

## Coaches Pick CIIA Pre-Season Favorites

Norfolk, Va...CIIA head men's and women's basketball coaches revealed their predicted order of finish and pre-season All-CIIA selections at the annual basketball round-up luncheon held Tuesday in Norfolk.

Men's coaches see top Southern Division honors going to North Carolina Central followed by Winston Salem State, Johnson

C. Smith, St. Augustine's, Shaw, Fayetteville State and Livingstone. Virginia Union was selected for the number one spot in the Northern Division, with

off the remaining slots.

Pre-season all-conference players are led by 1987-88 player of the year Terry Davis of Virginia Union and include Jerome Coles -

King - Shaw, Derrick Leake - North Carolina Central, Peltre Williams - Hampton, Stacy Clark - Hampton, A.J. English - Virginia Union, Mike Sinclair - Bowie State,

Jackie Dolberry of Hampton headlines the women's selections and is joined by Kammy Brown - Virginia State, Angela Hamilton - J.C. Smith, Debra Howell -

St. Augustine's, Jackie McWilliams - Hampton, DeAnna Hall - Virginia Union, Demetrius Belk - Bowie State, Andrea Watts - Norfolk State, Pam Sawyer - North

## Coaches Pick Panthers, Eagles

Virginia State, Norfolk State, Hampton, Elizabeth City, Bowie State and St. Paul's rounding

Norfolk State, Ernie Griffin - Elizabeth City State, Leonard Harris - Virginia State, Anthony

Antoine Sifford - North Carolina Central and Lamont Walker - Virginia State.

Shaw, Shelia Seward - Fayetteville State, Aretha Campbell - Shaw, Rhonda Gunter -

Carolina Central and Antonia Sanford - J.C. Smith.

# CIIA Basketball Review 1988-89

By Sam Davis

*The script has gotten old in the CIIA. The conference's top team is Virginia Union and everyone else is walking in "The Shadow". "The Shadow" of course refers to Dave Robbins, the Panthers' coach, who is known by that moniker throughout the conference.*

VUU failed to win the conference tournament last year but there was little else they came up short doing. The Panthers are loaded again and look very capable of besting the 25-6 record they posted overall and the 17-2 mark they compiled in conference wars.

In A.J. English, the Panthers boast the finest player in the conference and one of the top swingmen in the nation. English was one of the premier players on the U.S. Jones Cup team that played in China last summer. But VUU is by no means a one-dimensional team. "Mr. Inside" for the Panthers, 6-9 center Terry Davis was named player-of-the-year in the CIIA, after leading the conference in rebounding and ranking near the top

in scoring.

**VIRGINIA STATE** rates as the darkhorse in the conference this season. The Trojans sent shockwaves through the CIIA by downing Union in the conference tournament and coming away as the

Spartans seem to always find enough talent to rank among the top clubs in the conference. Norfolk was ranked among the top 20 NCAA Division II Rams all last year and could sneak into that elite group again.

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tourney champs. VSU doesn't quite have the dominating type team that Union has, but the Trojans seem to rise to their best ability in important games. Point guard Chris Holloway is the top assist man and playmaker in the CIIA and another solid year from him and the Trojans could very well make the NCAA Division II Tournament field again.

Norfolk State can't be looked over either. The

**NORFOLK STATE** - Charles Christian, the Spartans' coach, has some veterans to build around and they could battle Union and VSU all the way to the wire. Their only weak point could be in the middle, which 6-9 center Lee Johnson Handled last year before graduating.

**HAMPTON** should again be an up and down team. The Pirates don't really have a standout player to build around. Hampton was

13-13 overall and 10-9 in league play. Stacy Clark and Peltre Williams are solid swingmen for the Pirates, however the missing ingredients - a strongman in the middle and a smooth ball-handler - could keep them from moving above .500.

**ELIZABETH CITY** is still struggling to get its head above the .500 mark. The run-and-gun Vikings still haven't found their stride under Claude Mackey since he took over from legendary coach Bobby Vaughan. Ernie Griffin is the Vikings top gun and he will again fire away from the perimeter. It will be interesting to see if the Vikings can better their 10-17 overall and 8-11 league slate this season.

**ST. PAUL'S** is rebuilding for the umpteenth time and the Tigers will not be favored much during the 88-89 season. First-year coach Harry Bradley will have his hands full trying to battle in the Northern Division pace with only one starter (Cletus Dalton). return-

ing from last year's team. Bradley would do well to duplicate last season's 11-17 overall and 5-14 conference records.

**BOWIE STATE** was the surprise team in the conference during the 1988 football season

and the Bulldog Cagers hope to pick up where the football team left off. Led by flamboyant coach Warren "Bit Time" Reynolds, Bowie figures to finally get out of the CIIA's doormat slot. The Bulldogs' leader is swingman Mike Sinclair, who earned all-conference honors last season. But there is little else dependable in the Bulldogs' arsenal.

**North Carolina Central Eagles are the team to beat in the Southern Division of the CIIA this season.**

Bowie managed only four wins all of last year and the Bulldogs should double that out put this time out. How-

ever, they aren't quite ready to battle with the conference heavyweights.

**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL** is the team to beat in the Southern Division. Mike Bernard, the Eagles coach, hasn't been able to make the breakthroughs expected during recruiting and must rely on teamwork and defense to duplicate last season's 26-3 overall and 18-1 conference record. The Eagles have already gotten off to a slow start, losing their first game of the season.

Derrick Leak and Fred Bennett are solid front-line players, but neither

is dominant. Eric Jackson could develop into

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