

Virginia State Holds Onto Lead In CIAA Race

SPORTSCOOP NCC Faces Tough Road To Tournament Berth

By JOHN B. HENDERSON

"Do not then be afraid of defeat. You are never so near to victory as when defeated in a good cause." — H. W. Beecher.

This particular quote could very well be an appropriate epiphany on the tombstone of the North Carolina College Eagles basketball team when the A. and T. College Aggies subdued them last Saturday night, 68-65.

Although coach Floyd Brown's Eaglemen vindicated themselves for their 81-64 loss to the Aggies in Greensboro, it is an indubitable fact that this defeat was a staggering blow to the Eagles' chances for a tournament berth.

From here on out, the North Carolina College Brownmen must play careful basketball. Glancing backwardly, Floyd Brown's Eaglemen have twice lost to Virginia State . . . lost once to Winston-Salem Teachers' College (Rams) . . . and twice to arch-rival A. and T. College.

These particular teams rank one-two-three respectively for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association league title.

When you only split with one of the "Big Three" teams, you are in trouble. Indeed, the Eagles are still

in fair contention for a CIAA tournament berth by virtue of their upset victory two weeks ago over Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines Rams of Winston-Salem, 71-64.

But after showing such tremendous fighting spirit in the N.C.A. and T. encounter, I prognosticate that the North Carolina College Eagles will definitely walk on the hardwood at the CIAA dribble derby in the Twin City.

This Saturday night they play host to the Hampton Institute Pirates who handed the Eagles a defeat while in Virginia, 78-63. No need in my saying that the locals want this game very bad, for it is quite obvious what is on the Eagles' mind.

Another "must game" for the Eagles will be next Saturday night when the pesky Shaw University Bears visit NCC's McDougald Gymnasium to close out the Eagles 62-83 dribble agenda.

In short, there is no relief in sight for the Eagles if they want to make it tournament land at the end of this month. Scoop's Saturday Selections:

North Carolina College over Hampton
 Winston-Salem over A. and T. College
 Johnson C. Smith over St. Augustine College

Aggies Making Strong Bid For Conference Title

Virginia State College continued to set the pace in the CIAA basketball race with three important victories last week, but the Virginias got a strong nudge from A. and T. College, which also racked up two important wins during the week.

The Trojans knocked off Union, 57-44, North Carolina College, 89-86 and conquered St. Paul's during the week's action.

The Shelton Matthews coached team has been holding down the top spot in the league for the past several weeks.

A. and T. close to the front runner all season, defeated North Carolina College 89-85 in an important engagement in Durham on Saturday night.

Running close behind Virginia State and A. and T. were Norfolk State, which boasts the best percentage record, Maryland, Johnson C. Smith, North Carolina College, Virginia Union, Hampton and Elizabeth City.

A standing room crowd at North Carolina College saw the Eagles drop a close three point decision to the Aggies Saturday night in the feature game of the week in the conference.

NCC, spotting the Greensboro team an 11 point advantage at the half, closed with a rush in the game's final minutes but the rally fell short.

The Aggies jumped into an early lead, scoring ten points while the Eagles failed to connect. NCC never quite recovered from this opening shock.

In the second half, the Eagles closed the gap, and threatened to tie the score, but the Aggies came up with the right play at the crucial moments to hang on.

Guard Maurice McHartley led the Greensboro team in scoring, getting 20 points. He was followed closely by teammate Irving Mulcare, who bucketed 19.

Ted Manning and Joe Parker led the Eagles, with 16 apiece each. Al Conner had 15 and Pete Jones nine.

Tennessee Trips Villa Madonna

By EARL S. CLANTON, III

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Coach Harold Hunter's big three—Ron Smith, Bobby Edmonds and the little colonel, Bill Bradley paced Tennessee State hardwood aces over Villa Madonna 88-76 for their 20th victory in 24 tilts last Saturday night in Kean's Little Garden.

The jet assisted-Big Blues pick up two other wins last week by trouncing Gannon five 75-56 and in the AAU Jamco Saints 92-89 on Wednesday and Friday nights at home. The big week earned the Huntermen a three-day rest.

