

Panthers Edge Eagles In Double Overtime, 66-63 To Break NCC's 3-Game Win Streak

DURHAM — North Carolina College's Panthers, surprising opponents of the CIAA, swept three straight conference opponents last week, but had their streak abruptly halted by Virginia Union's Panthers in a double overtime tilt, 66-63.

Floyd Brown's squad, moving a long like the class of NCC teams of yesterday, swept over Maryland State here by a score of 70-66 on the scoring of Carlton "Ding-Dong" Bell, playing the best ball of his collegiate career, and James "Duke" Martin, the Eagles' speedy front court player, who scored 25 to 20 feet off the basket, came from a 10-point deficit to down the Hawks in a real hum-dinger.

However, it took two free throws by team captain, Don "Pie" Burke, a 5-3 lad from Monongahela, Pa., to tie the game for the Eagles in the last 30 seconds.

Bell, along with the Hawks' Wilbur "Doney" Smith, a 6-3 sophomore from Fairmount Heights, Md., earned top pointmaking honors for the evening, with both eagles posting 22 markers.

Three days later, the Eagles journeyed to Raleigh and called on all their defensive skill to pull out a 59-50 victory over Shaw University's Bears.

Bell and Burke were top offensive, as well as defensive, standouts in the Eagles attack, with 20 and 15 points respectively, leading the way to the Eagles' 7th victory against only 2 setbacks.

Brown returned his hoopsters home for a January 17 affair with the winless Fayetteville State Teachers Broncos in NCC's arena. The Eagles kept their win streak intact and added to the Broncos losing streak of 7 straight by toppling them 51-47.

Brown used his size most of the game as he tried to bury the completely outclassed Fayetteville basketweavers who went 8-25 seconds before they scored their first point. By then the Eagles were out front 12-2, leading mainly on the surprising pumping of Burke, who dumped in the first 10 points of the game for NCC. Burke hit 8 of 8 before he missed his first field goal attempt, finishing the evening with 6 of 9 attempts for 15 markers placing him behind Bell who led the way with 21 tallies.

In the loss to Howard Jones' Union outfit, NCC's early game inability to put the ball in the hoop told on them in the final outcome. Brown's charges went 7-16 second of the opening half before they could find the range with any consistency. By this time Union had an 11-point margin.

The Eagles fought back the second stanza, and almost won the game in the last 12 seconds when frosh James McMillan blew a lay-up, all along under his own goal, sending the game into overtime.

At the end of the first five minute extra period, the score was knotted 36-36, but in the second period Union took advantage of the fouls called against the Eagles as Joe Rucker dropped in four straight charity shots to put the tilt on ice for the Panthers.



ELGIN BAYLOR PROTESTS — Basketball star Elgin Baylor, right, of the Minneapolis Lakers, and owner Red Shoop read telegram regarding incident in the Lakers-Cincinnati Royals game recently at Charleston, West Va. Baylor sat out the game in protest after he and two other Negro players were refused lodging in a hotel. The Lakers lost the game, 95-91. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

Johnson C. Smith Cagers Hope To Break Shaw Jinx

CHARLOTTE — The crowd-pleasing Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University will clash with the Shaw University Bears in a CIAA basketball contest at the West Charlotte High gymnasium here Saturday night, Jan. 31.

Elgin Baylor Snubbed:

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Minneapolis Laker Basketball star Elgin Baylor's actions in refusing to play with his team in Charleston, W. Va., when he was denied hotel accommodations there, drew heavy support from sport fans here.

At Tommy Tucker's swank Playroom Cafe, where thousands of boxing, football and basketball enthusiasts rendezvous, a petition was started within hours after the news of the Baylor incident. Circulating throughout the city, a committee that called themselves the Tommy Tucker Committee for Fair Play Off the Sports Field, secured more than 50,000 signatures in three days.

