

Calhoun Seeking Millrose Victory

Do Or Die Contests Face NCC Quintet

North Carolina College's fast-improving but yet unpredictable cage team faces a trio of "do or die" games on their home court here early next week, the outcomes of which may well determine if Coach Floyd Brown's CIAA entry will become the first NCC team in history to fail to make the conference tournament.

Early this week, the Eagles held a shaky tie of fourth place in the conference, but they must hurdle some of the hottest CIAA teams before ending the season.

Surprise winners over Winston-Salem, 68-50, last Saturday, the Eagles were scheduled to get a breather from the wild scramble for tournament berths this week-end in two non-conference tilts.

On Friday night, they face E. D. Moore's South Carolina State Tigers. On the following evening, they will play an

alumni aggregation of former McLeond stars. Some of the Ex-NCC fast break luminaries to see action for the alumni squad are Ernest "Hands" Warlick, Troy Weaver, George "Hunky" Green, Benny Dix and Harold "Wild Man" Hunter.

But on Monday, the Eagles will get back to the grim business of nailing down a berth in the tournament in a contest with Morgan State. After finishing with coach T. L. (Marse) Hill's Baltimore boys, they will face Union University's ever dangerous team on Thursday, and on Saturday, the A. and T. Aggies in what should be a "natural."

The Eagles were surprised by the A. and T. five in the Aggies own lair recently, and they are itching to get revenge over the Greensboro team for the loss. This, plus the drive for the tournament,

promises to make the contest, last of the season, a sell-out. The Eagles already hold victories over Union and Morgan.

A near-capacity crowd witnessed the fourth place Eagles battle with the Rams. For some seven and one half minutes, Floyd Brown's charges held the visitors scoreless. At halftime, the Eagles were out front 43-24. Playing superb defensive ball, the Eagles held the Rams to their lowest overall scoring of the season.

Four of Brown's boys connected in the double column. They were Carlton "Ding Dong" Bell, high point man with 17; James "Chip" Sligh, 16; Charley Badger, 12; and Gil Riley, 11.

Larry Harrison and Wilfred John scored 10 and 11 points respectively for the visitors.

Winning over Winston-Salem put the Eagles back into their see-saw bid for a berth in the eight-team cage tourney in Durham on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 23-25.



LEE CALHOUN

Ram Win Over Broncos Sparks Tar Heel Play

A victory by Winston-Salem over Fayetteville highlighted action on the CIAA Tar Heel basketball for last week as the conference race entered the closing stages.

In other games during the week, A. and T. pulled a trick that hadn't been accomplished since 1951 when they defeated North Carolina College, 68-61, and Shaw came from behind to topple Johnson C. Smith, 68-50.

The Lilly gymnasium in Fayetteville was the scene of the Tuesday, Jan. 24, battle between two of the conference's new giants, the fast breaking Fayetteville five and Winston-Salem's highly regarded team.

The twin city Rams came out on the long end of a close 79-73 count.

Paced by the steady shooting of Ronald Kilpatrick and Ronald Evans and the all-round performance of team captain Roosevelt Wright, the Broncos held a three advantage at intermission in the Giants versus Gaines tiff.

But, coach "Big House" Goines' well balanced Winston-Salem team pulled away from the tiring Fayetteville quint in the last period and outlasted a last minute surge by Fayetteville to notch the win. Winifred John shared scoring honors with Fayetteville's Kilpatrick. Each bagged 23 points.

On the following night, Wednesday, January 24, coach Cal Irvin's A. and T. College Aggies did something no A. and T. cage team has done in the past four years, take a contest from the NCC Eagles. The 68-61 victory set off a demonstration by Greensboro fans in the Moore gymnasium which lasted a full thirty minutes.

The battle was pretty well even for most of the game as the 2 teams matched each other point for point. The losers pulled out to a 10-point lead about five minutes of the game scoring time straight points while holding the Aggies scoreless. The Aggies pulled the identical stunt just before the end of the half and reduced the deficit to one single point leaving the Eagles with a 32-31 lead at intermission.

