

BRONCOS 13-7 IN CIAA

Reeves Seeks CIAA Tourney



He is known around cage circles for his fancy white boots and flashing smile. He is the skipper of the Fayetteville State University basketball forces. His name is coach Thomas L. Reeves and he is off to a great start in the CIAA basketball race this season.

The likeable head basketball coach is beginning his third year at Bronco-land, and is steadily moving toward another CIAA Tourney berth. Presently, his talent-laden squad has a 7-3 CIAA mark and holds an

11-5 overall worksheet. The only conference losses have been to Johnson C. Smith University, Norfolk State College and Winston-Salem State University. However, the contests with these CIAA-foes were not decided until the last stages of the game, and the Reeves-men will have rematches with these teams before the season concludes.

This year the Reeves-men are blessed with a very well balanced squad although there are some outstanding individual

players. Alton Cogdell, Terrance Murchison, James Tyus, Roy Birch, Sam Smith, Larry Cogdell, Robert Wilson and Rubin Ruffin are just a few of the many fine players on the Bronco team this year.

Alton Cogdell is one of the league - leading scorers and field goal percentage shooters, while Terrance Murchison is a rebounding and shooting star.

Reeves, the genial leader of the Broncos, has vowed to take his team all the way this season.

"I believe that we are going to surprise a lot of people this season," the smiling cage boss said earlier in the campaign.

Coach Reeves was voted CIAA Tourney Coach of the Year at Greensboro last year as his Broncos bowed to Norfolk State College for the CIAA Tourney crown. "This year I want to take the whole thing," said Reeves. And at the midway point of the CIAA race, the FSU Broncos appear to have the momentum to do just that.

Cogdell Brothers-Devastating Duo

Fayetteville - Swish! Swish! Swish! Is it Alton Cogdell? Is it Larry Cogdell? These two players are presently bringing a lot of "Oohs" and "Aahs" from Bronco followers around the CIAA with their spectacular plays and play-making.

Coach Thomas Reeves, skipper of the talent-laden Fayetteville State University Bronco basketball squad has a brother-combination this year which is proving to be a devastating force on the hardwood.

Everone in the CIAA is quite familiar with number twenty-one of the Reeves-men. He is All-CIAA candidate Alton Cogdell, a sure-handed shooter - rebounder, and cat-like ball-handler, who is averaging 22.5 points a game and 9.6 rebound per contest. However, another Cogdell, Larry to be exact, has emerged on the Bronco cage

scene which is giving coach Reeves double dynamite material on the hardwood.

Alton, the younger brother, plays forward while his big brother Larry holds down the pivot-spot.

Larry, a 6-6 220 pounder who wears number fifty one for the Bronco-men, started playing in the second semester at FSU and has been nothing short of sensational. Both of the brothers are products of nearby Saint Pauls, North Carolina, and played their high school ball at Eastside High School.

In nine games for the Reeves-men, Larry Cogdell has poured in a total of 82 points and grabbed 72 big rebounds. At this point, older brother Larry is averaging eight rebounds a game and has a 9.1 scoring average. Little brother Alton is not doing too bad either. In a super

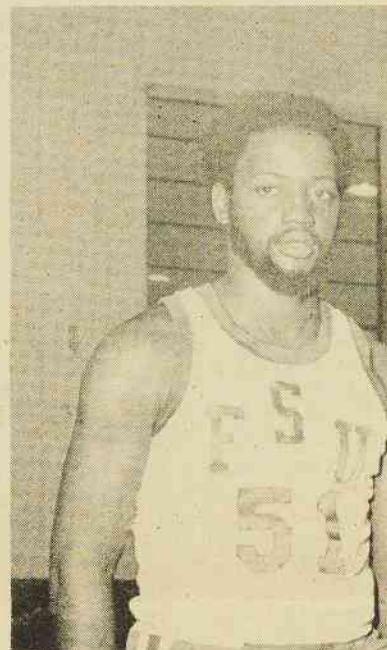
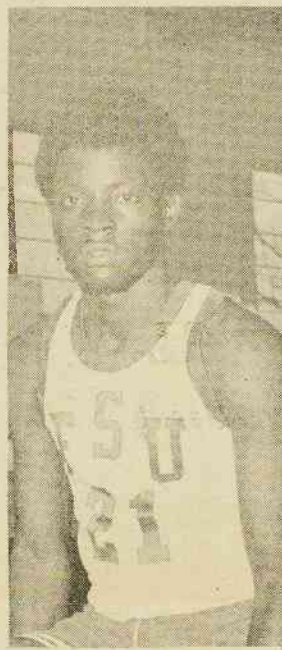
individual effort against Elizabeth City State University, Alton tossed in a season-high of 40 points while pulling down 19 rebounds.

In 19 games for the Broncos this campaign, Alton has .722 field goal percentage mark. The classy 6-4, 190 pound forward has pulled down 183 rebounds, bucketed 429 points for a 22.5 game average.

