

Gafney Sets New Conference Record



WILLIE GAFNEY

Willie Gafney, a senior on the Elizabeth City State Vikings' mat team, has recently set a new conference record as the result of pinning his opponent from Virginia State in record time. This was not only a new conference record, but also an unofficial NCAA record which was executed in the recent CIAA Wrestling Tourney held at Howard University. Gafney was on his way to capturing third place in the 152 lb. category when he accomplished this feat in twenty seconds.

Unfortunately, Gafney, a native of Corsicana, Texas, completed his two years on the three year old Elizabeth City State Vikings' mat team at the tourney.

Coach Roy Knight exclaims that he is proud of his wrestlers for leading the three year old Elizabeth City State College mat team to fourth place in the recent CIAA Wrestling Tourney. Winning trophies according to weight divisions were Julius Webb, Roper, N. C., 2nd place; Wayne Holmes, Smithfield, Va., 3rd place; William Hill, Nashville, N. C., 3rd place; Willie Gafney, Corsicana, Texas, 3rd place; and Otis Wiley, Chester, S. C., 3rd place. Ernest Sutton of Elizabeth City, N. C. finished second in the 123 lb. category.

Students Swim Now

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are the days in which twenty-one junior Physical Education Majors of Elizabeth City State College will have classes in the cool, clear water during the hot and humid weeks to come. Yes, the Vikings have finally initiated a swimming class into its curricula. Senior majors will take this required course on an accelerated basis when they return from student-teaching.

Coach Robert L. Vaughan, chairman of the Health and Physical Education Department here, said that the college was given access to the aquatic facilities at the near-by Coast Guard Station. He intimated that until the time that we have our own swimming pool, we hope to make use of this military facility.

Students travel to and from this class in the activity bus of the college. Mr. Vaughan also expressed his desire that this very profitable course would be offered to non-majors in the near future. But, due to problems of transportation and proprietorship, this is not feasible at the present time.

Matmen Close Season Beat The Champion

On March 9, 1966 at 6:30 p. m. in the Lighthouse College Center, the Lighthouse Recreation Committee sponsored its weekly game night activity. The special attraction for this night was the "Checker Tournament," which involved the faculty and student participants.

The following persons were classified as Champions of the Campus, as far as the checker world is concerned here at Elizabeth City State College. They are: Mr. Leslye N. Stallworth; Walker; Mr. Robert Mumford; Mr. Herman Dubose; Mr. Charles A. Ramsey; and Mr. Andrew Littlejohn.

The student over-all winner is Mr. Lloyd Felton. He received an award for his fine playing in winning four out of five games.

Some of the champs felled were Mr. Allison Dilday, and Mr. James K. Kofa. We cannot all be winners but can come out with the spirit of competition and be the best on our level. To those who played and did not win, try again - who knows, maybe your luck will change!

Mr. Leslye N. Stallworth is the over-all winner of the champions. So, if anyone would like to challenge "The Man," Mr. Stallworth, you can do so in the near future!

Another Checker Tournament is coming soon. We invite you to participate and add your name to the ECSC Checker Champ's list.

"Washouts" Hold Tourney

In quoting Roy Cotton, a sensitive advocate of intramural sports at EC, "This was a very successful intramural program under the guiding hand of Coach Caldwell. The student leaders were: William D. Hill and William Johnson - commissioners. Participation was greater than in previous years. The fellows showed more sportsmanship. They were not brutes."

Of course, this program was designed for the less fortunate who did not qualify for the major sports activities of the college. In other words, they are popularly referred to as the high school "washouts."

In their basketball tournament, the All Stars, coached by Benny Hodges, upset the Feltas who have held the championship for the past two years. Competition between these two rival teams was sparked by William Johnson, George Riley, Julius Walker and Carl Fennell of the All Stars, and Lawrence Brown, Donald Ridley, and Eugene Snipes of the Feltas team. The All Stars won 77-73. The consolation game was won by the Raiders 55-53, against the Majors. Timothy Williams, Calvin Webster and Johnny Walton were defeated in this game by the playmanship of Jimmy Roberson, Leo McNeil, James Vaughn and Ronald Mann.

The other four teams in the league who were a little too washed-out to play in the tournament, were the Royals, crowned by Roy Cotton, the Q's, squared by Steve Sellers and Leroy Thompkins, the Salamanders, fished by Claude Clark and James Griffin, and the City Blues, jazzed up by Alton Respass, Alvin Sylvester and Otis Brown.

With the recent establishment of competitive wrestling at Elizabeth City State, we have grown tremendously in popularity with the fans, as well as, in conference standing during the span of three years. Although the team was rather inexperienced this year, Coach Roy (Butch) Knight believes that the Viking matmen have become better during the progress of the season. Some individuals on the team have rated high in conference standing which is, indeed, a tribute in itself.

Julius Webb, the captain, has had the best record which consists of five wins and two losses.

After a brief review of the season's after-math with Coach Knight, we have found that Ernest Sutton has had a 4-3 record; William Hill, a 3-1 record; Willie Gafnev, a 4-1 record; Wayne Holmes, a 4-3 record; Eddie Watson, a 4-3 record; Billy Kirkpatrick, a 3-4 record; and Otis Wylie with a 4-1 record.

Wylie, a freshman, is known as the most colorful competitor in the conference. Coach Knight hopes to find a heavyweight next year to replace him, in order to put him in the 190 division where he can do a more effective job. It is also Mr. Knight's opinion that Eddie Watson and Billy Kirkpatrick are the most improved members on the team.

This year, Coach plans to recruit wrestlers who have had previous training, and expresses the desire that more boys will become interested in this sport.

