



# Sports



## NCCU Has First Winning Season Since 1968-69

Under the tutelage of second year coach Jesse Clements, North Carolina Central enjoyed its first winning season since 1968-69. The Eagles finished the year 15-14. They finished the regular season with a 14-12 record, ending up third in the CIAA Southern Division with an 11-8 record. In the CIAA tourney held February 26-28, they upset Hampton 74-66 before falling to Virginia State 88-82.

They qualified for the NAIA District 26 playoffs and lost to Gardner-Webb 89-79 on Monday, March 2 in Winston-Salem.

Junior forward John Bishop led the Eagles in scoring with a 23 point average. He was accorded ALL-CIAA, NAIA District 26 and ALL-

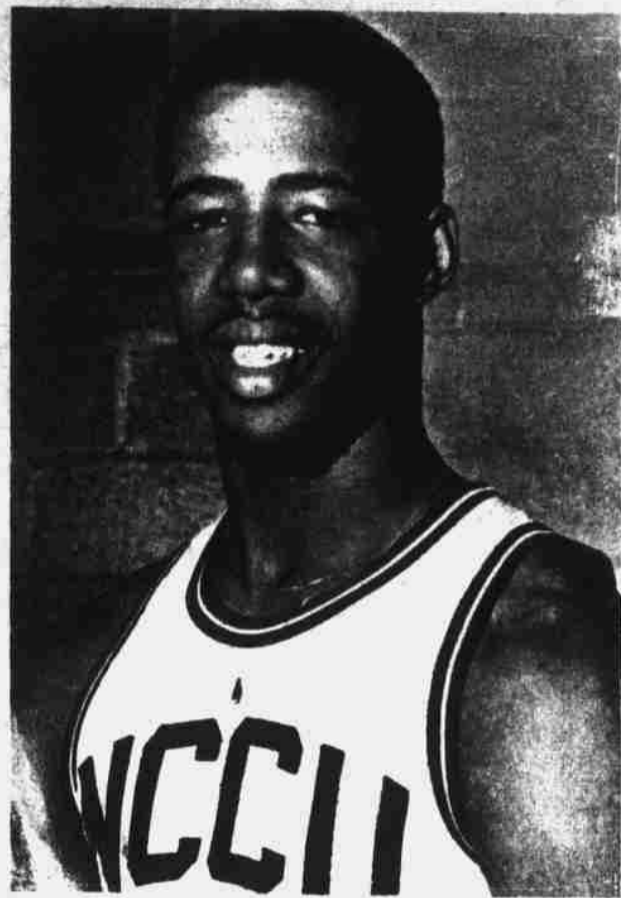
Tournament honors this year. He was once selected NAIA District 26 and CIAA Player of the Week. He led the district in scoring and was second in the CIAA.

His runningmate senior guard Donald Sinclair ended up at 18.8. He was voted ALL-Tournament in the recent CIAA tourney. He led the team with 155 assists.

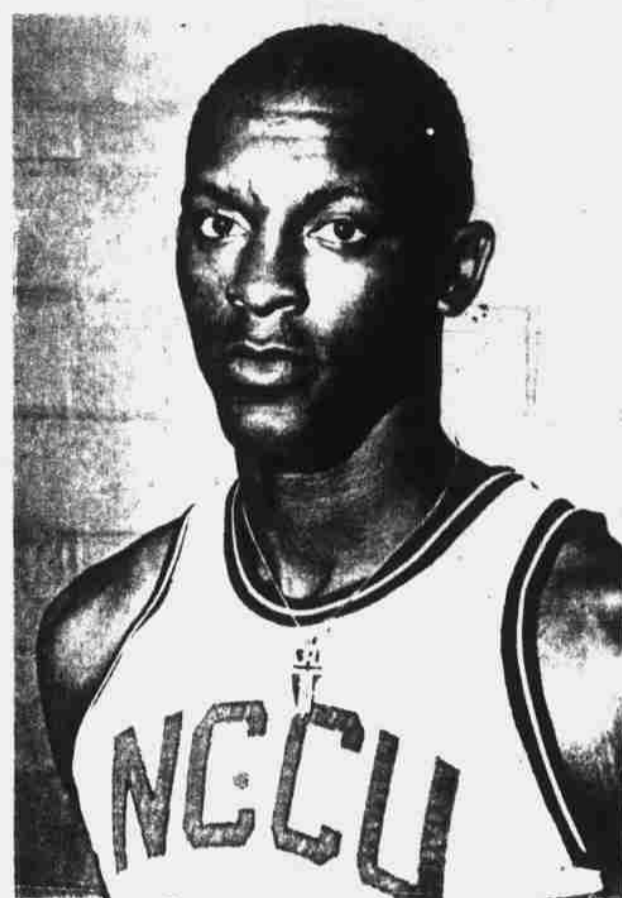
Junior forward David Binion averaged over 15 points per game. He led the district and CIAA with 11.5 rebounds per game.

