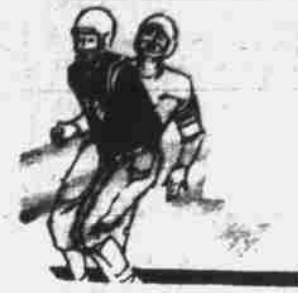




# Sports



## Basketball In the Black Colleges

### A Historical Chronology

1891 - 1980

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### Part IV Period IV, 1950-1960

1957-1959

During the 1957-58 basketball season, Tennessee State again won the District 29 tournament and returned to Kansas City to successfully defend its national title, becoming the second team in NAIA history to win the championship two consecutive times.

Dick Barnett of Tennessee and Bennie Swain of Texas Southern were named first team NAIA tournament all-stars. John Barnhill and Jim Satterwhite, also of Tennessee State, were named to all tournament second team.

For the first time in black college basketball, a player, Dick Barnett, was named MVP in the national tournament. Also for the first time, a black college star was named to the Converse all-America team which included all colleges and universities in the country. Barnett claimed the honor and was also named to the little all-America team. John Barnhill was an additional player in 1958. Each also made NAIA all-American.

In an obvious move to offset NAIA gains, the NCAA installed a black regional tournament which qualified the victor for a berth in the college division championship's first and second round, and held it at Grambling College with Grambling the winner.

Grambling College was the second black college team to enter the NCAA college division tournament in Evansville, Indiana. Grambling progressed to the quarter-finals losing to Mt. St. Michaels College of Vermont.

NAIA named the writer "NAIA Coach-of-the-Year." It was a thrilling experience which was accepted for all those black college coaches and players who persevered so long.

The late Henry Arthur Kean, formerly football and basketball coach of Tennessee State was inducted into the NAIA Football Hall of Fame. He is mentioned here in connection with basketball because of his great success at Kentucky State during the early 40's and later at Tennessee during the late 40's.

He was significantly important to the development of the national Negro High School basketball championships and to the national Negro college tournament, which led to entrance into NAIA nationals.

Three new district championships opened for inclusion of black college teams in qualification play, but only the two teams from the giant all-black college districts 6 and 29 made it to Kansas City.

District 6 was reorganized into District 6-A and 6-B, giving black colleges three automatic NAIA national berths beginning in 1959.

1958 - 1959

During 1958-59, the "Tennessee Tigers," then the dominant college team, won five tournaments including the first NAIA inter-racial tournament — the successor to TSU's "Holiday Tournament."

The "NAIA South-Central Tip-Off" field offered visual support of the organization's new philosophy.

Teams entered were:  
ANDERSON COLLEGE, Anderson, Indiana

- BEREA COLLEGE, Berea, Kentucky
- FISK UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tennessee
- KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE, Frankfort, Kentucky
- NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY, Kearney, Nebraska
- PANHANDLE A&M COLLEGE, Panhandle, Oklahoma
- TENNESSEE A&I STATE UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tennessee
- VILLA MADONNA COLLEGE, Covington, Kentucky

Considering the times and circumstances, the coaches and their institutions had to be positive and forthright in their convictions on racial matters.

The three-day event set the stage for additional inter-racial competitions and served to further the NAIA's ultimate objective of "each team in its membership participating in its own geographical area for its berth in the nationals."

The now defunct Mid-West Athletic conference of the late 1950's clearly dominated black college basketball during those years. The powerful teams presently in the Southwestern Athletic Conference were then part of MWAC.

Texas Southern continued its splendid record, but was replaced in Kansas City by Grambling College, District 29 representative. Grambling entered the NAIA play-offs with an undefeated 27-0 record. Kentucky State College also won the first District 6-B championship and qualified for the national tournament.

Both Jerry Barr and James Hooper of Grambling were first all-American selections.

Lincoln University of Missouri (MWAC) was selected for the NCAA college division tournament on the basis of its season record. Tennessee State, rated No. 1 by UPI, scoring 100.7 points per game, to their opponents' 63.5, posting a 27-1 record, was given the first time ever an at-large bid.

Tennessee State successfully defended its national title by winning the NAIA championship an unprecedented third time! In capturing the title, Tennessee set these new NAIA tourney records: Highest score 131-74 over Illinois State University; Best ever field goal pct. 70.5 (52% for entire tournament), and stretched its consecutive winning streak to 15 games.

Southwest Missouri State University held the previous record with 13 straight victories.

