

Hillside High Gymnasium Scene Of Schoolboy Cage Tourney

NCC Eagles Are State Cage Champs For 4th Time

Reidsville Five Ends Season On Victorious Note

REIDSVILLE—The Washington high school cagers wound up their season on a victorious note by eking out a close, 64-60 victory over Leaksville. The girls' team, however, was stopped by Leaksville's femmes, 27-22.

In notching their 15th win on the season, the Reidsville boys had to come from behind in the last two minutes of play to erase a three point deficit, as the invading Leaksville quint led at that point, 60-57. Albert Allen, who wound up the season with a total of 310 points for 24 contests, led the Reidsville quint with 23 points. Reidsville lost nine games during the season.

Although Reidsville lasses had defeated the girls' team from Leaksville's Douglass high school in an earlier contest in Leaksville, they were unable to pull this one out. Douglass high increased its 12-11 halftime lead and maintained it throughout to wrap up the victory.

The girls' team has experienced one of its best seasons under the tutelage of Mrs. D. D. Ruth and H. W. Hines, coaches. Before the loss to Douglass high the Reidsville sextet had counted second victories over Graham, 27-25, and Lutheran of Greensboro, 25-21.

With Elizabeth Wilson and Barbara Slade leading the way with 100 points a piece for the season, the team has compiled a 10-5-1 record. It has lost twice only to the strong Burlington sextet.

Charlotte Harrison and Bernice Lowe have contributed their part to the team's total of 415 points on the season. Shirley Watlington, freshman, who scored 31 points, has also been outstanding. Outstanding defensive performers for the females have been Ethel Johnson and Loretta Broadnax.

The girls were coached this season by Hines and Mrs. Ruth. Hines is a graduate of North Carolina College where he played varsity football and basketball and intra mural basketball. Mrs. Ruth is an alumna of Shaw University.

Jack O'Kelley is head coach of the boys' team. He is assisted by Hilburn Sparrow, also North Carolina College graduate. O'Kelley was varsity standout at Winston-Salem where he was all conference end.

The Reidsville boys racked up 1120 points on the season. In addition to high scoring Allen, the Bulldogs were sparked by the fine play of co-captain Gordon Slade, James Lumford, David Gunnigan, Willie Lane, Alex Coleman, Douglas Davis. All of these boys will return next season.

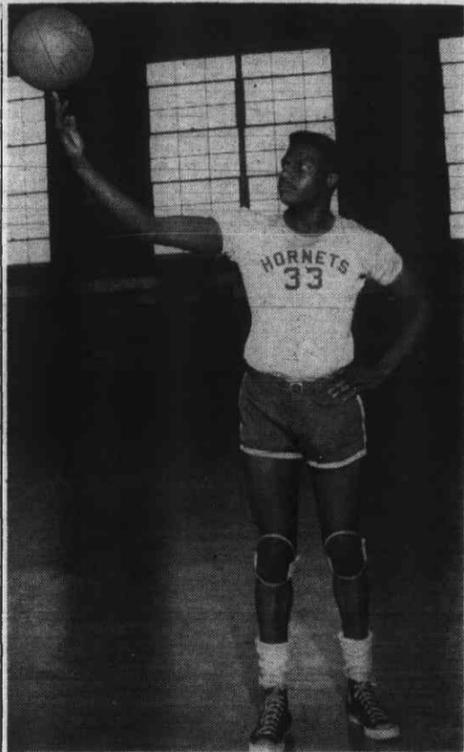
Donald Lee, Lorenza Gaston and Burnell Allen did a good job holding the freshman squad together.

UNION NIPPED IN THRILLER

PETERSBURG, VA.—They'll be talking for years about that shot at Virginia State College: that final-moment shot that sank Virginia Union 63-61 in Daniel Gymnasium Monday night. John D. Williams, brilliant Trojan guard, through suffering from a leg injury, was the hero.

With 12 seconds to go, Herman Howard, Panther guard, slipped in for a layup to knot the score at 61-all. Time was running out as Dee Williams took the throw-in and dribbled fast for the forecourt. Just across the center line, he pumped one. The final gun cracked. Fifteen hundred fans watched breathless. Swish; Williams had hit and pandemonium broke loose.

The victory gave the Trojans a 10-10 CIAA record on the season with only two more to go. It also rejected Union from that charmed circle of teams that have whipped the Statesmen in their own balliwick. The Trojans have lost only two games out of 12 on their home court. Howard and A and T were the fortunate opponents.



Albert Little, 6, 1½ rebound artist for the Hillside Hornets, has been one of the reasons for the 24-5 record currently sported by the local cagers, and their recent success in defending their Bull City Tournament title. The versatile Little has been most baffling to opponents, who never quite know what he'll do next. The stellar guard ranks second in individual scoring with 289 points, 49 points behind teammate Tommy Wilson. When the Hornets meet the winner of the Raleigh-Oxford game in the Triple A play-offs here this week-end, Little will match his skill against that of Oxford's Chester Hines or James Civial of Raleigh.

Lincoln, Howard Share Grunt, Groan Crown; A. & T. College, Howard Univ. Boxing Champs

RALEIGH—Shaw University played host to the CIAA boxing and wrestling tournament at Spaulding Gymnasium last Friday and Saturday.

