

BRONCOS OFF AND RUNNING

WIN FIRST THREE OF NEW SEASON

Off and running in their fastest start in years, the Fayetteville State Broncos bucked their way past Federal City College in the season's opener at the Auditorium 86-80, and for an encore slid by South Carolina State in a 91-88 overtime tilt in Orangeburg. Then for good measure the ponies took the measure of Livingstone College in Salisbury to the tune of 103-93.

Coach Tom Reeves' Broncos took the lead early in the Federal City contest and kept it the rest of the way. Senior stalwarts Mike Sneed and Earl McNeil led the way with 26 markers each. The Broncos fast break was smoking, and McNeil was on the play-off end of a number first half buckets. When he called Sneed came on strong. Rubin Ruffin, a nimble 6-1 freshman from Weldon, came off the bench to give a strong performance on the boards while tallying 14 points of his own. In fact, the play of the reserves is one factor in the season thus far. Bob Tyus, "Arkansas" to his teammates, played a strong floor game.

The Broncos were favored over the Livingstone Blue Bears. But their conquest of the strong South Carolina State Bulldogs was a pleasant surprise. South Carolina State was fresh from winning the Colleges of South Carolina Tournament, averaging 103



Earl McNeil fires Patented Lefthanded Jumper In Game Against Federal City at the Cumberland Arena. The Basket was Good for two of his total of 26.

points a game. The Bulldogs trailed FSU throughout most of regulation and pulled even 84-all. But McNeil's baseline jumper 20 second into overtime put the Broncos on top for keeps.

"A strong bench and better stamina are the things that

make us better," Reeves said. "We are playing a lot of men and getting good performances out of all of them."

Sneed has scored 73 points and been tough on the boards. McNeil is just behind, scoring 67 points and playing the best

defense of his career. Terrence Murchison, who averaged 17 rebounds last year, is slowly rounding into form. John Safford, who forms the other half of back court with McNeil, has had his playing time cut for defensive weaknesses, with the bulk of

the time going to Arkansas.

As the peper goes to press, the Broncos face weekending games with Winston Salem and Elizabeth City. Bronco fans are looking forward to this season with glee. It promises to be interesting.



Rubin Ruffin

Rubin Ruffin, freshman sensation from Weldon, is making big contribution to Bronco cause. Only 6-1, he jumps higher than men three of four inches taller.

Four FSU Stars on District Team

PEMBROKE—Virginia State College dominated the All-NAIA District 29 football team announced Tuesday by placing nine players on the 24-man selection chosen by the district football coaches.

OFFENSE: Split end—Robert Johnson, Hampton; tight end—Ronald Bullock, Virginia State; tackles—Stanley Price, Shaw; Sylvester Ritter, Fayetteville State, Michael Harried and Myron Mayes, both of Virginia State; guards—Arthur Davis and William Tucker, both of Virginia State; center—Marion Stevens, Fayetteville State; quarterback—Lawrence Harrell, Elizabeth City State; running back—Larry Roberts, Virginia Union; fullback—William Hackett, Shaw; flankerback—Maurice Harrod, Elizabeth City State.

DEFENSE: Ends—William Harper, Virginia State, and Blenda Gay, Fayetteville State; tackles—Larry Johnson, Elizabeth City State, and Larry Brooks, Virginia State; middle guard—Thomas Overton, Virginia State; linebackers—Isaac Oliver, Elizabeth City State, and Damon Dreher, Virginia Union; cornerbacks—Daniel Bacchus, Virginia State, and Curtis Leaks, Fayetteville State; safetymen—Robert Jones and Oscar Jenkins, both of Virginia Union.



Terry Murchison

Bronco co-captain, Hometown Product from E. E. Smith, Give Hometowners something, to Cheer About. Murchison Is Resuming Where He Left Off Last Year, leading the rebounders.