Tennessee received a barrage of telegrams and congratulatory messages. The main theme was "happiness" but more predominantly, "pride." To many, it offered positive proof of the quality of black college basketball players and coaches.

TSU's Dick Barnett won the tournament's MVP for the second year. A significant move, signally recognition and quasi parity, occurred when Barnett was picked No. 1 in the NBA draft (Syracuse Nationals) in March, 1959.

Other very important events were headlined by the legendary Ed Adams of Texas Southern University becoming the first black college basketball coach to be inducted (posthumously) into the "Helms Athletic Hall of Fame."

Next Week: 1959 - 1960

## Striders Open Season March 16

Last season the Durham Striders had a banner season winning several track meets including the Region III Junior Olympic Team title. Region III includes the southeastern United States.

The Durham Striders Track Club, Inc., is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to provide youth (7-17) with planned and supervised track and field activities in which their capabilities will be given maximum opportunities for discovery and development.

At the end of the 1980 season, the Parent Organization elected new officers. They are: William J. Stewart, Jr., president; Ms. Wanda Warren, vice president; Ms. Natalie Edwards, secretary; Junious Jones, treasurer; Ms. Annie Hester, assistant treasurer. Committee chairmen are: Sims Roy, Ways and Means; Dr. Todd Orvald, Medical; Wallace Braswell, Transportation; Ms. Sandra Jones, Public Relations; Ms. Barbara Roy, Uniforms; Ms. Mary Jarrett, Statistics; Ms. Helen Berry, Finance; Frank Davis and Russell E. Blunt, Athletic.

Also elected were head coach Frank Davis and assistant head coach Bernard Austin. The coaching staff consists of Russell E. Blunt, Charles Bellinger, Earl Chestnut, Willie Guion, Eric Haskins, Samuel Johnson, Junious Jones, Ralph Williams, Albert Daniel and Anthony Price.

To introduce all interested parents and athletes to the Strider program, orientation will be held at St. Joseph's AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, on Saturday, February 28, at 1 p.m.

Registration for Durham Strider athletes will be held at Northern High School on Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and at NCCU's McDougald Gym on Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In one of the club's first fund raising events for 1981, the Strider Coaches will oppose the W.D.U.R. staff in a benefit basketball game at Shepard Junior High School on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Parent Organization meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Joseph's AME Church and all interested parents are invited to attend.

Any group, organization, or individual who wishes to make a tax deductible contribution may do so by contacting Sims Roys, 383-6855 or P.O. Box 11392, Durham, NC 27703.



Wide Reach

NEW YORK—University of Virginia's Ralph Sampson uses his wide reach to keep the ball away from Wagner's Jamie Ciampaglio (left foreground) and Howard Thompkins (background) during a recent game at Madison Square Garden.

## NCCU Eagles Go To CIAA Tourney

Jesse Clements' NCCU basketball team has garnered a berth in the upcoming CIAA tourney to be held February 26-28 at the Norfolk Scope. The Eagles, third in the CIAA with a 10-8 conference slate, are 12-11 overall. They join Johnson C. Smith and St. Augustine's as the only teams that are assured of tourney play.

Last Wednesday, the Eagles lost a heart-breaking 95-92 game to St. Augustine's. They rebounded Saturday night by racing past Livingstone 113-104 and upset Northern Division leader Elizabeth City State 82-72 Monday night. They clinched their spot when the Livingstone Bears upset Fayetteville 69-60. The Eagles are now third in the division. Winston-Salem is 8-9, Fayetteville 8-10.

St. Aug 95, NCCU 92.  
RALEIGH — Reggie McFarland hit two free throws with 2 seconds left lifting St. Augustine's past North Carolina Central 95-92 in a CIAA contest at Dorton Arena.

Anthony Bogan led St. Aug with 22 points with John Bailey added 15. John Bishop led all scorers with 28 points. Senior guard Donald Sinclair added 20 points and 12 assists for the Eagles. David Binion had 17 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

NCCU (82) Sinclair 20, Binion 17, Bishop 28, Griffin 2, Murphy 14, Oakley 7, Taylor, Moore 2, Hooper 2, Wright, Willis, Tyson.

St. Aug (95) Taylor 11, Brown 12, McFarland 13, Bailey 15, Carroll 8, Bogan 22, Davonport 8, Cook 7, Smith 1, Burton.

Halftime: NCCU 43-36.  
NCCU 113, Livingstone 104.  
SALISBURY — John Bishop and David Binion

combined for 67 points in leading NCCU to a 113-104 CIAA win over Livingstone. Bishop had a career 35 points, including 17 of 22 from the free throw line. Binion also had a career high 32 points and 20 rebounds. He was 14 of 23 from the field.

