

Fayetteville State University Pre-Season Outlook 1980

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The only thing that I can say to FSU's opponents this year is that FSU will be present for all of their games. What they will do on the floor will be a different thing.

Coach Jake Ford, in his second year as the FSU mentor will floor one of the smallest, if not the smallest varsity basketball teams ever in the history of Fayetteville State University. Last season's veterans Jeff Ballard and Ed Jefferson are gone from the 15-13 team who defeated such powerhouses as Norfolk State and Johnson C. Smith and gave last year's CIAA Cage Tourney Champions Virginia Union a run for the money in the regular season game and the heartstopping double overtime quarterfinal game in Norfolk, Va.

Enough about last year, FSU will have their characteristic running game together with such key guards as Charles Peoples, a 5'5", 160 pound Senior from Newport News, Va., and "Mr. Showtime," Bonny McNeil a 5'7", 155 pound Junior from Durham, N. C., who has the ability to make any person or even an entire team wish he wasn't around. Junior sensation Richard Robinson (Mr. Radar), a 6'2", 174 pound guard from Orangeburg, S. C., should add excellent field goal percentages to an already high-scoring overall team.

The forwards are young overall since only one senior returns, "The Doctor of Dunk," 6'7" Steven Mims from

Fayetteville, N. C., who will be or has to be a definite factor on the boards this year. James Knight, a solid 6'4", 185 pound Junior from Newport News, Va., also, should be counted on heavily this year. Freshman forward Mike Cunningham, a 6'6", 210 pounder from Memphis, TN, should see considerable action in his debut in the CIAA.

Now, let's discuss that ever so popular position of center. This year at Fayetteville State University was have two freshmen centers, and one sophomore center. Expect me to go on naming more? Well, surprise!, we don't have anymore centers.

Two freshmen centers, Joel Harris, 6'6", 215 pounds from Pensacola, Fla., and Lanier Hobbs, 6'7", 220 pounds, from Louisville, Ken., will get a "fresh" start on CIAA opponents this year.

The FSU program is creating some interest this year because John Marshall, Athletic Director has signed a tentative contract with BET (Black Entertainment Television) to televise the confrontation between Fayetteville State University and Elizabeth City State University on January 28, 1981.

In the past, FSU has had a tradition of defeating higher or nationally ranked teams when they come to Fayetteville. This year, the tradition will probably continue as hot rivals Livingstone, Johnson C. Smith, Winston-Salem State, Hampton Institute, and Elizabeth City are all ranked higher than the Broncos and all have to play the Broncos one time in Fayetteville.

Fayetteville State University Varsity Basketball Roster — Men

| Name | Class | Ht. | Pos. | Wt. | Hometown | High School |
|-------------------|-------|------|------|-----|-------------------|------------------|
| Ricardo Bacon | Sr. | 6'1" | G | 164 | Willingboro, N.J. | Kennedy |
| Steven Mims | Sr. | 6'7" | F | 185 | Fayetteville | E. E. Smith |
| Charles Peoples | Sr. | 5'5" | G | 160 | Newport News, Va. | Ferguson |
| Charles Ashe | Jr. | 6'1" | SG | 195 | New Haven, CT | James Hile House |
| Reginald Davis | Jr. | 6'4" | F | 185 | Fayetteville | E. E. Smith |
| James Knight | Jr. | 6'4" | F | 185 | Newport News, Va. | Ferguson |
| Bonny McNeil | Jr. | 5'7" | G | 155 | Durham | Durham Hillside |
| Richard Robinson | Jr. | 6'2" | G | 174 | Orangeburg, S.C. | Denmar Tech |
| Charles Blackwell | So. | 6'4" | G/SF | 180 | Rockingham Co. | Richmond Co. |
| Alan Davis | So. | 6'2" | G | 175 | Grafton, Va. | Tabb H. S. |
| Martin Gilliard | So. | 6'4" | F | 208 | Georgetown, SC | Winyah H.S. |
| Willis Jones | So. | 6'1" | G | 158 | Flint, MI | Beecher |
| William Person | So. | 6'8" | C | 180 | Nasmith, S.C. | Battery Park |
| Doug Singleton | So. | 6'1" | G | 164 | Georgetown, SC | Howard |
| Mike Cunningham | Fr. | 6'6" | F | 210 | Memphis, TN | |
| Joel Harris | Fr. | 6'6" | C | 215 | Pensacola, Fla. | Pensacola |
| Lanier Hobbs | Fr. | 6'7" | C | 220 | Louisville, KY | Male |
| Reginald Rouse | Fr. | 6'6" | SF | 195 | Kinston | |