Vikings Have Tourney Blues

ECSC vs. Delaware - that's how the opener of the CIAA Tournament in Greensboro read as our Vikings took the floor of the Coliseum.

With Fred Lewis and Gary Stubbins leading the fast break, EC took a 7-2 lead. After five minutes had gone by in the first half, Clifton Lewis made it 11-6 on a short range jump. Then, the Vikings' first period blues struck the team. As the followers of basketball at EC know from past games, our team has trouble getting their game together in the first half. Delaware found this out early and took advantage of it to close to within two points by the score of 16-14.

Doug Brown then carried the bulk of the scoring as the Delaware "Hornets" took the lead 28-26 by the shooting of all CIAA Tournament guard, Al Rue. It was basket for basket from then on until the closing minutes of the period when Delaware again got its shooting eye and then retired to the locker room leading 41-36.

After the start of the final period, our own all CIAA team, Richard Todd and Gary Stubbins brought the Vikings to within three points. The Delaware team constantly got markers on the long range shooting of Rue and Ames. With the leading rebounder in the conference, Horton, hitting with the jumpers, the Hornets began to pull away on the score board.

Elizabeth City went to a press to try to get the ball and came back to make it 65-59 with eight minutes left to play. Minutes later, Stubbins made it 69-64. Delaware on two quick fast breaks then started rolling. It was all over as our Vikings ended the season with a fine 16-6 overall record.

For Delaware, Al Rue's 33 topped all scorers. Ron Horton contributed 22, Tony Ames 14,

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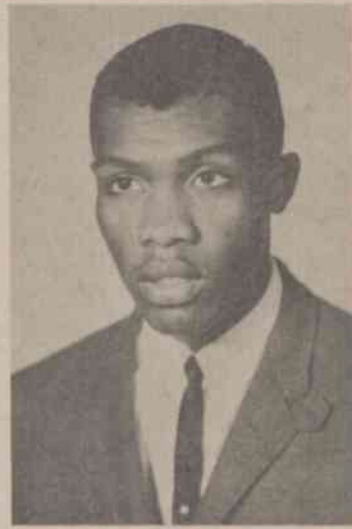
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Todd and Stubbins Make All CIAA



RICHARD TODD



GARY STUBBINS

Five Basketballers End Careers

After many exciting games and countless thrilling moments of hard played basketball, five seniors close out their playing days for Elizabeth City. We will long remember Gary Stubbins, Jimmy Williams, Clifton Lewis, Alexander Thweatt, and Richard Todd.

We'll remember Stubbins' long outside shooting and smart ball handling that brought fans up from their seats and CIAA first team honors from the coaches. Jim Williams, so full of confidence and spirit, never a quieter "Gator", had one of the best shooting eyes around.

Clifton Lewis never quit either. Lewis also seemed to come through with the big play at the right time. We'll miss his hustle and quick hands. Few players came near him in desire.

Alexander Thweatt will be remembered for the expression on his face when he would be called for fouling. He was a good rebounder and shooter. He made better than half his shots from the floor.

Richard Todd, two year member of all CIAA teams, scoring leader, great jumper, and outstanding character, he too could be counted on to do the job.

After four long years, college basketball closes its doors for five ECSC seniors. Countless hours of practice have ended. There will be no more getting ready for a big game. There will be no more smiles of victory nor tears of defeat. We bid five basketballers good-bye and thank them for a job well done.

Track Is Back

The stalwart gates of Viking Stadium are once again open, but are in essence, embracing an entirely new arena of sports enthusiasts. They are the track and field fans!

Mr. Stallworth, the coach, states that he has sixteen boys eligible for competition this year. Of these, however, there are only three veterans returning; the rest are eager, talented and are willing to learn.

Among the three returning members are James King, Marvin Spaulding and Benny Hodges.

King, who was rather successful last year, will run in the 440. Marvin Spaulding, a winner in the javelin throw in the past, will compete in the triple jump.

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Gary Stubbins, a senior member on the Viking squad, was named a member of the All CIAA basketball squad. As a native of Indiana, this is the first year in which Stubbins has been honored in this way. His coach had this to say. "It is a tremendous asset to have him elected because he did it on his own merits."

Richard Todd, a native of South Carolina, and also a senior on the Viking team, was elected to the All CIAA squad for the second year. He has made an impressive showing in practically every aspect of the game. He ranks eighth in CIAA scoring and eighth in free throw percentage. Todd is said to be a pro prospect.

Coach Vaughan states, "Todd could have played more individual ball this year if he wanted to, but he relegated himself to team participation instead. I think that this honor is a tremendous tribute to both men's patience!"

Basketball in Retrospect

Coach Vaughan happily admits that our basketball team this year was the best team in at least a decade of the school's history. We have more boys mentioned in high CIAA rating. For instance, we have Richard Todd mentioned in highest scoring, Fred Lewis and Todd in free throw percentage, and in field goal percentage, we have Alexander Thweatt and Oscar Smith.

Because our team was the most favored to win the CIAA Tournament, Coach Vaughan was asked why we lost to a team such as Delaware. He said, "My opinion is that the team was slightly over-trained. Because of bad weather and postponements, they had to play 10 games in the space of 14 days."

The fact that they were exhausted was shown in the drop from their high shooting percentage during regular season to the low percentage they shot in the tournament - 24% as compared to 51% during regular season.

Vaughan commended them for presenting no disciplinary problems. He says they were excellent representatives of the school. The over-all academic average of the team is a very impressive 2.46.

He also interjected the fact concerning the team that, "There is no other instance in which 64,000 people have seen one single student of Elizabeth City State College perform than through the media of sports."