Placing a long distance call to light-heavyweight champ Archie Moore and his brother-in-law, actor Sidney Poitier in New York, Playroom owner Tucker received their promise to add their protests as both were in sympathy with Baylor. Acting as spokesman for the group, Tucker said to reporters:

"We all think it is a regrettable happening in America when such a fine player as Baylor has to suffer such indignities. We, his Los Angeles supporters, took the action we did to let him know that we heartily applaud his determination not to play in the game with his teammates as a silent form of protest."

Tucker, a former merchant seaman who gave up the high seas to become a boxing manager, is referred to as the Toots Shor of the West Coast restaurant circuit. His smart cafe is headquarters for all big sports events and nightly such notables as JBC president Truman Gibson, Dodger baseball star Jimmy Gilliam, actor Jimmy Edwards and white stars from Hollywood's main stem can be seen dining and waiting there.

This will be the second meeting of the season between the two arch-rivals.

Shaw took the first match by a resounding 77-56 score, including the triumph at Raleigh in early December, the Bears have put together eight straight wins over Smith since the 1954-55 campaign.

Through the years, however, Smith has dominated Shaw in 29 of their 42 contests.

'Raisin In The Sun' Opens In Philly; Play Written, Directed By Negroes

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — The stage play "A Raisin In The Sun" which stars Sidney Poitier, opened at the Walnut Street Theatre here Monday. The play is unusual in that it was written and is directed by a Negro.

Poitier's last movie, "The Defiant Ones," was selected the best picture of 1958 by the all-powerful New York Film Critics. For his dynamic portrayal, Poitier won the Silver Bear award at a European film festival. The award is the equivalent of the American "Oscar."

"Raisin In The Sun" has a top supporting cast which includes Claudia McNeil, Ruby Dee, Diana Sands, Ivan Dixon, Louis Gossett and John Fiedler.

The play is scheduled for an early opening on Broadway.

100 Per Cent Wrong Club To Honor Leroy Hardee

TALLAHASSEE — Leroy Hardee, Player of the Year by the 100 Per Cent Wrong Club during its annual banquet to be held in the Wabasha Hotel here Friday night (January 30, 1959).

The 58 All-American and All-Southern halfback from Florida A&M University is a native of Bartow, Florida. He led the Rattlers in three departments during the past campaign. He compiled 704 yards rushing in 87 carries for an average of 8.1 yards per carry; his eight touchdowns and two points after gave him the lead in the scoring department with 92 points; and he hauled in 5 passes for 99 yards to lead in that department.

Guard Willie Wyche of Tallahassee and halfback Al Chavis of Fort Pierce will be the other two Rattlers honored during the banquet. Wyche was named to the Pittsburgh Courier All-American team as a tackle and the All-Southern team as a guard. He played guard for the Rattlers but he was so outstanding until he was placed on the All-American team as a tackle.

Chavis, who was billed for All-American honors in pre-season predictions, was sidelined for a while during the season and failed to make the All-Southern team as a fullback. Hardee, Wyche, and Chavis are seniors.

Several other outstanding sport celebrities will be cited by the club during its annual sports jamboree including former world heavyweight champion Joe Louis and Jim Norris of the International Boxing Club; Al Duerr, executive secretary of the NCAA; and Archie Moore, light heavyweight champion of the world.

The mechanical corn picker can be the most dangerous of all farm machines, according to the National Safety Council.

Cepeda Tops Puerto Rican League

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — (ANP) — Orlando Cepeda, recently named the National League's "Rookie of the Year" for his performance with the San Francisco Giants last season, won the Puerto Rican Winter League batting championship with a sizzling average of .362.

Averages announced last week also showed two other Giants players finishing close behind Cepeda. They were Jack Brandt, who played on the Sanjurjo team with Cepeda, and Leon Wagner, who played for Ponce. Brandt batted .349 to finish second; Wagner, .317 and finished fourth.

Vic Powers of the Cleveland Indians captured third place with a .339 average.

The annual cost of poultry diseases in North Carolina has been conservatively estimated to be \$12 million, or 10 per cent of the gross cash receipts.

