

Brilliant CIAA Performers Slated For Tourney

Coach Brown's North Carolina College Eagles Team Score Three Home Victories; Four Stars Honored

Floyd Brown's North Carolina College basketball team scored three home victories recently that put the Eagles in position to challenge Virginia Union University for the CIAA's 1955 visitation championship. NCC's victories were over West Virginia (88-72), Morgan (84-73), and Johnson C. Smith (71-70).

NCC's record at the close of last weeks play was 17-2. Union sports a 12-1 CIAA mark. Union's leadership is based on the CIAA's unofficial percentage rating system. The Eagles are expected to stake their claim to the title if they get by West Virginia State at Institute, West Virginia, and Shaw University in Durham on Saturday night, February 19, in the Eagles last regular season contest. If the Yellowjackets or the Bears dump the Eagles, their claim to the title is likely to have less validity than it might have if the Eagles' string of victories remain unbroken at the present point.

In the West Virginia game at

Durham, Charlie Badger, Peeks-kill, N. Y. sophomore center, sparked the Eagle scorers with 25 points. Harvey Heartley was second with 21, and Rudy Dudley and John Kels scored 16 and 14 respectively.

High scorer for the losing Yellowjackets was Samuel Jordan with 20 markers.

The Eagles took a quick six point lead at the two minute mark, and led the Yellowjackets all the way.

Coach Brown's hoopsters arranged an earlier defeat, and clinched a berth in the 10th Annual CIAA tournament when they defeated the Morgan State Bears 89 to 73. Big Badger hooped 33 points to lead the night's scoring. Heartley Smithfield senior forward scored 19 points for the Eagle cause. NCC's John Kels hit on 14 markers.

Coach Talmadge Hill's Bears gave the locals a hot time of it during the first half as they played nip and tuck ball. Ernie "Greedy" Garrett, the Morgan star, fouled out with 12 minutes

remaining in the ball game, to kill the Bears' hopes. At that however, Garrett netted 16 points to place second behind teammates Ray Murphy and Jazk Rozier who led Morgan with 17 markers each.

Without the service of their senior defensive star and Captain, Charley Barrick, the Eagles eked out a 71-70 victory over the Johnson C. Smith Bulls in Durham last Saturday night.

John Keels, Tarrytown, N. Y. freshman forward, sank a sensational turn shot from the key-hole slot in the last five seconds of play to give the Eagles the hard-earned victory. Claude Saunders of the visitors was the high point man with 24 points. Heartley and Keels of the Eagles tied for runner up honors with 18 each. Robert Wells and Bi Partlow, with 17 and 13 points respectively also scored in the double column for Smith. In addition to Heartley and Keels, NCC's two column scorers were Badger, 14 and James Cato, 11.



TOURNAMENT BOUND

Four CIAA basketball stars won national recognition in the latest release of NCAA statistics.

The CIAA cagers are James Boone of West Virginia, Clarence Burks, St. Augustine's, Ronald Evans of Fayetteville State Teachers College, and Johnny Johnson of Virginia State College.

Boone and Burks are likely to be among the performers at the CIAA's Tenth Annual Tournament at North Carolina College in Durham on February 24, 25, and 26.

Boone, 6'1" forward, leads his team in scoring with a 23.9 average. A senior, he has shown tremendous improvement over last year when he finished the season with a 14.1 mark. Boone hails from Peabody High School in Petersburg, Virginia. He has hit on 51.7 per cent of his field goal attempts to rank nineteenth among small colleges.

Burks, 6'5 and one-half in, senior pivotman from Champaign, Ill., has been the big gun in the St. Augustine's offense. The lanky cager is tied with Boone for CIAA scoring honors with a 23.9 average. "Dead-Eye" Burks ranks second among individual field goal percentage leaders. He has hit on 60.1 per cent of his shots, connecting on 78 out of 129 attempts.

Johnny Johnson, Virginia State's sophomore sensation, ranks high among individual field goal percentage leaders. The 5'11" product of Henderson Institute has hit on 119 of 228 attempts for 52.2 per cent.

Fayetteville State, newcomer to the CIAA, has its star Ronald "Knowledge" Evans, 6'5" frosh from New York, N. Y. Evans is called "Knowledge" because he always seems to know how to handle himself on the court. Evans has connected on 89 of 170 field goal attempts for 52.4 per cent and 15th among small colleges.

Suggs team will play and, at 8:30 p.m. the Bethel High girls will engage the girls from the Pitt County Training School.

