

Broncos in NCAA 'Dance'

▲ FSU gains berth in Tourney

By Jim Wilkie
Special to the Chronicle

Fayetteville State basketball coach Jeff Capel's message was called to the Observer-Times.

"We're in." Capel's message gave confirmation of a bid to the NCAA Division II National Tournament for the Broncos, who have been playing a waiting game since being ousted from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament in a first-round 73-62 loss to St. Paul's on Feb. 24.

The South Atlantic Regional will be held at Cumberland County Civic Center with 7 and 9 p.m. contests on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students with identification, and are available at the Civic Center box office, all Ticketmaster locations, or can be charged by phone at (919) 834-4000.

FSU, 20-7, will take on defending Division II national champion Virginia Union, 26-2 at 9 on Friday. Alabama A&M, 27-2, faces N.C. Central, 24-3, at 7 p.m. A consolation contest will begin Saturday's action, followed by the championship.

"We are very excited about the

opportunity to be a part of the national tournament," Capel said.

"This is a tough challenge, with three of the top 15 teams in the country in the regional," he said.

Virginia Union routed an FSU squad playing without starters Harvey Petty and Rodney Farrington, 94-47, in a regular-season meeting in Richmond, Va. Much speculation had centered around the possibility of a rematch in the semifinal round of the CIAA Tournament.

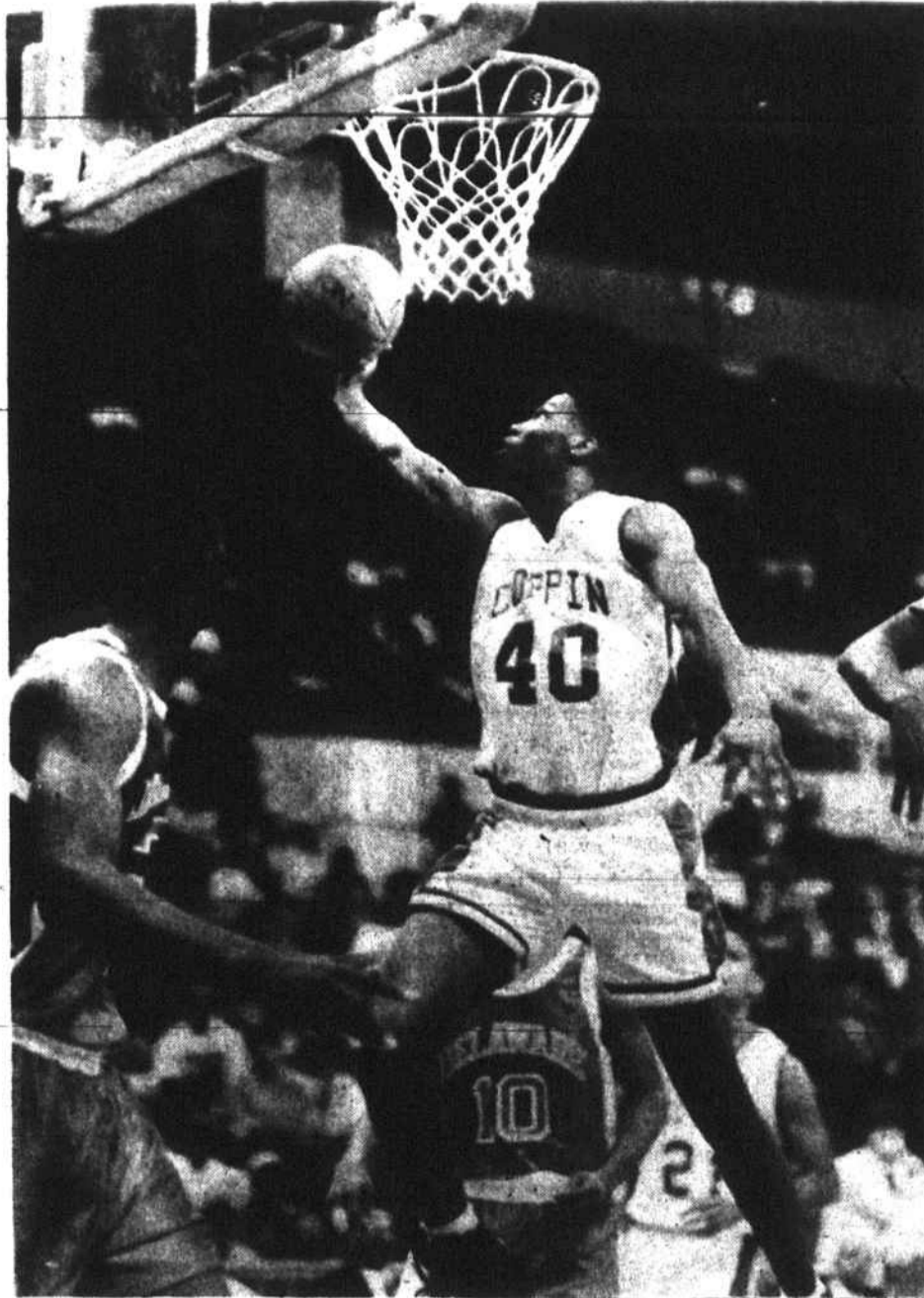
The Broncos have now been presented with a reprieve, and another shot at the CIAA regular-season and tournament champion Panthers.