The close of the tournament found Lincoln University of Oxford Pa. as wrestling team champions while Howard University and A. and T. College of Tidewater first place for boxing title.

Howard and A. and T. had 21 points each in the boxing totals. Lincoln University gained

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14 TEAMS ARE ENTERED IN PLAY-OFFS

Hillside high school will play host to the Durham-Raleigh center district play-off for the North Carolina Negro high school athletic association basketball championship Friday and Saturday.

Fourteen triple A and double A quintets are entered in the two day dribble derby which will get underway at 3:30 Friday afternoon and will conclude with the finals Saturday night.

Winner of the AAA play-offs will go to Winston-Salem for a shot at the State title held by Laurinburg. Victor in the AA division will be entered in the tournament at Goldsboro for a crack at the crown now held by Hickory.

The teams from the following cities are entered in the dribble derby: Hillsboro, Louisburg (two teams), Chapel Hill, Bahama, Roxboro, Oxford, Henderson, Franklinton, Raleigh, Smithfield, and Durham (Hillside, Merrick-Moore).

Lincoln of Chapel Hill, Henderson Institute, Johnston County Training school of Smithfield and Merrick-Moore will play in the second round of the tourney. Hillside, only AAA school to draw a bye in the tournament, will see first action against the winner of the Raleigh-Oxford contest Saturday evening at 7:30.

Although Hillside has counted victories over Oxford and Raleigh twice this season, Oxford is the choice of veteran observers.

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The winning boxers who competed at the CIAA tournament are in the 125 lb class Lewis (Please turn to Page Eight)

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A familiar scene enacted at Fayetteville State College's Lilly gymnasium last Saturday night shows North Carolina College's Eagles receiving championship trophy for the fourth annual Colleges of North Carolina Tournament.

The Eagles defended their State crown for the fourth successive time last Saturday by defeating A. and T., Winston-Salem and Johnson C. Smith. Shown above are, left to right, J. W. Seabrook, president of Fayetteville Teachers' College, presenting trophy;

Smith Gains Second Place In Tournament

FAYETTEVILLE — John B. McLendon's North Carolina College basketball team proved the old saying, "Old champions never die" last weekend, as the Eagles cagers racked up an amazing 90 point per game average in three tilts to win their fourth consecutive Colleges of North Carolina tournament here last Saturday night.

Going into the State tourney with an over-all season's record of 14-8, the McLendonmen defeated A. and T. Friday night, 82-76; turned back Winston-Salem, Saturday afternoon, 81-68; and Saturday night, playing without Ernest Warlick and

Charles Harrison, the powerful Eagles drubbed Johnson C. Smith, 107-87.

The Eagles' George McQueen was unstopable at Fayetteville. He scored 75 points in the three games, averaging 25 markers in each contest. Maurice Lowery hooped 66 points for a per game average of 22. Sam Jones averaged in tournament play was 17 points. He bucketed a total of 51 scores.

McQueen was at his best in the last tilt with Smith. He netted 35 points in that game. Lowery also had his best night against the Bulls, accounting for 32 digits to trail the red-hot McQueen. Jones played steady, consistent ball, getting 17 against A. and T., 16 in the Winston-Salem game, and coming up with 18 in the Smith finale.

The Eagles tallied 267 points against 231 for their opponents. Against the NCC teams 90 points per game, their opponents could take some consolation in racking up a 77 point per contest average of their own.

Defense of their crown in the State tournament proved costly for the Eagles, however, as they lost their co-captain and star guard, Ernest Warlick for the CIAA tournament. Warlick sustained a broken foot in a freak accident early in the semi-finals play. Also sophomore flash Charlie Harrison, a sure fire performer, suffered an injured leg during practice before the tourney, and this is expected to slow him considerably even if he does see action in the conference tourney.

First Round Of CIAA Tourney Pits NCC and A. and T. For 6th Time

The North Carolina College and T. College feud on the basketball court will be carried on to the conference tournament at Baltimore this weekend as it was announced that these two Tar Heel quints will square off for the sixth time this season in the first round of play Thursday afternoon at the 7th annual conference dribble derby.

Pairings for the three day affair were announced here early this week by coach J. B. McLendon, CIAA statistician and head coach of NCC's basketball team. The tournament will be held this year in Morgan State College's new Edward P. Hurt gymnasium. Hurt is director of Athletics at the Baltimore school.

In addition to the NCC—A and T tilt, the quarter finals on Thursday will pit the following teams: Morgan and J. C. Smith, 1:30; Va. Union and Va. State, eight o'clock; West Va. and Shaw, nine o'clock. The Eagles and the Aggies meet at four o'clock.

Semi-finals play starts Friday at eight p. m. with winner of the Va. State—Va. Union game pitted against the victor of the NCC—A and T tilt. The second game of the semi-finals is set for

nine o'clock with the winner of the West Va. — Shaw game going against the winner of the Morgan—Smith tussle.

A consolation game will precede the finals at eight o'clock Saturday, with the money game at nine.

Final standings and ratings by the first eight teams of the conference are as follows: West Virginia, 25; Va. Union, 23.75; A and T, 23.21; J. C. Smith 22.50; Shaw, 21.08; North Carolina College, 20.25; Morgan, 20.00; and Va. State, 19.54.

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