"Say Hey" Willie Signs For 80 G's

SAN FRANCISCO — (ANP) — Willie Mays, perhaps the greatest and definitely the most colorful of modern day baseball players, last week signed his 1959 contract with the San Francisco Giants for a reported \$30,000.

The salary represents a raise of \$5,000 for Mays, who last year was paid \$75,000. At present he is topped only by Ted Williams (\$125,000) of the Boston Red Sox, and Stan Musial (\$100,000) of the St. Louis Cardinals. Mickey Vernon also drew down \$75,000 last season, it is said to be dicker for \$85,000.

Willie closed the deal in a telephone conversation with Horace Stoneham, Giants' president, who was elated by the signing.

Stoneham, who didn't quibble about the salary — the highest in Giants' history — praised the promptness of the agreement.

"One of the truly great players in the game," he said of Willie.

The Giants centerfielder was the National League's second leading batter last season. Maintaining a prodigious average of over .400 during the early months, he faded in July but finished strong and was nosed out on the final day by Richie Ashburn of the Philadelphia Phillies. Willie batted .347 to Ashburn's .350.

However, Willie also collected 208 hits; drove in 96 runs; scored 121; the league's highest; and stole 52 bases, also tops in the league.

Willie also is a brilliant fielder who makes impossible catches. This has impressed San Francisco fans, and the Giants are removing a screen that ran along in front of the scoreboard in Seals Stadium to allow the "Say Hey" kid more space to chase long drives.

Willie is a streaking terror along the base paths.

Sheeler Named "Specialist" In Culture

HOUSTON, Texas — J. Ruben Sheeler, head of the department of history and geography, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, has been appointed as an "American Specialist" in cultural affairs to go on a lecture tour in Pakistan, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. Dr. Sheeler will be under the auspices of the cultural affairs office of the Department of State as a part of the International Educational Exchange program.

His lectures and consultations will deal with the Negro in American culture. He will go first to Pakistan where he will be received by the American Embassy, which will have arranged his lecture itinerary in that country. Later he will move into the Scandinavian countries of north Europe.

Before coming to Texas Southern University in 1954, Dr. Sheeler, who is a native Cooke High School, Alton, of Tennessee, taught in the Tenn. Central High School in Cleveland, Ohio, West Virginia State College, where he served 6 years and at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama.

He received the B. A. degree from Knoxville College, the M. A. from Fisk University, and the Ph. D. degree from West Virginia University. Dr. Sheeler studied American Culture at Western Reserve University. He later served with the Council on World Affairs. He has also studied with the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the Residential Seminars on World Affairs.

Among the honors which have been bestowed upon him are the Kappa Delta Sigma Key (Pentagon) league debate champion; Bancroft History Award (1944); and the West Virginia Educational Foundation Award for research in 1952.

Dr. Sheeler's fields of interest are varied and include American History, with emphasis on the Negro; American Culture; Literature, English and American; and African Culture.

His varied interests are reflected in his active participation in numerous historical and educational organizations to which he contributes book reviews and articles.

Dr. Sheeler is a member of the Executive Council of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

Russell, Baylor Gain Berths On East-West All Star Teams

NEW YORK CITY — (ANP) — First-half performances earned \$ and Bill Russell, the best rebounder in NBA history, were among the 10 players selected by press and radio representatives.

Baylor will perform for the West, and Russell will be in the East line-up. The coaches also lapped Woody Sauldsberry, who gained rookie-of-the-year honors for the Philadelphia Warriors last season, as one of the five reserves for the West.

BOTH STANDOUTS

It was no wonder that Baylor and Russell were choices. Based on statistics released last week by Haskell Cohen, NBA public relations man, Baylor was tied for second in scoring with 532 points for a pre-game average of 23.8.

The former Seattle star also is among the leaders in rebounds with 546; has contributed 144 assists; stood out defensively for the Minneapolis Lakers.

Russell, of course, has dominated rebounding since he came into the NBA in 1957 at-

for the 1956 Olympics. His total rebounds has exceeded 3,000 and this season he is out in front with 746.

