

SPORTS



L. C. Hardy to Fill SID Post at Albany State

ALBANY, GA. — "For as long as I can remember, I've always been a person who has enjoyed being of service to other people," commented Lonza C. Hardy Jr., the new sports information director at Albany State College.

A 22-year-old native of Pleasant Hill, N.C., Hardy is a 1978 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There he received his B.A. degree in journalism last May.

Describing himself as "an enthusiast who likes to make challenges of everything," Hardy became known campus wide as an efficient, innovative and lively student leader. In addition to meeting the academic demands of the highly competitive university, he participated extensively in extra-curricular life, being involved with such organization as Black Ink, the campus's black newspaper, The Black Student Movement, a group primarily dedicated to sustaining a sense of black identity on the predominantly white campus and the United Christian Fellowship and Bread of Life Ministry, Black-Oriented Campus Religious groups.

Through involvement with the above groups, Hardy received several honors and awards while at UNC. These include being elected as the Black Student Movement Student of the year both of his last two years in school, being selected as best writer and best editor when sports editor of Black Ink his junior year, receiving several service awards from The Bread of Life Ministry and initiation into two of the campus' most prestigious honor societies—The Order of the Golden Fleece and The Order of the Grail.

In light of these honors, Hardy commented, "I just believe that if I'm going to be involved with something and if there is a job to be done, I'm going to

do it. And I'm going to do it no matter what obstacles I have to overcome, no matter how much time is required and no matter how frustrated I may become in the process. I consider myself a winner and winners never quit."

The young journalist plans to implement the same principles during his tenure as sports information director. He says the theme of his office will be: Publicity and Progress. This entails, he says, establishing a very efficient sports information office in addition to maintaining a very workable relationship with the press, the pro ranks, the athletes here and the athletic personnel.

Hardy admits that he had reservations about accepting the job at ASC. He explained, "the biggest question I had to answer was whether I wanted to leave my family so far and the UNC-CH area. I had so many friends there, I liked the general atmosphere and I really wanted to work in the Chapel Hill-Durham-Raleigh area. Also, I realized that I had just finished school in May and I was wondering whether I should take on such an awesome task just six months out of school."

"But I'm here now," Hardy continued, "and amazingly in just two weeks I already feel a part of the ASC system."

The determination of the team and coaches and the spirit of the fans has really inspired me and makes me feel right at home. There's just so much talent here, and if I can help it, the Sports Information Office is going to make sure that everyone is aware of that."

Reminiscent of the days when he helped to bring enthusiasm and organization to several college campus groups, Hardy has now taken on a new challenge. The results this time, if the past is any indication, should be equally as impressive.

BY MILTON SATTERFIELD

Hillside Wins Holiday Tournament

Last, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, nights, eight high school basketball teams got together and played their hearts out in the Christmas tournament. This year, it was recognized under a new name, "The Durham Sun Holiday Tournament in Memory of Paul C. Williamson", and was played in Paul Sykes Gynastium, home of the Durham High Bulldogs.

NIGHT ONE-DECEMBER 27
In the tourney opener, the Hornets of Hillside High went to buzzing as they stung the South Mecklenburg Sabres with a loss, 69-58. The win set the Hornets to play in one of the two semi-finals played on the next night. As for the Sabres, it killed their hopes for a number one spot.

Game two was much closer as the Southern Spartans edged past Fayetteville Seventy-First, 70-69. This set the Spartans straight for a number one hope. As for Seventy-First, it was a consolation game the next night.

In game three, the Falcons of Jordan High flew high and showed great quickness as they handed the Warriors of Oxford Webb a 76-66 loss. The win gave Jordan the right to play in the semi-finals.

In game four, it was like a dog fight on a seesaw. With the powerful help from senior Sherman Johnson, the Vikings of Kinston drilled past the Bulldogs of Durham, 73-72. Bulldog's senior

James Marshall gave all he had in his performance. He hit his team's first eight points and later added twenty.

There it is — your four semi-final teams.

NIGHT TWO-DECEMBER 28

In the first consolation game, Durham High once again got excellent performance from 6'3" senior James Marshall who popped in a game high 34 points — twenty in the first half. But the effort was not enough to stop Fayetteville Seventy-First from edging past a 75-73 win.

In game two, South Mecklenburg, 77, Oxford Webb, 52, in the second consolation game.

Game three also went down to the wire when Sherman Johnson's two free throws with :01 remaining on the clock, gave Kinston a tough win over Southern High 62-61, to advance in the tournament's finals.

Game four, believe it or not; went down to the wire also. Coach Leonidas Williams led his Hillside Hornets to an overtime victory over Coach

Johnny Avery's Jordan Falcons.