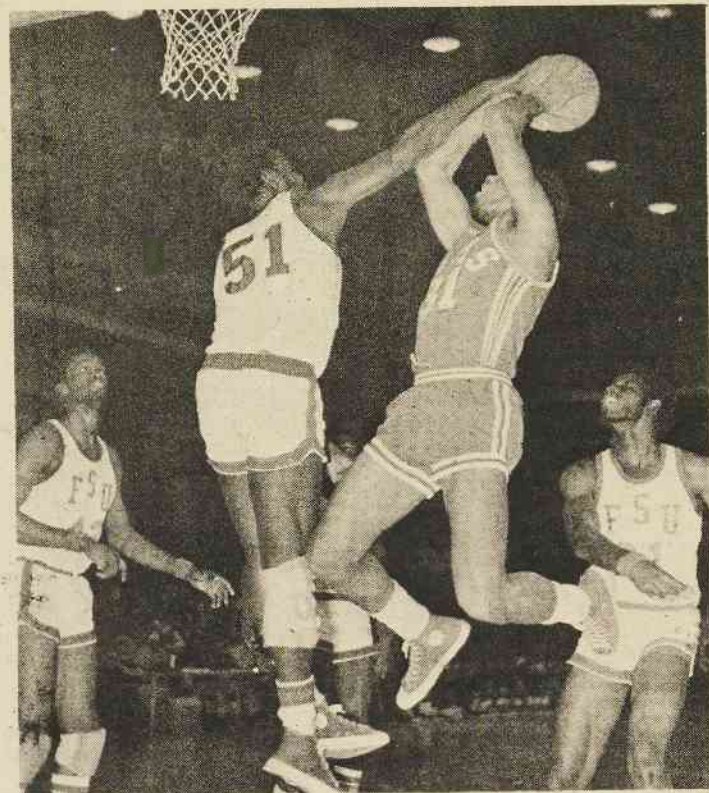
Alton has also been selected as the "Player-of-the-Week" in District 29 of the NAIA during December.

Presently coach Thomas Reeves is seeking his second straight berth in the CIAA with 13-6 overall mark. His CIAA record is 8-3.

Last year, the Broncos were runners-up at the CIAA Tourney and coach Reeves was selected "CIAA Tourney Coach-of-the-Year."



COGDELL BROTHERS



A BRONCO BLOCKS A RAM -- Fayetteville State University center Larry Cogdell blocks a shot by a Winston-Salem player recently in a contest at Fayetteville. The Rams dropped the Broncos 77-66 and retained first place CIAA Southern Division.

Murchison Named Player Of Week

Terrence Murchison. "Mr. Clutch", of the coach Thomas L. Reeves' basketball forces, has been selected District 29 NAIA "Player-of-the-Week", January 9-12.

The former star of E. E. Smith High School in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and All-Eastern N. C. Basketball Player, has been a starter for the Fayetteville State University Broncos for three straight seasons.

A senior and team co-captain, Murchison scored his season high against Virginia State College by sinking 23 points while pulling down 14 rebounds; whereas, playing only the first half in the contest was Livingstone College, the Fayetteville native sank 16 points and collected 11 rebounds. He is averaging 13.5 rebounds per contest and sinking 11.3 baskets a game. His heroics have helped FSU to a 3-1 district record and 9-5 mark overall.

An honor student majoring in Business Administration, the rangy 6-6, 190 pound cager had this to say about his recent selection as "Player-of-the-Week". "I feel very honored to have been selected as District 29 'Player-of-the-Week', and I will continue to do my very best as the season progresses."

Win With Wisdom

Cagers Surge Toward CIAA

The Fayetteville State University basketball team is over the flu-bug and winning again.

The Broncos, coached by Thomas L. Reeves, have not lost a single contest since starting the second half of the hardwood campaign.

This could mean trouble for opponents as the Bronco hardwood - men prepare for the home stretch of the torris CIAA race for the 1972-73 cage season. In fact, the Fayetteville University presently stands 7-2 in the CIAA right behind the Winston-Salem State University Rams in the Southern Division of the league. Overall, the Reeves-men are currently sporting an 11-5 worksheet overall.

Since the New Year began, the Fayetteville State University squad have moved down four straight CIAA opponents in impressive fashion. The Reeves-men have defeated Virginia State College, Livingstone College, Saint Paul's College and Shaw University. The Bronco basketballers have conquered Livingstone College and Shaw University both at home and away.

In their latest 97-80 victory over the Shaw University Bears, All-CIAA contender Alton Cogdell poured in 24 points and continues to average over 20 points per contest for FSU. The 6-4, 195 pound St. Paul's North Carolina native "can-do-it-all" according to the skipper of Broncos, Thomas Reeves. "Cogdell is very effective and tough in a one-on-one situation," said the FSU skipper, "and he moves the ball extremely well plus he is an excellent rebounder and shooter," Reeves said.

Having defeated the Shaw University Bears earlier this season by two points at Raleigh, "I thought it would be a lot closer," smiled the genial boss of the Broncos. "All of the kids are hungry to play good ball and I believe we will play this way throughout this season," said the likeable Reeves.

Although the Broncos have a winning team, the squad has many versatile players. Junior guard James Tyus who hit 18 points against Shaw is very deadly outside shooter and rebounder. Forward Roy Birch and Terrance Murchison each added 12 points. Roy Birch is very quick and has been deadly on defense. "If you are not careful, Birch will steal the ball and have it in the basket before the opponent knows what is happening," smiled Reeves. Terrance Murchison, a 6-6 forward - pivotman, has proved to be a very clutch rebounder and shooter and is averaging over 12 rebounds per game.

Last year Coach Reeves was runner-up in the CIAA Tourney and voted "Outstanding Tourney CIAA Coach." This year the FSU skipper says that he "wants to take the whole thing."