SAULDSBERRY AMONG RESERVES

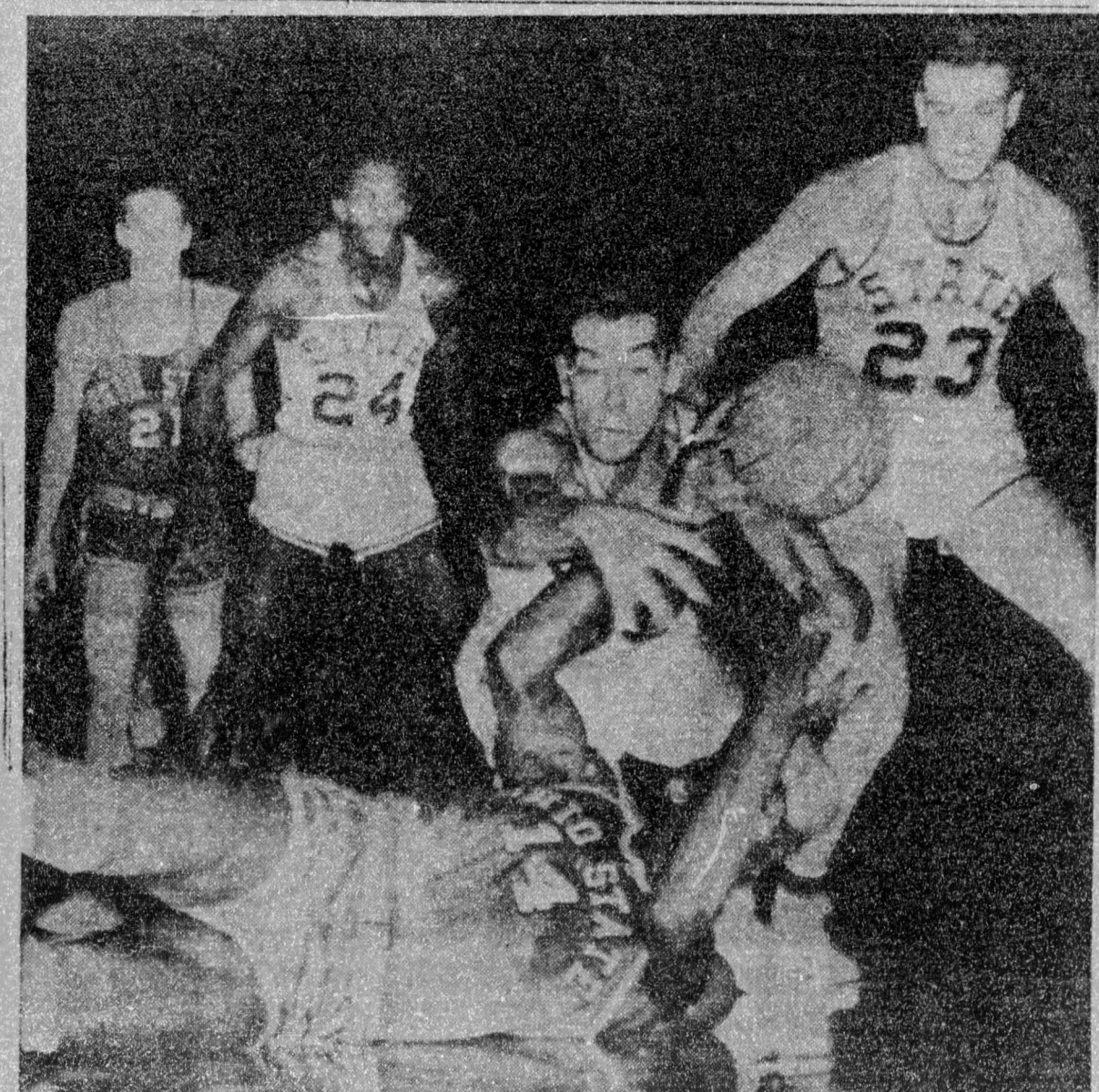
The tall man from San Francisco also carries his share of scoring for the Boston Celtics. He had 575 points in 33 games for a 17.5 average. It is needless to speak of his celebrated defensive ability. He excels in blocking the opposition's field goal attempts.