At the three-minute mark, the Eagles had reduced an Aggie 9-point lead to a margin of three at the score of 59-56, but the locals pulled themselves together, regaining the nine-points with a lead at 65-56 with just a minute to go, more than enough to win the ball game.

Over at the capital city on Saturday night, the Shaw University cagers came from behind to topple Johnson C. Smith, 68-50. The Bears spotted the Golden Bulls a ten point, 28-18 halftime lead, and came on in the second half to win going away. Forward Bill Murphy paced the Bears with 17 points.

labeled him "a small-college center with big-time talent."

He insists that Hopkins performs each task with artistic refinement.

Remarkably coordinated for (Please turn to Page Eight)

Two Other Indoor Events On Tap For Star

Lee Calhoun, North Carolina College's brilliant high hurdler, will participate in the annual Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden, Saturday night, February 4, this newspaper learned.

Winner of three recent events, including last Saturday's Boston AA 45 yard high hurdles, Calhoun and his coach, L. T. Walker, are scheduled to enter the NYAC meet on February 11, and the National Senior AAU round in New York on February 18.

Calhoun won his third major indoor event of the season at Boston AAU meet, as he took the 45 yard high hurdle in 5.6, two point over the world and meet records of 5.4. Harrison "Bones" Dillard, who had won the event for the past 10 years, strained a muscle in the qualifying heat and was unable to compete in the finals.

He previously won the Inquirer 50 yard timber topping event at Philadelphia last Friday night in the world-record tying time of 6.0. Later, on Saturday night at the Star meet in Washington, the NCC hurdler copped the 70 yard hurdle event in another world-record tying time of 8.3.

For his feat in wrestling Dillard's laurels, Calhoun received the coveted Hillman Trophy.

Dillard made a short statement to the crowd and said he regretted the turn of luck that put him out of competition, but he told the crowd he was sure they'd see a good race.

Others finishing the hurdle event with Calhoun, in order, were: Charley Pratt, the NCAA champion, second; Louis Knight, Manhattan College, third; and Rod Perry, Penn State, fourth.

Florida Cagers Defeat Tigers By 86-60 Score

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

Leroy (Spike) Gibson, freshman shooting ace from Tallahassee, dropped in 21 points Tuesday night as the Florida A and M University Rattlers defeated the Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute Tigers 86-60 in the locals' gymnasium.

The Rattlers who were beaten 65-60 by Morris Brown Monday night, led 40-32 at the half. Leo Morgan, of Columbus, Ohio, tallied 15 points to earn second place scoring honors for A and M.

Thomas Lampkins, of Eastman, Ga., and Solomon Frazier, of Savannah, Ga., each hit for 12 points to tie for scoring honors for Tuskegee.

Morgan Starts Dixie Tour

BALTIMORE, MD.

The Morgan State College basketball squad begins this week a 4-game Southern tour which may be decisive in Morgan's final standing for the season in CIAA competition.

With a six-four record to date, the quintet tackles Virginia Union University in Richmond, Va., Friday, January 27, returning here for a breather that will be broken again on February 4 when the Bears take on Fayetteville College in Fayetteville, N. C.

The other two games on the tour will be North Carolina College at Durham on February 6 and A and T College at Greensboro, N. C., on February 7.

dent of the NNPA, Atlanta Life's Charles Greene and Wilbur Karts of Coca-Cola.



BULL CITY TOURNAMENT SET FOR DURHAM FEBRUARY 16

Durham will be the scene again this year of the seventh playing of the Bull City Tournament, it was announced here early this week by W. T. Grandy, business manager for the tourney.

Some eight high school teams from Durham and surrounding counties will offer three days of exciting play in the single elimination event, scheduled for Hillside high school auditorium.

