



(No. 44) Charles Murphy tries to score over a Bowie State defender in the last home game of the season.

Eagles bow to St. Aug in season's finale

By Winston L. Majette

On February 20, the Eagles ended their season in Raleigh against the St. Augustine Falcons, 91-77.

"Too many turnovers" said Coach Clements, caused us to lose the game. Central had 24 turnovers in the game.

Another thing that caused the loss was the Falcons point guard Marvin Cook, who scored 43 points against his opponents with excellent range from the outside.

Darnell Evans led the Eagles with 18 points.

Even though the Eagles didn't fare well in their last game of the season, they did fare well against the Bowie State Bulldogs. NCCU played a running offense and a strong defense as they tagged the Bulldogs with a 70-58 win.

The Falcons broke the game open after leading at halftime 30-28 when guard Emanuel Chapman (18 pts. 6 assists) made a layup to put the Falcons up 46-35.

With 2:32 left to go in regulation, Marvin Cook made a pair of free throws to make the score 60-47.

Then with 36 seconds left on the clock Jerome Nicholson hit a controversial 3-pointer, that had one referee claiming it was a two pointer and another a three pointer, to bring the Pirates within two.

The Pirates, in the bonus situation, had to succumb a 64-60 Falcon lead after putting Cook back on the line to pop two.

Guard, Tony Washington (22 pts. 8 rebs.) answered with a 3-pointer to bring the Pirates within one and with 4 seconds left on the clock the Pirates got the ball inbounds and forward Greg Hines (15 pts. 15 rebs.) sent the game into overtime with a base line jumper.

Hines and Washington led the Pirates with 20 points each.

Earlier in the evening the St. Augustine Falcons capped a 55-48 victory over second place finishers in the Southern division, the Fayetteville State Broncos.

The Broncos' poor shooting aided the Falcons in connecting on several fast breaks, thus letting St. Aug. take a 30-26 halftime lead.

The Falcons took a 63-51 lead on a drive by Chapman with 7:41 left in the game.

Cook canned a ten pt. lead with 1:30 to go for a St. Augustine win.

None the less on February 25, the real action was displayed as Hampton squeaked by Winston-Salem State 70-69 on a Gerald Moore follow up on a missed Pirate's shot with two seconds remaining in the game.

In the mid-evening game the FSU Broncos surpassed Virginia Union 71-62.

The Broncos surpassed the Panthers' 32-30 halftime lead on a jumper by Richard Robinson to make the score 38-37. Bonny McNeil scored 26 pts. for Fayetteville and Robinson had 20.

At the 3:00 p.m. game J.C. Smith creamed Norfolk State 81-62 to go to the semi-finals.

Senior forward Bleu Oliver scored 23 pts. to lead the Golden Bulls to an easy quarterfinal victory.

But the crowd knew from the first game that the "best was yet to come."

The CIAA tournament began with a stunning upset of VSU by St. Augustine, 97-82.

The CIAA

"That's what wins championships," said Hank Ford head coach of the Pirates of Hampton Institute, after 6 feet 3 guard Hank Hankerson hit a 3-point jumper in overtime to beat the St. Augustine Falcons 68-67 in the championship game of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament held in the Norfolk Scope.

The Pirates came back from a 13 point deficit in regulation time to tie the Falcons 65-65 and send the game into overtime.

"The game is never over until the clock runs out. And until that time we were still in the game," added Ford.

Carolina Times editor speaks on b-ball team

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.
Sports editor for the Carolina Times

One of the hardest questions that I've ever been asked was "Why can't the NCCU Eagles win in basketball?" Since I'm a NCCU graduate, not only is this question difficult, it's painful as well.

How do you explain Central's consistent mediocrity on the basketball court when the school sits in the middle of one of the nation's foremost cage hot beds.

Do you know that since 1970 every-I mean EVERY-Triangle college that fields a men's basketball program has had at least one twenty-game winner in a season except-that's right-Central!

