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The CIAA

Standings

NORTH

Northern Division	Div.	Conf.	All
Norfolk State	8-1	15-1	22-1
Virginia Union	8-2	13-3	21-3
Elizabeth City	6-4	9-8	10-14
Hampton Institute	6-5	9-8	15-9
Virginia State	4-5	7-9	11-13
St. Paul's	2-8	6-11	11-14
Bowie State	0-9	1-14	2-19

SOUTH

Southern Division	Div.	Conf.	All
St. Augustine's	9-2	14-4	16-4
Winston-Salem St.	7-3	12-5	16-6
Fayetteville	5-4	6-10	11-12
Shaw	5-5	7-10	9-14
N.C. Central	5-7	8-10	10-14
Johnson C. Smith	3-7	6-10	9-13
Livingstone	2-8	3-13	7-18

The MEAC

Standings

	Conf.	All
N. Carolina A&T	6-1	15-6
Howard	5-2	10-10
S. Carolina State	4-3	9-12
Maryland E. Shore	2-4	5-15
Bethune-Cookman	2-5	5-16
Delaware State	1-5	9-12
Florida A&M*	0-0	5-16

* Ineligible for MEAC Championship

Friday's Scores

Virginia Union 99, Virginia State 77
Winston-Salem State 78,
Johnson C. Smith 74

Saturday's Scores

North Carolina A&T 73, Howard 70
S. Carolina State 61, Delaware 68
Maryland E. Shore 63, Florida A&M 62
Elizabeth City 97, Virginia State 81
St. Augustine's 97, Fayetteville 91
Hampton Institute 74, St. Paul's 72
Shaw 62, Johnson C. Smith 50
Norfolk State 81, Virginia Union 75
N. C. Central 75, Livingstone 71

Monday's Scores

Delaware 76, North Carolina A&T 87
Howard 61, S. Carolina State 67
Maryland E. Shore 46, Bethune-Cookman 44
Norfolk State 83, Bowie State 58
Livingstone 92, Fayetteville 91
Hampton Institute 79, Johnson C. Smith 60

Thursday's Games

Bowie State at N. C. Central
Fayetteville at Winston-Salem State
Virginia State at Hampton Institute
St. Augustine's at Johnson C. Smith
Delaware at Maryland E. Shore

Friday's Games

Bowie at Virginia Union

Saturday's Games

Elizabeth City at Norfolk State
Fayetteville at Johnson C. Smith
Hampton Institute at Morgan State
Livingstone at Virginia Union
Virginia State at St. Paul's
Shaw at Winston-Salem State
S. Carolina State at Bethune-Cookman
Howard at Maryland E. Shore
North Carolina A&T at Florida A&M

This Week's CIAA Honorees

Players of the Week:

David Pope, Norfolk State

Rookie of the Week:

Jamie Turner, Elizabeth City

Coach of the Week:

Robert Vaughn, Elizabeth City

CIAA Report

Norfolk edges Union for 'heavyweight title'

Rams close regular season with two home games

From Staff Reports

For anyone who cares about such things, Norfolk State was picked by the CIAA sportswriters to finish third in the Northern Division behind Hampton Institute and everybody's champion, Virginia Union.

Norfolk apparently didn't care and has laughed all the way to first place and national prominence with a 23-1 overall record, best in the league.

The Spartans' latest ingredient in the crowd they intend to serve to the league's sportswriters at season's end was an 81-75 win over Union last Saturday in Norfolk before 9,085 fans.

As usual, senior forward David Pope led the way for Coach Charles Christian's Spartans with 25 points and 12 rebounds as Norfolk stormed to a big lead late in the second half, then weathered a Union rally to preserve the win.

The game was tied 10 times in the first half, and, though Union managed two four-point leads, ended in a 32-32 deadlock.

Thanks to timely shooting by Barry Mullen, Norfolk pulled out to a seven-point lead, 50-43, at the 13:47 mark, then increased that lead to 10, 56-46 three and a half minute later.