"It's kind of like David against Goliath, but I guarantee you we're going to sling every rock we can get our hands on to make the most of it," Chapel said. "I'm very happy for our seniors to have the opportunity to go out on a more positive note."

Capel said his team worked out three days last week, and began preparing specifically for Virginia Union on Sunday.

"This is a chance to give our best effort, which we did not do in the loss at the CIAA Tournament," Chapel said. "We will play our hardest."

"Basketball is a funny game -- you never know what might happen."



Coppin State; Michael Thomas (40) lays one in during the MEAC Championship game while Delaware States players are caught watching. (Photo by Wade Nash)

CIAA Tournament Basketball Standings - Men

School	Southern Division		OVERALL
	DIV	CIAA	
N.C. Central	11-1	17-2	24-3
Fayetteville State	9-3	14-5	20-7
Johnson C. Smith	8-4	13-6	20-8
Shaw	4-8	6-13	10-17
St. Augustine's	4-8	6-13	10-17
Livingstone	3-9	5-14	7-17
Winston-Salem St.	3-9	5-14	6-17
School	Northern Division		OVERALL
	DIV	CIAA	
Virginia Union	12-0	19-0	26-2
Elizabeth City St.	8-4	12-7	18-10
Norfolk St.	7-5	11-8	19-10
Hampton	7-5	9-10	15-12
Virginia State	4-8	8-11	12-15
Bowie State	3-9	6-13	9-18
St. Paul's	1-11	2-17	6-22

Games This Week NCAA SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL PLAYOFFS March 12-13, 1993 Fayetteville, N.C.

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N.C. Central (24-3) vs Alabama A&M (27-3): 7 p.m.
Fayetteville St (20-7) vs. Virginia Union (26-2): 9 p.m.

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NCCU-AAMU loser vs. FSU-VUU loser 7 p.m.
NCCU-AAMU winner vs. FSU-VUU winner 9 p.m.

Hanes Hosiery Center Youth Tournament Action

Tarheels Overwhelm Wolfpack For Third Place

Bradley Tuttle scored 24 points and Carter Williams chipped in 18 to lead the Tarheels over the Wolfpacks 67-56 in the 10-12 year-old consolation game.

Ryan Otatti and Chris Blackwell scored 21 points each to pace the Wolfpacks.

The Tarheels, who were coached by Mike Carter and Xavia McCarter, also got 15 points from Trey Williams.

Tommy McGuinn and Brandon Harold had five points each for Coach Clarence Hall's Wolfpacks.

Other solid performances were turned in by Matt Carter, Ernest Quick and Monte Capers.

Owen, Chisholm Lead Deacons to Championship

Derek Chisholm's 3-point play with 10 seconds remaining carried the Deacons to a 53-52 victory over the Blue Devils in the championship game of the 10-12 year-old division.

Jeff Owen poured in 31 points as he and Chisholm combined to score all the Deacons' points.

The Blue Devils were led by Joe Alexander with 16 points and Tony Surles with 13.

The Deacons, under Coach Gary Lash, rallied from an 11-point deficit behind strong defense play from Tim Penn and Jordan Lash.

