

CIAA SPECIAL REPORT

Could This Be Bighouse's Last CIAA Tourney?

Winston-Salem State coach Bighouse Gaines has been to 45 of these CIAA Tournaments, but this one, his 46th, may be his last.

Gaines turns 70 on May 21 and N.C. state law requires that all professors resign their professorships at age 70. Gaines has requested an exemption.

tions of Maryland, Va., Delaware, Wash, D.C., North Carolina) - Mens championship game, Feb. 27, 9:30 p.m., live; The rest of the schedule will be shown on a tape delayed basis. **March 1:** Men's semifinal noon; men's semifinal, 2 p.m.; women's final, 4 p.m.; men's final, 6 p.m.; men's semifinal, 12 a.m.; women's final, 4 a.m.;

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Gaines, who has 828 career victories as of Feb. 7 - second all-time in the history of college basketball to Kentucky's Adolph Rupp (875) and first among all active coaches - may be forced out because his salary comes out of Winston-Salem State's physical education department teaching budget. He is not paid to be a basketball coach, but a teacher.

There are some who are opposed to Gaines' remaining with the school, including Dr. Alex Johnson, the school's vice president for academic affairs. Johnson told the N.C. Associated Press recently: "I do not support this recommendation (to provide Gaines an exemption). I am informing (school) chancellor Cleon Thompson of my decision."

Gaines said that he will abide by his school's decision. For now, though, he said he has no plans to retire, to walk away.

"I haven't even given that any thought," Gaines said after a recent game. "My only concern now is getting my team ready for the CIAA Tournament."

If you can't be at this year's tournament, chances are you can catch most of it on a cable outlet near you.

Sunbelt Video of Charlotte will broadcast this 48th CIAA Tournament men's championship game live on Feb. 27 on many cable outlets and will broadcast several other games on a tape-delayed basis.

The program director for the broadcast is Michael Covington, who produces a weekly Charlotte cable sports show, "Sports On The Air."

Here is a listing of cable outlets showing the games.

Home Team Sports (includes por-

men's final, 6 a.m.

Home Sports Entertainment (includes portions of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico) - Tape delayed coverage only Feb. 28; women's final, 7 p.m.; March 3; Men's final, 10:30 p.m.

Sunshine Network (includes portions of Florida) - Live coverage: Feb 26: men's semifinal, 7 p.m.; men's semifinal, 9 p.m.; Tape-delayed: Feb 28: women's final, time TBA; Feb. 28: men's final, time TBA.

Local Television - Many of the games will be carried live to viewers in heavy CIAA markets. Those stations include WFTY, TV-50 and WJAL, TV-68 in Washington; WVEU, TV-69 and WTLK, TV-14 in Atlanta; WRMY, TV-6 in Richmond; WEFC, TV-38 in Roanoke, Va; WAAP, TV-32 in Greenville, N.C.; WKFT, TV-40 in Raleigh; WBE, TV-67 in Augusta, Ga.; WBZ, TV-10 in Wilmington, N.C.

For specific times check your local listings.

Players to watch at the tournament.

Whether you're watching at home or on the tube, here are a few players, listed in alphabetical order that you should keep an eye on.

Players To Watch

Marvin Childs, Hampton, 6-11, C. Jr. - One of the CIAA's tallest players, Childs can change a game with defense. He intimidates players and he rejects shots. He also gets 9 rebounds per game. His presence alone could make Hampton a dark horse. He helped lead the team to the CIAA title two years ago.



Coach Gaines turns 70 on May 21. That may force him to retire from WSSU and miss coaching in the Tourney in Winston-Salem.

Chuck Gholston, Bowie State, G, 6-2, Jr. - One CIAA coach calls him Captain Jump Shot. Gholston scores 20 points a game and shoots 40% from three point range. He also can pass, averaging 3.7 assists per game. Oh, and don't foul him. He makes 76% of his free throws.

Nate Higgs, Elizabeth City State, F, 6-7 Jr - Higgs is third in the league in scoring (23.0) and No. 1 on the boards (10.4). He's left-handed and very hard to guard. You'll notice that he's the one with the bald head - and no his hero is Scottie Pippen not his Airness, Michael Jordan - and the highlight film like moves.

Terrance Jordan, Livingstone, F, 6-7, Sr. - A Raleigh newspaper called him Air Grizzly because of his size and his ability. Jordan is the leading scorer in the league (25.2 points per game) and the seventh-leading rebounder (8.9), but his coach, Stan Lewter, thinks "Bear Jordan" might be a better nickname. "Hey he's big," Lewter says, "and our nickname's the Bears. Hey, it makes sense, right?" Sure does coach.

Chris Parker, Johnson C. Smith, G, 6-1 Sr. - Parker has the league's best nickname. They call him "Green Light" because he has, well the green light to shoot the ball at anytime. He's

the second - leading scorer in the league (23.4) and a two-time Division II All-America. And when his shot is on, you're at his mercy. "If you let Parker run wild," said Winston-Salem's Bighouse Gaines, "he'll kill you."

Warren Peoples, Va. Union, G, 6-3 - With All-American forward Derrick Johnson likely out for the season, People will be called on to lead his team. He's averaging 4.6 assists and 2 steals a game, but will likely have to pump up his scoring to make up for the loss of Johnson.

Jimmie Walker, N.C. Central, G, 6-1, Jr. - Walker only averages about 15 points per game, but could score in the mid-20s easily. He's giving up his offense for the system, where Eagles coach Greg Jackson wants everyone to shoot and shoot quickly. But don't be fooled, Walker's a dangerous, dangerous guy with one of the sweetest jumpers around.

Marcus Whitfield, Norfolk State, G, 6-4, Sr - One of the CIAA's bigger guards, Whitfield can post up down low or score outside. He's very, very strong and quick, too. He can jump over you or go around you. He's also averaging right around 17 points per game.

— *Langston Wertz Jr.*