

# A & T Still Leading CIAA Cagers; Cops Defensive Honors

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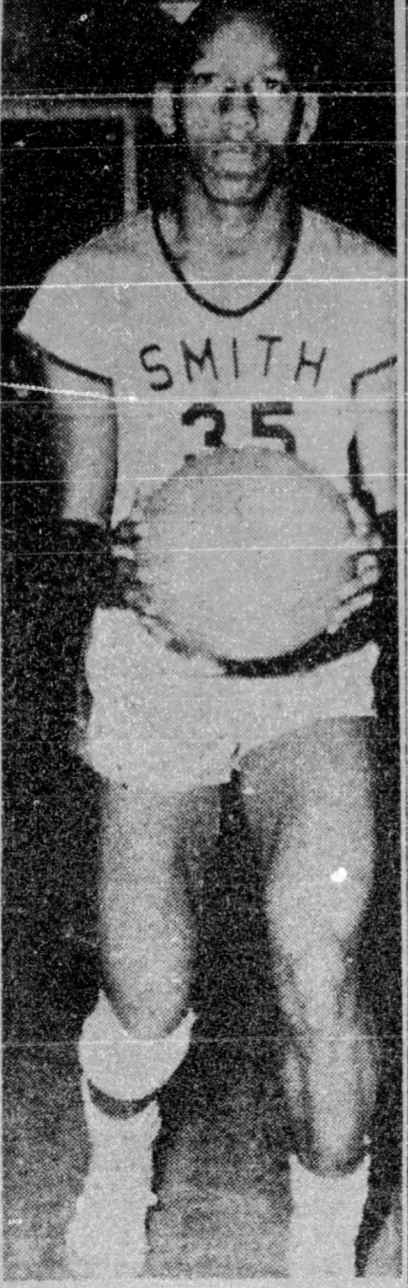
DURHAM—Coach Cal Irwin's A. & T. College Aggies (13-2) are leading the 13 college CIAA basketball race for the second straight week, according to statistics released today.

Holding opponents to 62.2 points per game, the Aggies also are the week's CIAA defensive standout.

Morgan State of Baltimore repeats as leader on team offense with 87.7 points.

However, Morgan (8-2) is clear cut runner-up last week. It tied for second place with Fayetteville State (7-3). The Dickinson rating, CIAA's yardstick, gives Morgan and Fayetteville 21.50 points each.

Fayetteville was third last week.



**HOT FROSH** — Clarence Barnes, pictured above, is leading Johnson C. Smith University's freshmen in a dominant basketball team to one of its best seasons in years. The 6-foot, 1-inch son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnes of 141 First St., Elizabeth, N. J., has scored 275 points in 13 contests for a commendable 21.2 average, and is just 103 points shy of a new scoring record for a Johnson C. Smith University freshman.

## Tom Hawkins Sets Scoring Mark At Notre Dame Univ.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (ANP) — In his first season as an Irish basketball player, Tom Hawkins, a 6-5 sophomore, set a Notre Dame basketball scoring mark with 576 points in 28 games.

Now a junior, Hawkins is well on his way to exceeding that performance. In 15 games this season, he scored 346 points, averaging better than 22 points a game.

Tom also is Notre Dame's top rebounder. He averaged more than 17 a game and had a recovery percentage of .163.

