

**SPORTS
CORNER**

By Doc Crumm

February was the month wherein basketball teams played harder than ever to win tournament berths. Around the end of the month and for the first two weeks in March, teams battled for cage honors all over the country.

Some tournaments ran into the third and fourth weeks of March. The most notable of these was the first annual National College Basketball Tournament of Champions, which was held at the Fisk University Gymnasium, Nashville, Tennessee, from February 28 - March 1, 1952. The CIA, SIAC, MWA, SWAC conferences, and four teams at large participated in this national tournament.

Elizabeth City State and Fayetteville State were two of the four teams at large being considered, with Fayetteville getting the non. The winners were eligible for the NCAA playoff in Madison Square Garden, New York City. Negro institutions have never been represented in the annual NCAA event, but this year marks a milestone toward the integration of the best basketball competition in the history of the game.

Elizabeth City was recommended because of its excellent play against West Virginia State College, and its upset victories over Virginia Union University, and Fayetteville State Teachers College.

This year's basketball team has made quite a name for itself. The hoopsters dropped a 69-67 decision to West Virginia State, defeated Fayetteville 2-3, (unusual) as of February 16, edged Winston-Salem 67-64 and dropped a heart breaking 72-20 return game, and above all, walloped the present leading CIAA team, Virginia Union University, 91-68.

Coach Housen and his boys were unpredictable. Their seasonal standing of 15 wins and 4 losses made them a dangerous foe for any team. Well many of you thought Elizabeth City could not defeat Fayetteville, Virginia Union or Winston-Salem. What happened? They conquered all three.

Theodore Becton and Randolph Tootle, two Morehead City, N. C. boys, have enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. While at S.T.C. they were members of the 1950-51 basketball teams. Tootle was a possible All-American candidate. Maybe if he had remained here, Tootle might have broken some EIAC scoring records, for when he left, he had scored 275 points in 16 games for a 17 plus average.

Becton was a reserve guard, but the coach could depend on him to do his part. After all, he had board hawks like Captain Davis, Otis Sheffield, and Santiago Burrell before him. Still the youngster stuck it out and did his best when called upon. . . . Thanks to our college nurse, Mrs. Womack, for administering first aid to Arnold Moyler during the Elizabeth City-Norfolk game. She was "really on the ball. Many visitors are still speaking highly of her work as a result of this accident.

**Locals Entertain
Basketball Team**

On Saturday evening, March 29, W. Revere. J. Watson, C. Paige, M. Lloyd, J. Mitchell, C. Hill, J. Felton, A. Spellman, and B. Rice, all of Elizabeth City, gave a "get-together" in honor of this year's basketball team at the College Canteen.

"Jake" Felton acted as toastmaster. Remarks were made by Athletic Director J. H. Williams, C. Paige who represented the local community, A. Spellman who spoke for the Alumni, and C. Hill, H. Williams complimented the young ladies who had played a wonderful part in support of the team. Several young ladies, including Dimples Williams and Amaza Manley, spoke for the lasses.

Captain Earnest Davis thanked the sponsors for their loyalty and support during the past season.

Social dancing climaxed the pleasures of the evening.

**VIRGINIA SEMINARY AND
NORFOLK TILTS**

With 6-2 center Harry Freeman 24 points, and 5-11½ Randy Tootle bucketing 22, the State Teachers College Pirates ran wild and walloped Virginia Seminary and College of Lynchburg, Virginia, 121-44. Seminary was just outclassed. They came here with only six men, and to surprise you, only a total of 15 personal fouls were called against them. This February 6 game will long be remembered, for it marks the first time that an Elizabeth City basketball team has scored 100 or more points against any opponent. Coles and King scored 10 each for Virginia Seminary.

On February 8, Elizabeth City added Norfolk Division of Virginia State College to its humiliation list. With Captain Davis, Frank Henry, and Randy Tootle scoring 14, 15 and 16 points respectively, the Pirates won 88-66. Captain Arnold "Red" Moyler of the Norfolk team was injured in the second quarter of the game and had to be removed. Santiago Burrell scored a 45 foot desperation shot to send the Pirates ahead 33-31 at the half-time. Opening the second half, Elizabeth City took over, led 58-42 at the end of the third period, and finally landed on the victorious side, 88-66.

**Winston-Salem Edged
(February 9)**

The Winston-Salem Teachers College "Rams" went on a scoring spree in the last 58 seconds of a game with the Pirates, but this rally was not enough as the "Rams" bowed 67-64. Trailing 67-60, Pennington scored a set shot, and Whitley eased in a crip to end Winston-Salem's scoring. This was the second CIAA team that Elizabeth City had beaten in a week. Randolph Tootle led the winner's scoring with 17 markers. Charles Smith paced the "Rams" with 12.

**WESTERN TOUR
(February 11-15)**

WOW! A 14-2 record and the Pirates were off to Central, North Carolina to play Fayetteville and Winston-Salem; to Nashville, Tenn. to face the well-known Tennessee State A and I University "Tigers".

FOR THE RECORD . . .

