

# A&T Aggies Tighten Grip On CIAA Basketball Lead

## Ligon Out To Improve Cage Record; Downs E. E. Smith Hi

BY RICHMOND E. STEWART

The J. W. Ligon Little Blues play only one game this week as they continue their drive for a choice position when the district tournament rolls around.

With a three-game winning streak intact, they host Williston High of Wilmington Tuesday night and are idle until February 7 when they travel to Goldsboro to meet Dillard High.

The first game Tuesday night is scheduled to begin at 6:30 when the Junior Varsity clubs of the two schools meet. The varsity game will follow.

The Blues, who will be going without floor general Bobby

Clay, will be looking for this victory to place on the winning side of their record sheet. They have a 6-5 overall record and a 4-3 conference mark. Clay has been suspended because of disciplinary reasons.

Coach George Hardy can still field a formidable five that can average 6-2 in height. He has three 6-5 players who can start, in Robert Williams, Bobby Moore and Lee Ommie Davis and 6-3 Larry Spence along with Willie White at 6 feet. For speed he has three quick men in Tyrone Bailey, Walter Ellis, and Alfonza Jones, all standing at 5-11.

White, a senior known for his football ability, is the leading scor-

er, averaging 14 points a game. He is followed by Robert Williams, also a senior with an eight point average.

The Blues have shown considerable talent at times but have never been consistent enough to live up to their expectations. With the big men such as Robert Williams and Larry Spence hitting in close and dominating the backboards combined with the driving power and deadly outside shooting of Willie White and Al Jones the Blues could be a winner any night.

The biggest surprise has been the way sophomore, Larry Spence, has come around to move into a starting position. Spence, who is coming into his own as a point maker, has been grabbing his share of rebounds also. The lanky performer has been averaging about 9 rebounds a game and should become one of Ligon's all time greats. Spence stands 6-3.

Robert Williams has been the stellar player. He is averaging about 17 rebounds a game and when he is hitting, will break a game wide open. He has good moves for a big man and a lot of hustle.

In its last outing, Ligon defeated E. E. Smith of Fayetteville, 94-74, behind the efforts of Bobby Moore, Al Jones, Willie White and Spence. All scored in double digits with Moore's 23 and White's 20 leading the way. This is a high for Moore and only establishes the fact that any of Handy's first eight men can hold the "hot hand" on a given night.

Handy, who has not been pleased with his team's performance at times, stated, "Recently we have had pretty good team work and hustle. Our shooting, which has been fair, will have to improve though."

The Blues have eight games left before the district tournament begins.

## Greensboro Quint Gets Win Over NCC, J. C. Smith U.

GREENSBORO—The A&T College Aggies last week took a firm grip on first place standing in the CIAA by whipping the North Carolina College Eagles and the Johnson C. Smith University Bulls in important basketball games played at the Greensboro Coliseum recently.

Maurice McHartley, star playmaker for the Aggies, and Ted Campbell, a freshman standout, sparked the Aggies to a 90-81 win over the Eagles in the game played here on last Friday night.

Campbell's 18 points for the night were the big factors in the Aggie first-half surge, creating a 49-34 lead at intermission. McHartley, who led all scorers with 26 points, took up the slack in the second period.

Leading scorer for the Eagles was Leon Grant, with 14 points. McHartley was also the big gun in the 69-61 win over Johnson C. Smith University in the game played here last Tuesday night. He dumped in 28 points for the evening, 18 of them in the first half, and shot at an amazing average of even 600.

The Aggies led most of the way, but the Bulls made a game of it in the second period. They led by a single point, 47-46, at the 10:35 mark in the second half, for the first time in the game, and tied the contest at 55-55 at 4:35, but after that it was all A&T. The win gave A&T an 8-1 conference record, and 9-2, overall. The loss leaves Smith at 7-3, CIAA, and 8-5, overall.

## Grid Star Slain While Watching Street Fight

BY CALLA SCRIVNER

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—Calvin Elliott, 18, defensive halfback at L. A. City college, was fatally injured last week as he witnessed a street fight outside a basketball game.

Elliott is a former Dorsey High athlete. According to witnesses, Elliott was stabbed in the stomach by one of the fighters who slashed his way through the crowd while fleeing his pursuers.

Accused of the slaying was Levi Ford, a night student at Dorsey and former member of the "Baby Gladiators" gang. Ford is a parolee from the California Youth Author-

ity. Arrested with Ford were Thomas Wilson, 18, one of the instigators of the fight; Ernest Lloyd Morgan, 18, and Larry Lawson, 17. Police said the fight started between Wilson and Raymond Nelson. Ford rushed in to aid Wilson. Another youth, a friend of Wilson, tried to pull Ford away. It was then that Ford drew his knife and began cutting.

