

SPORTS WITH SPORT BUG

Eagles Bow 62-38 To Virginia Union

Norfolk, Va., March 15.—(Special)—The lanky Panthers of Virginia Union college subdued N.C.C. N.'s Eagles before a capacity crowd that jammed the city auditorium. The score was 62 to 38, and the outcome of the tilt, which featured the outstanding Negro college quints of Virginia and North Carolina, was never in doubt.

Knighton, gangling center, swished in eight field goals while his running mate, "Soupy" Campbell, accounted for 11 more points for the winners.

N.C.C.N. (38)	G	F	T
Peerman, f	1	2	4
D. Mack, f	0	0	0
Brown, f	0	0	0
Ennis, f	2	0	4
Warmick, f	0	0	0
Colbert, c	8	0	16
Todd, c	0	0	0
Downing, g	6	2	14
G. Mack, g	0	0	0
Anders, g	0	0	0
Totals	17	4	38

Virginia Union (62)	G	F	T
Hyde, f	3	1	7
Campbell, f	5	1	11
Knighton, c	8	1	16
Daughtry, c	3	3	9
Glover, g	2	0	4
Frazer, g	6	2	14
Totals	27	8	62

Score at half: Union 27; State 19. Officials, Lacy and Butler.

Tall Players Beware!

It has been definitely shown that the basketball team with height, and plenty of height, has an advantage which results in their having great success. This fact has been demonstrated from coast to coast this year as never before. In our C. I. A. A. the same things prevail. We have made it our business to watch the facial expression of rival coaches when Downing or Colbert of Eagle fame would take the ball off the back board time after time, or these same two would be parked under the basket to "chunk" in shots. In every case these expressions were ones of absolute disgust. This was especially true of a coach from Richmond, Va. Well, what does these coaches want to do about it since they can't land none of these skyscrapers. In the C. I. A. A. we don't know, but we are trying to find out. Up in Connecticut, Ken Loeffler of Yale University and head basketball coach has come out for a "No man's land" around each basket. He would mark off a semi-circle with a fourteen foot diameter—seven feet on side. After each shot a player would be permitted to remain only about three seconds. How does it sound? Dr. F. C. Allen of the University of Kansas has suggested drawing a 16 foot circle with the basket as a center. He would permit players to dribble in or out of the circle but they could not drive in and shoot if another player were in the ring. A team could however, place a stationary guard in the circle to block scoring shots within the so-called safety ring. How does this sound to you? Being no authority the writer holds no brief for the coming controversy.

Some coaches want the goals made two feet higher, but you will still have the same problem. If you take the tall fellows from around the basket they will still pass the ball over the heads of the opponents and also shoot over their heads.

CIAA AGAINST BASKETBALL CHANGES

Sports Lane

By BURNETTE BRYANT

Since basketball season has ended, we can review with satisfaction the excellency of performance as exhibited by the C. I. A. A. cage teams.

Due to the large number of first division teams last year, the going was very rough and the results of which is a much larger second division. However, N. C. College and Va. Union seemed to be the cream of the crop—each team having won 15 from C. I. A. A. opponents and lost 2; however, of these victories and defeats, one each was non-conference.

Both cage battles between the Eagles and the Panthers were tough games and although the teams split in the contests played, they definitely established themselves as the Conference leaders. As to which is the better team, there is still some question in the minds of quite a few fans, and the comparative scores offer no criteria for measuring the better team. However, until a third game is played between the two teams, which would not necessarily establish the better team, I am inclined to remain adrift from those biased and dogmatic critics who are prone to string along with a team merely because they have built it up as their "here," as the average child has George Washington, due to the cherry tree fable, or to those who base their selection upon the pecuniary benefits derived from the school when comparative schedules and results show differently.

Reginald Ennis Chosen Most Valuable Man On Eagle Quintet

Reginald "Hawk" Ennis was chosen the most valuable man on the 1940 edition of the North Carolina College Eagles by his teammates and will be awarded the R. L. McDougall Trophy. Ennis proved himself to be a capable captain, a consistent scorer, a premier ball handler and an excellent guard. He is one of the only two North Carolina boys on the team, and incidently, both boys are from Smithfield, N. C.

