lacy began covering Robinson, black writers covered the Negro League and white writers covered the major leagues. Lacy and other black writers, including Wendell Smith of the Pittsburgh Courier, who soon joined him, were forced at first to stay in second-rate housing along with the first black players.

"But, of course, it was a tremendous source for stories being so close to the players," Lacy said.

Denied access to press boxes during his first year of covering Robinson, Lacy was allowed by Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey, who signed Robinson, to report from the Brooklyn dugout.

Once he was forced to cover a game in New Orleans from the press box roof, where he was joined by a group of white writers from New York.

"I was told I couldn't go in the press box. That happened quite frequently, in Cincinnati, for example," Lacy said. "I took a chair up on the roof. Shortly after I got up there, several of the white writers came up along with me."

"I said 'What are you guys doing?' They said they came up for some air," he said. "They showed they were supporting me. They had just come from Florida and certainly they didn't need any more sun."

Lacy was given a lifetime achievement award last month by the National Association of Black Journalists. He also has been nominated for entry into the writer's wing of the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N. Y.

"When you hear the names of Wendell Smith and Bill Nunn mentioned, and Wendell Smith was the epitome of the black sportswriter, Sam Lacy's name is always mentioned as the guy who laid the groundwork for all of that," said Eddie Jeffries, sports editor at the Pittsburgh Courier.

"I took courage and a certain amount of self pride to swallow those circumstances and to still forge on and get the story and get the story out there," Jeffries said.

Lacy said the driving factor for him while covering Robinson was to show baseball and the public what they were losing by depriving talented athletes of the chance to play. Those who followed Lacy said he did the same for journalism.

"I was not particularly interested in my personal achievements. What I wanted to do was open a door for someone else," he said. "I felt we never would have any blacks in the Baseball Writer's Association if we didn't have one in there."

## Tampa Bay Buccaneers Will Find Out Readiness

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Now the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will find out if they're really ready.

The Buck finished a solid pre-season with a 20-7 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs last Friday night, but history says the team should be cautiously optimistic about the prospects for success during the regular season.

While the club compiled a 3-1 exhibition record for the third consecutive year, coach Richard Williamson and his players haven't forgotten that they finished 5-11 and 6-10 the last two years when the games count.

Tampa Bay hasn't had a winning season since 1982.

"Next time we start playing for real and all of a sudden the intensity level goes up about three levels," said Williamson, "and we've got to pick our level up about three times, too."

"This team has a nice attitude," second-year running back Reggie

Cobb said. "We're not overconfident. We just feel we can play with anybody."

Vinny Testaverde threw for 197 yards and one touchdown in the half he played and backup quarterback Jeff Carlson scored on a 3-yard run to pace the victory, which was overshadowed by the death of 9-month-old Amanda Anderson, the daughter of Bucs running back Gary Anderson.

The child died of respiratory distress about two hours before the game and Anderson left Tampa Stadium just before pre-game warmups.

"That's a sad thing and it takes a lot of spark out of the sparkle (of the victory)," said Williamson.

"My thoughts are with him," the coach said. "He's a strong young man, and he'll be all right with time. But it has to be tough on him. Some things are more important than football."

## Former Wishbone Coach Passing On Secrets

BY DAVID DROSCHEK  
The Associated Press

David Gutshall's passing offense at Burlington Cummings has built quite a following, drawing curious prep football coaches from as far away as Pennsylvania and Florida in search of offensive secrets.

"We have been so popular it has driven us crazy," said Gutshall, in his ninth season at Cummings.

Gutshall, who has led the Cavaliers to a 44-1 record and two 3-A state titles the past three seasons, said one coach from the Pittsburgh area has flown down twice, seeking guidance.

"I think his wife works for the airlines so he gets a discount," Gutshall laughed. "We started from scratch and went through the whole offense during the two visits."

Gutshall, 41, said some North Carolina schools are even calling on

his expertise. "Some pretty good programs that have been successful in the state are now using some of what we use," he said.

Gutshall changed his coaching philosophy several years ago, from a wishbone offense to Cummings' present-day "spread offense." First came heartaches and interceptions, then championships. "We have changed football around," Gutshall said. "People said you can't win championships throwing the ball. We have proved that's not right. Now everybody in the high school level has woken up."

The switch from running the ball on almost every down to ripping off huge yardage through the air can be traced to Chuckie Burnette, slated to start at quarterback for North Carolina this season.

## South African Anti-Apartheid Sports Groups Gives Blessing

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A South African anti-apartheid sports group gave its blessing last Saturday to international competition in golf, amateur boxing, road running and the martial art of taekwon do.

The National Sports Congress, which has supported boycotts against South Africa, said those four sports have achieved racial unity in the country and are ready for international competition.

The congress also gave "qualified approval" to cricket, one of the country's most popular games among whites.

The sports were the first to gain approval from the congress since it agreed last month to selectively lift the sports moratorium.

Mluleki George, president of the congress, said the group would continue to grant approval to sports that achieve racial unity and agree to development programs to improve conditions in black areas.

The congress' action is symbolic in many respects. South Africa has staged international golf

tournaments for years despite the opposition of anti-apartheid groups.

## Ms. Joyner-Kersee Top Competitor

TOKYO (AP) — Even when Jackie Joyner-Kersee, the world's greatest female athlete is merely good, she is still the best.

Joyner-Kersee successfully began her quest for another double gold medal performance last Saturday at the World Track and Field Championships by comfortably exceeding the qualifying standard in the long jump competition.

The defending world and Olympic champion in the long jump and the heptathlon leaped 22 feet, 8 inches on her only attempt, well beyond the 21-10 minimum needed to qualify automatically for Sunday's final.

Joyner-Kersee's jump was the longest of the evening. Both Kerli Drechsler of Germany and Larisa Bereshnaya of the Soviet Union went 22-6 1/2.

"The thing to do on the first day of competition is to just stay relaxed and not put too much pressure on yourself to do too much," Joyner-Kersee said.

"So I just told myself as I always do, 'OK, don't press it. Just qualify and go home.'"

**PRESENT THOUGHTS**  
Present thoughts determine our future attitudes. It is what we do and the way we think in the present moments that changes our past and determines our future. It is our attitudes concerning past events that give them power to affect our lives now. Present thought determines our future attitudes.  
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