

CIAA Cage Tourney Here In Feb.



Samuel "Sad Sam" Jones, above, was named Most Valuable Player of the two day Holiday Basketball Festival held at A. and T. College, Greensboro, during the Christmas recess.

Jones, who currently leads his team in scoring, chalked up 81 points in the meet, an average of 27 per game. The 6' 4" ace is an excellent playmaker and all-around-teamman. Jones is 20-years-old and hails from Laurinburg. He scored 327 points last season.

Sam Jones And Coach Brown Cop Fest Honors

Although the Eagle quintet lost to Virginia State in the finals of the basketball festival at Greensboro during the holidays, "Sad Sam" Jones, Eagle star, and Floyd Brown, mentor, walked away with individual honors. On the strength of a remarkable showing, Jones was named most valuable player, and Brown, who master-minded the Eagles' was named outstanding coach.

Even-Up

The 61-58 victory which gave Virginia State the tourney merely evened the season's score with the NCC cagers who had beaten the Trojans earlier this season on the home court. The two teams are scheduled to meet once more this season.

In fighting their way to the tournament finals, the Eagles bested both Morgan and Winston-Salem, 73-66 and 72-69 respectively.

Jones tallied 20 points against Morgan, 37 against Winston-Salem, and 24 against Virginia State. His three game total was 81, an average of 27 points per game. He had 31 field goals and 19 charity throws.

Tex

Gagers Split On Eastern Tour; Edged By West Virginia State College

BALTIMORE—A 71-65 overtime pasting of the Morgan College Bears here Jan. 18, gave the NCC Eagles an even split in their trek east. They dropped a close decision to the Howard Bisons in Washington Saturday.

The fracas with Morgan saw the Eagles sink 15 points in the five minute overtime period.

Jones And Tex

Sam Jones and Tex Harrison, the NCC one two punch combination, accounted for 20-19 points respectively. Jones was high scorer of the game. Leading in the pay-off department for the Bears were Garrett, who sank 16, and running mates, Lewis and Williams, who garnered 14 and 13 respectively.

It was an uphill battle for Coach Floyd Brown's chargers who trailed 28-27 at half time and went into the final frame with a seven point deficit. Putting on the steam under pressure, Jones, McCullough, Harrison, Barrick and Sligh, dropped in 15 points while holding Morgan to only 9. This knotted count at 56 all and sent the fray into overtime for the dramatic NCC decision.

Howard Wins

Howard's win over the Eagles came in the waning moments on two quick buckets by Ted Harris, guard, who rung up 21 points for the evening. These overcame a slim NCC lead to which Sam Jones contributed 18 points, and Tex Harrison 15.

By quarters, NCC scored 17, 10, 10, 8, and 7 in overtime, to Howard's 17, 9, 8, 11, and 9 in the tacked on stanza. Against Morgan, NCC scored 12, 15, 14, 20 and 15 in the four quarters and overtime period, while Morgan hung up 10, 18, 20, and 8.

West Virginia Trips Eagles

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Wilbur Hooper made a neat steal of the ball from North Carolina College in the closing seconds here Jan. 23 and dropped in a field goal to give West Virginia State a 67-66 triumph over the visiting Eagles.

The Eagles held a three-point advantage going into the final minute of the nip-and-tuck CIAA struggle, but a basket by Frank Casey cut the margin to a lone point and set the stage for Hooper to provide the dramatic finish.

It was the second league setback for the Eagles in nine outings. The victory gave West Va., a 5-4 loop record.

Sam Jones, NCC forward, led the scoring for the night with 23 points while Hooper was second with 22. Tex Harrison collected 19 points for the losers with Casey pumping in 18 for West Virginia.

The Eagles and the Mountaineers have a future meeting slated for the Eagle home ground in Durham.

NCC Eagles Best Hampton And Saint Augustine

Coach Floyd Brown's scintillating basketeers made a clean sweep of their post-holiday three game series played in Durham and vicinity earlier this month.

They turned back Johnny McLendon and his Hampton Pirates 76-63 here on the 7th, silenced the St. Augustine's Falcons in Raleigh 69-63 on the 9th, and drubbed the Shaw Bears, 76-64 in the local million dollar arena on the 11th.

The NCC-Hampton setto pitted Coach Floyd Brown against his old teacher, the ever popular Johnny McLendon. Threatening a run away victory, the McLendon coached Pirates led 16-10 at the end of the first quarter and 31-27 at half time. The Brown-men took over in the last period, however, with a bewildering 31 point splurge. The rapid firing of Jones, McCullough, Harrison, Barrick and Sligh, kept the crowd on edge while thoroughly wrecking the Hampton crew.

