

# Basketball Team Achieves 10-2 Record

## CAGERS LOSE BID FOR THIRD STRAIGHT GEORGIA TOURNEY

The Winston-Salem State Rams opened their 1965-66 basketball season on December 2 at the 12th annual Georgia Invitational Basketball Tournament at the Turner High School Gymnasium in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Rams sought their third straight Georgia Invitational Tournament championship. They began the first round by romping over the Stillman Tigers of Tuscaloosa, Alabama by a score of 122-95. The 122 points broke the tournament scoring record of 120.

Howard (Sonny) Ridgill led the Rams onslaught with 32 points, making 14 of 25 from the floor and 3 of 4 from the line. Earl Monroe helped with 25 points, but fouled out in the early part of the third quarter.

Thomas (Joe) Cunningham, team captain, playing his usual way, blocked 6 shots, pulled down 15 rebounds and scored 22 points. Most of Cunningham's shots came out of easy dunks.

Two other Rams hit in the double column, they were Eugene Smiley with 11 and William English with 10.

The Rams broke the game open in the second half with the shooting of Ridgill and Monroe, building a lead. They did not let up, and Stillman never came close.

Four Stillman players hit the double figures. They were Jewell Reed, 22; James Toombs, 21; Roger Owens, 18; and Robert Holley, 16.

December 3: The Rams downed the host Clark Panthers 89-77 in the second semifinal game.

December 4: The Norfolk State Spartans spoiled the Winston-Salem State Rams' bid for a third Georgia Invitational Tournament crown 89-79 in the final game of the tournament.

Norfolk State jumped to a 21-3 lead in the first six minutes of play and went on to win.

Nothing seemed to work for the Rams that night as they tried to play catch-up during the whole game. They came within two points with only 8:06 minutes left in the second half, but by this time they were in the one-on-one foul trouble. Norfolk State won the game from the free throw line making 19 of 26 to 9 of 15 for WSSC.

Neither Earl Monroe nor Howard Ridgill could find the range, though they had led the Rams in the first two victories. Monroe hit 24 points to lead the Rams scoring and Ridgill hit only 8. Johnny Watkins managed to keep the Rams in the game by hitting 17 points and Willis (Spider) Bennett, who as always, played a good defensive game, scored 10 points and had just as many steals. Thomas (Joe) Cunningham scored 14 points for the Rams.

Essex Thompson, however, led Norfolk State with 26 points. James Grant, with his hook shot, scored 23. Richard Pitts scored 20 and pulled down 15 rebounds. Clarence Burney made 13 points.

Monroe was named to the all-tournament team. Pitts was named the most valuable player of the tournament.

The N. C. A.&T. Aggies failed to place in the tournament. They lost their first and second games. —Lawrence Starks

## Resume of Season Told Game by Game

The first half of the 1965-66 basketball season has been a good one for the Winston-Salem State Rams. After playing in the Georgia Invitational and Livingstone on the road, the Rams have played as follows:

Dec. 13 — The Rams defeated the Fayetteville State Broncos 101-69 in their first home game. The Broncos, a team of freshmen and sophomores, were no match for the seasoned Rams.

