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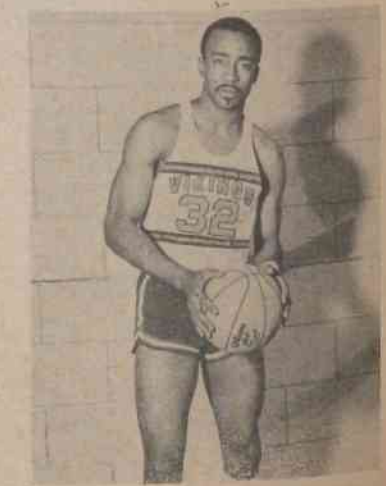
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With the graduation of All CIAA Players Fred Lewis and Oscar Smith, ECSC Coach Bobby Vaughn was faced with a major rebuilding program.

He moved forward Israel Oliver to center and forward Michael Gale to guard. And, with the acquisition of Nat Heyward from COA he started to mold his team. Bob Lewis moved from center to forward and Roy Belfield remained at guard.

Coach Vaughn did not know how the season would go with four players in new positions. The answer may be found in a look at the players themselves.

Oliver, a 6' 5" junior from Chesapeake, began to develop into a dangerous and deadly shot from under the basket. Unusually quick, elusive and strong, Oliver began to develop a talent for just over-powering taller players in the league.

Oliver then decided that he needed to acquire an outside shot to become the complete center. He began slowly but soon found the knack of hitting the nets from 15 to 20 feet away. Soon he had a 25 point average and moved back into where he became the third leading rebounder in the CIAA.

Coach Vaughn knew the Vikings could run and that Gale could steal the ball almost at will. So, here is where he developed his offense.

Gale, of Philadelphia standing 6' 3", soon mastered his job of forcing turnovers and leading the fast break for Viking baskets. Refusing to hog the show though, Gale would trail most of the breaks and waited for his turn to shoot. This gave him a .611 shooting percentage from the floor and .717 from the line. Ranked nationally with his field-goal percentage, Gale averages 13.2 points per game.

Roy Belfield, the established guard, was known for his long shots from the top of the circle. Standing only 6' 1", he has that natural ability of being able to jump as high as men four or five inches taller. Taking the role of floor leader, Belfield directed the attack with a special eye for defenses.

The senior guard averaged 10.7 points per game and hit the charity line at a .700 clip.

The Vikings needed more outside help, so Bob Lewis took over at forward because of his shooting ability along with his 6'7" frame.

Lewis was the one who took over when zone defense bothered the Vikings. Hitting almost half his shots from the floor, Lewis was the one called upon to open the defense. He is the team's third leading scorer with a 13-point average.

Nat Heyward, a transfer student from the College of the Albemarle, was destined to become the "other side" threat of the Vikings attack. Being only 6' 2" but able to rebound with the tallest, Heyward completed the ECSC offense.

Then, as he was hitting at a 21-point per game average, Heyward injured a knee and has seen only limited action for three quarters of the season. He will be back for two more years though.

Hubert Moorer took over for Heyward and became an instant leader. Yelling from his position, Moorer would direct the attack while hitting with deadly accuracy from the outside. The sophomore from Rockway, N. Y. could not match the shooting eye of Heyward but he did average 12.9 points per game - just enough to keep the Vikings winning.

With such reserves as Torian Williams, Bob Chadwick, Bowie Totten, Alonzo Custis, Humphrey Cobb, and Leonard Carmichael, Elizabeth City State College possessed depth enough to sustain its offensive scoring and defensive play. The ready reserves did an outstanding job of coming off the bench, in any game and at any moment, with lots of hustle and spirit to make it difficult for the opposition to figure out the Viking assault, the ready reserves gained Coach Vaughan's confidence in their abilities and coordination with the "Big Six". It's hard to beat this kind of team!



R. L. VAUGHAN, HEAD COACH



ALVIN KELLY, ASS'T. COACH

SALUTE THE COACHES

Robert Vaughan, a 17-year veteran of coaching at Elizabeth City State College, has been voted National Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 29 coach of the year.

Vaughan's Elizabeth City State team, the top winner in District 29 with a 21-2 record, will enter the District competition March 3 against an opponent to be named later in the struggle to gain a berth to the national finals.

Rufus Hackney, chairman of the District from St. Andrews College made

the announcement after the tabulation of the ballots from the 14-member coaches of the District that has members in Virginia and North and South Carolina.

Vaughan has recorded a 204-135 record in his 17 years at Elizabeth City State, but this is the first District honor the Virginia State and Columbia graduate has attained.

A native of Petersburg, Va., Vaughan launched his coaching career at Elizabeth City after graduation and currently is the school's athletic director

in addition to his duties as head basketball coach.

Vaughan's team also captured their conference championship this year, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

In his coaching career, Vaughan has tutored a number of All-Americans and several have been drafted by pro teams.

Vaughan will represent the District in the NAIA balloting for the national coach of the year honor. In addition to being named coach of the year in Dis- (Continued on Page 5)