Borican Fails in K. of C. Meet

Ex-Virginia State Athlete Unable to Keep Pace

Johnny Borican, who hails from Virginia State College and one of the few athletes of Negro colleges who has been able to make the big time, came in a slow fourth at the recent Knights of Columbus mile relay held in Madison Square Garden recently. John, National 1,000 yard Champion, was to have set the pace for the three-quarters that would pull either Chuck Fenske, the nation's ace miler, or Glenn Cunningham or both into a new world mile mark—a blistering 4:03.

Borican started out like a sprinter, while the mile field lagged along at a normal gait. He got so far out in front that there was something like 35 yards between him and Fenske. So he lagged and the field not only caught up with him but passed him, with Fenske winning his seventh mile of the year in a disappointing 4:13.2. Cunningham in his farewell indoor mile, was second and Gen Venske, third. The very tired but still cheerful, Borican was last. Instead of 3:03 for the three-quarters, Borican had run only 3:14.4—and when he was caught downstairs later, instead of feeling badly (as he should have) he just grinned and said: "Why I just ran the first quarter too fast." He did it in 0:58.2 seconds while the crowd howled with glee. "But I like that mile run and I am going in for it next year and I'll beat them too. Why, I would have beaten them tonight if they'd kept up with me."

The point being that the old heads were too smart to keep up with the limber-legged John when he started out. They let him wear himself out and then beat him at the tape. He was checked in 4:15.8, a time that hardly will make Fenske lie awake nights with worry.

Johnny Herbert of New York University made a new world record for the Casey 600. His time was 1:10.8. His face was wreathed in smiles. Herbert was little short of titanic himself as he wheeled around the grey boards to make his record. He

N. C. College Tops A. & T., 46-33

Those elongated North Carolina College Eagles journeyed up to Greensboro and took the A. & T. Aggies to the tune of 46-33 before a capacity house. It was the last conference game for both teams and from the beginning of the game to the last whistle, it was the thriller that only the intense rivalry of the two sister schools could produce.

The first half was very closely played with the Eagles holding the upper hand; however with the beginning of the second half, the Eagles began to pull away from the Aggies who fought desperately but in vain to halt the surge of N. C. College offensive power. To Colbert went the top scoring honors of 15 points and Ennis came second with 13 points. Roan of the Aggies was the outstanding man for the Greensboro team.

Eaglettes Defeat Barber-Scotia

Playing their last game of the present season the North Carolina College Eaglettes surprised everyone by completely outplaying and defeating the highly touted Barber-Scotia team of Concord, North Carolina.

Phillips opened the scoring for State with a beautiful crisp shot. The next play, Phillips to Colston, back to Phillips then to Moore who also made a beautiful set shot. This gave State a lead that they never relinquished. The score at half time was State 16 and Barber-Scotia 7.

Playing their last games for the Maroon and Grey were N. McLean, Capt. Jerman, and C. Goins. All three played an outstanding game.

For Barber-Scotia, Massey was the outstanding star of the game, surpassing her teammates in scoring and floor work.

had to come from behind to whip National Champion, Charley Belcher, and Manhattan's John Quigley, but he did it, as an appreciative home town crowd gave him a fine ovation.

Final Decision With National Committee

This week the National Convention of basketball coaches, and the committee on rules are meeting simultaneously in Kansas City. Several changes in the basketball rules will be proposed at both meetings. Several coaches want something to be done to eliminate the present advantage the tall player holds over the short one. Some want a zone established around the goal to keep players from parking under the basket. Others want to cut out the present rules which allow the team scored on to take the ball out of bounds: They want the return of the "jump ball" after each score.

We have contacted some of the leading men in the C. I. A. A. in order to find where this organization stands on such a question. So far the reaction is overwhelmingly against any change. One of the questions asked was: Would you like to see the basketball goals higher than the present 10 ft.? Here are the answers:

Coach Henry B. Hucles of Virginia Union University says, "My reaction to the suggestion that the basketball goals be placed higher than the present 10 feet would be NO."

Coach Gideon E. Smith of Hampton Institute says, "Personally, I prefer the rule governing the height of the basket to remain as stated in the 1940 rule book. The tall man will have the advantage over the short man no matter what the height of the basket is. The short man must make up for this in speed and accuracy in shooting. No school will have a monopoly on tall men every year."