The tournament will get underway Thursday, February 16, with the first round games being reeled off beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Raleigh's J. W. Ligon high will make its first appearance in the tournament this year, and its presence is expected to add much in the way of local inter-

est. Also returning to the tournament this year after an absence of two to three years will be Chapel Hill, Burlington, and Hillsboro.

Others teams rounding out the tournament are Roxboro, Little River, Merrick-Moore and Hillside.

Pairings for the tournament were also announced this week. Hillside and J. W. Ligon high square off in the final game of the first round which should prove a "natural." Other first round games will see Little River meeting Hillsboro, Roxboro facing Chapel Hill and Merrick-Moore taking on Burlington.

Semi-finals will start Friday, Feb. 17, at 4:45 and the finals and consolation will get underway Saturday at 8:15.



North Carolina College's prospects of taking part in the 11th annual CIAA Basketball Tournament on the Eagles' home court in Durham during February are brightening with the increasingly impressive performances of the club's sparkplug, James "Chip" Sligh, Winston-Salem junior guard.

Shooting an average of a dozen baskets a game, Sligh is also a strong asset to the team's defensive play. Out of action during 1953, Sligh and the Eagles hope to keep the NCC squad's record of playing in every tournament.

The CIAA's top eight teams will meet in tournament competition at NCC Feb. 23-25. NCC plays S. C. State in Durham on Feb. 3 and the NCC Alumni, Feb. 4.

Grambling High Scoring Ace Holds Eleven NCAA Records

By COLLIE J. NICHOLSON GRAMBLING, LA.

In a sudden outburst of candor Friday, Coach Eddie Robinson tilted back in his office chair and called Robert Hopkins "the greatest all-around college basketball player in the game."

For Robinson, a fatalist to the core, this impromptu phrase was long over-due.

If, perchance, you have never heard of Hopkins, he's the All-American pivot at Grambling College and the game's most prolific scorer.

An improbable looking six-nine giant — completely untouched by rave press notices — he has scored 3,426 points in 115 games.

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Abbot Award Begun As Group Honors Rickey, Robinson, Reese

ATLANTA, GA.

Branch Rickey termed "baseball's statesman," admitted in an address here last Friday evening that he spent \$25,000 as head of the Brooklyn Dodgers only to learn that "the greatest Negro players were in our own country."

Rickey, now board chairman and advisor to the Pittsburgh Pirates, told a sports audience that before he hired Jackie Robinson he spent \$25,000 in scouting the Caribbean countries, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Mexico. The elder statesman of baseball was honored on the occasion of the 100 Per Cent Wrong Club's 21st Annual Sports Jamboree.

With Rickey, the recipient of "The Pioneer Award," were also honored Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese, stars of the Dodgers, who received companion awards designated as "The Two Friends Award." Jackie took the citation for Pee Wee who was unable to be in Atlanta for the event.

An "Athlete of the Year" award was launched in memory of the late Cleve Abbot, Tuskegee Institute, with the 1954 recipient being Ray Robinson of boxing fame. John Sample, Maryland State College All-American halfback, was cited as "Player of the Year," while Grambling College was declared the 1955 intercollegiate

football champions.

Coach Eddie Robinson of Grambling received the "Coach of the Year" notice and carried back to Louisiana The William A. Scott, II Memorial Trophy, awarded to his team, as well as the coach's honor. Dr. Walter S. Davis, president of Tennessee A. and I. State University, received the "Citizen of the Year" mention.

In Atlanta as special guests of WORLD Sports Editor Marion E. Jackson were three young players who may be considered a part of "the Rickey Dream come true." They were Elston Howard, New York Yankees, Brooks Lawrence and Tom Alston, as well as other persons from all sections of the nation were also present.

Early in the program, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University, who presided, read a large number of telegrams having been directed to Rickey by his colleagues in the baseball field. Such messages of commendation were received from Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, heads of the two major league as well as minor and international circuits.

Welcomes to the occasion were made by C. A. Scott, WORLD editor-publisher, City Councilman Howard Wood for Mayor William B. Hartsfield of Atlanta, C. C. DeJole, pres-