

## Eagle Defeat Kills Tourney Hopes

NCCU basketball fell on hard times the past week — they suffered CIAA defeats thus placing their CIAA tourney hopes in limbo. They fell last Wednesday to Va. State 66-65, 75-74 to Shaw on Friday, 47-36 to Fayetteville St. on Sunday and 80-62 to Winston-Salem on Tuesday, February 2.

**Va State 66, NCCU 63**  
Darrell Stith, Jerome Whitaker, and Cliff Straughn combined for 42 points in leading Northern Division leader Virginia State to a 66-65 squeaker over NCCU. The Trojans raised their conference mark to 7-3. They were 11-3 overall.

Both teams shot 49 per cent from the floor but the Eagles were guilty of 28 turnovers to the Trojans 22.

Darnell Evans, a sophomore guard from Wilmington, led all scorers with 19 points. Charles Murphy added 11 for Central and Doug Taylor 10.

**Va State (66)** Stith 17, Lee 2, Pratt 3, Thraatt 6, Carter 4, Strabughn 10, Whitaker 15, Bush 3, Wood 2, Dixon 2.  
**NCCU (65)** Taylor 10, Jennette, Murphy 11, Fayette 5, Evans 19, Oakley 2, Dyson 8, Hughey 1, Winston, Griffin 9, Gaddy.  
Halftime: Va State 34-33.

**Shaw 75, NCCU 74**

**RALEIGH** — Victor Blakey hit a rebounded shot at the buzzer lifting the Shaw Bears to a come-from-behind 75-74 win over NCCU at Spaulding Gym. The Bears raised their mark to 5-7. They were 7-9 overall.

Sammie Stuckey led all scorers with 25 points, including three three-point goals. Blakey had 18 and Lester Harris 13.

Darnell Evans and Charles Murphy led Central with 20 points apiece. Willie Jennette added a dozen.

The Eagles led by 74-67 with 5 minutes left in the game before Blakey hit 6 of the final eight points.

**NCCU (74)** Evans 20, Taylor 6, Oakley 4, Jennette 12, Murphy 20, Fayette 2, Griffin 9, Dyson 1.

**Shaw (75)** Stuckey 25, Blakey 18, Harris 13, D. Tanner 1, B. Tanner, Byers, Lacy 2, Sheppard 2, Woods 10, Tyson 4.

Halftime: NCCU 46-38.

**Fay St 47, NCCU 36**

**FAYETTEVILLE** — Bonny McNeil did it again for the third time this year. He paced Fayetteville State with 17 points, 4 assists and 5 re-



**WHO'S GOT THE BALL**, is what Durham High's Kip Leathers is saying as he looks over his right shoulder. "I've got it," said Hillside's Steve McCormick, but in the end, it was Durham High that won the game.

Photo by Silas Mayfield

bounds as the Southern Division leading Broncos thumped the Eagles for the third time this year 47-36 at the Cumberland County Arena. Fayetteville saw its mark rise to 8-2. They were 13-3 overall.

Fayetteville raced from an 11-all tie midway the first half with a 28-2 run and kept Central at bay for the remainder of the game.

Charles Murphy was the only Eagle in double figures with 11 points.

**NCCU (36)** Evans 7, Taylor 8, Oakley, Jennette 2, Murphy 11, House, Griffin 8, Fayette.

**Hughey** **Fay State (47)** Person 9, McNeil 17, Russell 5, Cowling, Blackwell 4, Robinson 6, Singleton 6.  
Halftime: Fay State 28-18.

**W-Salem 80, NCCU 62**

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Therman Greene,

Tyrone Grandberry and Kevin McCray combined for 66 points in leading Winston-Salem to an 80-62 win over North Carolina Central at the C. E. Gaines Complex. The third place Rams are now 8-3 in the CIAA Southern Division, 10-6 overall. Central fell to 3-9, 5-11 and are beset by a six-game losing streak.

**W-Salem (80)** Greene 30, Grandberry 18, McCray 30, Vaughn 4, Mason 2, Mitchell 5, Watkins 3, Lynch, Womack.  
Halftime: NCCU 39-34.

## EDDIE ROBINSON GETS STAGG AWARD

**By Collie J. Nicholson**  
**HOUSTON, TX** — Eddie Robinson, a name as familiar as any in the sport, has received the American Football Coaches Association's highest award.

The Grambling coach is the 1982 recipient of the prestigious Amos Alonzo Stagg trophy, an annual honor emblematic of coaching proficiency, distinctive service and significant contributions in a variety of capacities to the field.

Robinson is the 11th recipient of the award which dates back to 1940.

The award is a replica of the plaque presented to Coach Stagg at the 1939 meeting of the AFCA in Los Angeles, commemorating his fifty

years of service to football.

"It's purpose," as stated then, "is to perpetuate the example and influence of Amos Alonzo Stagg, and is to be conferred annually upon the individual, group or institution whose services have been outstanding in the advancement of the best interest of football."

Stagg coached college football for 52 years and was the winningest coach of all times (314-199-39) until Bear Bryant of Alabama surpassed him last fall with a 315-80-17 career standard.

Robinson carefully nurtured an impressive football dynasty at Grambling and recently trails only Bryant and Glenn S. "Pop" Warner (313-106-32) in

the number of victories compile in the long, colorful history of college football.

An incurable optimist and a strict disciplinarian, Robinson has served as a coaching catalyst for 39 years. He is a leader by example and enjoys high prominence in the strong Southwestern Athletic Conference with his overall 291-98-13 record.

Off the field, his contributions are equally numerous. In 1976, he served as president of the AFCA, the only black coach to act in that capacity, and held a similar post with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, serving as president in 1967.