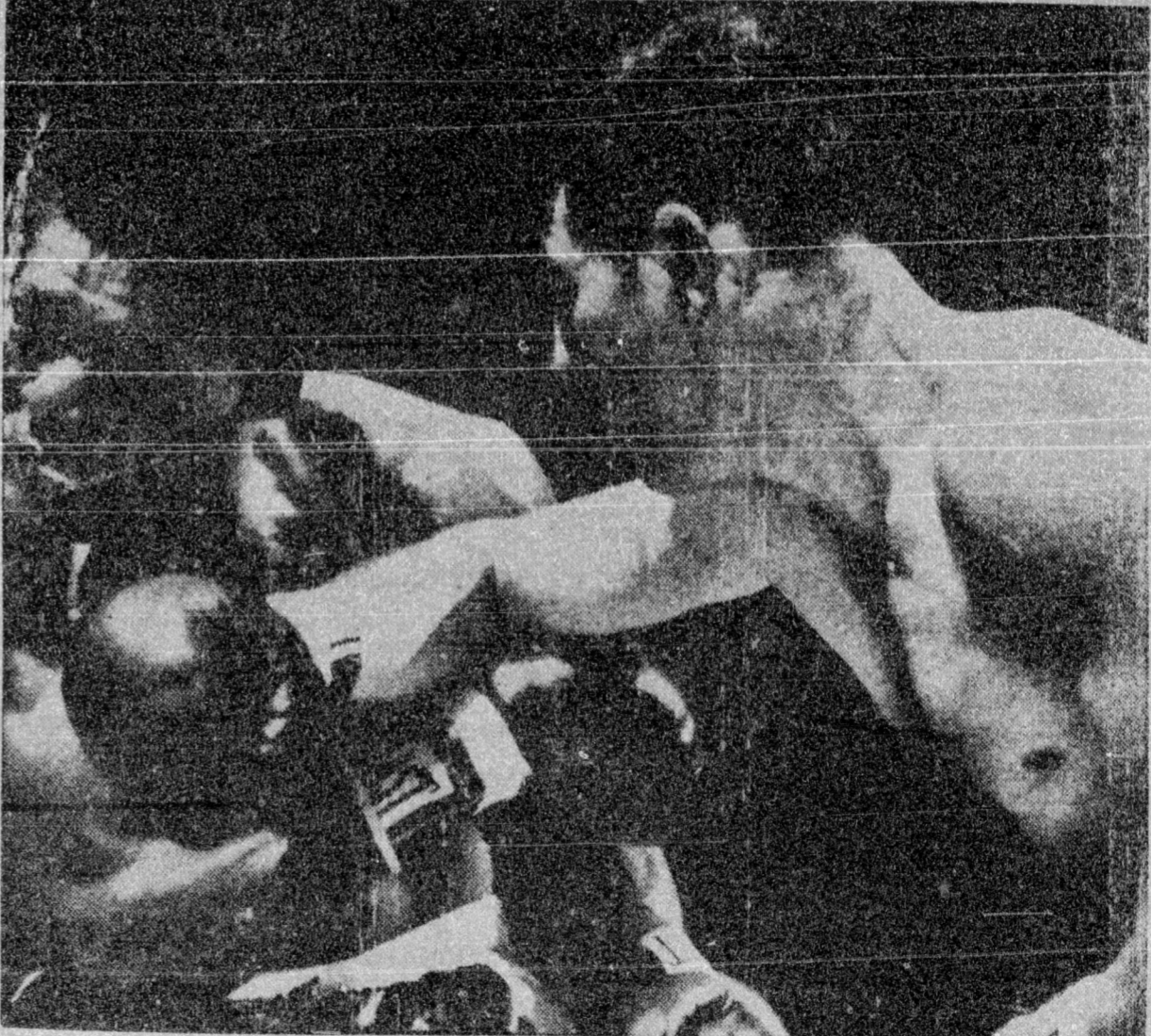
A product of Parker High School in Chicago, where he set a scoring record in 1935, Hawkins came through with his top performance this year against Illinois when he poured in 39 points.

In another game, as the Irish gained revenge over the University of Louisville for an earlier loss this season, Hawkins scored 25 points and retrieved 25 rebounds.

But he was starting in his inexperience as a sophomore. In the Holiday Festival tourney at New York City's Madison Square Garden in 1935, Tom won the plaudits of the usually biased critics from Gotham.

Although the Irish lost in the finals to Manhattan, 26 to 79, Hawkins scored 35 points on 12 field goals and 11 free throws to lead both teams and gathered in 21 of 70 Notre Dame's rebounds.

Hawkins' main assets are his uncanny rebound ability and a fade-away jump shot. Although he is only 6-5, he has excellent springs in his legs and can out jump most taller opponents. Because of this spring, his jump shot is very accurate. He spins and jumps in the air, fading away from the basket. The shot is deadly and almost impossible to block.



**MOMENT OF TRUTH** — Light heavyweight contender Yvon Durelle, right, slugs Clarence Hinman with a right to the head in their bout at Madison Square Garden, New York City, January 31. After forcing the action in every round, Durelle won with a technical knockout in the seventh round when the fight was stopped by the referee. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

## Beating The Gun

By BILL BROWER

For 10 years or so, Virgil Atkins, the St. Louis welterweight, has been conscientiously pursuing his chosen profession — prizefighting. His devotion has now carried him to a point where he soon might be fighting for a world title.

Atkins reached his present eminence in the welterweight ranks by twice knocking out Tony DeMarco, the former title holder, in DeMarco's own ballroom—the Boston Arena. The first time it required Atkins 14 rounds to conquer the Beantown puncher. Virgil shaved that chore to 12 rounds in their bout last month.

For that outing, incidentally, Atkins got \$20,423, his largest purse since he started professional boxing.

The way things shape up now, Atkins will meet Isaac Logart, the Cuban, in an elimination bout. The winner then would be matched against Vince Martinez, the New Jersey cutie.

Boxing experts think that if Atkins gets by Logart, Martinez will not be too much of a problem. Martinez is considered something of a fancy Dan in the ring and is lucky still to be in contention for the title vacated by Carmen Basilio when he defeated Ray Robinson for middleweight crown.

Logart represents something more of an obstacle, in the opinion of boxing authorities. Although not much of a puncher, Logart is an enter boxer and probably could withstand an Atkins assault longer than Martinez.