Tennessee begins a tough, major college swing up east February 9 and sandwich in a game against Creighton University in the Chicago Stadium on Feb. 13. Of their seven remaining games, the Big Blues only have one on its home court.

Villa Madonna paced by the 33 barrage of Dave Emmerich led the Tigers first 13 minutes of the game. Bradley knotted the score for the fourth time at 23-all and Gerald Dudley's crisp with 7:02 left in the half put the Tigers' running shoes on. Hunter's Gunners found the range and fired for a 43-32 intermission bulge.

Their set offense gave us a little trouble because it is designed for the close shot," Hunter explained. "Every time we would adjust they (Villa Madonna) would change the pattern. But we got our fast break working and that was the difference," Hunter concluded.

Smith led the double figure parade with 23. Edmonds followed with 20 and Bradley 18 as the Tigers hit 36 of 74 for 47 per cent accuracy from the floor.

Tennessee State zipped past Gannon Knights from Erie, Pa. in a game that was dimmed in the spotlight of Wilma Rudolph being cheered wildly as she received the long-awaited 1961 Christy Columbus award of Good during the halftime ceremony.



TIP-IN — Winston-Salem's Ted Batchelor reaches up to tip the ball through the basket despite the efforts of North Carolina College's Curtis Watkins (41).

Winston-Salem went down to defeat, however, 81-74 in the CIAA game in Durham. Photo by Purefoy.

Hillside High and Merrick-Moore Absorb Defeats

Hillside and Merrick-Moore high school basketball teams took it on the chin Friday night in games against two outstanding scholastic quintets.

The Hornets went down to defeat under the onslaught of Dudley high of Greensboro, 87-74.

Merrick-Moore was outclassed by Ligon of Raleigh, in a closely fought scrap, 52-47.

In other schoolboy action, Garner whipped Mary Potter Friday night, 62-42, and Lincoln of Chapel Hill downed Central of Hillsboro, 52-42.

Dudley's high powered one-two punch of Everett James and Charles Saunders overpowered Hillside in Friday's game in Durham. James scored 30 points while his teammate Saunders was pouring through 27.

Alvis Monros, who came off the bench, bucketed 13 points to lead Hillside. He was trailed by William Burroughs, who got 12.

While the Hornets were going down under the Dudley onslaught, out at Merrick-Moore the Tigers were having an equally tough-time with talented Ligon high.

Although the game was close throughout, Ligon was never headed after the first half as their superior ball handling and rebounding paid off. Ligon held a scant 22-20 halftime lead and was battled all the way for the victory.

Albert Love, Merrick-Moore's ace, led the Tigers with 21 points.

Ligon's scoring was well distributed through four of the starting five. Charles Matthews with 17 points, was the high scorer for the Raleigh team.

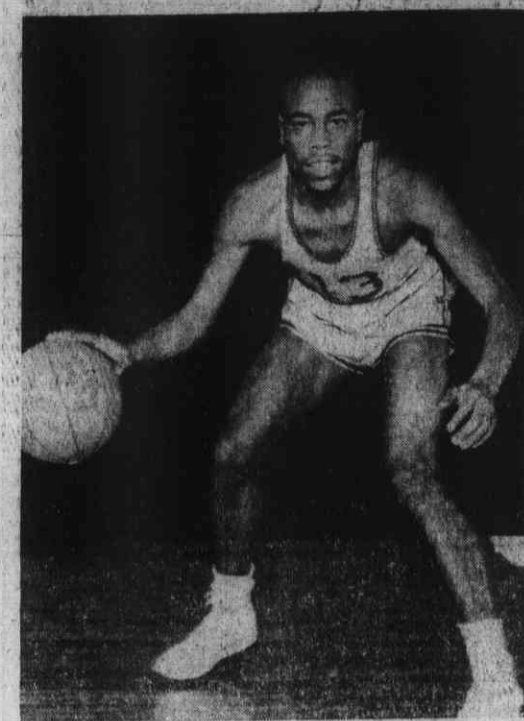
Over at Hillsboro, Fred Baldwin and John Jones led Lincoln high school to victory over Hillsboro. Baldwin got 15 while Jones tallied 10. In addition, they dominated the back boards during the contest.

