

PIRATES HAVE FOUR-GAME LOSING STREAK
Lose Important Conference Game to Norfolk State

After winning five of their first seven games, the Pirates from Elizabeth City tasted defeat in four of their five contests. Ragged ball handling, poor defensive work and below-par shooting caused the downfall of the Pirates in these games.

Brilliant shooting by Randolph Tootle, who bagged 20 points, was not enough to pull the Pirates through against a Hampton Five which won 76-70, after trailing the Pirates by 14 points. Amos paved the way with 32 points in their come-from-behind victory.

"Black Jack" Defares and Sessoms were the big guns for the highly ranked Winston-Salem Quintet in their 93-66 victory over Elizabeth City. Defares tossed in 21, while Sessoms hit for 29 points. Sessoms' ball hawking stymied the Pirates' offense. Morgan connected for 16 and Fields 17, to lead the Pirates' scoring.

Playing a great floor game, St. Paul Institute handed the Elizabeth City Pirates their fifth defeat 72-65. Scott, who got 22, and Mitchell with 21, led the victors' scoring. Randolph Tootle registered 39 points for the losing Pirates.

All the above games were played in the College Gym at Elizabeth City.

PIRATES BREAK EVEN IN LAST TWO CONTESTS
Upset Fayetteville 67-65; Lose 87-91 Thriller to Norfolk State Spartans

Sophomores Samuel Billups, Richard Morgan, Robert Simmons, and Freshman Henry Fields spearheaded attack and lead the Elizabeth City Pirates to a 67-65 victory over a strong Fayetteville team.

Trailing 34-27 at intermission, the victory-starved Pirates came back in the third quarter to take the lead. Fayetteville, putting on a full court press, cut the Pirates' lead to two points. A desperate shot by Dobson missed as the buzzer sounded.

Fields scored 17 points to lead all scorers. Billups registered 14 for Elizabeth City and Morgan 10.

Morgan was top man for Fayetteville with 11 points.

Overcoming a 52-49 half-time deficiency, the Norfolk State Spartans defeated the State Teachers College Pirates 91-87 to take the undisputed possession in the EIAC.

Jumping into an early 14-2 point lead, the Pirates looked like they might rout the visitors from Norfolk. Terrific shooting by Randolph Tootle and Ronnie Hubbard enabled the Pirates to keep their lead until the fourth quarter.

Hurbert and Lee, main factors in Norfolk's uphill battle, got 25 and 22 points respectively. Hurbert's rebounding could not be matched by any of the Pirates.

PIRATES WALLOP LIVINGSTONE
102-59 — Coach Empties Bench

Coach Bobby Vaughn's Pirates, fast-breaking throughout the contest, hit the century mark for the first time as they defeated Livingstone College 102-58 in the College Gym January 30.

PIRATES AFTER FOURTH STRAIGHT EIAC CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT

The mighty Elizabeth City Pirates will be gunning for their fourth straight Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship and also their fourth straight tournament.

Under the guidance of Coach Vaughn the Pirates have dominated the Conference the past three years and are favorites to win the title this year. The only team in the conference that might upset the Pirates is the Norfolk State Spartans.

Harry Freeman and James Greer, two great athletes, will be missed by the Pirates. Freeman, a great shooter, and Greer, a great rebounder, led the Pirates to Victory the past three seasons.

All around team strength makes the Elizabeth City Quintet favorites to crop their fourth E.I.A.C. title. Irvin Gordy and Henry Fields have proved adequate replacements for Greer at center, and a number of regulars paced by Randolph Tootle have shown they can shoot in the accurate Freeman class.

Let's all get behind the Pirates and cheer them on to their fourth E.I.A.C. title.

PIRATES DEFEAT SHAW BEARS IN THRILLER 95 - 94

The Elizabeth City Pirates had to overcome a ten-point deficiency to win 95-94 over the Shaw Bears in the College Gym at Elizabeth City on Wednesday, January 11.

Taking the lead early in the first quarter, the Shaw quintet led by at least six points until the fourth quarter.

Elizabeth City took the lead with only five minutes remaining in the contest. With only forty-five seconds, Shaw regained by two points. A basket and a charity toss put the Pirates ahead to stay.

