

Elizabeth City State Teachers College 1955 - 1956 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

(Home Games)

- Dec. 16—Bowie Teachers College
Jan. 7—Maryland State
Jan. 11—Shaw University
Jan. 14—Hampton Institute
Jan. 17—Winston-Salem S.T.C.
Jan. 20—St. Paul Polytechnic
Jan. 26—Fayetteville S.T.C.
Jan. 28—Norfolk State
Feb. 3—Voorhees
Feb. 10—Livingstone

(Games Away)

- Dec. 14—St. Paul Polytechnic
Dec. 17—D. C. Teachers
Jan. 3—Maryland State
Jan. 4—Bowie Teachers
Jan. 10—Hampton Institute
Jan. 21—Norfolk State
Feb. 4—Livingstone
Feb. 6—Winston-Salem S.T.C.
Feb. 16—Fayetteville S.T.C.
Feb. 20—Voorhees
March 2-3—E.I.A.C. Tournament at Norfolk

WINSTON-SALEM BEATS

PIRATES IN THRILLER 32-19

Rams Come from Behind to Win Homecoming Tilt

Under a beautiful clear sky, in the majestic Bowman Gray Stadium before 12,000 fans and alumnists, the Winston-Salem Teachers College Rams had to come from behind to win their Homecoming 32-19 over the Pirates from Elizabeth City.

Oscar Blakley, senior halfback, taking the opening kick-off raced 67 yds. to the Rams 17. Seconds later, Godfrey tossed to Brown for the score putting the Pirates out in front 6-0.

The Rams got their first tally early in the second quarter after recovering a Pirate's fumble about midfield. Wilson raced to the Pirates 18 on an end sweep. After a series of running plays, Russell smashed over for the score. The try after touchdown put the Rams out in front 7-6.

The fighting Pirates from Elizabeth City passing and running beautifully took the lead again in the third quarter when Blakley streaked through an opening over his left guard for the score. Godfrey missed his second conversion try, and the Pirates led 12-7.

The Rams got their second touchdown after recovering another Pirate fumble. McIntyre, big threat for the Rams, raced through a gapping hole, cut to his right and streaked 32 yards for the score. The conversion put the Rams ahead 14-12.

Beautiful running by Fred Brown and Phillip Smith helped the Pirates get their third tally as they took the lead again. A short pass from Godfrey to Blakley put them ahead 18-14. The point after touchdown made it 19-14.

The Rams after stopping a Pirate drive on their two-yard line moved 90 yards for their third touchdown. McIntyre's 12 yard run made it 20-19.

Midway in the fourth quarter, the Rams' McIntyre broke the game wide open on a five-yard plunge.

With only seconds left, Wilson intercepted a Pirates pass on his 45 and raced all the way for the Rams' final touchdown.

—Branch

PIRATES OPEN SEASON WITH LARGER SQUAD

Acknowledging the call for the beginning of basketball practice October 15 was one of the largest squads in the school's history. Lead by Veterans Ronnie Hubbard, Robert Simmons, Samuel Billups, and Melvin Boyd, fifteen men headed the call to opening practice by Coach Bobby Vaughn. Three members of the football team raised the Pirates squad to 18 men.

The outlook for the 1955-56 Pirates is very bright. Height has been added to the squad this year, and the scoring punch looks more versatile this season. The one year's experience of Morgan, Simmons, Billups, Boyd, and Moody may offset the loss of two Pirate Greats, James Greer, and Harry Freeman. Freshmen Henry Fields, Aaron Chester, Joseph Edding, and Hestor Manair will help boost the Pirates' attack.

We think the Pirates, who are the defending champs of the E. I. A. C., will improve last years' brilliant record so let's all get behind them and root them on to victory.

1955-56 ELIZABETH CITY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE PIRATES' BASKETBALL TEAM

Table with 2 columns: Name and Years. Includes Co-Captains Billups, Hubbard, Simmons, and other players like Boyd, Morgan, Porter, Tootle, Fields, Edding, Manair, Chester, Jones, Daniels, Moody, Gordy, Peale.

PIRATE REGULAR HURT

Samuel Billups, one of the regulars on the Pirates squad, was injured during a practice session December 13 and will be out for an undisclosed time.

Billups, a deadly shooter and driver, played guard in the Pirates' attack. A good dribbler and floor man. Billups' service will be missed by Coach Bobby Vaughn.

