

SPEAKING ABOUT SPORTS

BY GIL RILEY

Hello Fans. I'd like to apologize for my absence during the last two weeks but due to some unexpected difficulties, I could not avoid it. We'll just call this my annual vacation and imagine that I'm rested and ready to go.

I made it back just in time to congratulate our home town boys on their respective championships. The Eagles have repeated as Vistation Champs of the CIAA while the Hornets have copped their seventh seventh straight Bull City tournament.

NCC finished its regular season with a conference record of 18 wins and 2 losses. The two losses came at the hands of the Maryland State Hawks and the Bears of Morgan State College.

In the meantime at the Hillside High Gymnasium the Hornets were defending their Bull City Championship successfully. Both, boys and girls teams lived up to expectations by sweeping the laurels in both divisions.

Congratulations, guys and gals: Keep up the good work.

More Mantles

Participating in the Yankee's Training Camp this year there will be two more hard hitting fellows named Mantle. They are Ray and Roy, twin brothers of Yankee centerfielder, Micky. They have shown much promise in the past and if they continue who knows but that we'll see the Yanks with three brothers in the outfield.

The CIAA tourney this year shapes up to be one of the most closely contested in its history. Any one of the top eight teams

in the conference is capable of bumping each other off. All are strong, well balanced teams with plenty of height and, therefore, should offer some good basketball. By the time you read this, probably, only the championship game will remain. But go out and see that one, if you can, and you will understand why I say good basketball.

Spring Practice
Coach Herman Riddick will be turning his eyes on football again in a couple of weeks to conduct spring drills and pass judgement on a host of freshmen hopefuls. Among them probably will be Robert Johnson, one of Hillside's former stars, who will try to bolster Riddick's shallow forces at the end position.

Coach Riddick plans to cap his spring practice this year with a game between last year's seniors and his present team. That should be some battle. That's all folks, Adios

Selection Of All-CIAA Cage Teams

Number of coaches eligible to participate 18
Number of coaches participating 12
Number of coaches not participating 6

- 1st Team**
1. Clarence Burks-St. Augustine
2. Ernest Garrett-Morgan State
3. Claude Saunders-J. C. Smith
4. Steve Gwin-Va. Union
5. Jack De Fares-Winston-Salem
- 2nd Team**

Eagles Top Seeded In CIAA Tenth Dribble Derby Starting Thursday Afternoon In Eagles' Gymnasium



The above trio of Union University Panthers will be among basketballers playing in the CIAA's Tenth Annual Tournament at North Carolina College in Durham on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Pictured left to right the Union players are Steve Gwin, Howard Jones and Carl Smith. Jones was voted the most valuable player in the 1954 tournament.

The Tenth Annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's basketball tournament opens a three day run in the North Carolina College gymnasium here Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Pairings for the event were settled in Durham Sunday when North Carolina College defending champions, were given top seeded bracketing. The tournament committee postponed naming a visitation champion until claims advanced by NCC and Virginia Union could be settled.

In addition to top seeded North Carolina College (19-2), the other CIAA teams finishing in the tournament division were Union (18-1), Maryland State (11-2), Winston-Salem (12-4), St. Augustine's (10-3), Morgan State (14-9), West Virginia State (8-7), and North Carolina A and T. (10-10).

Tournament play opens at 2:30 o'clock Thursday with the Winston-Salem Teachers College Rams playing West Virginia State College's Yellow Jackets. Other opening day tilts include Maryland State and North Carolina A. and T. at 4 o'clock; Virginia Union and St. Augustine's College at 8 p.m.; and North Carolina College and Morgan State College at 9:30.

In Friday's semifinals, the winners of the Union-St. Aug. game will meet the winner of the Maryland State-A and T. contest at 8 p.m. At 9:30 p.m. Friday, the victors in the NCC-Morgan fracas will take on the top team in the Winston-Salem-West Virginia brawl.

Saturday's consolation game is slated for 8 p.m. with the finals going on tap at 9:30.

1. Harvey Heartley-N.C. Col.
2. Millard Harris-Winston-Salem
3. Howard Jones-Va. Union
4. James Boone-W. Va. State
5. Tom Harris-Howard
- Honorable Mention**
Barrick, N. C. College
Amos, Hampton Institute
Williams, Delaware State
Lloyd, Maryland State
Ellis, Hampton Institute
Knight, Shaw
- Participating coaches:
Calvin Irvin-A and T College
Edward Jackson-Delaware
William Gaines-Fayetteville
Ben F. Whaley-Hampton
Thomas Hart-Howard University
Jack Brayboy-J. C. Smith
Nathaniel Taylor-Md. State
Talmadge L. Hill-Morgan State
R. D. Brown-Shaw
Roy Moore-St. Augustine
S. M. Mathews-Virginia State
C. E. Gaines-Winston-Salem



Reading from left to right are L. B. Frazier, J. M. Schooler, I. R. Holmes and D. F. Reed, who will be seen in the Hillside High School P.T.A.'s Father-son Mother-daughter and Midgett basketball games, Tuesday night, March 1, at 7:30. Other participants in these games are as follows: Adults: Mike Marshall, Lee Smith, Sam Harris, Babe Henderson, Whit Bolden, C. C. Handy, Ray Thompson, John Wheeler, Bust Holmes, Kit Swann, John Lennon, E. W. Midgette, Howard Wright, Day Reed, Jerry Schooler, Lanky Cole, and Lee Frasier. Midgets: Michael Holt, Fugie Reed, Butch Dooms, Billy Clement, Maurice Handy, Jimmy Lee, Leroy Walker, Wesley Clement, Dicky Taylor, Teddy Speigner, Butch Toole, Junior Toole, Sonny Wright, Butch Handy, Butch Stanback, Irvon McCollum, Charles Harris, and Samuel Harris, Jr.

3 NCC Stars Play Last Game In Tourney Here

Three star cagers on the North Carolina College squad will end their careers with the Eagles in the Tenth Annual CIAA Tournament which takes place in the NCC gymnasium February 24, 25, and 26.

The three seniors who have paced the Eagles in compiling their 18-2 visitation record are Charles Barrick, guard; Harvey Heartley, and Rudy Dudley, forwards.

Barrick, the 6'1" Rosemont, Pa., Eagle captain, is currently nursing a bruised knee which threatens to keep him out of the tournament. He missed the last three games of the season, but has been going through light workouts during the past week in hopes of making the tourney this weekend.

Heartley and Dudley are newcomers to the NCC starting five the former having fought his way into the lineup at the end of the 1954 season, and the latter (Please turn to Page Eight)

From Richmond, Va., Monday came this statement from CIAA President T. H. Henderson: "According to a rule made by the president of the CIAA in December, 1954, North Carolina College and Virginia Union would now be declared co-champions of basketball for the visitation season just ended. However, the rule was protested in December by Hampton Institute in favor of the rule which would now declare North Carolina College visita-

tion champion, Virginia Union runner-up. In view of the protest, the determination of the visitation championship will be made at the CIAA annual meeting on April 1."

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