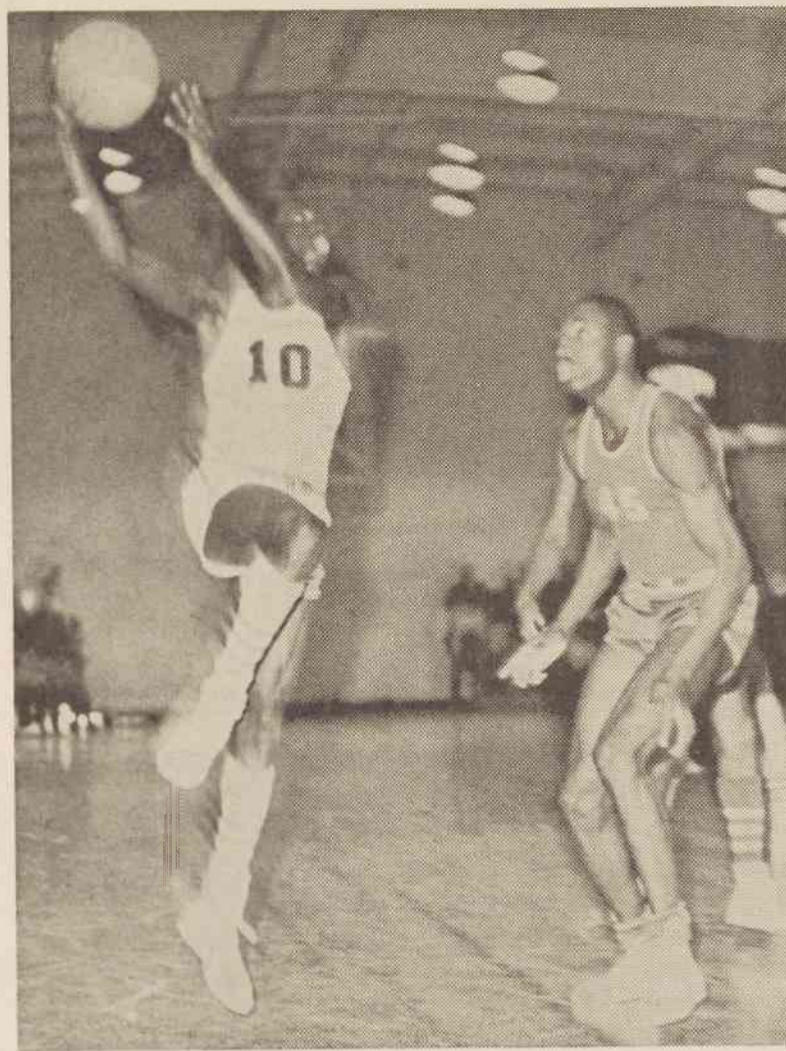
Dec. 17 — The North Carolina College Eagles, undefeated in five games, invaded the Whitaker gymnasium, fell to their first defeat, 109-92. Led by Ted Manning, the Eagles made a desperate bid to win. The Rams, however, were too strong.

Jan. 4 — After a two-week lay-off during the holiday break — the usual Holiday Festival was cancelled this season — the Rams were rusty against the stubborn Elizabeth City State Vikings, but won 105-89. The Vikings gave the Rams some shocking scares, as they shot from the outside and covered the backboards. WSSC fought back, however, to spoil the upset plans of Elizabeth City with team play and accurate marksmanship.

Jan. 7 — Hitting the road, the Rams romped 124-59 over Fayetteville. WSSC played this one carefully, aware that the Broncos won an upset victory last year on this court. Every Ram saw action.

Jan. 10 — Elizabeth City was tougher than ever on its home court, but the Rams played catch-up and won 125-118 in overtime. The Vikings led most of the way, but the Rams tied it up at 109-109 just before the end of regulation time. Earl Monroe scored 12 points in overtime, and the Rams won.

Jan. 11 — Still on the road, the Rams fell to their first defeat in CIAA conference play, as they could not catch-up with Norfolk State. The Rams lost 111-102 and fell to second place in the CIAA. This was a must game for both



Earl Monroe (10) goes up for two points as Hubert Davis (45) of Johnson C. Smith, stares.

teams, as Norfolk came through. There were a number of disputed calls by officials, usually in favor of the home team, but the Spartans had too much outside shooting and rebounding for the visiting Rams.

Jan. 15 — Playing hosts to the always tough Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls on campus instead of the Coliseum because of bad weather, the Rams overcame an 11-point Smith halftime lead to win 101-91. Leading by 19 points at one time, the Bulls were ahead 51-40 at halftime. The Rams put on a spectacular display of shooting in the second half to come from behind and win.

Jan. 18 — Back on the road,

the Rams rolled 94-79 over the Morgan Bears in Baltimore, Md. Sonny Ridgill was the hero with 36 points, as WSSC led all the way.

A game scheduled for Jan. 20 at the Greensboro Coliseum against the A & T Aggies was postponed because of bad weather.

The Rams are now 10-2 for the season and 8-1 in the CIAA. They are averaging 104 points a game, the highest in the nation. Monroe is averaging 32 points a game, good for fifth place nationally.

Their next home game will be Feb. 2 against Morgan.

—Lawrence Starks, Jr. and Roberta Henry

## Basketballers Get 95-77 Revenge over Livingstone Bears

The Winston-Salem State Rams, playing a revenge game, rolled over the Livingstone College Bears 95-77 in Salisbury on Dec. 8.

The Rams played their first CIAA game before an overflow crowd. Livingstone made it rough going for the Rams in the first half, but lost out in the racehorse game and sharp-shooting of the mighty Rams.

It was some game to see in the first half as the Bears, though shorter, outshot, outthrusted, and outrebounded the Rams.

State raced to a 20-9 lead after the first nine minutes of play, and was thought to be on the

road to easy victory, but Livingstone had something in mind. The Bears began to move up on the Rams.