The winning teams will be pitted against each other on Thursday at 7:30 p. m., with final play offs on Saturday night at 7:30.

The boys teams will also begin action on Tuesday. The fireworks will begin at 7:30 p.m. when the Bethel High team tackles the Pitt County squad. Thursday at 8:45 the winners will be seen in action. And final playoffs will take place on Saturday at 8:45 p.m.

The teams winning in the playoffs will be declared champions.

\$100 In Prizes Offering Fans Selling Tickets For NCC-Shaw Engagement

Saturday night, February 19 has been designated as Community Night in Durham's plan to aid the shaky athletic ship at North Carolina College.

NCC's athletic program is currently running a deficit of some \$3,000 in spite of winning teams in football and basketball.

A cross-section of Durham citizens and staff members at North Carolina College are co-operating to make the NCC-Shaw basketball game on Saturday night, Feb. 19, the rallying point to attract some 5,000 fans.

One of the big attractions is the cash prize contest. This contest offers three prizes totaling \$1000 for organizations selling the largest number of tickets to the game. First prize is \$50, second \$30, and third, \$20. Organizations winning any one of the prizes will not be eligible to compete for the others.

NCC President Alfonso Elder and Athletic Director I. Gregory Newton were among NCC representatives meeting with leaders of local organizations on last January 27. At the end of the session the following committees were named: Half-time activities, Mrs. Callie B. Daye and Prof. Benjamin Hudson, co-chairmen, with C. B. Noel and Cardoza McCollum; Ticket distribution, E. W. Phillips, chairman with Dr. S. B. Fullbright and Dr. Ray Thompson.

CIAA's Tenth Cage Tourney Honors Coaches

Three Union University faculty members are slated for key roles in the forthcoming 10th annual celebration of the CIAA's annual cage tournaments.

In the three day dribble derby planned for the North Carolina College Gymnasium at Durham on Feb. 24-26, Coach Tom Harris of the league leading Union Panthers will be honored as the only three-time winner among the victorious tournament coaches.

And as plans to honor coach Harris take shape, the CIAA through two other Union professors, Dr. Thomas H. Henderson, league president, and L. D. Smith, tournament committee chairman, also will honor Coach John B. McLendon, winner of the first conference tournament in 1946; Coach Harry Jefferson of Hampton Institute and formerly headman in athletics at Virginia State College; and Coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines of Winston-Salem.

The conference will also

honor the captains of winning tournament teams, beginning with the NCC club 1946 captain, Aubrey "Stinky" Stanley. Stanley is now employed in New York and McLendon, who left NCC for Hampton, is now out of the CIAA and serving as head man at Tennessee A and I University in Nashville, Tenn.

Plans to honor the coaches and captains of restyear were made at the Tournament Committee's Feb. 6 meeting in Durham. The committee will stage a special meeting to determine the pairings at NCC on Feb. 20.

WON DEAL; LOST THE PRIZE

According to sports columnist Jimmy Powers, Leo Duracher, manager of the World Champion New York Giants insisted on getting Bob Buhl in the trade which brought Bobby Thompson to the Milwaukee Braves. Milwaukee turned him down and insisted on Leo's taking Johnny Antonelli instead.

Leo lost out in the contention, but Antonelli, the pitcher, Leo didn't prefer, won 21 games for the Giants; while Buhl, the pitcher he wanted but couldn't get, won less than three for the Braves who refused to let Leo have him.

A. And T. College Aggies Dropped Two Games here Last Week; N. C. College, 64-60, Virginia Union, 65-62

The A & T College Aggies dropped two "heartbreakers" in basketball games played here last week in the last minute of play, to North Carolina College 64-60 and Virginia Union University, 65-62.

In the North Carolina College game played here Thursday evening, February 10 before some 2,500 fans, the game was knotted at 60-all with less than 2 minutes to go. Cal Irvin's Aggies elected to control the ball in the outer area for the final shot, but the strategy backfired as the Eagles stole the ball in the last half minute and laid up the winning counter on the end of a fast break down court. Rudolph Dudley, N. C. College guard, dropped the winning score at 62-60 and on top of it, intercepted the Aggies' final pass-in under his own goal

to bucket the final score of the game.

The winners put together four consecutive field goals after 9 minutes of the first half to build up a seven-point lead, the largest bulge during the entire game. The Aggies, trailing at halftime, by three points, 33-36, came back strong and went head by 8-points, leading the Durham outfit, 43-37 after four minutes of the second stanza.