James English led Hillsboro with 16 points.

Ernest Gerald's 28 points paced Garner to its 82-42 victory over the Mary Potter Rams Friday night.

Garner held a slight 28-23 bulge at the half and increased it during the final stanza.

Althea Gibson, former tennis queen and last year's women's champion will defend her title however over the 18 hole Miami Springs golf course.



PLAYMAKER—Albert Pollard, 5' 11" freshman guard for Merrick-Moore, has been the Tigers' main ball handler and playmaker this season. Pollard, in his first season with the varsity, earned a starting berth by virtue of his aggressive play. He'll be one of the Tigers seeing action when Merrick-Moore travels to Chapel Hill for a game with Lincoln high school next Tuesday, Feb. 19. Photo by Purefoy.

Florida to Pass More Next Year

TALLAHASSEE, Florida — Florida A. and M. University's Rattlers will pass more in '63 declared head coach Jake Gaither after mid-winter training here last week.

The Rattlers opened the 20-day training program on February 4 while Coach Gaither was attending a meeting in Miami. Forty-eight players, including 27 lettermen, are out for the four days a week sessions held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"We intend to bring in around 17 or 19 freshmen to fill the vacancies left by the 17 lettermen lost from the '62 squad," he said. Coach Gaither limits his squad to 65 players.

A. and M. used four quarterbacks who passed for 1,407 yards in '62. Jim Tullis was the leading passer, completing 43 of 105 attempts for 11 touchdowns and four conversions.

Continuing, he said: "We don't intend to put in any new plays for the fall now. We will use more reverses this year than we have used recently. We'll devote this training period to passing, working on our reverses, and looking for replacements for the men lost from the '62 team."

The Rattlers are losing one end, four tackles, two guards, one quarterback, six halfbacks and three fullbacks. There was not a single loss at center.

Returning for action in '63 will be six ends, three tackles, six guards, four centers, two quarterbacks, four halfbacks, and two fullbacks.

Central State College (Ohio) is the only change in the Rattlers' '63 grid slate. Central State replaces Allen University. The game will be played on November 2 at a site yet to be announced.



WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE—The grace and form required of good basketball players is captured in the action from the Hillside-Dudley high school game played in Durham last Friday as Hillside's Alvin Monroe (21) soars through the

air on lay-up while unidentified Dudley player tries to defend. Form and grace were of little avail to the Hillside's, however, as Dudley downed the Durham quint, 87-74. Photo by Purefoy.

Gymnastics Expert to Hold Clinic

GREENSBORO — A former olympic coach of gymnastics will conduct a clinic at A. and T. College on Friday, February 22, opening the annual Women's Sports Day.

E. F. Beyer, a former coach of gymnastics at the University of Chicago for 15 years, who coached the U. S. Olympic Women's Team in 1948 and now sales manager of the Nissen-Medart Company, national manufacturers of physical education equipment, will appear here as leader of the A. and T. Winter Gymnastics Clinic.

The one day event will feature lectures and demonstrations aimed at increasing appreciation for, and improving instruction in, gymnastic events.

The clinic will be open to teachers and students interested in physical education and no fees are to be charged.

The clinic will be conducted between the hours of 3:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. and from 7:00 p. m. through 9:30 p. m.

The clinic, being conducted under the supervision of Dr.

Randa Russell, professor of physical education at A. and T. will mark the opening of the annual Women's Sports Day Program on Saturday, which is expected to draw more than 100-college student majors in physical education, and their teachers, from seven colleges in Virginia, North and South Carolina. Participating institutions include: Bennett College, Hampton Institute, Livingstone college, North Carolina College, Virginia State College, South Carolina State College and A. and T. College.

Jackie Won't Defend North-South Title

MIAMI, Fla. — Over 200 entries were reported this week for annual Ray Mitchell North South golf tournament to be held here on Feb. 18-22.

Jackie Robinson, last year's men's champion, will not defend his title this year, it was learned this week. Robinson, now chap restaurant executive, is recovering from a knee operation.

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