

Making Headway

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outstanding team. That's all Corbett needs is the man in the middle."

Valvano gave no tips as to how Corbett might corral the big man for his team. But then, Valvano already has his force in the middle for the next four seasons. Chris Washburn, at 6-11 and one of the most sought-after prepsters in the nation, has already signed with the Pack and is now honing his skills at Laurinburg Institute.

And, Valvano, unlike a number of

coaches in the South, said he will continue to schedule and play small and

"I'm not going over to their (A & T's) place and get my butt beat. Sure, I think they deserve a chance to play us, but I'm not going out of my way to catch a loss."

-- N.C. State Coach Jim Valvano

black colleges-- even at the risk of getting beaten.

coaches wouldn't take a chance playing a fine team like A&T that doesn't get a

lot of national exposure. But I think they deserve a chance. I'm going to do everything I can to keep them from beating me. But, if they do, I'll be the first guy to go over to their locker room to shake their hands and then I'll handle the sportswriters, and, if I have a boss who says I shouldn't have lost, that's O.K.

"But, if the boss says I shouldn't have played them and he decides to fire me, then I wouldn't want to work there anyway."

MEAC Conducts Meeting

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference held its annual meeting Dec. 12-14 in Greensboro, N.C.

Among business discussed by the league's athletic directors:

- The first-ever MEAC Women's Volleyball Tournament, which was held Nov. 4-5, received a favorable evaluation, and will become an annual event.

- The return of baseball as a conference-governed sport met approval, and the MEAC Baseball Championship is scheduled for April 11-15 in Greensboro.

- The MEAC Indoor Track and Wrestling Championships were set for Feb. 17-18 in Salisbury, Md. hosted by Maryland-Eastern Shore and Delaware State.

- The MEAC Outdoor Track and Tennis Spring Championships will be held April 20-21 in Orangeburg, S.C.

- The progress report on the Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic was approved. The inaugural classic matched the top MEAC seniors against top seniors from the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), and was played Jan. 14 in Atlanta.

- Efforts were intensified for MEAC expansion, but no specific schools were immediately identified.

The meeting was highlighted Dec. 13 by the Third Annual MEAC All-Star Football Banquet with Oklahoma Outlaws quarterback Doug Williams serving as guest speaker.

Miller Brewing Co., which sponsored the affair, also unveiled an MEAC recruiting film that was produced through its corporate office.

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