Forget the ACC. This means such as Shaw, St. Augustine's, Campbell, Durham College (now defunct), and A&T have all found the winners circle at least once in the past decade. Why has Central missed the boat?

To add more puzzles to the question, the Triangle Area annually fields some of the strongest high school cage programs in the state (in 1980, Chapel Hill won the State 4-A Title and Durham Jordan the 3-A Crown) and not all of these players are grabbed up by the ACC schools.

Certainly there's talent right here in our backyard that Central could use to build a winner.

The last time that a NCCU team won twenty games in one season occurred in 1957. In the 1940's and 1950's Central was a respected small cage power, but except for a brief period of modest success in the late 1960's, Eagle seasons usually end up in a losing note.

There is definitely strong Eagle support in the Durham area. If you've ever seen the crowds that follow NCCU football, especially on the road, then you know what I mean.

In the 1960's and early 1970's, Central placed strong support behind its track program and the results were a National Championship (NAIA) in 1972, and a program that placed NCCU in the national spotlight.

In football, NCCU usually fields winners. But why not basketball?

Surely NCCU's athletic budget must be bigger than that of Shaw University or St. Augustine's College.

NCCU's biggest rival, A&T, is strong in basketball and if anything, pride should make the Eagles want to compete. But that hasn't happened either.

Some feedback that I get is that Central can't win because of (1) Coaching. Those in this camp believe that the Eagles have the talent to become a winner, but they've never

had first rate coaching to put it altogether; (2) Administrative Support. There's a popular belief that those in high places at NCCU are anti-sports and could care less about NCCU's athletic fortunes.

One Eagle fan told me "NCCU wins in football in spite of itself!"; (3) Apathy. Since NCCU has been a virtual loser for the past 25 years, others say that no one cares. After all the big white schools are going to get the best

black players and schools such as NCCU have to settle for the crumbs.

In my opinion, it's a combination of all these factors that has caused the Eagles to fly so low in basketball. I don't mind saying that I've long been embarrassed by my Alma Mater's cage record and I wish NCCU would either get on the stick and try to build a winner or give up basketball altogether!

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Mary Simpson: exiting a winner

By Winston L. Majette

In the past four years at NCCU, there has been a young woman who has kept the pride of Central going strong by way of her unselfish attitude of the court and pleasant attitude of the court, this young woman is Mary Simpson.

Simpson is a senior therapeutic recreation major from Monroe and has been an asset, inspiration, and leader to the women's basket team.

In 1978, Simpson began her basketball career at Central, she was confident, agile and aggressive in uniform as well as out of uniform.

"When I was a freshman, I loved to play basketball, but I also loved to party," admitted Simpson.

As Simpson entered her second year at NCCU she began to shoot less than before and became an all-around player, says Simpson.

"I always felt that basketball is a team sport and even if I would have the shot, if I thought someone else had a better shot I would give up the ball," said Simpson.

As Simpson progressed she began to see that all athletes can have a bad day.

"There were days when I would be so off that I decided not to waste my time taking bad shots," said Simpson.

Besides being known for scoring, 5 feet 9 inch Simpson is also known for her ability to rebound. In her junior year, she accumulated 131 boards in 20 games.

"It's no problem with getting rebounds, because when I was in high school I played forward and was used to playing inside," assured Simpson.

In her last year at Central, Simpson admits that she has grown as a basketball player and accredits her success to all of her fellow players and coaches she has had over the last four years.

"She's a good heads-up player and has been the most consistent player this year," acknowledges Alberta Gatling, head coach of the women's basketball team, she has been a court leader through and through."

Netters ace Rams; Bears next stop

By Jeffrey Campbell

On March 3, the NCCU tennis team traveled to Winston-Salem to play the WSSU Rams. The Eagles, led by coach Harry Edmonds, beat the Rams by a score of 6-3.

The scoring was as follows:

- Milton Vann(NCCU) lost to Kevin Crawford(WSSU), 3-6, 4-6.