After the margin had ballooned to 15 with just under seven minutes left, Union came back, managing to slice the margin to three, 74-71, with 1:12 left.

But the Panthers could get no closer and David Pope's two free throws with five seconds left insured the win.

Union Coach Dave Robbins, who suffered the embarrassment of a technical foul in the second half for having six men on the court when Union could ill afford a technical ("Out of 17 years of coaching, I never remember that happening," he said), praised his opponent and said his team's approach to next week's CIAA tournament will remain the same.

"They're an outstanding team," Robbins said in a phone interview Tuesday. "We beat them earlier in the season but they just outplayed us this time."

As for how the loss will affect his team's momentum going into its drive for postseason honors, Robbins pooh-poohed any notion of a letdown.

"I try to prepare this team to win and lose graciously" he said.

Center Charles Oakley led Union with 20 points and 17 rebounds.

In the CIAA South, 16-6 Winston-Salem State, which has a mathematical chance of tying St. Augustine's for the division lead but can't win the title because St. Paul's is ineligible, will play for the title.

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Going For Two

Virginia Union's Maria Nicholson fires a jumper in last year's CIAA tournament. The Pantherettes, the NCAA II Division II defending national champions, are the subject of a *Black College Sports Review* profile next week (photo by Joe Daniels).

Prep Spotlight

Reynolds shakes off blahs, then shakes off feisty Smith

By SAM DAVIS
Chronicle Staff Writer

Kenny Mickens and Lynwood Oliver keyed a third-quarter rally that propelled Reynolds to a 66-54 win over pesky Greensboro Smith last Friday at Reynolds.

After jumping out to a 19-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Demons saw their margin dwindle to two at 34-32 before intermission. However, a strong Reynolds offensive effort in the final two quarters helped the Demons avoid an upset.

"We were due to play a complacent basketball game and tonight was the time we picked to play it," Reynolds Coach Stan Elrod said of his team's lackluster performance. "I'm just glad we were able to collect our composure and win the game."

"Going into the game we thought we would be able to dominate on the inside," said Elrod, "but we allowed too much penetration defensively. We gave them a lot of trash baskets that were uncontested."

Elrod said a halftime talk helped Reynolds deflate its oversized ego and right itself in the second and third quarters.

"We talked about what we had to do to win the basketball game," he said. "We had to do something to bring the team back down to earth. Our guys thought because we went over to their place and beat them soundly that it would be an easy game."

Although his team was relentless in its defensive pressure and played hard, said Smith Coach Mike Porter, its inability to

run a patterned offense hurt its chances for an upset.

"We didn't run any type of offense," said Porter. "We did a good job of picking up the tempo with our full-court press, but our players threw up a lot of shots off one-on-one moves. We didn't play a very smart basketball game."

Reynolds started the game with a quick seven-point flurry in the first minute of play. John Lash recorded a three-point play off the opening tip to get Reynolds out of the blocks. Seconds later, the Demons' pressure defense caused Smith point guard Kim Fonville to commit a turnover. Reynolds playmaker "Twink" Moss then threw a perfectly timed alley-oop pass to a soaring Oliver to up the Demons' lead to 5-0.

Reynolds captain Jack Maxwell got into the act before the spree was over, scoring on another alley-oop pass from Moss.

Smith's Eagles refused to be intimidated, however, clawing their way back to 19-7 by the end of the first period.

Smith decided to employ a full-court press of its own to start the second quarter and quickly cut into the Demons' lead.

Fonville got the Eagles' defensive pressure going, stripping Reynolds reserve Jerry McCorkle of the ball and going in for an uncontested layup.

Spurred by the defensive play of Fonville and backcourt mate Ronnie Hammonds, Smith cut the Reynolds lead to 28-21 at the 3:24 mark of the second quarter. After Reynolds extended its lead again, this time to 34-25 with 1:32 left before halftime, Fonville, Hammonds and center Price Bates combined for seven unanswered points, sending the Eagles to

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Reynolds' Kenneth Mickens pulls up on the baseline after receiving notice from Greensboro Smith's welcoming committee (photo by James Parker).