St. Augustine's

The Eagle "held" gangling A. Burke to 35 points in defeating St. Augustine. Harrison scored 22 points, Jones 18, Sligh 13, Heartley 6, Barrick 7, McCullough 2, and Green 1, in downing the Raleighites in their own floor.

Helping Burke in the losing cause were Richards 12, Oldham 9, Young and Washington 3, and Cloud 1.

Shaw University

Tex Harrison's 25 point paced the Eagle win over Shaw. Although evening the count twice



James "Chip" Sligh

The Eagle's Nest

By GEORGE W. GRIFFIN
Most Promising Freshman

James "Chip" Sligh is Coach Brown's most promising freshman cager. Sligh hails from Winston-Salem and was chosen most valuable player in the state high school tournament in 1952-53. He also made the all state team.

Playing for the first time at NCC against St. Augustine's Sligh received the complete approval of the fans. Since then he has been a standout on the NCC quint. His swiftness and expert timing make him a dangerous foe to competing teams. With more experience in college play, Sligh may become one of the most brilliant performers in the CIAA. Good luck, "Chip."

Sportsmanship

NCC students, it is unsportsmanlike too boo officials at any athletic event. The officials will call the game as they see it. Of course, we sometimes see an official make a mistake at our expense. But remember they make as many mistakes in our favor. Any official at sometime makes a mistake. We owe it to ourselves, to our teams, and to our school to be courteous to the officials at all times. Remember, if you can't play a sport, be one.

College Eagles May Oppose Air Force Team

On tap, according to Director of Athletics, I. G. Newton, is a probable basketball tilt between NCC and an outstanding service team.

Slated to oppose the high flying Eagles are the crafty cagers from Pope Air Force Base. Although the Air Force team has not participated in the college basketball circuit this year, it is sporting a fancy record against major army teams in this area.

February 12 has been set as the tentative date for the meeting between these two teams, and the admission price will be fifty cents for adults and twenty five cents for students. The game will be played in the NCC gymnasium.

In the first period, Shaw was unable to keep up with the high flying Eagles who led 18-14 after the first quarter, 39-31 at half-time and 60-51 as they entered the last session.

For the second year in a row, North Carolina College will be host to the annual CIAA basketball tournament. The cage classic will take place February 25, 26, and 27, the tournament title to be decided in a play-off game on Saturday night, February 27.

Should they maintain their present pace, the host Eagles of NCC should be among the top eight teams competing in the three day meet. Those participating will be named on February 20, when the conference statistician will officially notify the first eight teams of their selection.

On Top

Ruling the roost at present is Virginia State College, trailed by NCC. Also near the top rung are West Virginia, Virginia Union, Howard, Winston-Salem and Johnson C. Smith.

There will be four games on Thursday at 2, 4, 8 and 9:30. Semi-finals will take place on Friday at 8:00 a. m. and Friday night at 9:30. Losers in these two contests will meet in a consolation game at 8:00 a. m. on Saturday, and winners of the two Friday contests will clash Saturday night for the tournament crown.

Biggest Net

The tournament was played before a packed house last year and netted the conference a larger profit than it had ever before realized. Gross receipts were second only to those collected in the top year, 1949, when the meet was held in Washington, D. C.

According to I. G. Newton, member of the CIAA basketball committee, trophies will be awarded to the three top teams, and the most valuable player as well as the outstanding coach will be selected. Roy D. Moore of St. Augustine's College.

L. D. Smith of Virginia Union is chairman of the basketball committee. Associate members of the committee at NCC are Dr. C. A. Ray, Dr. I. T. Taylor, E. W. Phillips, James Younge, Floyd Brown, Dr. W. H. Robinson, William Jones, and Dr. S. B. Fulbright. Talmadge Hill of Morgan is also on the committee.

Swimming Team Disbands

The North Carolina College Swim Team, organized and coached by Mr. Clarence Palmer, announced late this week that its program has been discontinued for the remainder of the season unless some immediate provisions are made to secure funds to finance its meets. The team was scheduled to compete with Morgan State College and Howard University in Washington, D. C. but had to cancel its arrangements at the last moment because of financial difficulties.

There is a possibility that a meet will be arranged with Tennessee A and I here at NCC. However, team members have reported that it is highly improbable that the swimmers will be in condition to participate, since there have been no regular practices.

Among the team members are: Harry Moore, Robert Cheek, Vernon DeVane, Curtis English, Archie Vann, Clarence Hodges, and Norris Woolfork, Manager.