

HARDWOOD PANORAMA

Virginia State Defeats NCC, 63-35

By Callis N. Brown

The Virginia State Trojans defeated the Eagles in their first home game of the season on Dec. 6, by a score of 63-35.

In the first half of the game, the Trojans led the Eagles into what looked like perfect defeat. The Trojans out-hustled and out-rebounded the Eagles in that they hit 21 out of 51 attempts from the floor and took down 46 rebounds. The Eagles hit 25 out of 73 attempts and snagged 32 rebounds. Virginia led NCC by a score of 31-24 at the end of the first half.

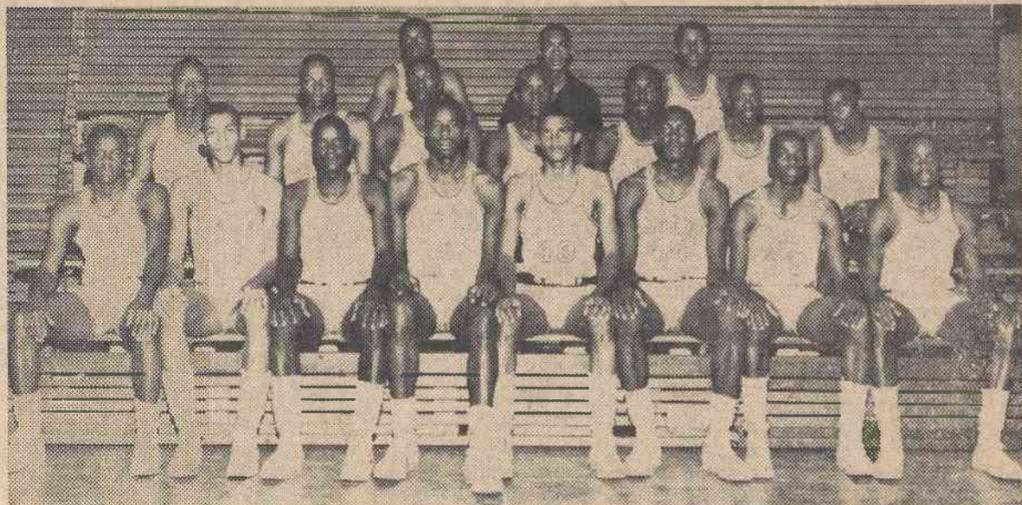
The Eagle netters just did not seem to be well equipped, for Virginia checked their every move. Eagle veteran player Carlton "Ding Dong" Bell was held to only 9 points while team Captain Donald "Pete" Burke was held to five. NCC's basketball head mentor Floyd Brown allowed several of his first year players to take the floor--James McMillian, James Bartlett, Donald Stokes and James Martin. Martin, a 6'4" frosh, was the leading man for the Eagles with

23 points. He seemed to have possessed some characteristic that reminded this writer of a former Eagle great, Johnny "Junebug" Keels.

Virginia State's high man was Daniel Davis who hit 16 points and Joe Parker who racked up 12 points.

NCC did not become inspired until the second half when Donald "Duke" Martin and Carlton Bell scored consecutively. This, however, lasted only a few minutes as Virginia's McCloud hit several jump shots. With three minutes left in the game, things looked brighter for the Eagles as they began using the strategy that Coach Brown had drilled them on. With only a few seconds playing time remaining, James McMillian, 6'4" frosh from Durham, took down a rebound, drove all the way down the court and passed to Lassiter who racked up two more points.

The game was a thriller for



Seated above is the sparkling squad of net men who compose this year's basketball team. They are, from left to right, bottom row: Calvin Alexander, Houston, Texas; Donald Stokes, Jamaica, New York; Willie West, Brooklyn, New York; Carlton Bell, Houston, Texas; Donald Burke, Monogahela, Pennsylvania; Preston Lewis, Pikesville, N. C.; Larry Cole, Greensboro, N. C.; and Wilmot Benjamin, Brooklyn, New York.

Second row, left to right: Clarence Washington, Bluffton, S. C.; Sylvester Lassiter, Selma, N. C.; James Martin, Salisbury, N. C.; Walter Benjamin, High Point, N. C.; James McMillan, Durham; Howard Sellers, Durham; Edward Busbee, Durham.

Top row, left to right: Clarence Williams, Goldsboro, N. C.; Aubrey Lowe, Suffolk, Virginia; and Robert Bartlett, Rye, New York —Photo by Gibson.

Roach Writes

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something good to eat

Archy takes it as his mission in life, aside from creative expression, to bring insects and humans to a mutual understanding. His spirit falters many times in the process; however, and a fly swatted here or a roach sprayed there, incites him to disgust with the human race.

one thing the human bean never seems to get into it is the fact that humans appear just as unnecessary to cockroaches as cockroaches do to humans

Much of the music of Archy's free verse is contained in his descriptions of Mehitabel's romps with cats that are cats and "cats" that are not cats. As far as ageless Mehitabel is concerned with life, "cats", love, politics, and such like stuff, her motto is:

there s a dance in the old dame yet

toujours gai tourjours gai

Mehitabel's soul was incarnated in Cleopatra in that beauty's day. Never having laid a claim to having morals, Mehitabel asserts that other people's morals furnish a background for her vivacity.