Point guard Landon Moore and leading scorer Ashante McDowell combined for 16 more Blue Devil points. Terry Beasley was the coach for the Blue Devils.

Horne Leads Hornets To Victory In Consolation Game

Derrick Horne dropped in 24 points as the Hornets thumped the Celtics 54-35 in the consolation game of the 13-15 year-old division.

Kevin Simmons and Robert Joe combined for 20 more Hornet points.

Dwayne Nichols paced the Celtics with 14 points, while Jake Guarantano chipped in eight.

The Hornets, coached by Larry Meador, led the game from beginning to end.

Javon May, Kevin Wilson and Chris Thompson rounded out the scoring for Coach Willie Guarantano's Celtics.

Lavon Archie, Cortez Johnson, Jonathan Webb and Jay McCullum also contributed for the Hornets.

Bulls Edge Lakers 67-66 To Win Championship

Daniel Hafford tossed in 23 points and Chauncey Surles added 17 as the Bulls withstood a fourth quarter rally by the Lakers to win the 13-15 year-old championship by one point.

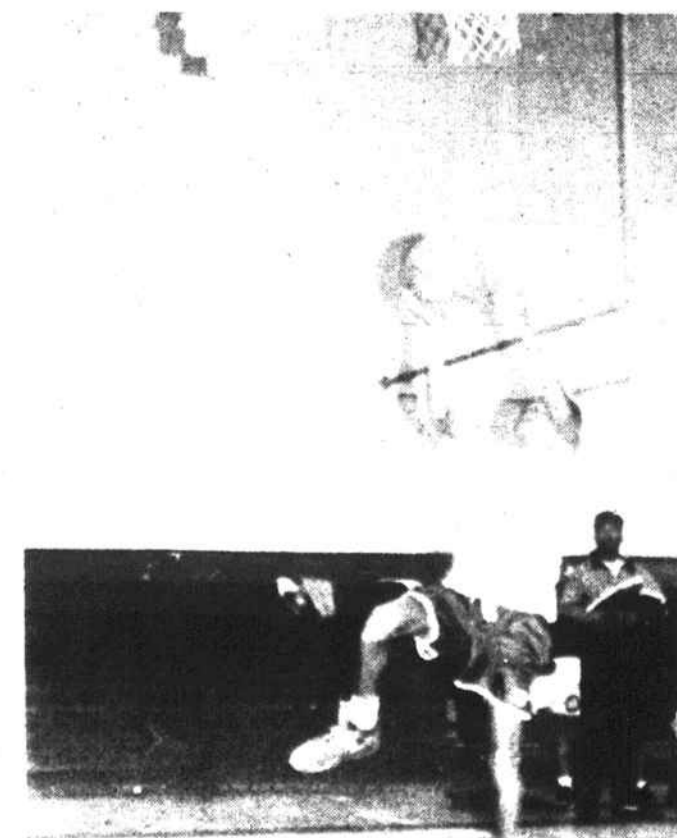
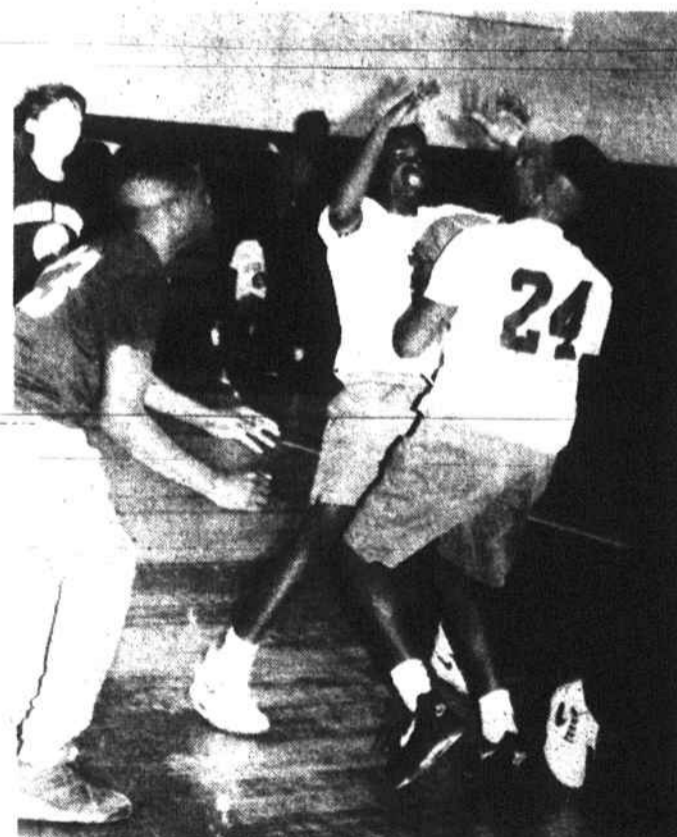
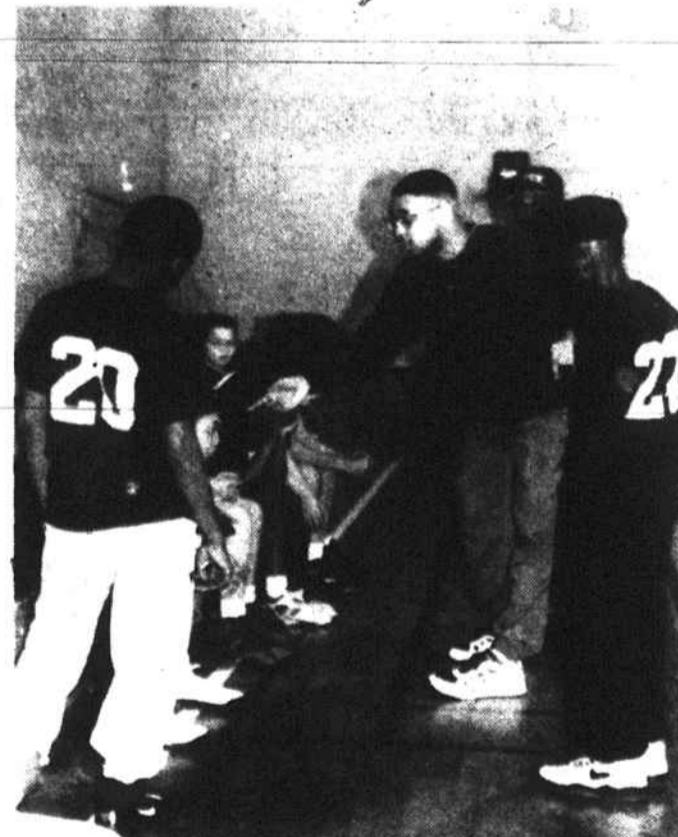
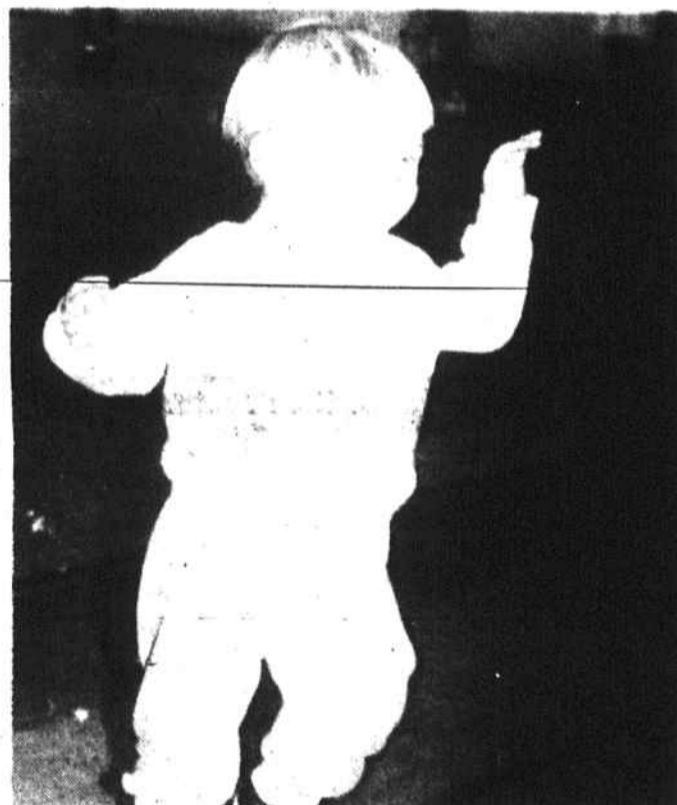
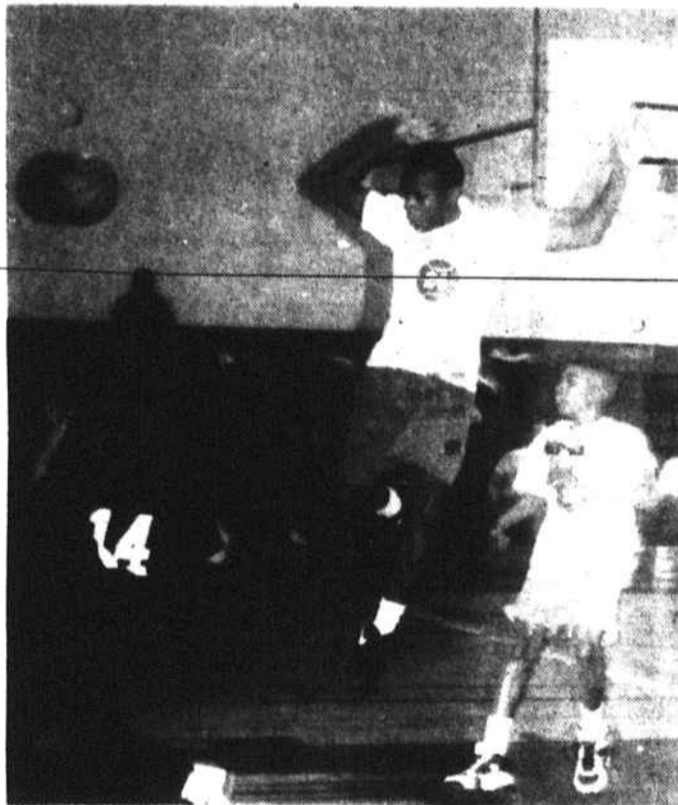
Lamont Joe and Kevin McClean both had big games for the Lakers, scoring 21 and 20 points, respectively.

