



SPORTS



Eagles Basketball Team Kicks Off MEAC Play Friday



IN THE AIR - Pitt's Tony Dorsett has both feet off the ground as he rambles for 67 yard gain in 4th quarter of the game January 1. Dorsett had 202 yards on the day breaking Sugar Bowl record as Pitt smashed Georgia 27-3. (UPI).

December Was Months Of Ups And Downs For Broncos

FAYETTEVILLE - The month of December was a month of ups and downs for Coach Joe Robinson's young Fayetteville State University basketball squad. But certainly one of the high points of the holiday season was a 78-70 triumph over Warren Reynolds and his Aggie quintet at Moore Gym on the campus of A&T at Greensboro.

The A&T faithful filled the gym to capacity hoping to break their five game losing skid on the eve before New Year's Eve.

However, the dream was not to come true as the Broncos never trailed in the contest and was tied only once. At one time the FSU five led by a score of 25-10 over the homesteaders and left no doubt about the outcome of the game to the partisan crowd of Aggie faithfuls.

The final score of 78-70 was not indicative at all of the futility displayed by the (0-6) winless Greensboro club in their quest for the first win of the year.

Meanwhile, the youthful Broncos in defeating the Aggies topped their overall record to 3-4.

The FSU team was led in the A&T victory by 6-5 Emporia, Va., freshman forward Ed Jefferson who bucketed 18 points with 16 coming in the second half.

Two other players on the Bronco freshman-studded squad, 6-3 Ramsey native Dwight Marley (13 points) and 6-4 Pokomoke, Maryland native, (19 rebounds) were instrumental in the latest win.

The NCCU Eagles kick off MEAC conference play this week-end with three home clashes. On Friday, the Eagles host the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore; on Saturday, the Delaware State College Hornets; and on Monday, the South Carolina State College Bulldogs.

The Eagles have a 2-8 overall record, but will be out to start their home 1977 slate on a winning key. The Eagles are led by sophomore forward Robert McClellan with a 17-6 scoring average. He is followed in scoring by junior guard Stanley Melvin at 13.1 and senior forward Floyd Monroe with a 12.5 scoring average. Monroe is the leading rebounder with an 8.0 game average.

The Eagles are averaging 73.1 points per game. Monroe, one of the better field goal shooters in the country, is hitting 63.9% of his field

goals. McClellan has hit 50.7% of his shots and Melvin 50.4%.

The Eagles have received a solid performance from



EDWARD ROPER

sophomore forward Edward Roper over the past three games last week. Roper had 44 points and 34 rebounds.

The Eagles are expected to start at forward - McClellan and Roper - center - Monroe and guards Melvin and James King or Frankie Banks.

Season tickets are still available from the Director of Athletics Office at NCCU.

NCCU Grapplers Launch Home Slate

The 1976-77 edition of the NCCU Wrestling team will launch their 1977 home slate with three contest this week-end. On Friday afternoon, the Eagles host the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore; on Saturday afternoon, the Eagles host the Delaware State College Hornets; and on Monday afternoon, they host the South Carolina State College Bulldogs. All contest are scheduled for 3 p.m. at McDougald Gymnasium.

The NCCU Wrestlers are led by All-MEAC Aaron Sinclair. Sinclair is wrestling in the 190 pound class. Chris Smith, a freshman from Wilmington is wrestling in the 177 pound class and Dwight Mangum a freshman from Hillside High, will wrestle in the 167 pound class.



AARON SINCLAIR



TWO MORE - Denver's David Thompson throws up a long arm and dumps in two points. Hawks Lou Hudson (25), Joe Meriweather and John Brown (50) watch. (UPI).



GLORIA WARD



PAMELA BURRIS



DOROTHY JOHNSON

EAGLETTES HIT THE ROAD; HOME NEXT WEEK

The NCCU Eaglettes basketball team travels to Raleigh, Friday and Saturday nights to play Shaw University and St. Augustine's College respectively. The Eaglettes are 0-1, having dropped an 83-53 decision

to Shaw University in December.

The Eaglettes are led by senior center Yvonne Perkins, freshman forward Juanda Gibbons and freshman guard Karen Withers. The Eaglettes feature three local lasses -

Gloria Ward of Hillside High, Pamela Burris of Durham High and Dorothy Johnson of Southern High.

The Eaglettes return home next week for three clashes. On Wednesday, Jan. 19 they play Durham College at Durham College; Thursday, Jan. 20 they host Fayetteville State at 6 p.m.; and on Saturday night, Jan. 22 they host St. Augustine's College at 6 p.m.

NCCU Eagles Drop Three Clashes With CIAA Teams

The NCCU Basketball team dropped three clashes with CIAA teams last week to drop their record to 2-8. Last Wednesday night, the Eagles traveled to Winston-Salem State and fell 96-73. The Eagles raced out to an 18-10 lead with 13:50 left in the initial period, but the Rams countered with 12 straight points and streaked to a 49-39 halftime lead. The Eagles were led by Robert "The Fox" McClellan with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Floyd Monroe added 17 points and 12 rebounds; Edward Roper had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Stanley Melvin chipped in 10 points. The Rams were led by Carlos Terry with 24 points and 13 rebounds; George Gibson and Michael Robinson, 14 points each; Stenson Conley 12 points and Donald Helton, 10 points.

with 14:26 left in the game on a jump shot by James King. The Bears countered with buckets by Michael Heard and Vincent Copeland and raced out to a 60-48 lead in the next four minutes. The Eagles were led by Robert McClellan with 20 points. Leading scorer for the Bears was Michael Heard with 22 points.

On Saturday night, the Eagles dropped a heartbreaking 86-85 decision to St. Augustine's College. The Eagles led most of the first half and enjoyed a 44-42 halftime lead. The Falcons tied the game and went ahead 46-42 on two baskets by Calvin Preston. McClellan tied the score for the Eagles at 46-all with 18:47 left on a jumper, but the Falcons hit 11 straight points to lead 57-46 with 14:54 left.

Sean Powell was fouled by Stanley Melvin with 1:23 left and sank two free throws and came back with 19 seconds left to sink two more to give the Falcons an 86-83 lead. Monroe hit a driving layup with 4 seconds to cut the final score to 86-85.

McClellan led all scorers with 26 points. Melvin added 17, Roper 16 and Monroe 14.

On Friday night, the Eagles faced the Shaw University Bears and fell 92-77. Again the Eagles streaked out to an early lead - this one 26-20 with 7:37 left in the first half. The Bears countered with 13 straight points and held a 37-32 halftime lead. The Eagles tied the score at 46-all

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ALL GAMES START AT 7:30

NCCU Wrestlers Slate

The Eagles home wrestling schedule is:

- Jan. 14 - Maryland Eastern Shore;
- Jan. 15 - Delaware State
- Jan. 17 - South Carolina
- Jan. 26 - Winston-Salem State
- Feb. 2 - Elizabeth City State
- Feb. 11 - Barber-Scottia College
- Feb. 15 - N. C. A&T State University.

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