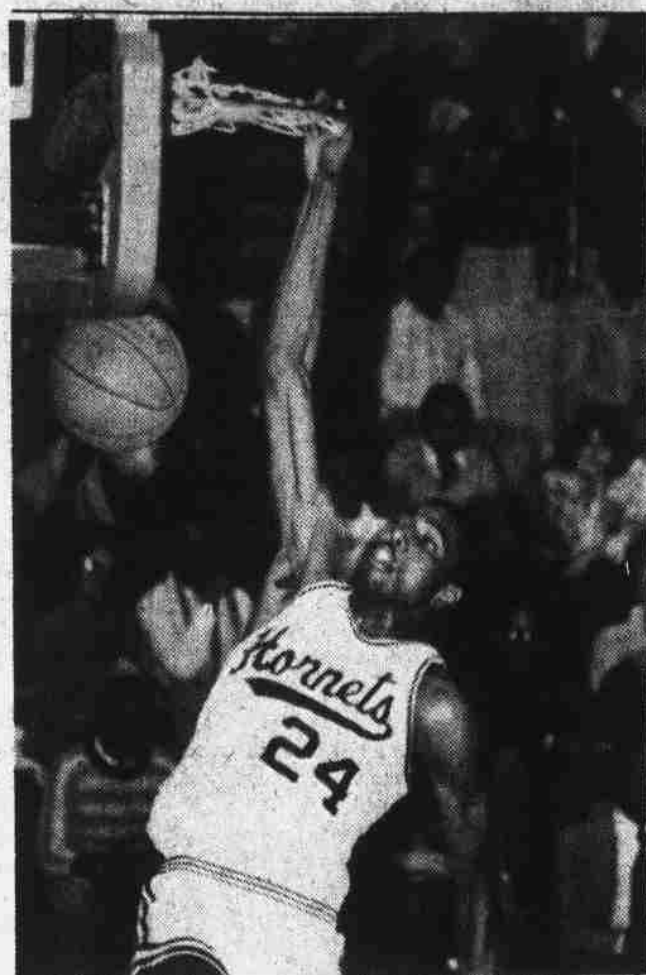
Hillside's 6'5" center, Carlos Kelly, hit a game high 28 points (ten in the first half), snagged down twenty rebounds, blocked eight shots, and one slam dunk. Out of all of this, there was a 3/4 minute unbelievable surge that included twelve points, three rebounds and two block shots. Kelly's only flaw in the game was his thirteen missed free throws.

Falcons Glenn Dowdy, who is a non-starter, came of the bench piping hot. He led his team in scoring with eighteen points and added thirteen rebounds and a slam dunk.

NIGHT THREE-DECEMBER 29

In game one, it was a fight for who was to finish third place, but the Southern Spartans didn't put up much of a fight. Jordan took as much as a fifteen-point spread early in the first half to find the Spartans creeping back to end the half 39-37. Both teams came back into the second half riding pretty close, but Jordan went on to wrap the Spartans' Christmas present and handed them fourth place in an 83-68 win.

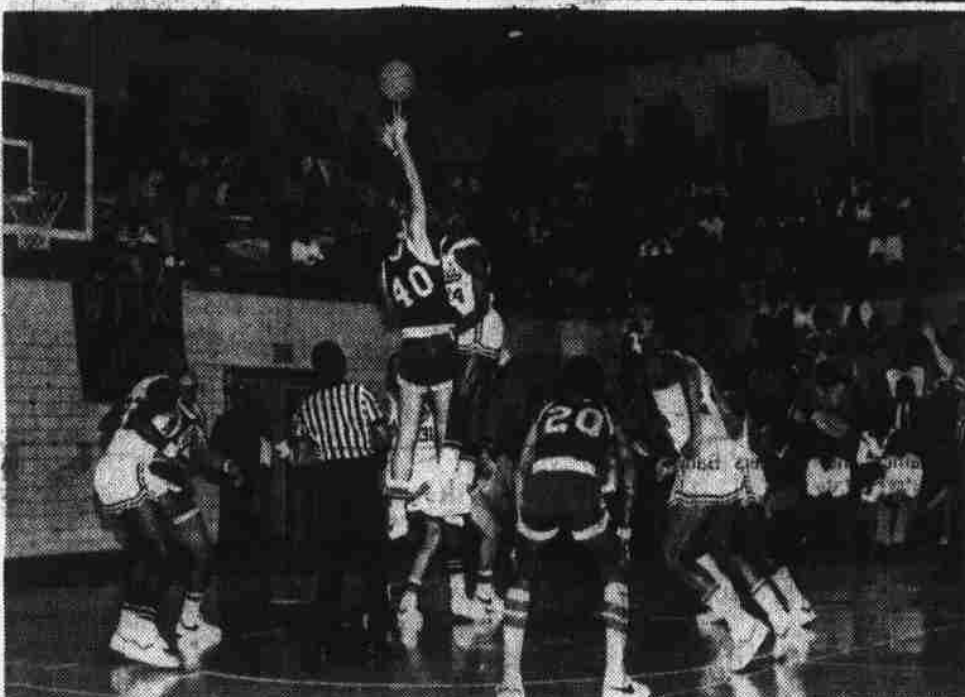
And there was the final game of the Holiday Tournament. Who was to be number one — Hillside or Kinston?