Robinson has sent more players into pro

## FSU Cage Coaches Nab CIAA Honors

**FAYETTEVILLE** — Jake Ford, head basketball coach at Fayetteville State University for the past two years, and Ms. Yvonne Edwards, head women's basketball coach at the same institution, have been named CIAA "Coaches of the Week", according to information released from the Office of the Commissioner of the CIAA in Hampton, Virginia.

Ford and Edwards, both graduates of Maryland Eastern Shore, are making strong bids with their squads for conference honors this year. The CIAA office cited Ford for his achievement of 100 collegiate victories recently which included an upset win (81-59) over nationally ranked and previously unbeaten Virginia Union University. Ford, whose Bronco squad is 6-2 in the league and 11-3 overall, has won five consecutive league contests that included triumphs over Bowie State, North Carolina Central,

Virginia Union University, Livingstone College, and St. Augustine's College.

Coach Edwards, who at one time this season reeled off ten straight victories without a loss, was cited for the "CIAA Coach of the Week" honor for the second time this season. Her Lady Bronco team is currently ranked 13th nationally in the NAIA polls and she leads the southern division of the conference with an unblemished 6-0 mark and is 13-1 overall. Coach Edwards is a native of Cambridge, Maryland.

Coach Ford, a former professional basketball player with the Seattle Supersonics and a native of Georgetown, South Carolina, is in his third season at the Bronco helm and was coached by Joe Robinson of Livingstone College. Ford defeated Livingstone College recently, 56-48, for his 101st collegiate win.

## Lady Broncos Upend Lady Eagles 90-82

**FAYETTEVILLE** — Concetta Smith and Diantha Morris combined for 51 points in leading the Fayetteville State Lady Broncos to a 90-82 win over North Carolina Central in the Cumberland County Arena on Sunday, January 31. The Lady Broncos are 8-0 in the CIAA, 16-1 overall. Central dropped to 4-4, 4-5.

Smith led all scorers with 28 points and Morris added 23. Fayetteville had defeated Central 98-50 in an earlier contest in Durham.

The game saw the

Lady Eagles fall behind 48-30 at halftime before battling back to the final margin of eight points.

Mary Simpson and Diedra Solomon had 18 points apiece for the Lady Eagles. Jackie Pinnix came off the bench to net 16.

Veronica Stewart and Sharon Jones added 14 points apiece for the Lady Broncos.

**NCCU (82)** Simpson 18, Solomon 18, Thompson 2, Cox 2, Jenkins 9, Pinnix 16, Morris 7, McLaurin 5, Abel 4, Carr.  
**Fay St (90)** Stringfield 2, Stewart 14, Smith 28, Morris 23, Jones 14, Butler 2, Drayton 7, Tova.  
Halftime: Fay St 48-30.

## MEAC Basketball NCA&T Back On Top

South Carolina State, sitting atop the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference standings going into last weekend, squandered a golden opportunity to put a stronghold on the regular season championship. The Bulldogs had a 6-1 conference record, but lost a 76-73 overtime game to Delaware State Friday, and dropped a 72-62 decision to Howard Saturday night.

As a result, SC State fell to 6-3 in the conference, and into second place behind the North Carolina A&T Aggies, who went up to 6-1 in the MEAC after beating Howard 62-50 on Friday, and Delaware State 85-66 on Saturday.

Howard's weekend split moved the Bison into third place at 5-3, replacing Florida A&M (3-2), 60-59 losers to Bethune-Cookman Saturday. The Wildcat's one-point victory pushed them into fifth place with a 2-4 family mark. Delaware State dropped into sixth spot at 2-5.

The University of Maryland-Eastern Shore Hawks, back into the MEAC after a two-year absence, remained winless in the conference at 0-6. They lost 64-53 to NCA&T and 62-58 to SC State earlier last week at home.

NCA&T has now taken giant strides in quest of a second straight regular season crown and a first round bye in the MEAC's Eleventh Annual Basketball Tournament scheduled for March 5-7, at the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum. Super sophomore Joe Binnion was spectacular in the three league victories hitting 23 points and 12 rebounds against Howard and picking up

11 points and ten rebounds in the Delaware State win. James Anderson, the Aggies' fine junior guard, hit 16, 15 games.

Defending MEAC Tournament champion Howard, suffered through an ineffective second half performance in Greensboro, but defeated SC State handily without star forward James Ratiff, who had 19 points and eight rebounds against NCA&T. Guard Rodney Wright led Howard with 16 points and four assists at SC State, while Bernard Perry chipped in 17.

Forward William Hill sparked the Hornets with 22 points in their win over SC State, and guard Jeffrey Gumbs kept Delaware State as close as it was against NCA&T with 22. Center John Wright led the Hornets in the Utica win with 19 points.

SC State forward Gregory Wilson, who leads the MEAC in field goal accuracy, had 20 points against UMES, 13 in the Delaware State loss, and 16 more in the Howard contest.

In the battle for Florida, Bethune-Cookman won the war of late free throw pressure to hold off FAMU. FAMU center Mike Toomer hit both ends of a one-and-one to draw within a single point with 16 seconds remaining in the game, but Elijah Wells did the same to send B-CU up 60-57 at the 11-second mark. With four ticks left on the game clock, FAMU's All-MEAC guard Darrell Spence made it 60-59 on a lay-up, and the Rattlers stole in inbound pass; but a FAMU player was called for a foul.

Conference action picks up again Friday, February 5, with FAMU at DelState, B-CU at Howard; and Saturday with FAMU at UMES, B-CU at DelState, and SC State at NCA&T. On Monday, February 8, B-CU will play at UMES, while FAMU visits Howard.

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