

The Roving Sports Eye

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"Vikings" in Unbreakable Winning Streak

After losing a very closely contested return game with the Spartans of Norfolk State, the mighty "Vikings" have rallied to win every game since that time. They appear to have kept their irrepressible form and, with increased vigor, have won eight games in a row. Oscar Smith, the 6'7" guard, has become very popular on the boards for his one-handed shots. Even the freshman rookie, Terry Quinlan, has scored his first point for the season. The Viking offensive rating in CIAA standing is markedly one of the highest, thus far. This recognition is the result of their scoring average which ranges in the triple figures with practically each game. Says Coach Vaughan, who has been nominated as CIAA Coach of the Year, "These boys really have the spirit to win!"

Spartans Defeated

Four crowded busloads of Vikings, leaving many anxious fans at home, followed Coach Vaughan's cagers across the state line to Norfolk State College, to watch their team play what was to be one of the most thrilling games in CIAA history. The rather confident conference champions were shaken when they found that the Elizabeth City State Vikings were equally, if not better, prepared to meet their formidable challenge.

Freddie Lewis, the little 5'7" playmaker, along with the versatile Gary Stubbins, led the attack on the Spartans to shatter the Norfolk defense. Clifton Lewis, a senior on the ball club, played an excellent defensive game against the Spartans.

Richard Todd fascinated spectators by his graceful shooting which gave him a total of 27 points for the game. Gary Stubbins and Lewis poured in 25 and 24 points, respectively, with their accurate shooting. Doug Brown, who was fouled out early in the game, along with Grant of the Norfolk team, was able to make 16 points.

Pitts was able to shoot 31 points for the Norfolk team. Graham was able to make 22 points for the Spartans.

In the closing minutes of the game, cheerers of both schools stood in awe as the well poised Viking team defeated the Spartans 96-94. Elizabeth City State was the first team to have beaten the Spartans on their home-court in two years.

The following week, they came to Viking Stadium and defeated us after two indescribably thrilling two overtime periods by the score of 106-103. Douglas Brown was high pointer in this game with 31 points.

E C State Whips Hampton

Elizabeth City, N. C.—

Elizabeth City State defeated Hampton Institute 115 to 82. The game was marked by a tremendous drive by State in the second half for 76 points with Douglas Brown showing the way. State held a lead of 39-35 at the half.

Richard Todd was high gun for State with 31 points and Brown was second with 26, most of them in the second half. Norman Bonner topped Hampton with 22 points.

"Vikings" Wallop Virginia Union, 106-77

Using the language of the fans, who filled Williams Hall gymnasium, the Vikings played a lousy first half. Seemingly, nothing worked for Coach Bobby Vaughan's team as the team missed everything, passes, lay-ups, jump shots and rebounds.

Despite the lone effort of Elliott Hatcher, who pumped in 16 points, Union wasn't much better either as the Vikings took a slim 37-32 lead into intermission.

The Vikings proved once more that they have the offense that can overcome the mistakes and break the game wide open. In the first 10 minutes of the second half Coach Vaughan's cagers scored 35 points to lead the Panthers 72-51. Richard Todd and Douglas Brown opened up the Panther's defense and Gary Stubbins and Freddie Lewis found enough driving room to literally run the visitors off the court.

Virginia Union ran into serious foul trouble as only three men were on hand to relieve the starting five. Hatcher, by getting token support from three of his mates, was able to keep the Panthers hanging on before the Vikings pumped in 34 more points in the remaining 10 minutes.

Clifton Lewis, who did an excellent job guarding Mark Davis, one of the loop's top scorers, hit the 100-point mark for the Vikings, marking the eighth time this season they have gone over that figure.

Top scorers for the Vikings were Todd with 27 points, Brown 23, Stubbins 19, and Freddie Lewis 17. Hatcher paced the visitors with 26 tallies, followed by Dock 15, Davis 15, and Niles 11.

Box Score

	home	opp.
Fayetteville State	91	71
Shaw University	110	78
Virginia Union U.	106	77
Hampton Institute	115	82
Fayetteville State	100	69
Shaw University	106	70
St. Augustine College	91	73
Virginia Union U.	106	100

Rough Season for Matmen

The Elizabeth City State College Wrestling Team is working very hard to iron out its difficulties on the mat. Thus far, they lost all but one match—an exhibition game with Norfolk State.

In their clash with the experienced Morgan State team, the "Matmen" of Elizabeth City lost 38-15. These fifteen points were acquired because Ernest Sutton won 3 points by decision; Julius Webb won 2 points by draw; Wayne Holmes receiving 5 points by decision and Otis Wiley getting five points by default.

The same conditions existed with Howard, 31-11 their favor, and with Norfolk State, 26-10. These points were gained by a decisive pin by Webb for another 5 points gained by Willie Gafney with a forfeit.