A basket by William Boger cut the lead to 24-19 at the 8:29 mark. A hook by William English of the Rams, but Boger, Clyde Long and Robert Burrell from the outside made the score 26-25, before Monroe hit twice for four points. But Berry, Long, and Boger scored on easy lay-ups, and Livingstone led 31-30 at the 5:36 mark.

Johnny Watkins, who had proved himself valuable in the final game of the Georgia Invitational Tournament for the

Rams, scored, and English, getting more use out of his hook, hit twice and moved the Rams ahead 36-31. Livingstone stayed in the game with Long making two free throws at the 1:48 mark to cut the lead to 38-37.

After that the Rams managed a lead of 42-38 at half time.

In the second half it was all over, as the Rams quickly went ahead, 74-52 after the first 10 minutes with substitutions being made freely.

Earl Monroe led both teams with 31 points. Howard Ridgill had 19, and English added 15 points before fouling out.

Long had the most points for the Bears with 26. Boger and James Berry also hit in double figures for the home team with 14 and 10.

## OFFICIAL TEAM RECORD (11 Games)

	G	FGM-A	FTM-A	RB	PTS.	AVG.
Earl Monroe	11	141	245	63-77	80	34.5
Howard Ridgill	11	94	172	33-40	49	22.1
Joe Cunningham	11	59	98	26-42	103	14.4
William English	9	28	56	10-17	44	6.6
James Reid	11	44	71	5-18	33	9.3
Eugene Smiley	11	41	80	10-15	26	9.2
Willis Bennett	11	26	50	10-18	44	6.2
Johnny Watkins	11	26	44	3-6	28	5.5
Ronald Plant	6	5	12	1-3	8	1.1
Thomas Hairston	5	5	10	2-3	7	1.2
Others	8	22	49	7-13	35	5.1
TOTALS	11	491	887	170-242	468	115.2
Opponents	11	407	802	161-259	417	96.6

These totals include all games played except against Morgan and A & T. With the above total the Rams were 9-2 for the season and 7-1 in the CIAA. The Rams' shooting percentage from the floor is 55.3.

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS ORGANIZED FOR SCHOOL YEAR

The Physical Education department of Winston-Salem State College, through Intramural Sports attempts to provide every student with the opportunity to participate in organized and informal sports activities as regularly as his time and interest permit.

Through participation, it is hoped that the individual will develop an appreciation of worthy use of leisure time, a wholesome attitude toward physical activity.

This program, which is for all undergraduates, consists of three classifications: major classification which includes volleyball, basketball, and softball; intermediate classification which includes bowling, and team tennis; minor classification includes badminton, table tennis and horse-shoes.

These sports are based on a point system. Each team gets so many entrance points, achievement points, and tournament points.

This organization is for competition among sororities, fraternities, and social clubs.

Time: Tuesday 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:00-12 noon.

Tennis court available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Athletic field daily from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

There are no fees to participate in these sports; however, the student will have to pay the bowling fee (rate per lane).

The W.S.S.C. director of Intramural Sports is Mr. John Miller, Mrs. Marcelene McIver is the assistant director. Managers for these sports and teams were selected from among physical education majors.

Lawrence Starks, Jr.

## 009's, and Social Science Win in Tournaments

The first phase of intramural sports was completed with the volleyball tournament. In the women's division, teams eligible for tournament play were the 009's; Senior Dorm Ramettes; Colson Phi Free; the Pantherettes; and the Free Queens. The Free Queens, Colson Phi Free, and the Senior Dorm Ramettes forfeited the game forcing a play-off between the 009's and the Pantherettes. The 009's, playing the best out of three, took two straight, thereby winning the tournament.

Teams eligible in the men's division were the P Phi E, 007, and the Social Science Club. The P Phi E lost in the first round to the 007. In the championship game between the Social Science Club and the 007's, the Social Science Club won 15-4 and 15-8.

The next phase of the intramural program will be basketball, which begins the second semester. Points will be given to each phase and the runner-ups in their respective order of victory.

## Campus Sports Complex Is Completed

"The new athletic field has been completed and turned over to Winston-Salem State College for use," stated Coach Gaines, athletic director here at State.

The complex consists of two levels, the first one having a practice football field and four tennis courts. The lower level has a baseball field and softball diamond.

The addition of this complex will provide four softball fields

for intramural competition. It is hoped that varsity baseball will be added to the school's athletic program as another spectator sport.

Students participating in the intramural program will have the opportunity to participate in team tennis. It is hoped that with the addition of these new tennis courts, a greater interest in varsity tennis will be created.

—Lawrence Starks, Jr.