Just how soon matchmakers presumably the International Boxing Club—will be to arrange the match between Logart and Atkins remained up in the air last week. However, March has been suggested as the date. Instead of the \$10,000 guarantee offered by IBC, Logart demanded \$40,000. Atkins is willing, but insists on his price being the same as Logart's.

Eddie Yawitz, Atkins' manager, declares:

"Atkins is ready to box anybody. Virgil has compiled a record which none of the leading welterweights can match. Now bring them all on."

"He's entitled to fight for the championship. He's earned it all the way and we're not interested in any other proposal until he's had his chance."

If Atkins should win the welterweight title, he will be the first native St. Louisian to have gained a world championship in any of the eight recognized weight divisions in modern boxing.

Archie Moore, the light heavyweight champion, grew up in the Mount City, but he was not born there.

The notion in this department, of course, is that a title shot for Virgil is long overdue. He certainly has waited for the chance. We'd like to see him cash in on either boxer and probably could.

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**COURT ARTIST** — As talented on canvas as on the basketball court, Portland, Oregon University star Jim Armstrong poses with five of his impressive paintings. The little junior has been averaging 20 points a game, but has not let his basketball accomplishments interfere with his painting. He won a scholarship to the Art Institute in Chicago during his high school days. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

## Mays Carrying Pennant Hopes Of Frisco Giants

Editor's Note: This is another in the series on the prospects of major league teams with fan players.

CHICAGO — (ANP) — The Giants, one of the oldest teams in the National League, will occupy a new home this year and with hopes that, competitively, their fortune will take an upturn.

And perhaps more than any other team in the big leagues, the Giants rely on the fabulous abilities of a single player. He is, of course, the irreplaceable Willie Mays.

Mays is one of several fan players who will be either on the team's roster or taken to training camp at Phoenix, Ariz.

The list includes Ruben Gomez, a righthanded pitcher; Valmy Thomas, a sophomore catcher; Orlando Cepeda, a Puerto Rican first baseman; Andre Rodgers, a shortstop; and Willie Kirkland, an outfielder who is returning from a year in the service.

The Giants finished sixth last season, their farewell campaign in the historical Polo Grounds. It was largely on the strength of Mays' magnificent all-around performance that the team might have descended to lower levels.

Willie had his second best season in his major league career. He became the first player in history to hit more than 20 home runs, triples, doubles and to steal more than 20 bases.

Actually, Mays batted .333. He smashed 35 home runs, 26 doubles and 20 triples. He drove in 97 runs. His stolen bases totaled 40.

Moreover, the talented Willie continued to amaze baseball with his remarkable fielding and incredible throwing.

Manager Bill Rigney hopes that Kirkland, who comes to the Giants with a reputation as a power hitter, will provide help for Mays in the outfield.

## Willie Jones One Of Best Big 10 Stars

EVANSTON, Ill. — (ANP) — At 21, Willie Jones is slightly older than the average college sophomore, but on the basketball court that's advantage.

Jones is the soph star for the Northwestern University cage team and is potentially one of the great stars in the Bi Ten Conference.

A product of Englewood High in Chicago, Jones completed his prep career in 1933. Since that time, however, his basketball path has taken him in various directions.

## Brightful And Garner Lead Morgan To Top In The CIAA

DURHAM — The A&T College Aggies (11-2) replace Morgan State's Bears (8-2) in leadership of the 13 college CIAA basketball ratings this week.

A&T's Dickinson rating of 24.23 puts the group ahead of Morgan, last week's leader with a Dickinson of 23.50.

Fayetteville State Teachers (5-3) cling to their third place spot. The Broncos have been in this position for the past three weeks. Other first division clubs are Elizabeth City (7-4), 20.90; 4th, Virginia Union (6-4), 20.41; 5th, North Carolina College (5-3), 20.00; 6th, Virginia State (6-6), 19.15; 7th, Hampton (6-6), 18.75; 8th, Winston-Salem (7-7), 18.21; 9th, and Howard (6-5), 17.27.

Second division clubs and their Dickinson's are Maryland (4-7), 16.36; 11.5, Shaw University (5-6), 15.36; 11.5; J. C. Smith (6-5), 15.83; 13th, Delaware (4-5), 15.56; 14.5; Bluefield (3-6), 15.55; 14.5; St. Augustine's (3-7), 14.00; 16th; Lincoln (1-4), 14.00; 17th; and St. Paul's (1-11), 11.66; 18th.

Leading the CIAA in team offense is Morgan with an 87.7 average in 12 games.

The A&T Aggies are also the loop's top defensive and field goal

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**MAYS AWES YOUNG FAN** — Willie Mays, right, San Francisco Giants' centerfielder, made his first public appearance in the Bay Area in the California city at a local department store last week. He answered questions about his career and gave out autographed pictures to his young fans. One of the youngsters, 2½-year-old Martha Mendz, looks awed as she is given her photo. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO).