

# Sports Beat

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## Cunningham, Mobley Named Players Of The Week

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If South Mecklenburg is to defend its state 4-A championship, the road must be traveled with care because next week, the Sabres have games with West Charlotte and upset-minded West Mecklenburg.

However, the Sabres have both a beef to settle with the Lions, who beat them in December, and the horses that are needed to stop West Mecklenburg.

Two of the horses are featured this week in the Charlotte Post as "Players of the Week."

"I want to make my last year of basketball a good one," smiled star Aaron Cunningham, who will attend South Carolina State next year on a football scholarship. Cunningham will concentrate only on football at the Orangeburg school where he will play quarterback.

Last week his concentration was on another sport as he hit the nets for 20 in a win over North and 32 in a 77-71 win over Olympic. The six foot forward lives on Walnut Avenue.

His friend and comrade, Jerome Mobley the other half of South's dynamic duo was burning the nets also as the Sabres won two games. He had 27 points and 14 rebounds in the win over North in scoring his 991st point and topped the 1,000 mark three nights later with 20 over Olympic to become the first player to score over the century mark since Denver Nuggets' star Bobby Jones did during his career at the same school.

Jerome is elated with his three year performance and says he would like "to follow in my cousins' footsteps," referring to UNCC star Lawrence "Lew" Massey, and UNC star Walter Davis who live in the same Sterling-Pine Valley section of Pineville.

"Because of my grades," the senior center-forward who stands at 6'3" said, "I am considering going to a private prep school where I can get S. C. State

my study habits developed. I would like to play in the Atlantic Coast Conference," he added.

Other stars in the area include Tom Stillwell of Independence who hit 23 in a loss to West...Joe Black who hit 21 in a 62-58 upset of Independence and 18 in a 72-55 loss to Myers Park...Graylon Wallace and Melvin Hoover of North who hit 22 and 20 respectively in a loss to South...Ondra Richardson of Olympic who hit 18 in a win over East and 31 in a loss to South...Tim Harris of Olympic who hit 18 in a loss to South...Jeff Nance who hit 24 in a win over East...Johnny Witherspoon of Garinger who hit 24 in the Wildcats' win over Harding...Ivan Diggs of Myers Park who hit 20 points...



**Jerome Mobley**  
South Meck Cager  
Greg McCullough of Harding who hit 21 in a loss to East... Mike Grant of East who hit 22 in a win over Harding and



**Aaron Cunningham**  
Scholarship recipient  
Gerald McAfee of North hit 29 points and pulled down 26 rebounds in a win over West Charlotte.

## THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL

MEAC	CONF		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
S. C. State	5	7	8	
Morgan	3	1	6	
N. C. Central	4	2	11	
Howard	3	2	11	
UMES	4	3	6	
N. C. A&T	2	4	15	
Delaware State	0	8	1	18

  

CIAA STANDINGS			
Teams	Conf		All
	W	L	
Virginia Union	9	2	13
Norfolk State	7	2	13
Virginia State	8	3	15
St. Paul's	5	6	11
Elizabeth City	4	5	9
Hampton	4	7	11

  

NORTHERN DIVISION			
Teams	Conf		All
	W	L	
Winston-Salem	8	2	11
St. Augustine's	6	3	14
J. C. Smith	5	5	9
Shaw	1	8	6
Livingstone	1	8	2
Fayetteville	1	9	4

### HOW COME???

If it was the fashion to go naked, the face would be hardly observed?...The CIAA officials do not use smooth-talking Willie Walker as the Public Address Announcer at their annual basketball tournament in Hampton, Va. later this month. Willie wowed audiences through the years with his professionalism at CIAA tournaments in Greensboro, and he is the man behind the mike at all of Johnson C. Smith University's home basketball games.

So, few MEAC teams are playing above the charmed .500 percentage mark in basketball games won and lost? This week's conference stats list only Howard and Morgan with more victories than defeats. What is more, it also shows that the MEAC cagers have won only 20 of 71 games played against non-conference opponents.

Little boys and little girls do not play well together when the bigger boys and bigger girls have such a ball?...Young men's fancy turns to thoughts of love only in the springtime?...Basketballs are bigger than baseballs and baseballs are bigger than golf balls? Referees do not wear combat gears and receive combat pay when working basketball games in small college gymnasiums?

Fish always bite better YESTERDAY...What politicians say and what they do always differ? You only get three strikes before being called "out" and have to look at four balls before getting a free ticket to first base?...

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE.....Herbert Entzminger, who has been playing great ball for the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University, has been named CIAA "Player Of The Week." The 6-6 junior averaged 32 points against St. Paul's, Fayetteville State and Winston-Salem State last week, hitting 43 of 81 attempts for the floor for an eye-bulging 53.1 percent...

The CIAA honored coach Charles Christian of Norfolk State for steering his Spartans to victory over Virginia State and Hampton. As a result, he was named "Coach Of The Week."

This week's CIAA stats sheet failed to list a Golden Bull among the conference top 10 scorers. J. C. Smith cagers were also absent from the top 10 individual rebounders. Coach Jerry Fitch's herd were sixth in team offense and 11 among the conference's 12 teams in team defense, with a minus 3.9 scoring margin.

A large turnout at the Second Annual Johnson C. Smith University Invitational Swimming Championships here Saturday morning would make coach Charley Cox happy.

A record-breaking total of 21,000 fans have watched Norfolk State and Virginia State in two basketball games this season. 11,000 were on hand at the Norfolk Scope when the Spartans edged the Trojans, 105-103 in overtime and 10,000 jammed into the Richmond Coliseum to cheer Virginia State to a thrill-packed 59-57 triumph.

Another sellout looms for the Hampton Coliseum later this month when these two CIAA giants come together in the annual shootout with six other conference teams.

Howard University's slick new basketball press book makes interesting reading. It was authored by Cureton Johnson and his able staff. The book also informs that the Bisons have experienced only seven winning seasons in the past 14 campaigns.

It must be heartening to the coaches around the CIAA to read about the "bad officiating" in that other conference. In this instance, "bad" doesn't mean good!

### Races To Top

DURHAM, South Carolina State, picked in the pre-season poll to win the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball championship this season, won a pair of weekend league games and has taken over first place in the MEAC basketball standings as the teams begin the final month of play, leading up to the 6th annual MEAC Basketball Tournament set for February 24-26 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The Bulldogs defeated Howard Friday night, 88-83 in overtime and then came back Saturday night to defeat previously unbeaten Morgan State, 65-56. S.C. State now sports a 5-1 league mark as compared with a 7-8 overall record.

The loss dropped Morgan State's Bears into second place with a 3-1 league record. Howard has a 3-2 family mark and are 11-6 against all opposition.

Maryland-Eastern Shore put its league record above .500 with a pair of league wins over the weekend.

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