The last time that the Eagles had a winning season was 1968-69 when Floyd Brown's charges were 12-10.

The 15 wins was the most since the 1967-68 season when the Eagles were 16-9 under Brown.



David Binion



John Bishop



Donald Sinclair

### Elizabeth City State Wins 36th CIAA Tourney

VA — Elizabeth City State, led by the venerable Bobby Vaughan, won the 36th Annual CIAA Tourney in the Norfolk Scope. The Vikings opened the tourney with a 97-76 win over Fayetteville State. They upended St. Augustine's 57-52 in the semi-finals and Virginia State 83-78 in overtime in the finals. The Vikings

also won the tournament in 1969.

Virginia State reached the finals by upsetting Johnson C. Smith 109-103 in the first round and North Carolina Central 88-82 in the semifinals.

The Eagles overpowered Hampton 74-66 in their opener while St. Augustine's bested Norfolk State 80-77.

Julius Norman of Virginia State was selected the Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament. Joining Norman on the All-Tournament team were teammate Darrell Stith, Elizabeth City's Arthur Gaskins and Pierre Bland, Anthony Boggan of St. Augustine's and NCCU's Donald Sinclair and John Bishop.

Eliz City 96, Fay St 76  
FAY ST (76) Mims 30, Blackwell 4, Person 4, Peoples, Robinson 21, Singleton 2, McNeil 8, Cunningham 5, Davis 2, Bacon, Gillard, Jones.  
ELIZ CITY (97) Grooms 11, Wyche 4, Hines 10, Gaskins 23, Bland 22, Carter 18, West, Franklin, Roberts 3, Brown, Maddox 6, Burton.  
Halftime: Eliz City 36-30.

VA State 109, J C Smith 103  
VA STATE (109) Lee, Norman 19, Pratt, Throatt 6, Stith 25, Bush 6, Dixon, Wood 13, Straughn 26.

Whitaker 8, Carter 6.  
J C SMITH (103) Thompson 7, Oliver 22, George 17, Logan 17, Flores 24, Tibbs 14, Simmons, Smith, Reid 2, Singleton, Lowery.  
Halftime: J C Smith 56-51.

NCCU 74, Hampton 66  
NCCU (74) Griffin 2, Binion 12, Murphy 14, Sinclair 10, Bishop 24, Evans 4, Oakley 2, Taylor 4, Tyson.  
HAMPTON (66) Washington 14, Marquetti 12, Hines 13, Warwick 15, Hankerson 8, Spencer, Moore 2, Godwin.  
Halftime: Hampton 30-29.

St. Aug 80, Norfolk 77  
NORFOLK (77) Allen 12, Pope 20, Thomas 6, Tibbs 13, Walker 14, Johnson, Haynes 6, Peterson 3, Stalworth 1, Davis 2, Akins.

ST AUG (80) Boggan 19, Bailey 7, Brown 12, Taylor 12, McFarland 18, Carroll 2, Cook 10, Johnson.  
Halftime: Norfolk 43-40.