PIRATES TAKES HOMECOMING 20 - 6

Cold, rain, mud and a small Homecoming crowd did not bother the red hot Pirates as they splashed out a 20-6 victory over Norfolk State at College Park.

The underdog Spartans returned the opening kickoff to their 45. On the first play from Scrimmage, Hines raced all the way to the Pirates' 2 yard line. On fourth and five, Stewart scored on a pass from Eure to give the Spartans a 6-0 lead.

Undrunted, the Pirates came right back to score on a pass from Godfrey to Blakley. Branch crashed over for the extra point, putting the Pirates ahead 7-6. Minutes later, the Pirates scored again on a reverse and lateral play which covered 35 yards. Blakley lateraled to Godfrey who scored the touchdown. Branch's second try for the point after touchdown was good, and the Pirates led 14-6.

After a change of punts, the Pirates struck again. Godfrey hit Green in the flat on the Spartan's 35. Shaking off one would be tackler, Green raced down the sideline for the score. The point after was no good, and the Pirates led 20-6.

The second half was a scoreless affair as neither team could generate a scoring thrush in the mud and water, which made running and passing almost impossible.

Outstanding for the Pirates were senior linemen, Darius Brown and Lonnie Davis. Senior backs Blakley and Godfrey played brilliant ball defensively and offensively. Ends Billy Hodge and John Miller played their usually fine ball.

—Branch

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM WILL START AFTER HOLIDAYS

The intramural basketball program will start after the holidays under the direction of Bob White, head of the athletic department. Captains will be assigned, and a draft will be held so that each Captain can select a team.

Last season's champs were the unbeaten Little Blues of Landon Miales. Winners of the round robin tournament were the wildcats of John Miller.

With ample material this year, the program should be "terrific" this season, so let's all follow our favorite teams.

SPORTS IN SPOTS

Football Round-up

Maryland State captured the C.I.A.A. title. Oklahoma was crowned as the best in the Nation.

The player-of-the-year award goes to Howard "Hopalong" Cassady, a (Back) of Ohio State.

231,000 chilled spectators watched Army romp Navy 14-6.

Top ten standings "55 Oklahoma 1st, Michigan State 2nd, U.C.L.A. 3rd, Maryland State 4th, Rice 5th, Ohio 6th, T.C.U. 7th, Georgia Tech. 8th, Notre Dame 9th, and Mississippi 10th.

Marvin Griffin, governor of Georgia, and officials protested the Sugar Bowl game because the University of Pittsburgh has a Negro player on their team. The student body of Georgia Tech was primarily interested in the game and not segregation. George Harris, student body president, sent a telegram to the Pittsburgh student body apologizing for the action and said that they were looking forward to seeing Pittsburgh's entire team and student body at the Sugar Bowl.

In Pro football the Cleveland Browns won the Eastern Conference title. They have not lost a conference game in the last decade. Meanwhile the Los Angeles Rams and Chicago Bears are tied for first place in the Western Conference.

Predictions

Michigan State over U.C.L.A. in Rose Bowl; Wyoming over Texas; Georgia Tech. over Pittsburgh in Sugar Bowl; Oklahoma over Oklahoma A. & M. in Orange Bowl; Tennessee over Vanderbilt; Mississippi over Mississippi State in Cotton Bowl.

Baseball

Monte Irvin, former New York Giant outfielder returns to the Major League by being invilved in a trade which sent him to the Chicago Cubs. Although he is 35, the Cubs think he might be a great help to the team.

The Dodgers will schedule some of their home games to be played in New Jersey.

Boxing

Sugar Ray over Bobo Olson in December 9th bout.

ROBINSON REGAINS TITLE

Ray Robinson, an ageing three to one under-dog, regained for the second time the World's Middleweight Title. This time the victim was Bobo Olson. Robinson stopped Olson in the second round of their December 9th title battle with a series of hard punches.

Robinson taking command early in the first round shooked Olson up with hard combinations and at the close of the first round Olson was staggered by a powerful punch thrown by Sugar Ray. Sensing an early knockout, Robinson tore into Olson in the second round and while the crowd looked on in disbelief dropped the champ with terrific combinations. The total minutes were four and fifty-four seconds.

GAME FRIDAY EVENING

The basketball game with State Teachers College of Bowie, Maryland, will be played December 16 at three-thirty P.M. in the state College Gym. The early time is for the convenience of the student body.

Let's all stick around and cheer our Pirates on to victory.