To add a note from E. B. White's affectionate introduction to the book: "It would be hard to take Mehitabel if she were either more catlike, or less. She is cat, yet not cat; and Archy's lineaments are unmistakably those of poet and pest."

For extra attractions there is a motley collection of spiders, flies, ants, toads, and one Pete the Pup, who theology embraces all the comforts God has provided for him but cannot understand why He made Mehitabel.

Though attractive on the surface, Archy's tales carry powerful ideas and lessons, paints a glowing picture of prohibition times, and accomplishes the feat of great literature: achieves a universality in application to make the book timeless.

Not an optimist, for optimists says Archy, are people who have lived without experience, and neither a hard-boiled pessimist, Archy is none the less, a realist who succumbs to the creative urge and need to say some

Morgan State Routed By Eagles

By Callis N. Brown

On December 13, North Carolina College routed Morgan State by 78-55. This was NCC's second home game of the season, the first being lost to Virginia State.

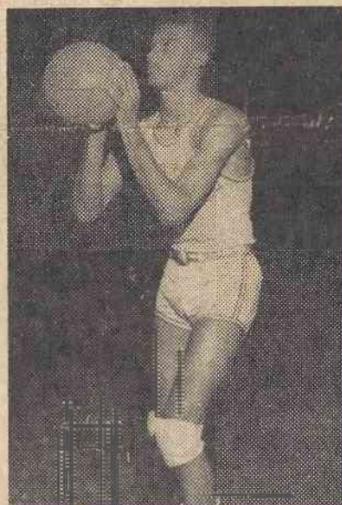
The Eagles, whose team is made up primarily of neophytes, proved to be spontaneous dynamite to Morgan. The Eagles exploded at the beginning of the game and kept Morgan under control.

NCC was sparked on to victory by James "Duke" Martin and Calvin "Sweetcakes" Alexander. Martin hit 17 points while Alexander followed him with 15. At the end of the first half, NCC was leading Morgan by a mere 31-30. As a result, the Eagles decided to keep Morgan tailing and never allowed them to obtain the lead.

At the start of the second half, NCC began with plenty of fire and energy and was able to keep going through the remainder of the game with speed and outstanding strategy. Donald Burke, in the first home game, did not seem to be able to play or shoot

both spectators and players, but left the Eagles disappointed.

as well as he did last season. But after this game, one realizes that Burke is still on the ball in that he did a tremendous job with his many lay-ups and jump shots. Carlton "Ding Dong" Bell, who is now known as the "Tall Texan," was a regular "soldier" for the Eagles. Bell took down several rebounds and fired from the field as well as



Donald Burke, Captain

Junior Varsity Loses To Durham Business College In First Game

By Chester Mallory

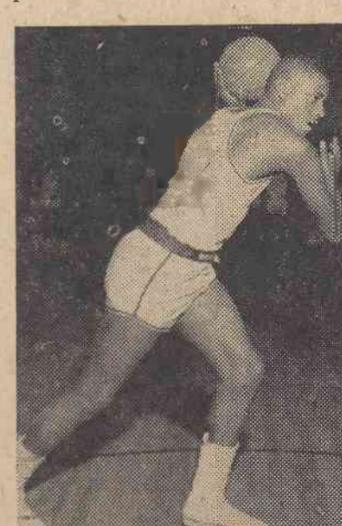
The Junior Varsity team here played their first game of the season Saturday night, December 6, with the team of Durham Business College. The Business College won by a score of 63-69.

In the first half, the Eagles led during the first two minutes of the half, but Durham Business College came up with several quick lay-ups shots, took the lead and kept it throughout the half, scoring 32 points while the Eagles scored 16.

In the second half, the Business College maintained their

lead for the rest of the game, picking up 31 points, while the Eagles picked up 23 points.

Junius Boone led the high scoring position for the Eagles, scoring 16 points, and John Tracy led the scoring for Durham Business College with 23 points.



Carlton "Ding Dong" Bell

Eagles Nip S. C. State By 79-70

By Chester Mallory

The Eagles won their second game of the season Monday night, December 8, at South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C., by a score of 79-70.

Carlton "Ding Dong" Bell, "the Texan," who had a 16.2 average last season, was the Eagles' highest scorer, scoring 22 points. Calvin "Sweetcakes" Alexander and Preston "Trees" Lewis tied for second place with 14 points.

South Carolina State's Lincoln Stevens was high scorer for the game with 26 points, while team mate Teddy Wright hit for 25.

James Martin, who was also the leading scorer in the first home game, looked as if he were a prophyte also. One could never tell by his playing that he is a Frosh or first year man.

Eagle basketball head mentor, Coach Floyd Brown, proved to fans that he could still work magic.

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