Sauldsberry has been a standout on the Warriors. He scored 493 points in 33 games for a 14.9 average. The outstanding performance of his career was turned in recently when he scored 41 points against the Lakers.

Sam Jones, the Celtics' second-year back court performer, is second in field goal percentage with 46.6. Third is Russell, with 46.2.

When the deadline for squad cutting came, the Detroit Pistons placed rookie Shellee McMillon, the former Bradley star on the inactive list. Reasoned Pistons coach Red Rocha:

"He's too good to give to some other club in the NBA. This way if I need him through an injury, otherwise, he's available to our club immediately."



LYING DOWN ON THE JOB — Basketball sometimes looks easy, but you really cannot play it in a horizontal position, although Ohio State's Joe Roberts No. 14, seems to be trying. He was knocked to the floor as Ohio State met Michigan State at Lansing, Mich., recently, and Joe tried to pass the ball from his "relaxed" position despite efforts of MSU's Art Gwien (kneeling) to stop him. Apparently amazed at the new playing style are Ohio State's Larry Sowers, No. 21, and MSU teammate John Green, No. 24, and Bob Anderson, No. 23. Mich. State won, 92-77. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

GOOFIN' OFF BY "SKINK"

The CIAA Basketball Tournament will be held in the North Carolina College gymnasium Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26, 27 and 28th.

The seating capacity is spacious and the general tone and surrounding atmosphere of the host and tangent officials express the warmth and cordial welcome that only a sincere and earnest hospitality could engender.

CIAA basketball has a lot to live up to. The organization is motivated teams that were as thrilling and as sensational as any ever perform on an indoor court.

The great Lincoln University team of the middle twenties, with such superb performers as the Great "Rip" Day, who was tabbed the "Lincoln Adonis"; the massive Frank De Costa, "Buddy" Avery, "Ike" Young and a flashy, hard driving guard, "Pimp" Weatherless, who was a wonder to watch. Together, "Rip" and "Pimp" formed one of the greatest guard combinations to perform in the annals of basketball history. The great Morgan team of the late twenties was staffed with the incomparable "Lankey" Jones, "Bruins" Wilson, Oils Truone, Sturges and "Tank" Conrad.

The colorful big live of Va. Seminary with Eddie Davis, McWhedee, "Slim" Henderson and a terrific small forward and playmaker from Philadelphia, who answered to the name of "Doc" Bates was tops. The "Down Town" from Union University, whose headliner "Soupy" Campbell and Mel Glover, formed a one-two punch scoring combination, will perhaps go down in history as the greatest scoring combination that CIAA fans have ever seen.

Ennis and "Hands" Warlick spearheaded the great basketball teams produced at North Carolina College by Coach "Johnny" McLeond and "Jimmy" Latta. George Mitchell, Weeks Armstrong, Kenneth Diamond and Henry Black were mainstays of Coach Harold Martin's great teams at Shaw, while Hargrove Cotton and Shorty Lambert made history with their par-excellence performances for the Hampton Pirates in the days when every team had a name star and some had a star on a team of stars.

The Mark Cardwell teams of West Virginia State, that played from coast to coast at the turn of the decade, was a team of the all-star calibre. They all were CIAA champs or champs to be, and the crowds that jammed the gyms to see them play always got their moneys worth.

Now comes the CIAA Tournament again and from all indications it is destined to uphold the tradition of past performances—the best basketball it is best, and the fans can expect to get their money's worth.

GOSSIP of the MOVIE LOTS

HOLLYWOOD — "The Golden Apples" title of a new book by a new author with whom I visited and chatted last week was the highlight of my first week of the New Year, and it should be important news to you, so seldom are books by authors of our race rolling off the presses these days. Just when they are most needed.