The lead changed hands six times during the sparkling encounter and the score was tied 10 times. The locals were out front for almost 15 minutes of the final period.

Virginia Union won their game in the last half minute of play as the Aggies in possession, one-point behind at 61-62, missed an easy one which would have put them outfront. In the

wild scramble which followed, the victors broke through to stretch the lead with a free throw and a field goal. The crowded gym was in pandemonium those last 30-seconds as the Aggies were not fully out of the game until the final whistle had been blown.

Union's biggest lead of the game was seven points at the 6-minute mark, but the Aggies came roaring back to get within a single point of the winners. The Aggies led by 11 points after 7-minutes of play and had a halftime bulge of 8 points, leading at 32-24.

Carl Smith, big Union forward was high scorer. He turned in 30 points. His teammate Irves Pretty, was second with 12. Wyatt Minton was best for the Aggies with 13-points.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SET FOR PITT CO.

The sixth annual basketball tournament of the Pitt County Interscholastic Athletic Association will be held at the H. B. Sugg High School in Farmville February 22-26 according to a news release by J. W. Mayo, the association commissioner.

The competing schools will be Robinson High, South Ayden, H. B. Sugg, Bethel High and the Pitt County Training School. Each of these schools will be represented by a team composed of girls.

The schedule of play has been arranged as follows: On Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m., South Ayden and the H. B.

Georgia Prince Hall Masons Open Legal Defense Special Fund Raising Campaign With \$6,500.00

Solution of Three Key Problems Is Sought by Heart Researchers

By E. Cowles Andrus, M.D., President, American Heart Association

The fate of millions of Americans, now living and yet unborn, depends upon the speed with which research scientists find the answers to these three questions:

1. What causes the arteries to become thickened, roughened and narrowed, interfering with the blood flow and nourishment of the tissues, and setting the stage for "heart attack"?

2. What are the exact mechanisms responsible for the abnormal constriction of the tiny ends of the arteries, causing high blood pressure?

3. What are the exact mechanisms through which strep infection leads to rheumatic fever, and consequently to rheumatic heart disease?

These three conditions—hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, and rheumatic fever—cause more than ninety percent of all heart disease.

The basic causes of these disorders are unknown. Until they are found, the likelihood of establishing cures and controls is lessened accordingly.

The importance of our finding the answers to these three profoundly important "unknowns" is underscored by the fact that diseases of the heart now cause more than 754,000 deaths annually.

Let us consider just a few of the more dramatic advances which are saving hearts today.

Initial and recurrent attacks of rheumatic fever are being prevented through prompt and effective use of antibiotics.

Antibiotics have made possible a recovery rate of better than 75 percent in subacute bacterial endocarditis, a heart infection once almost invariably fatal.

In many thousands of cases, it has been demonstrated that surgery can often repair heart valves damaged as a result of rheumatic fever, correct certain abnormalities present at birth (as in "blue babies"), and repair other heart conditions previously considered hopeless.

Relief is being brought to many thousands of heart sufferers through new drugs, new dietary controls and new therapeutic techniques.

Diagnostic and study tools are constantly improving.

All of these facts resolve themselves into a hopeful picture.

High on the list of factors warranting optimism is a change of basic attitude. Slowly but surely, man is discarding the view that heart disease is necessarily fatal.

He is casting off needless fears. He is becoming increasingly aware that some forms of heart disease can be prevented, some can be cured, and almost all cases can be best cared for by proper treatment after early diagnosis.

The public, too, has gained new hope from the nationwide crusade against diseases of the heart and blood vessels that is supported by the Heart Fund. Through the Heart Fund, the public has joined with medical science in fighting heart disease with research, professional and public education and community heart programs.

These programs are administered by your Heart Association. Its meaningful appeal — "Help Your Heart Fund — Help Your Heart" — merits the thoughtful consideration of every American.

NEW YORK
Grand Master John Dobbs of the Georgia Prince Hall Masons gave a big push to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund 1955 special fund raising campaign last week with a check for \$6,500.00 from the Georgia Jurisdiction Masons.

The Legal Defense 1955 special campaign began February 5 and will continue for thirteen weeks. It has the support of the entire Negro press with 48 members of the National Newspapers Publishers Association pledging extensive drives.

Grand Master Dobbs and the Georgia Jurisdiction Masons are annual contributors to NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. The Prince Hall Masons contribute \$25,000 annually to Legal Defense and maintains the Prince Hall Masons Legal Research Department.

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