They combined for 22 points in the fourth quarter as the Lakers rallied from a 49-39 deficit.

Coach Clarence Hall also got help inside from Hiawatha Hoover and Rico Bruton who combined for 18 points for the Bulls.

Kendro Pollard, Allen Hall, Ryan Otatti and T. J. Harold of the Bulls all performed solidly.

The Lakers, under Coach Danny Womack, also received strong games from Lewis Cannon and Jamel



Samuels.

Rupert Bell Trounces 14th Street In Championship

LaVanda "Boo" Atwater poured in 26 points, while Maurice Kennedy tossed in 17 to lead Rupert Bell past 14th Street in the finals of the 16-18 year-old division.

Bell outscored 14th Street in each quarter on its way to an 87-71 victory.

Sam Brown led 14th with 15 points followed by Chauncey Hood and Johnny Mosely with 12 and 10 points.

In the first round, Bell led by Atwater's 23 points survived a late scare to beat the Tarheels 74-65.

Mike Thomas, Steven Conrad and Nigel Black combined for 33 additional Rupert Bell points.

Chris Conrad chipped in 15 points for the Tarheels while Anthony Brown had 12 and Dwayne Stokes hit 11 points.

14th Street, behind Derrick Bullock's 21 and Chauncey Hood's 19 points squeaked by the Blue Devils.

The Devils were led by Darius White with 18 and Anthony James with 16 points.

Antwan Reid, Larry Baxton and Sam Brown added 23 additional points for 14 Street, while Cornelius Benjamin and Ramon McCollum had 10 points each for the Blue Devils.

Rupert Bell was coached by Mark McMillan and Robert Minor.

Brian Lead guided 14th Street, John "Cowboy" Fields manned the sidelines for the Blue Devils and Gary Lash was the head man for the Tarheels.

Notice!!!

Art Blevins, the Center Director, organized all four leagues and had 141 kids playing basketball at Hanes Hosiery this year.

Blevins would like to thank all the kids, parents and volunteers for coming out this year and welcomes you back next year!