On Monday night, February 11, Elizabeth City and Fayetteville engaged in a game that was thrilling from the beginning to the end. Each team battled evenly, scoring basket for basket. The point of decision did not come until the last three minutes of the game. With Fayetteville ahead 83-81, Frank Henry tied the score at 83-83. Captain Davis sent Elizabeth City ahead 85-83. J. Smith of Fayetteville dribbled past Elizabeth City, laid up a crip, and lessened the gap for Fayetteville 87-85. Coach Housen sent word for his boys to freeze the ball, so to assure themselves of victory. Seeing an opening in Fayetteville's defense, Captain Davis drove in, was checked by a Bronco, but managed to lay one up, as the score board read 89-85, Elizabeth City. Henry Porter, 6-3 reserve center was fouled and given one gratis throw. His free shot was good as Elizabeth City won 90-85. Capt. Davis tallied 28 points for Elizabeth City while Smith got 20 for the Broncos.

The Winston-Salem game was just as thrilling. The first half ended 57-56, Elizabeth City. The winner of this game was decided during the last four minutes of the game. The Pirates were ahead 65-62, but the Winston-Salem "Rams" tied the score at 65 all and moved ahead 67-65. Captain Davis scored a set shot from the top of the key hole to even matters once more, 67-67. With about one minute and fifteen seconds remaining, the score was tied again 70-70. Willie Johnson scored a two hand lay up to put Winston-Salem ahead 72-70. A traveling violation was called against Elizabeth City and the ball went over to the "Rams". Realizing that they could not win the game without possession of the ball, Elizabeth City started an all court press. The last shot that the Pirates got at their goal was taken by Frank Henry from mid-court. This was no good as Crocket recovered the rebound for Coach Gaine's "Rams."

Tenn. A & I — E. C. S. T. C.

The Tennessee State game is the worst that Elizabeth City has played. The A & I boys built up a 30-4 first quarter score and led 50-50 at half time. Willie Thomas, 6-3½, H. A. Kean Jr., 6-2½, and Malvin Price 6-6, took care of nearly all rebounds for the winners. This height plus a tight defense around the goal enabled A & I to beat Elizabeth City 79-47. Thomas and Price got 17 apiece for Tennessee, and Kean garnered 12. Kean is the son of Athletic Director H. A. Kean Sr., who is 60 years old, but does not look it. Kean Jr. ie 17 but plays like a cage veteran. He only scored 12 points, but these twelve were timely and well spaced. Alfred Marbly, who has come a long way, scored 15 to lead Elizabeth City.

Early in the game, A & I led 11-0, Otis Sheffield scored a foul shot to give Elizabeth City its first point.

**SUPPORT
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**Elizabeth City Upsets
Virginia Union**

Virginia Seminary and Norfolk State also Victims

With an anxious crowd overflowing the college gymnasium on February 2, the fast-breaking Elizabeth City State Teachers College cagers halted the number one CIAA team, Virginia Union, 91-68. Captain Davis paced the victory by scoring 12 field goals 8 free shots for a total of 32 points. Elizabeth City grabbed an early 4-0 lead and was never in danger from this point to the end of the game. Many people around the country could not believe that Elizabeth City had pulled this stunning upset. Some newspapers along the Eastern shore carried this game as one of its main sports stories. This defeat was the worst that any Virginia Union team has experienced. Going back, the Richmond, Virginia collegiates dominated the CIAA from, around 1938-1942. Kovango Hyde, Bob Daughtry, Obie Knighton, Mel Glover, "Soup" Campbell, Gilbert "Pickles" Frazier, Wilmotte "Whirlwind" Burotn, and Roland McDaniel made up this team. To-day's Union cagers cannot touch this wonderful hardwood crew of yesterday, but when last heard from they were leading the CIAA with 9-2 record.

Herman Howard led the Union scoring with 20 points. James Greer, 6-4 center, and Santiago Burrell, 6-0 guard, turned in magnificent rebound jobs against the Old Dominions. It was their feeding of the ball to Capt. Davis or Leon McCoy, which enabled the Elizabeth City club to use their fast break and emerge as victors.

Sports Quiz

1. Do you know how many points Captain Ernest Davis scored against Virginia Union?
2. Who was your team's leading scorer as of February 16?
(a) Frank Henry
(b) Leon McCoy
(c) Harry Freeman
(d) Ernest Davis
3. Do you have an idea how many games our arch rival, Fayetteville State has won and lost in the past seven years?
(a) 100 and 72
(b) 195 and 49
(c) 150 and 31
(d) 201 and 42.

Answers:

1. 32 out of 91.
2. Captain Davis with 274 points in 19 games.
3. 195 and 49.

TRIBUTE

This article is being written as a tribute to a group of fellows of whom nothing can be said but "praise for performance"---the Basketball Squad of State Teachers College.

Fellows, you are still one hundred per cent on my book. I saw you play your first game. I watched you go through practice sessions. I was proud of the machine-like precision with which you won your victories. I lost when you lost, I sympathized and gave you words of encouragement for See TRIBUTE, page 6