Wilson's friend was stabbed. He was rushed to a hospital in critical condition. Elliott was rushed to Central Receiving Hospital and from there to General Hospital, where an emergency operation was performed. He died the following evening when complications set in. Funeral services for him were held last week.



PLACES THIRD IN "HALL OF FAME" BID—Roy Campanella, former starting catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, displays last pair of baseball shoes—mounted and gold-plated—he wore during his last baseball game in 1957, last Wednesday. Campanella was paralyzed in a 1958 auto accident which cut short his brilliant career. It was announced in Boston January 22nd that Campanella, in the first year he became eligible for election to baseball's Hall of Fame, polled third place in a special run-off election. (UPI PHOTO).

## "Satchel" Paige Says He'll Keep On Smoking

BY LEON LEWIS

DALLAS (ANP)—You can put away the pipe and begin inhaling deeply again of cigarettes. Satchel Paige, ageless baseball pitcher, here to coach a basket-

Oscar also has been deadly at the free throw line, leading the National Basketball Association in percentage shooting from the free throw line.

Robertson's emergence as a threat for league's most valuable honors, of course, comes as no surprise to his closest followers. He has been Cincy's outstanding player since he entered the league after closing out his fabulous college career with participation in the 1960 Olympic games at Rome. He had just completed three years at the University of Cincinnati, leading the nation's scorers in each season. This feat was never accomplished before or has not been accomplished since.

The one thing that would make the season quite complete for Robertson this year would be for the Royals to overtake the Boston Celtics and end Coach Red Auerbach's team's long reign over the NBA's eastern division, and almost equally long domination of the entire league.

We don't know whether the little miracle can be brought off this year or not, but we think that Robertson has a good chance to take the MVP.

ball team against the famous Harlem Globetrotters, says he is fully all right to smoke, and he's older than you.

"I guess it's sitting around and having nothing to do is what causes them to figure out these reports against smoking," Paige said here with a cigarette dangling from his lower lip.

"And they said they are going to take people off coffee . . . and they will make 'em quit chewing gum. What the hell's a man gonna do? A man has to have something left."

Paige said folks were chewing and dipping snuff 100 years ago and many of them lived to be adults, like 110 and 115. "It didn't kill 'em then," and I don't see why it should now," he said in reply to the U. S. Surgeon General's report.

"Some of the greatest athletes smoked," he said, "and I was one of them."

It is not only talk against smoking that has the ageless wonder worried.

"We eat more meat in this country than in all the other countries combined," he said. But in line with the way things are currently headed, Paige figures it's only a matter of time until that stops.

"Next thing we got to go to is grass," he said, "like the horses."

Oh, that's not all, says Paige, as he searched for the pocket that held another pack of cigarettes.

"Doctors tell you now, 'don't drink milk, don't eat eggs and don't fool with bread.' I'd like to know what this world is coming to sho nuff."

Paige set up, long, long ago, some rules which he maintains will keep a body young and vigorous. The most famous is his advice to "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

Another is "Avoid running all the times."

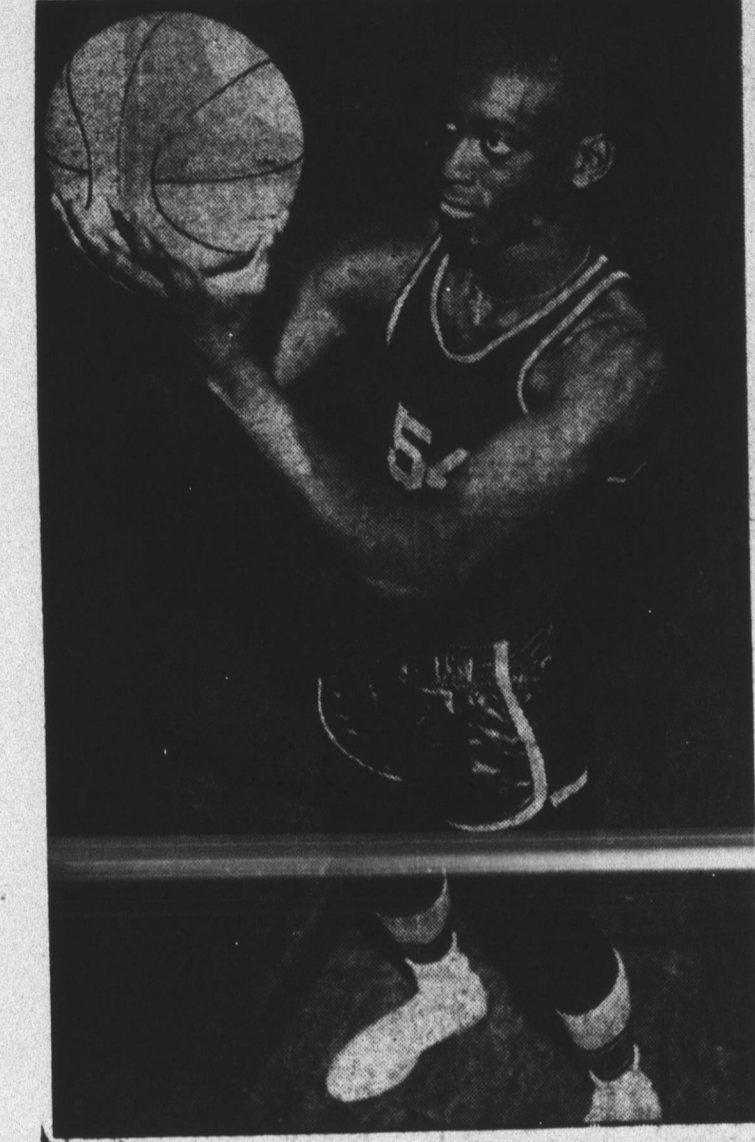
Well, walking doesn't do much good either.

