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## Sports Profile

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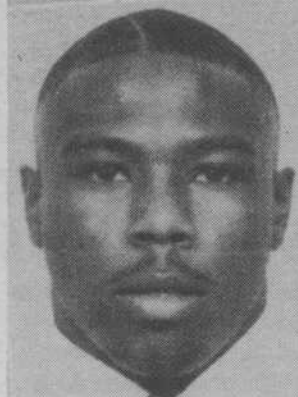
### Hunkie Cooper Key To UNLV Offense, Defensive Wiz Carlton Johnson Wants Winning Season

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All Big West Performer Hunkie Cooper did everything that had to be done for the UNLV program last season. This year the senior will switch from quarterback/running back/ receiver to starting wide receiver.

"I am looking to get the ball 12 to 15 times per game. I want to make the best of every opportunity," said Cooper.

Last year Cooper ran for 573 yards on 134 carries and scored 6 touchdowns, completed 11 of 25 passes for 219 yards and 3 T.D.'s, caught 18 passes for 251



HUNKIE COOPER

yards and 1 T.D., and returned 14 punts for 173 yards and 35 kickoffs for 708 yards.

Hunkie ranked first in the Big West Conference and 18th nationally with 12.4 yards per punt return.

He was also 2nd in the league and 11th nationally in all-purpose yards averaging 155 yards per game.

Defensively, UNLV will, once again, be looking to All Big West Conference defensive back



CARLTON JOHNSON

Carlton Johnson, who led the Rebels with 78 tackles last year.

The senior managed to make 13 tackles in one game and 11 the following week, and is one of the most feared defensive backs in the Big West.

This year he will be expected to provide leadership and be a role model for a young Rebel team, and he welcomes the opportunity.

One of the biggest problems for last years defense was that it spent too much time on the field, and by the fourth quarter they were very tired.

"This year, however, everyone should be ready to play, and we've all had a year to get to know the system and to know what is expected of us," the criminal justice major added.

## NBCA HALL OF FAME HOSTS FIRST EVER BLACK INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation will host the inaugural Coca-Cola Black College Invitational golf tournament at Atlanta's Browns Mill golf Course Sept. 26-28.

Golf teams from 12 historically black colleges and universities will vie for \$25,000 in scholarships to benefit the golf programs at their institutions.

Tournament festivities will include the Scholarship Tee-Off, a special celebrity golf challenge, on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 11:30 a.m. Open to the public, the event will showcase local and national celebrities from the entertainment and athletic worlds. Four-person teams will be selected to include a celebrity player, a collegiate player and two supporters.

Sanctioned by the National Black College Golf Coaches Association, the tournament will begin Friday, Sept. 27, with the

final round the next day. Competition will begin at 9 a.m. each say and is free to the public.

"Golf programs at historically black colleges are beginning to receive some much-needed visibility and greater recognition," said Chuck Morrison, vice president, Coca-Cola USA. "Hopefully, the tournament will be a catalyst in exposing the talents of these student athletes to a broader audience."

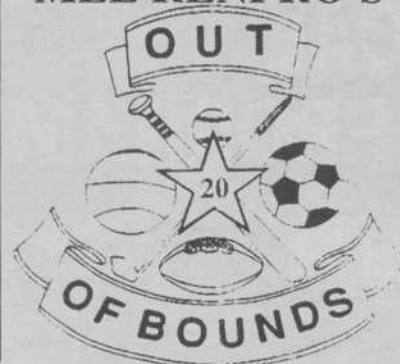
"This is the first time a tournament of this nature has been attempted," added Thomas Dortch, chairman, NBCA Hall of Fame. "It's a great shot in the arm for America's historically black colleges and universities and for an outstanding group of student golfers."

Other activities to be sponsored in the Atlanta area by the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation during the tournament weekend include the Atlanta Football Classic on Sept. 28 and the Miss NBCA Hall of Fame pageant on Sept. 29.

The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation's mission is secure supplemental scholarship funds for students attending historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs); to increase public awareness of the accomplishments of these institutions and their alumni; and to assist HBCUs in maintaining effective alumni development and fundraising programs.

NOTE: For more information about the tournament, call Jim Washington, Tournament Director, at the NBCA Hall of Fame office, (404) 658-6617.

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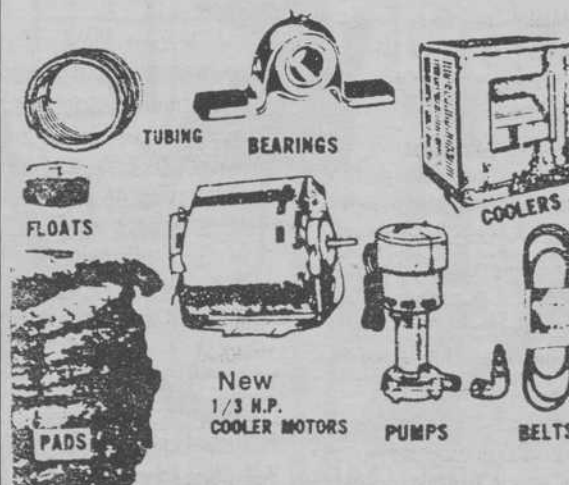
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