Donald Sinclair added 16 points and 7 assists with Charles Murphy getting 14 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman forward Duane Griffin had 10 rebounds.

Adrian Wright had 25 points for the Bears. Milton Rogers added 20 for Livingstone.

NCCU (113) Sinclair 16, Binion 32, Bishop 35, Griffin 7, Murphy 14, Oakley 2, Moore 2, Tyson, Evans, Wright 5.

Livingstone (104) Brown 17, Davis 18, Miller 6, Rogers 20, Wright 25, Robinson 4, Ellison 2, Robinson 8, Moultrie, Alexander 2, Dale 2.  
Halftime: NCCU 50-49.  
NCCU 82, Eliz City 72

John Bishop led a balanced Eagles attack with 26 points as NCCU upset Northern Division leader Elizabeth City State 82-72 in McDougald Gym.

The Eagles raised their Southern Division record to 10-8. They are 12-11 for the year. Elizabeth City fell to 12-5, 17-7.

The Eagles got 19 points and 8 assists from Donald Sinclair; 14 points and 11 rebounds from David Binion; 13 points and 10 rebounds from Duane Griffin and 10 points and 7 rebounds from Charles Murphy.

Robert Wyche led the Vikings with 16 points. Eliz. City (72) Gresham 13, Blund 13, Hines 18, Brown 10, Wyche 18, Carter, West 4, Brown 4, Hardy, Maddox 3, Burton.

NCCU (82) Sinclair 19, Binion 14, Bishop 28, Griffin 12, Murphy 10, Facants 1, Tyson.  
Halftime: NCCU 46-38.

## Lady Eagles Drop Two

The North Carolina Central Lady Eagles found the going tough as they dropped CIAA decisions to St. Augustine's 91-68 and Livingstone 67-66.

Central is now 6-6 in the conference, 8-12 overall. St. Aug 91, NCCU 68.

RALEIGH — Janice Williams and Lisa White combined for 47 points in leading St. Augustine's to a 91-68 win over NCCU. Jackie Cumbo added 15 points and Jackie Conyers 10 for the Lady Falcons.

Mary Simpson paced the Eagles with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Metrial Floyd had 13 points and 16 rebounds and Daisy Morris 10 points.

NCCU (68) Solomon 8, Simpson 17, Floyd 13, Vann 9, Scott 5, Cox 2, Benn 4, Tynes, Morris 10, Pinnix.  
St. Aug. (91) Conyers 10, Omer 4, Tyson 4, Cumbo 15, Lowery, Daniels 2, Williams 27, Neal, Watkins 6, White 20, McLean 3, Lyons.  
Halftime: St. Aug. 44-37.

## Anderson Named Player of Week

The office of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Commissioner has announced that James Anderson of North Carolina A&T State University is the MEAC Player of the Week, and Delaware State College's Albert Anderson is the Rophie of the Week. The two are not related.

James Anderson is a 6-2 high-flying guard, who led NC A&T to two conference victories last weekend that clinched the

Livingstone 67, NCCU 66.  
SALISBURY — Deborah Jenkins made a three point play with 45 seconds giving Livingstone a come-from-behind 67-66 win over NCCU. The Bears, took a 2-0 lead in the first minute of play, but trailed until Jenkins' play. Jenkins led all scorers with 29 points.

Cynthia Cuyler added 18 points and Susan Collier 10 for the Lady Bears. Freshman Jackie Pinnix led Central with 16 points.

Metrial Floyd and Notosha Scott added 13 points apiece and Diedra Solomon 12.

Floyd led all rebounders with 19 caroms. Solomon and Mary Simpson pulled down 12 each.

NCCU (68) Solomon 12, Simpson 17, Floyd 13, Vann 9, Scott 5, Cox 2, Benn 4, Tynes, Morris 10, Pinnix.  
St. Aug. (91) Conyers 10, Omer 4, Tyson 4, Cumbo 15, Lowery, Daniels 2, Williams 27, Neal, Watkins 6, White 20, McLean 3, Lyons.  
Halftime: NCCU 39-25.

MEAC's regular season basketball crown. The sophomore transfer from Lincoln University (MO) currently averages around 17 points per game, and in the 71-65 win over Bethune-Cookman; popped in 22 points, had four rebounds, and handed out three assists. In Saturday's 69-63 triumph over Florida A&M, he had 17 points, five rebounds, and two assists. James Anderson

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