"They tell people now to park those automobiles, to go out and walk ten to fifteen miles a day."

"We all know what would happen to a man that did that, don't we? He'd get himself run over, that's what."

"You better believe it," agreed Satchel, "if they miss you at one corner they'd get you at the next one. You'd pretty much have to have a motor in you to do much walking."

Paige is 6-3 1-2 and weighs 185 and his right arm is still just as full of pep as his left one, which he only uses to hold cigarettes. He's somewhere between 60 and 100 years old. Historians aren't sure. He says he thinks of himself as being 51 or 52. "I might go up to 60, but you don't get no pension at 60, so why go up to it?" He says neither his age, nor the reported harm of cigarette smoking makes any difference to him.



LARRY SPENCE  
... sophomore forward

## Omegas Take Action:

### A&T Fraternity Abandons "Time-Wasting" Tactics

GREENSBORO—A fraternity at A&T College is adopting a new program in pledging and initiating new members which will eliminate much of the antics which the organization here has been requiring of its pledges.

The organization is undergraduate Mu Psi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, established at A&T back in 1927.

Earl H. McClenney, Jr., Lawrenceville, Va., head of the local chapter, said last week, "We have finally got the courage to put an end forever to these silly requirements on initiates and pledges over extended periods, which are not only inconsistent with the aims of the college community, but have no relation-

ship with the ideal of our Fraternity."

He added that the "foolishness" has not only been a waste of time for the pledgee, but for the members, themselves.

The first step, McClenney said, will be to reduce the pledge period from the present six months to six weeks.

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PLAY FAIR!



STARS OF STATE SCHOOL'S GREYHOUNDS—Pictured is the basketball team of the State School for the Blind and Deaf, which will play its homecoming game Saturday at 8 p. m. Kneeling in front, center, is Ronald Smith. Reading from left to right clockwise, are: Lonnie Winston, William Thompson, James Taylor, Gurney Alston, Robert Walker, James Scott, Frederick McEachern, Sylvester Rawls and Reginald Miles. Standing in rear is Coach William J. (Billy) Nelson.

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER

CHICAGO (ANP)—One of the most popular arguments in sports in recent seasons has been: Who is the more valuable in pro basketball: Chamberlain or Russell? Partisans of Wilt Chamberlain, of the San Francisco Warriors, and of Bill Russell, of the Boston Celtics, will argue vehemently for their man. Even Elgin Baylor, of the Los Angeles Lakers, has his adherents.

Although he has not been entirely overlooked, Oscar Robertson has not been mentioned too frequently in the same breath with Russell or Chamberlain. But the versatile performer for the Cincinnati Royals is having more to say about that during the current campaign. The Big O is making a strong bid for most valuable honors, to go with the distinction of the most valuable player award he achieved in the annual all-star East-West game in Boston.

Robertson led the East to a 111-107 victory over the West. The stunning back court ace was never better. He tallied 26 points, pulled down 14 rebounds and contributed eight assists. He was a marvel also on defense with his harassing tactics and slick steals.

This marked the second time that the MVP award has gone to Robertson. As a rookie performer in the 1961 game, the Big O, then on the West squad, was voted the game's outstanding performer. The Royals moved into the Eastern Division for the 1961-62 season.

The work Robertson showed in the Boston Gardens was merely a sample of the brilliance he has shown all season long. For while he was scoring leader and throughout the season he has ranked one, two or three. He has been a masterful court player, the leader in assists with his deft passes.

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