

Bulls Play Virginia State Here Monday

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After demolishing Winston-Salem State University 93-77 Monday night to capture sole possession of first place in the Southern Division of the CIAA at the Charlotte Coliseum the Golden Bulls will again go on another tough road series.

The first of two scheduled away games will take place this Saturday when they take on Clark College in Atlanta. Following that contest the Bulls will play Northern

big threat as the Bulls take aim on the number one spot and a top position in the CIAA playoffs scheduled for February 28, March 1, and March 2 in Greensboro.

Along with the victory over Winston-Salem, the Bulls received some other good news when ace guard Willie Joplin had the cast removed from his foot.

He is expected to return to practice sometime this week although his return to the lineup still depends on his maneuverability. He has been in the cast for five weeks.

In his place Smith coach Joe Alston has tried a number of players and apparently has decided to go with 6-1 freshman Chelsea Lewis.

Lewis, a junior from Danville, Va., demonstrated his long range ability against the Rams when he hit five jumpers from over 20 feet out.

His shooting is taking the pressure off the Golden Bulls inside men who have been shooting at a torrid clip themselves. The most awesome performance of late was by George "Chick" Cooper who canned 11 of 12 first half shots against Winston-Salem and finished the night with a 15 of 21 performance for 30 points.

With 6-9 Milton Hill, 6-8 Twiggy Sanders, and 6-6 Robert Lewis the Bulls have one of the most intimidating front lines in the Conference and can afford the luxury of having Cooper, the team's leading rebounder, shoot from beyond 15 feet out.

If the Bulls can manage to hold on to their present conference lead they will not only be eligible for CIAA tournament play but will also be eligible for the NAIA district finals scheduled for early February.

Division leading Virginia State on Monday, January 28, at Hartley Woods Gym, then its back to Winston-Salem for a game with the Rams.

Virginia State, 7-0 in conference play and 11-1 overall, is led by All-CIAA center Linwood Johnson, whose averaging 26 points and 13 rebounds a game. He is backed up on the front line by 6-4 freshman flash James Tisdol who's averaging 18 points a game.

The Trojans attack is directed by speedy Sylvester Robinson, a 5-11 senior. Reggie Whiting gives the Trojans excellent scoring balance and he also plays strong defense.

Milton Lundy rounds out the starting Virginia State lineup.

The road has not been kind to the Bulls this season who have dropped four games on the road. Their only loss at home was a decision to North Carolina Central University in the Charlotte, Tipoff Tournament.

The Bulls have already beaten Clark College this season and own two victories over Winston-Salem State. Only Virginia State looms a



WILLIE JOPLIN'S
Letting it Fly

Joplin Returns Saturday

Speculations here Wednesday morning were that senior Willie Joplin would return to the Johnson C. Smith University basketball squad prior to the team's non-conference game with Clark University in Atlanta, Ga. Saturday night.

"It's too early to tell whether he (Joplin) will get to play this weekend," coach Joe Alston said. "He'll report to his doctor Thursday morning for a final checkup.

MEAC Cage Roundup

Maryland Eastern Shores Moves Into First Place

The high scoring Hawks of Maryland-Eastern Shore kept their perfect record intact last week with three straight victories, and in the process moved a half-game ahead of idle Morgan State in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) league race to highlight the action in the seven-team conference.

Coach John Bates' cagers won a pair of non-conference games Sunday and Wednesday to set the stage for a match-up with Delaware State in a conference test Saturday night.

The victories last week for Maryland-Eastern Shore increased its overall mark to 15-0 for the season and 4-0 in the conference. Morgan State was idle last week because of semester break therefore its record is still 3-0 in the conference and 12-1 against all opponents.

Howard got its league record above the .500 mark with a 67-50 win over slumping Delaware State Wednesday giving the Bison a 2-1 record in the MEAC. The Washington, D.C. quintet evened its overall record at 6-6 for the campaign with an 85-84 decision over Lincoln (Pa.) Saturday night.

The A&T Aggies, two-time MEAC tournament champion, came away last week with two of three victories including a very important conference win over South Carolina State Saturday night.

A&T came back in the second half to defeat Fayetteville State by a slim point, 66-65 with James Outlaw scoring 22 points to lead the way. In Charlotte last Wednesday, the Aggies took it on the chin from Johnson C. Smith by the score of 94-90.

Despite the fact that Outlaw was held to only six points on a stellar defensive performance by Floyd Evans, A & T was still able to defeat S.C. State, 73-68 in Greensboro. The Aggies now stand 3-2 in the conference and 8-4 overall.

Delaware State snapped a three-game losing streak with a hard-earned 76-73 win over Lincoln (Pa.) Tuesday night but the Hornets dropped a pair of conference games to Howard and Maryland-Eastern Shore. After a fast start which produced a 7-1 mark for Delaware State, the Hornets now have dropped five of their last six games. In the league, Delaware State is 2-4 and overall the Hornets are 8-6.

South Carolina State gained a couple of very big non-conference victories last week over two Palmetto State opponents. Tuesday, the Bulldogs defeated Benedict by

the score of 88-70 and Thursday night knocked Erskine from the unbeaten ranks with an 84-75 win. S.C. State now owns a 1-4 league record and a 6-7 overall mark.

North Carolina Central built up an early lead enroute to an 80-66 victory over St. Augustine's. The Eagles are winless in conference play with an 0-4 mark and against all opponents they stand 3-6.

Four conference games and nine-conference games will highlight a 13-game schedule this week in the MEAC. Delaware State and Howard will be the busiest teams in league play with a pair of conference games while S.C. State is faced with four games this week.

Three conference games Wednesday will highlight the week's schedule. South Carolina State travels to North Carolina Central,

Howard will play at Maryland-Eastern Shore and Delaware State is at Morgan State.

The other league tussle this week is Saturday night at Delaware State where Howard will meet the Hornets in an important test.

In non-conference action this week, Morgan returns to action Monday against Virginia State, the leader in the CIAA. S. C. State is at Benedict Monday night.

A & T travels to Elizabeth City Tuesday, Thursday, North Carolina Central journeys to Charlotte to do battle with Johnson C. Smith.

Friday Delaware State is at Bowie, A&T and Winston-Salem State hook up in the Coliseum in the Twin City and Voorhees is at S.C. State.

Saturday, UMES is at home against Lincoln and S.C. State travels to Wofford.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

CONF.	ALL
W.L.	W.L.
J.C. Smith	6 4 10 5
Fayetteville	4 3 8 6
Livingstone	4 3 5 8
Shaw	4 4 5 7
Winston-Salem	3 4 5 8
St. Augustine's	1 5 2 8

NORTHERN DIVISION

Virginia State	7 0 13 1
Norfolk State	5 3 6 5
Elizabeth City	4 3 6 7
Virginia Union	4 4 6 7
Hampton	3 6 6 9
St. Paul's	1 7 4 11

WHERE THEY PLAY
Thursday, January 24
Virginia Union at Shaw
Coppin State at Livingstone
N.C. Central at J.C. Smith.

Friday, January 25
N.C. A&T at Winston-Salem

Saturday, January 26
Shaw at Barber-Scotia
J.C. Smith at Clark
St. Paul's at Virginia State
Elizabeth City at Norfolk State
St. Augustine's at Virginia Union

Monday, January 28
St. Augustine's at Fayetteville
Virginia State vs. J.C. Smith in Winston-Salem Coliseum
Elizabeth City at Winston-Salem

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