Mrs. Estelle Bell Hicks is the name of the quietly soft-voiced, middle-aged author, educated at Berkeley and University of Southern California but having spent 30 years of her life teaching the young of our race in southern schools. Now retired, and now calm and relaxed she is enjoying California's sunshine.

Mrs. Charlotte Hicks Jackson is her first husband and it is at her home here and her government employe husband reside in beautiful hill-top Lambert Park where I interviewed the author. Two lovely grandchildren, Gregory 3; and Collette, 1, are her pride and joy. Having some years ago spent a week in Mobile, where she taught school for 30 years, her information about the historic Gulfport, and its present, inhabits was of great interest to me.

She was a bit surprised to learn that there is a possibility one of the motion picture studios may become interested in her new book and offer to buy the screen rights. But when I explained to her that there is great dearth of good stories and novels suitable for public-reading screen plots at present, she understood, but did not appear world weary.

Watch all the ABC news next week for a complete review of the "Golden Apples" and I am certain you will agree that it is a gem of human interest.

PREVIEWS OF THE WEEK:

"The Black Opal" by Paramount Studio at Piedmont theatre (named after Mary Pickford) with its intriguing title, it starred Spalding Gray, and Anthony Quinn, with Frank Robinson, and introducing the Ball, produced by Carlo Ponzo. It is directed by Martin Bitt.

"The Hancing Tree" starring Gary Cooper, in another powerful action-packed story of the old West, which continues in great popularity. Shown in the main projection on the Warner Brothers lot in Burbank, it stars beside Cooper, Maria Schell, and Karl Malden, with George Scott, Virginia Gregg, Karl Swenson, and John Dierkes, and intro-

Tufts Scientist Lectures At A & T

GREENSBORO — The need for scientists who are willing to go "dirty above their elbows" was described last week at A & T College.

The speaker was Dr. M. Kent Wilson, a Robinson Professor and chairman of the department of chemistry at Tufts College, Medford, Mass. He was delivering a main address at a student assembly held in the Harrison Auditorium on Tuesday morning, one of a series he had given in a two-day stay at the college.

Dr. Wilson was here as guest lecturer under the Visiting Scientist in Chemistry Program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Speaking from the subject, "Chemistry is a Liberal Art," he said that the new challenges of the day require dedicated men and women in science but being good scientists is not enough. The scientist today must have a well rounded understanding of other fields to serve the best interests.

He warned also that other student must have some understanding of scientific principles to be well educated. "Students," he said "now must now take more than courses about science, but in science." There is need for balance between scientific studies and the liberal arts, he concluded.

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22 A & T College Seniors Get Practice Teaching Jobs

GREENSBORO — Twenty-two seniors at A & T College started on their practice teaching assignments last week.

The six-week teaching program, supervised by S. J. Shaw, director of student teaching, got underway on Monday, January 19 and will end February 27.

Sixteen of the group have assignments in Greensboro. These include: George Grant, Harold Mitchell, Elaine Noel, Grace Diggs and Sarah Cousins at Dudley; Catherine Allen, Blufford, David Banks, William Smith, James Smith, and Doris Bennett at Price Junior High; Edolphus Towns and Addie Gore at Lincoln Union High; Thomas Sledge at Blufford; Pearl Cunningham at Charles Moore; Mac Bell Fowlite and William Hunter at Luthan College.

Those who have out-of-town assignments are: Aurella Seavey at Summerfield; Robert Sellers at Brown Summit; Spencer Maxen-burg at Lousburg; Ellis Dye at Creedmoor; Jesse Fuller at Asheboro and Carroll Lowery at Gostonia.

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Form Eastern Bowling Group

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — The newly formed Eastern Major Bowling League has scheduled games in Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, Md. during the winter season. The announcement was made this week by Max Smith, president.

Representing Philadelphia in the league is the E-Z Club. Elric Miller is captain. Members are Francis Daniels, Alberta Daniels, Marian Wood, Selena Benjamin, Betty Walker and Sada Dixon, Chester.

Mrs. Dixon is the team's leading scorer followed by Mrs. Daniels. Smith said the league was organized a little less than 5 months ago.