BRONCOS — Fayetteville State University Women's Team — left to right, back row: Vanette Watkins, Selma Grambling, Sharon Jones, Dianthia Morris, Jesse Elmore. left to right, front row: Aniska Butler, Helen Smith, Concetha Smith, Veronica Stewart.

Miss Black College Day

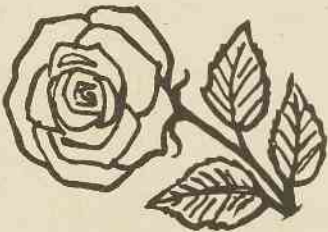
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her arms filled with long-stemmed roses. Surrounded by her court, she stepped forward to accept this new leadership role.

They were led to a convertible limousine to start the unforgettable journey to the steps of the United States Capitol. Miss Black College

Day '80, her court, and her fellow queens led the way for the most spectacular demonstration of unity and brotherhood since the 60's.

The scene on Monday, Sept. 29, may have sparked memories of the past, but those who made history that day were pointed towards the future.



Fayetteville State University Basketball Roster — Women

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| No. | Name | CL | Age | Hgt. | Wgt. | Hometown |
|-----|-------------------|------|-----|-------|------|-------------------|
| 22 | Asheley, Sheila | F | 18 | 5'7" | 128 | Belle Glade, Fla. |
| 20 | Bullock, Katrina | J | 21 | 5'9" | 136 | Fairbluff |
| 12 | Butler, Aniska | F | 17 | 5'6" | 140 | Nassau, Bahamas |
| 21 | Drayton, Sherlyn | Sop. | 19 | 5'7" | 162 | Hollywood, S.C. |
| 13 | Elmore, Jesse | J | 20 | 6' | 137 | Lofan, W. Va. |
| 14 | Grambling, Selma | F | 19 | 5'7" | 140 | New London |
| 4 | Harrell, Cynthia | F | 17 | 5'11" | 115 | Belle Glade, Fla. |
| 32 | Jones, Sharon | F | 18 | 6'3" | 165 | Fayetteville |
| 24 | Morris, Dianthia | J | 20 | 5'10" | 155 | Lawrence, N.J. |
| 10 | Stewart, Veronica | Sop. | 18 | 5'9" | 125 | Queens, N.Y. |
| 11 | Smith, Concetha | Sop. | 19 | 5'7" | 150 | Norfolk, Va. |
| 5 | Smith, Helen | J | 20 | 5'2" | 110 | Elizabethtown |
| 3 | Stringfield, Ann | Sop. | 19 | 5'11" | 115 | Dudley, S.C. |

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Pre-Season Rankings — DE Polls —

Howard University
Delaware State
South Carolina State
Florida A&M
Bethune — Cookman
North Carolina & T

National Independent Black College Rankings — DE Polls —

University of D. C.
Kentucky State
Morgan State
Tennessee State
Central State
Texas A & T
Lincoln
Cheyney State
Rutgers-Camden
Maryland-Eastern Shore

Southwest Athletic Conference Pre-Season Rankings — DE Polls —

Jackson State
Alcorn State
Grambling State
Texas Southern
Southern University
Mississippi Valley
Prairie View A & M

Correction: In the last issue the "Golden Weekend" article was not written by the sports editor, but was taken from the "Gold Bowl Report."

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