Coach H. R. Jefferson of Virginia State College for Negroes says, "The C. I. A. A. has never been inclined to change the rules of any sport. This is done by the Rules Committee of the N. C. A. A. I believe the game should be left alone."

"In case the question of raising the baskets above the present 10 ft. height comes up, I will oppose the proposition."

C. A. Smith, St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School.

Coach Jas. H. Roland of Bluefield says: "I am satisfied with the present height of the baskets and would contest a change strongly if given an opportunity."

Eagle Quint Ends Successful Season

The N. C. College Eagles ended their cage season by dropping a fast game to the Virginia Union University Panthers in Norfolk, Va., 62-38. Out of the 26 contests played by the Eagles, they were victorious in 22 and lost 4, one of which was a conference tilt. This season was the most successful in the history of basketball at the Eagle's lair.

In the course of the piling up of the 22 victories, the Eagles defeated such sectional "champions" as Kentucky State College, W. Va. State College, Florida A. & M., and Va. Union University. They suffered losses to Wilberforce University, Kentucky State College, Hampton Institute and Va. Union University. In these 26 contests, the Eagles scored 1093 points to their opponents 789 points.

With two years of experience behind them, the Eagles bid fair to become one of the most formidable quints in the country.

Record of the Five Highest Scorers of N. C. College Basketball Team

Conference	Harold C. Colbert	Reginald Ennis	William Peerman	Norbert Downing	Richard Mack
Bluefield	5 1 11	2 0 4	6 0 12	4 1 9	1 2 4
Va. State	4 5 13	6 3 15	2 0 4	0 0 0	0 0 0
Shaw U.	6 3 15	2 1 5	3 0 6	3 0 6	2 2 6
J. C. Smith	8 4 20	1 0 2	2 1 5	3 2 8	3 0 6
St. Augustine	7 6 20	3 0 6	4 1 9	x x x	0 1 1
Shaw U.	4 3 11	0 1 1	2 0 4	4 2 10	1 0 2
Bluefield	3 1 7	1 0 2	0 0 0	1 2 4	5 0 10
St. Augustine	5 2 12	5 1 11	4 0 8	2 0 4	5 3 13
St. Paul	5 3 13	4 1 9	0 0 0	5 1 11	1 0 2
Va. State	9 3 21	4 0 8	2 1 5	3 2 8	2 1 5
Hampton	2 1 5	7 1 15	0 1 1	1 2 4	2 1 5
St. Paul	5 6 16	2 1 5	2 0 4	0 1 1	5 0 10
A. & T.	5 6 16	1 1 3	5 3 13	4 1 9	0 0 0
J. C. Smith	7 3 17	1 1 3	2 1 5	4 3 11	0 0 0
Union U.	8 3 19	2 0 4	2 0 4	3 5 11	2 0 4
A. & T.	7 1 15	4 2 10	2 2 6	2 1 5	3 0 6
Union U.	8 0 16	2 0 4	1 2 4	6 2 14	0 0 0
Conference Totals	98 51 247	47 13 109	39 12 90	45 25 115	32 10 74
Non-Conference					
Teams Played					
W. Va. State	4 6 14	3 0 6	2 0 4	1 1 3	1 0 2
Wilberforce	1 1 3	5 1 11	0 0 0	1 0 2	4 0 8
Ky. State	5 2 12	2 4 8	2 0 4	3 2 8	1 2 4
Morristown	3 0 6	x x x	2 0 4	2 0 4	0 0 0
Fla. A. & M.	14 6 34	4 0 8	3 0 6	4 2 10	0 0 0
Ky. State	2 0 4	6 2 14	5 2 12	1 0 2	0 0 0
Fayetteville Teach.	2 0 4	2 0 4	1 1 3	1 1 3	2 0 4
Fayetteville Teach.	4 1 9	1 2 4	6 0 12	2 0 4	0 0 0
Non-Conf. Totals	35 16 86	23 9 55	21 3 45	15 6 36	8 2 18
GRAND TOTAL	133 67 333	70 22 162	60 15 135	70 31 151	40 12 92

x—Did not play in these games.

Note: In scoring 34 points against Fla. A. & M., we believe Colbert set a season record of points scored by an individual in one game.

This record does not include the game played with the Green Wave of Rocky Mount, N. C.