TOURNAMENT MVP — Carlos Kelly of Hillside made good use of this fast break as he dunked the ball during the Championship game against Kinston High School. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell)



LONZA C. HARDY, JR.



CENTERS for Hillside and Kinston High School battle for this tip-off in Friday's tournament at Durham High School. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell)

Jeffries Resigns Football Post At S.C. State

ORANGEBURG, SC—Willie Jeffries, who in six seasons as head football coach at South Carolina State College built the Bulldogs into a national power, resigned the post Dec. 28 to accept a similar job at Wichita State University in Kansas.

The announcement of Jeffries' hiring by

Wichita State came at a press conference in Wichita. Earlier in the day, Jeffries, through a letter, had informed officials at S.C. State that he would be leaving his post at the Orangeburg school.

Jeffries, a Union, SC native and an alumnus of S.C. State, becomes the first black to hold the head football coaching job at a predominantly white NCAA Division I-A school. He succeeds Jim Wright who was fired after a 4-7 year at Wichita State, a Missouri Valley Conference School.

In six seasons at his alma mater, Jeffries compiled a 50-13-4 record, won five consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles and guided his team to post season bowl games five years straight.

In 1973, his first season at S.C. State, Jeffries led the Bulldogs to a 7-2-1 mark and a berth in the Orange Blossom classic. That season, he became the first black to earn South Carolina Coach of the Year honors. He was tabbed the Palmetto State's top coach again in 1976 following a 10-1 season and a win over Norfolk State in the Bicentennial Bowl.

Jeffries was also named Coach of the Year honors in the MEAC twice and shared the honor on two other occasions.

Last season Jeffries led the Bulldogs to an 8-2-1 season and the MEAC title. His team narrowly missed landing a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

Jeffries and his wife, Mary, are the parents of three children—Valerie, Willie Jr., and Tammy.

always, he dazzled the audience with a slam dunk with 2:01 remaining in the first half.

"We tried to give them (Hillside) the outside shots more," said Paul Jones, coach of the Falcons.

Sherman Johnson, the 5'11" senior added, "Hillside's good and I enjoyed playing in the tournament, but if Hillside is to make it far, they're going to have to improve on their outside shots."

On more of a happy side, a few Hornets commented: Carlos Kelly: "We proved to a lot of people that we are good. I think we played good defense and we beat three top-rated teams." O'Hene Jones: "It just feels good to win!"

Ivan Harrell: "It's a good feeling to win your first tournament."

Curtis Jones: "Our main concern was to stop Sherman Johnson and we did. It's a good feeling to win."

Coach Williams: "We played a good team and I think Harrell and Yancey did a good job holding Johnson. What a good way to end the year and what a good way to start the year."

The Vikes star guard, Sherman Johnson, hit 29 and nineteen points in the games two nights earlier, but couldn't pull it together as he ended with thirteen — two of those points coming with :04 remaining in the first half to tie the teams at 34.

The second half opened with Kinston slightly going into a slump, taking good shots, but seeing very few fall. Seniors Delbert Bryant and Jeff Sargeant put on an impressive second half. Bryant coming back from a sprained ankle hit fourteen points and Sargeant finished with a game high eighteen.

Kinston went into a stall, totaling 53-52 with 2:36 remaining in the game to take a desperate shot and losing the rebound. Hillside went into a stall of their own, ticking lots of time off the clock, until Delbert Bryant desperately fouled Hornet Ivan Harrell who went to the line and hit a pair of free throws, 55-52.

The Vikes tried to foul Carlos Kelly, the Hornet center, who had poor shooting from the free throw line during the entire tournament. They could not, for the Hornets figured it out and kept the ball out of the big man's hands. "He's having some kind of mechanical difficulty and can't make Coach Williams said of his talented center who won the MVP award. The Hornets won the game 59-56.

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BARBER

Barber Named Dir. Of Service Bureau

Larry Barber has been named the Director of Service Bureau by the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference office situated in Durham, North Carolina. He assumed his full time capacity on January 2, 1979, after serving three months part-time following Dr. Doug McAdoo's resignation on October 15, 1978.

Barber's duties include developing and implementing steps for publicizing MEAC activities; collecting and distributing weekly and final statistics to member institutions and various media; arranging and disseminating sports round-ups and publicizing all MEAC teams; and performing special conference tasks assigned by Commissioner Kenneth Free.

Participating institutions are: Delaware State, Howard University, Morgan State, University of

Maryland Eastern Shore, North Carolina A&T, North Carolina Central, and South Carolina State.

Barber, a Durham native, has been a sports editor for two scholastic newspapers, and has served as a free lance sports reporter for *The Carolina Times* the past two years.

The 28-year-old NC A&T State graduate said of his position, "I see no reason why the MEAC cannot be as well publicized as any other major athletic conference, and I intend to pump the media full of our activities. I also want to expose the athletes to as many professional opportunities as possible."

He is married to the former Ms. Laquinta Cox. They reside in Durham, and have a six year old daughter, Kyesha Marie.

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