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CIAA Tourney Play



JOHN REAVIS

Season's Roundup

The Fayetteville Broncos under direction of Coaches "Gus" Gaines and "Scotty" Scott got down to business for their 1956-57 basketball season with a win over Hampton Institute here on November 30. The Broncos won 81 to 70 as Ronald Evans, 1955-56 Second Team CIAA forward, scored 21 points and John Morgan, another CIAA forward, gathered 18 points and helped Roosevelt Wright control the backboards. Returnee Ted Bonner and Robert Johnson, a new man to the squad, held down the backcourt play and added 10 and 11 points respectively. A week later, and the Broncos had another CIAA win at Hampton, 77 to 59.

The Broncos were halted momentarily as A & T won 67 to 59 and North Carolina College won 83 to 75. When the Broncos came back from the Christmas vacation they got off to the winning ways by spanking Shaw Univ. Bears 88 to 67.

All the members saw action as Roosevelt Wright and Johnson led the scoring parade with 19 points each. Co-captains Evans got 18 points and Bonner 14. The Broncos walked over St. Paul's and Virginia Union; and the Eagles of North Carolina College again stunned the Broncos with an 85 to 84 overtime victory in Durham.

The Broncos showed excellent teamwork and fortitude right down the wire. John Morgan proved himself to his hometown people by scoring 21 points and controlling the backboards before fouling out. Co-captains Bonner and Evans got 20 and 18 points respectively as Johnson made 14 points and Roosevelt Wright, 6.

Fayetteville left for Bluefield State on January 20, where they won by a 79-62 score. Johnson was high man with 24 points as the rest of the points were evenly distributed. The Broncos suffered their last defeat of the CIAA schedule by losing to A & T 80 to 60. From that defeat the Broncos finished the CIAA season with a 14 and 4 record.

The Broncos played both Livingstone College and Elizabeth City twice in non-conference play. They gave Livingstone a good tanning here on Jan. 15 as Coach Gaines employed 17 players in the 72-59 win. Morgan contributed 19 points and Evans 16. Coach Gaines took the second team to Livingstone and there the return match was won by Livingstone 80-71. The Broncos came from a 25-point deficit in the first half to within seven points in the final period to no avail. David Chandler led the Broncos with 19 points.

The Elizabeth City-Fayetteville game here was won by the Broncos 73 to 58. Coach Gaines used his entire squad in the contest as Morgan and Johnson led the Broncos with 17 and 16 points respectively. There the Broncos faced defeat at the hands of the Pirates by a 95-81 score. Morgan again was the high man with 17 points as Evans and Johnson had 14 points each.

The Fayetteville State Teachers College basketball team enjoyed a wonderful overall record of 18 victories and seven losses for the 1956-57 season. Before they entered the CIAA Basketball Tournament at North Carolina College in Durham, Feb. 28 through March 2, the Broncos had a 14-4 CIAA record and 2-2 record of non-league games. They were also listed 17th in the NAIA on field goal percentages; the NAIA is an association composed of small colleges and universities in the United States. No other CIAA team was ahead of Fayetteville in this bracket.

At the CIAA Tournament the boys from FSTC won their first-round game against the quintet of St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, 79 to 59. Ronald Evans, first team CIAA forward, scored 30 points and John Morgan hauled in 22 rebounds for the Broncos as Al Stirrup of St. Augustine's scored 22 points.

In the Semi-Finals against the dark-horsed Virginia State, the Broncos were taken by surprise as the North Carolina College team was the night before. The Broncos, who had never had a really shabby night, could only see part of the basket as Virginia State Trojans trounced them 73 to 47. It was the worst night of the Broncos' remarkable season.

On Saturday night in the consolation game for third place, the Broncos showed some of their splendor against the twice-victor North Carolina Aggies by winning 74 to 67. The Broncos did well on the foul line by making 34 out of 48 free-throws.

The Broncos, who were seeded fourth in the tournament, walked off with the third-place trophy. Next year, they are planning to bring home the bacon—the championship trophy.



RONALD EVANS
... All-CIAA Forward ...