Coach Roy Knight states that they are doing a fine job to an inexperienced team. He said, "We should take a few individual championships in the CIAA Wrestling Tournament this year."

Matmen Clobber Virginia State

Coach Roy Knight and his team of eager avengers, journeyed to Petersburg, Va., to show their competitors at Virginia State College that the Vikings will not be denied when they really try. To prove their point, our matmen defeated their baffled challengers by an overwhelming score of 48-5.

The Vikings dominated the mat throughout the match. Sutton and Hill put us into the winning column at the start of the first few minutes of the contest. As the match progressed, Davis, making an inadvertant wrong move, gave the Virginians their only five points for the evening. Julius Webb brought our momentum back with a decisive pin. Willie Gafney followed in pursuit with his fast maneuvers to also execute a quick pin. Kilpatrick, who has been having problems in ironing out his faults, received enough motivation from his team-mates to initiate a pin.

Holmes was able to win by decision. No one was able to wrestle Watson and Ruffin, so, they won by a forfeit. Our disappointed heavy-weight, Otis Wylie, who is a master showman on the mat, had to accept his win by way of a forfeited match.

Delaware "Hornets" Out-Gunned

Viking supporters, being accustomed to seeing their basketball team dominate the ball court as the result of their remarkable winning-streak, congregated themselves in the crowded bleachers of Williams Hall gymnasium, to see how their team would contend with the "Hornets" of Delaware State. Delaware, who had beared the "Vikings" in a very close game earlier in the season, had also built, for itself, a formidable reputation in CIAA standing. This was the team which the Vikings would probably meet in the first rounder of the CIAA tournament. This was also the team which the Vikings hoped to record as the ninth consecutive team to have been beaten by them.

The bright red uniforms of the "Hornets" clashed with the soothing blue and white attire of the "Viking" team, as a closely contested first-half got underway. The lead changed hands quite too often during this half until it, finally, rested at 52-45 in our favor at half-time. Elizabeth City, which has difficulty in getting together during the first half of its games, experienced additional troubles because of the deadly accurate shooting of the Delaware team. According to one very excited spectator, "They're like snipers!"

After half-time activities, the "Vikings" came back on the floor early as if they were ready to get the game started. Once again, the game was underway, but under different circumstances. Our team appeared to have erased the difficulties which they had encountered during the first-half. With their usual speed, and specialized skill, they found themselves victors over Delaware State by a score of 106-89.

Richard Todd, one of the CIAA favorites, shot 21 points for the "Vikings." Oscar Smith, who arouses the spectator's emotions each time he touches the ball, contributed 20 points. Douglas Brown, who is continuously developing his talent, shot 18 points in this game.

At the end of the game, the same spectator who called the Delaware team deadly snipers, was asked his opinion of the game's outcome. He unhesitatingly exclaimed, "The Delaware snipers were outgunned tonight!"

Former Students Coaches of the Year

Frank "Yogi" Neal, a graduate of the class of '64 was chosen Basketball Coach of the Year in the Northeastern district of the AA conference. Neal is a native of Oak City, North Carolina and a graduate of West Martin High School. He was bestowed this honor while serving as head basketball coach at Brawley High School in Scotland Neck.

To many, this outstanding achievement came as a surprise but to those who saw him perform on the "Viking" hardwood know that this was just another of his natural feats. For four years Neal haunted opposing players as he poured in baskets from all angles of the court. His position has changed in the last year, he is now haunting the coaches and is now producing little haunts.

Under the tutorship and influence of Coach Robert Vaughan, Neal has reached success at a very early stage. His basketball team is now considered as one of the best in Northeastern, North Carolina.

Elwood "Tank" Williams, now coaching at W. S. Creecy High School in Rich Square has been voted Baseball Coach of the Year. He is a graduate of the class of '64. Williams received his high school education from P. W. Moore in Elizabeth City. During his four years there, he captained the football, basketball, and baseball teams. During matriculation at ECSC, he was a stout performer on the gridiron under Coach Thomas Caldwell.

With his winning attitude, he has done a great deal to influence sports at W. S. Creecy. When he first started to work, he was coach of all sports but this year his load had decreased and he now only concentrates on football and baseball. Having not played on a college baseball team, much credit is due him.

These two individuals are sound examples of the type of personnel produced at Elizabeth City State College. The Compass Staff salutes for a job well done.



Members of the basketball squad at Elizabeth City State College, stand poised in their dress attire before they leave for the CIAA Tournament activities at Greensboro, N. C. They boast a nine game winning-streak and have exhibited fine team work and sportsmanlike conduct. Left: Frederick Lewis, Jimmy Williams, Gary Stubbins, Roy Belfield and Leevon Langsdon. Right: Oscar Smith, Douglas Brown, Richard Todd, Albert Thweatt and Terry Quinlan.