- George Henry(NCCU) lost to Tyrone Brooks(WSSU), 4-6, 2-6.

- Jeffrey Campbell(NCCU) beat Alonzo Cosby(WSSU), 6-2, 6-3.

- Ronald Russell(NCCU) beat Danny Womack(WSSU), 6-1, 6-4.

- Kenneth Woodward(NCCU) beat Elliot Lowrey(WSSU) 6-2, 6-2.

- Paul Anderson(NCCU) beat Darrell Webb(WSSU), 6-2, 6-0.

In doubles competition Vann-Henry(NCCU) lost to Crawford-Brooks(WSSU), 1-6, 2-6.

- Campbell-Russell(NCCU) beat

Cosby-Womack(WSSU), 7-6, 6-2.

- Woodward-Anderson(NCCU) beat Lowery-Webb(WSSU), 6-3, 6-1.

Paul Anderson, a player for NCCU, said of the match "I'm very proud of the team's moral and ability to perform under such adverse weather conditions."

The Eagles hope to continue their streak when they face the Livingstone Bears today at Livingstone.

Runners trot to Invitational

By Mark A. Adams

On Sunday, Feb. 21 the NCCU track team competed in the first Johnson C. Smith/St. Augustine Indoor Invitational Track meet which was held at Carolina.

The meet which was billed as a clash between the Northern and Southern division schools of the CIAA, brought together Winston-Salem, Hampton Institute, J.C. Smith, Shaw, St. Augustine, St. Pauls', Livingstone, Fayetteville State, Norfolk State, N.C. A&T and NCCU.

Meet director George Williams said, "This meet is a good thing for the conference and the athletes, there will be a lot of fast running and few surprises from Central and St. Augustine."

His predictions came true as freshman Robert Kearney, representing NCCU won the long jump with a bruised hip with a leap of 22' 5 1/2".

Another Eagle to perform well in the meet was Walter Bond, who pulled off a thrilling victory in the 600 yd. run.

With the cheering and support from the NCCU football team on the east side of the track and the encouraging of a group of Central students from Auroura, on the west side, the Eagles scored in a variety of events.

In the 1000 yard run Mark Adams placed third with senior David Martin placing 7th. The 60 yard dash had 53 entries. Running well and recording fast times both Benny Tate and Andrew Riddick were eliminated in the trials. In the finals Lee Perry came close to winning, but a bad start from the blocks proved to be his downfall as he placed 4th.

Also placing 4th was sophomore Cleveland Simpson in the triple

jump. Although some people ran faster, no one was as impressive as the 230 pound Tate as he floated around the track in the 400 meter dash.

In the last event of the meet, Coach Falcuma McDougald decided to run a team in the two-mile relay. With the ever-competitive Walter Bond volunteering to run the first leg of the relay, the Eagles opened more eyes as the trio of Adams, freshman Travis Coston and Martin ran the remaining legs to bring Central home in third behind Hampton Institute and J.C. Smith.

On the teams chances in the CIAA championship meet on March 6, in Lexington, VA, Coach McDougald said, "As a team we looked good. We have a little more

NCCU bowlers roll on!

On January 30 the Alfonso Elder Student Union Women's Bowling Team won the N.C. State/Pabst Invitational Tournament held in Raleigh. The Lady Eagles led all teams in total pinfall with 5177 pins after six games. This effort gave the Eagles the top seed for the tournament. They held on to defeat UNC-CH 196-175 to capture the championship.

Elaine Wade, Cynthia Brooks, Victoria Torian, Jackie Lowry, Symetta Thorpe, Miriam Wade and Jessica Broadnax qualified for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Southern Match Games held the following day.

The Men's Bowling Team finished seventh in the competition with a total of 5192 points. They had four men to advance to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Southern Match Games. They had four men to advance to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Southern Match Games. They were Greg Lewis, Nikita Kirkland, Merle Freeman and Terry Singletary.

The bowling team coach:
Ronald Harris



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