VA State 88, NCCU 82  
NCCU (82) Griffin 6, Binion 20, Murphy 15, Sinclair 22, Bishop 17, Evans, Taylor, Tyson, Oakley 2, Wright.  
VA STATE (88) Stith 21, Norman

30, Pratt, Throatt, Carter 4, Lee, Wood 9, Bush 6, Whitaker 12, Straughn 6.  
Halftime: MCCU 32-30.

Eliz City 57, St Aug 52  
ST AUG (52) Boggan 12, Bailey 2, Brown 3, Taylor 2, McFarland 8, Carroll 12, Cook 10, Davenport 3, Johnson.

ELIZ CITY (57) Grooms 8, Wyche 2, Hines 12, Gaskins 18, Bland 12, Hardy, West 2, Carter 2, Roberts, Burton, Brown, Maddox 1.  
Halftime: Eliz City 31-26.

Eliz City 83, Va State 78  
VA STATE (78) Lee 2, Norman 26, Pratt 4, Throatt 18, Stith 26, Bush 3, Straughn 6, Wood 2, Whitaker 8, Dixon 1, Carter.

ELIZ CITY (83) Grooms 4, Wyche 12, Hines 8, Gaskins 28, Bland 12, Roberts, West 1, Hardy 2, Carter 2, Maddox 1, Brown 12, Franklin, Frazier, Buffone.

Halftime: Va State 37-34; Regulation 74-68.  
ALL-CIAA TEAM  
Steve Mims, Fayet-  
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### Basketball In the Black Colleges

#### A Historical Chronology 1891 - 1980

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#### Preview Period V, 1960-1970

Black college stars have scintillated throughout the sixties and seventies. National Championships, both NAIA AND NCAA, have been won by Grambling, Prairie View, Coppin State, Cheney State, Central State, Winston-Salem, Texas Southern, Morgan State, and Kentucky State.

Few will argue that Kentucky State was the nonpareil force in college division basketball in the early seventies.

They won NAIA titles in '70, '71 and '72 to match Tennessee State as the only other team to annex three consecutive titles.

Lucias T. Mitchell scaled the heights as NAIA coach of the year in addition to winning title togas before leaving Kentucky to take the reins at Norfolk State. He has one of the bright minds in the game.

Equally impressive is the remarkable record of Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines of Winston-Salem who started this season with 620 victories.

Still approaching his peak after 33 full seasons with the Rams, Gaines trails only Adolph Rupp, Kentucky (874), Phog Allen, Kansas (771), Hank Iba, Oklahoma State (767), Ed Diddle, Western Kentucky (759), and John Wooden, UCLA (667) in the number of career victories.

Fred Hobby is recognized as the Mongoose of the SWAC after 22 seasons at Grambling. His career record (458-184) is matched by few mentors anywhere.

Coaches around the SIAC chorused "Auld Lang Syne" with fond memories when Leonidas Epps, long-time Clark College coach, retired for health reasons a year ago.

In 34 years of college tutoring, Epps amassed 424 wins to become the winningest active mentor in NCAA Division III.

The remaining story of black college basketball is recounted by the general media each day in a manner few middle-age fans ever expected to see. Blacks are coaching at predominately white universities and in the pro ranks, a far cry from total exclusion in the first half of this century.

At least four players who mastered their craft on black campuses — Willis Reed, Earl Lloyd, Al Attles and Bob Hopkins — have served as tutors in the NBA. Attles won the NBA championship in '75.

It is almost impossible to watch any game on TV without men of color dominating the action. Basketball has truly emerged from the dark age to provide equal opportunity on the playing courts and on the coaching benches.

The only barrier is talent. For the gifted player, THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!!!!

Editor's Note: As college basketball comes to the end of another season, so we come to the end of this series of articles written by one who was so intimately involved in the sport of basketball and its evolution in black colleges — Coach John B. McLendon. We hope you have enjoyed the series and have saved these articles for its history which is unlikely to be found in the future.

We are indebted to Coach McLendon for allowing us to share it with you, our readers.

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