Basketball Personalities Of The 1956-57 Cage Season

Ronald Evans—Led the team in scoring 632 points and hauling in 257 rebounds; scored highest number of points in one game, 26; made First Team CIAA—forward position; had a 17.2 point average.

Robert Johnson — Outstanding freshman starter; was third in the scoring ranks with 285 points and a 13.6 average.

John Morgan—Led team on field goal percentage with 123 shots made out of 229 attempts; second in total points and rebounds on the team; had a 15.9 average.

Theodore Bonner—Led team in assists and free throw percentage; had a 7.9 point average; is also a graduating senior and was co-captain.

Roosevelt Wright—Had a wonderful overall average in every department on the team; was Coach Gaines' workhorse of the season with a 10.3 average.

Richard Woods—Is a graduating senior who saw quite a lot of action for the Broncos in his four-year stay here at Fayetteville. Good luck to you.

David Bluford — Bluford's action as a regular and as playmaker of the Broncos.

The entire team, Coaches Gaines and Scott, deserve a lot of praise for their remarkable record in their 1956-57 campaign. Good luck to them in their quest for an even better season next year.

— TRACK AND FIELD NEWS —

Returning lettermen for the 1957 Track Season are Dave Bluford, Randolph Harrison, Chuck DeVaughn, Claude Moses, John Reavis, and James Smith. The Broncos will miss Ralph Burnette and Donald Shamley, but Coach Harold "Scotty" Scott is looking for help from freshmen William Betts, Joseph Johnson, James Ebron, Fred Rodgers, Jude Wright, Major Boyd, Anthony Hammary, Robert Johnson and Charles Johnson, and from juniors Jack Freeman and John Morgan.



CAPT. RANDOLPH HARRISON, outstanding trackman for two seasons, participating in the 880-yard run and the one-mile run, makes preparation for another series of meets. Randy is a junior from Nashville, N. C.

Bluford will have Robert Johnson, Hammary, and Betts for company in the broad jump; and James Smith will have Rodgers, Charles Johnson, Morgan and Freeman for competition in field events. Betts, Wright, Ebron, Boyd and Robert Johnson will compete in the dashes; and Harrison, DeVaughn, Reavis and Joe Johnson will run the distance events.

TRACK SCHEDULE

- April 6—Quadrangular Meet—Hampton Institute, Va.
- April 13—Winston-Salem Relays—Winston-Salem, N. C.
- April 20—Quadrangular Meet—Va. State Col., Petersburg, Va.
- May 4—N. C. College Relays—Durham, N. C.
- May 10-11 — CIAA Track Championship Meet—Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland.

Broncoettes . . . 1956-57



PICTURED WITH THEIR COACH, Miss L. J. Taylor, and manager, Constance Anderson, in the background, are members of the girls' basketball team who recently closed a splendid season on the court.

Girls' Basketball At Fayetteville

The Broncoettes of Fayetteville State Teachers College began their basketball season against the Livingstone Bearcats of Salisbury here on January 15. The girls of Livingstone came out on top of the Broncoettes by a score of 54 to 42.

Joanna Young and Lois Hill were the offense attack as Shirley Langston and Mollie McRae saw a lot of offense play. Kever Martin, Augusta Mack, and Geraldine Jacobs were the defensive players for the Fayetteville girls.

The Broncoettes played six games the past season and ended up with a 3 and 3 record. They whipped the Fayetteville Royal Phantoms 42 to 14; the Fort Bragg WACs 35-15; and the City All-Stars 52 to 23. They lost to Livingstone College three times: 54 to 42, 65 to 57, and 79 to 58.

The team consisted of Joanna Young, Mollie McRae, Lois Hill,

Bobbie Hall, Shirley Langston, Jessie Suggs, Clora Artis, Naomi Graham, Phyllis Kincaid, Augusta Mack, Kever Martin, Geraldine Jacobs, Shirley Siler, Velma Langley, Dorothy Wright, and Murl Austin. The captains for the 1956-57 season were Lois Hill and Kever Martin. Miss Lauretta J. Taylor is the coach of the girls' team.

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