This left the Pirates with a record of wins and two losses. They have sixteen games remaining to play.

—Branch

ELIZABETH CITY TO TAKE ON 16 CAGE FOES

Coach Bobby Vaughn's Elizabeth City Pirates have 16 games on their 1955-56 Basketball schedule.

After impressively winning their first three tilts over St. Paul, Bowie Teachers College, and D. C. Teachers, the Pirates remained idle until after the holidays.

Returning to the courts following the holidays, the Pirates dropped two tilts to a powerful Maryland State Quintet. However, one-point victories over Hampton and Shaw gave the Pirates a record of five wins and two losses.

With twelve lettermen returning and a fine Freshman crop, the Pirates have proved to be a powerful team and are heavy favorites to win the EIAC, despite a much-improved Norfolk State team.

The remaining schedule is as follows: Home games: February 3, Voorhees; February 10, Livingstone; February 14, St. Augustine.

Games away: February 4, Livingstone; February 6, Winston-Salem; February 16, St. Augustine; February 17, Shaw University; February 18, Fayetteville; February 20, Voorhees.

—Branch

THE GLOBE OF SPORTS

Boxing
Rocky Marciano was crowned as "The Fighter of the Year" for the third time.

Second — Ray Robinson, Middle-Weight.

Third — Carmen Basilio, Welter-Weight.

Fourth — Archie Moore, Light-Heavy-Weight.

Fifth — Floyd Patterson.

Sixth — Wallace Bud Smith, Light-Weight.

"Rounder of the Year" goes to Archie Moore for the first time.

Baseball
Series winner, Johnny Podus, is expected to be drafted into service.

Don Newcomb has signed the '56 contract with the Dodgers.

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS OF 1955

1955 saw Elizabeth City State Teachers College win their third E.I.A.C. championship and also their third E.I.A.C. basketball tournament. Led by seniors Harry Freeman and James Greer, the Freshmen-laden Pirates Quintet won 17 and lost 8 in 1955. Three of their victories were in the tournament.

In intramural basketball the "Blues" of Landon Miales won the Round Robin League tilt with a perfect record of 8-0. John Miller's Wildcats won the intramural basketball tournament.

The year of '55 saw the Pirates resume baseball after dropping the sport in '42.

The Pirates posted a record of 7 wins and 2 defeats in football. Their three victories in conference marked the fourth year in which they have gone unbeaten. However, the three victories were not enough for the Pirates to be eligible for the 1955 championship.

In four years of competition against much larger schools, the Elizabeth City State Teachers College Pirates under the guidance of Coach Bob White, have won 27 games, tied 2, and lost only 6 in football, a record surpassed by only a few colleges and universities in our country.

—Branch

HAMPTON UPSETS PIRATES 75 - 70

Led by their big center Amos, Hampton overcome a fourteen-point Pirate lead in the fourth quarter and defeated the Pirates 75-70 in the College Gym, Saturday night, January 14th, at Elizabeth City.

Paced by Amos, Hampton jumped into an eight-point lead but was unable to hold it when their big center left the game in the second period.

The brilliant shooting of Elizabeth City's Randolph Tootle enabled the Pirates to take a 41-36 half-time lead. The Pirates seemed to have had the game in command, but a rally by Hampton knotted the count with less than five minutes remaining in the game. One basket and three charity tosses gave the visitors from Hampton a five-point lead with less than a minute to play.

High scorers in the thrilling contest were: Amos, who led all scorers, with 32 points; and Tootle who had 20 points to lead Elizabeth City's scoring. Co-Captains, Simmons and Hubbard followed with 12 points each for the Elizabeth City Five.

—Branch

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

After two weeks of competition by the tight Intramural Basketball League, leaders are the "Blues" of Billy Hodge with a record of 2 wins and no losses.

Team Standing—

Team	Standing	Won	Lost	%
Blues	1	2	0	1000
Wildcats	2 (tie)	1	0	1000
Trotters	2	1	0	1000
Vikings	3 (tie)	1	1	500
Knights	3	1	1	500
Buccaneers	4 (tie)	0	1	000
Monarchs	4	0	1	000
Trojans	4	0	2	000

