

NCC, Rams, W. Va. Can Win Title

Crucial Week-end Contests Deciding



THE SPORTSBEAT

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THE BASKETBALL RACE AS OF FEBRUARY 16

The CIAA basketball race moves into its final stage next week. Although the final standings in visitation play and the awarding of tournament berths will not be decided until February 28, there is quite a battle being waged for the front position on February 21. For the results of games played through that date will determine which team will represent the CIAA at the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball regional playoffs at Nashville on February 26-28.

The CIAA visitation (seasonal) championship is quite a plum. With the privilege of representing the conference at what may be termed the National Negro Basketball Tournament (The NAIB play offs) also goes the chance to move on to Kansas City to play in the NAIB finals. For the winner of the tourney at Nashville, Tennessee February 26-28 will be selected as a member-at-large to play in the Kansas finals.

As was pointed out in last week's SPORTSBEAT, the seasonal championship is decided by the Dickinson rating system. We thought the SPORTSBEAT readers might be interested in the relative positions of the teams at his stage. (This is unofficial and is based on the records we have been able to obtain.)

First of all, to get the things off to a start, it was necessary to divide the teams into first and second divisions. To be first division, a team must have won more games than it has lost. There was one team with a 500 record—won the same number of games as those lost (7-7). In this case a special rule had to be applied. Did the team play a third of its 14 games against first division opponents and did at least two (since there are no ties in basketball) end in wins? Both of these questions drew "yes" answers. On the basis of the Dickinson System, the teams were placed as follows:

SCHOOL	*FDW	FDL	SDW	SDL	RECORD
NCC	5	2	9	0	15-2
WSTC	4	4	4	0	8-4
West Virginia	4	3	2	1	6-4
Virginia State	4	4	6	1	10-5
Morgan	2	3	6	0	8-3
Hampton	2	2	7	1	9-3
Smith	6	3	3	3	9-6
Saint Aug.	0	4	7	0	7-4
Shaw	3	6	4	1	7-7

*First Division Win (FDW), First Division Loss (FDL), Second Division Win (SDW), and Second Division Loss (SDL).

By allowing each of the above contenders points of 30 for first division wins, 20 for second, 15 for first division losses and 10 for second, the following rank was evident. You will note that some teams with seemingly better records (won-loss), rank under other teams. Look at the FDW and SDL columns and you will get the key. Your chance of ranking high in good if you have a large number of FDW's (30 points) but you are pulled down with SDL (10 points).

In our rating we did not apply the rule which permits throwing away second division wins. The division used was the total number of games played by each team. (It would not change the order of the leaders.)

Team Standings (Games Through February 16)

Teams (Dickinson System)	Points	Teams (Dickinson System)	Points
NCC	22.94	1. NCC	.882
WSTC	21.66	2. Hampton	.750
West Virginia	21.50	3. Morgan	.709
Virginia State	20.66	4. West Virginia	.666
Morgan	20.40	5. WSTC	.666
Hampton	20.00	6. Virginia State	.666
Smith	20.00	7. Saint Aug.	.636
Saint Aug.	18.18	8. Smith	.600
Shaw	17.13	9. Shaw	.500

The Ifs And Buts

The defending tournament champion, Virginia Union University, is not in the above list of the first division teams. But with a 5-6 record and five games to play can make the first division and can displace one of the above teams in the tournament running. Saint Aug. and Shaw are on the borderline.

The Eagles of NCC could be replaced by Winston-Salem or West Virginia. But NCC would have to lose the next two (forgive us, Floyd, for even mentioning it) and WSTC and West Virginia would have to win the rest. Even then it would be close.

Where They Play

Pivotal Games For The Week-End
February 20—Winston-Salem at Saint Aug., NCC at Union; A. and T. at Shaw.
February 21—NCC at Virginia State, Winston-Salem at Shaw.

Scholastic Scores

Williston (WILMINGTON)	81	Dillard (GOLDSBORO)	47
Mary Potter (OXFORD)	63	Person County (ROXBORO)	62
Highland (GASTONIA)	56	Davidson (KINGS MOUNTAIN)	42
Jordan Sellers (BURLINGTON)	54	B. T. Washington	41
Hillside (DURHAM)	53	Johnson County Training (SMITHFIELD)	51
Person County (ROXBORO)	81	Balden County Training (ELIZABETHTOWN)	51

CENTRAL HIGH SPLITS PAIR

WHITEVILLE. The Central Hornets motored to Southport on January 27, and divided the bacon with them. The Hornets were defeated by the Southport Quintette, 33-24. Nevertheless, the Lady Hornets scored a 35-18 victory. Catherine Smith, Central's ace forward led with 18 points. **THRILLS THAT CHILL**
In one of the most thrilling games of the season the Lady (Please turn to Page Eight)

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EAGLE NINE TO MEET 17 FOES THIS YEAR

Coch Benjamin F. Whaley of the North Carolina College baseball team, this week announced a 17 game schedule for the Durham nine.

The Eagle Diamondmen open the season on March 28 with an exhibition game between locals and Shaw University. Four other exhibition games will be played: Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., March 30; Allen University, Columbia, S. C., March 31; Benedict College, Durham, April 9; and Allen University, Durham, May 11.

The Whaley nine will be seen at Durham on April 3 in a contest with Howard University. The other six home games include: Winston-Salem Teachers College, April 6; West Va. State College, April 17 and 18; Delaware State College, April 21; A. and T. College, May 13; and Shaw University, May 18. The Eagles play five games away from home: Shaw University, Raleigh, April 11; A. and T. College, Greensboro, April 14; Delaware State College, Dover, Del., May 1; Howard University, Washington, D. C., May 2; and Winston-Salem Teachers College, Winston-Salem, May 9.

In 1952 the Eagles won three and lost seven.

Trojans Swamp Bluefield Five By 103-77

PETERSBURG. The Virginia State Trojans went on a scoring spree against the Blues of Bluefield State College to swamp the visitors 103-77 Thursday night in Daniel Gymnasium.

Trojan Coach Shelton Matthews emptied the bench in the course of the contest with every player except Gene Hudgins, who was nursing an ankle injury, seeing action. During the second and third periods the regulars watched from the sidelines as their understudies added to a commanding lead which the Trojans had taken from the outset.

Bluefield Captain Jimmy Wright from Beckley and Guard Tommie Harris from Wytheville, Virginia, led the visitors in a desperation bid during the final period to pick up 26 points. But the Trojans who chalked up 37 of their own were not to be headed.

Ronald Crosby, Virginia State guard, led the home team with 17 points and Dean Hatcher, another freshman guard, was runner-up with 12. For the Blues, Woodrow Gray, center from Washington, D. C., was high scorer with 17. Maeposure Miller, freshman from Bluefield, followed with 14.

FRINK CAGERS SPLIT A PAIR

The Frink High Wildcats split a double header with Friendship High of Fremont, North Carolina, Monday, February 9. The games were played on Frink High home court.

Frink High girls were defeated in a very close game by the Friendship girls.

Frink boys playing against very little opposition won easily over the Friendship boys. The score was 27-9.



Members of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Basketball tournament committee are pictured in Durham recently as they mapped plans for the three day dribble derby which will be held here for the first time. North Carolina College and its new near million dollar gymnasium will be host March 5, 6 and 7 to the eight top teams of the conference who will take part in the eighth annual tourney. Members of the committee above are, seated, left to right, A. H. Burr, Howard University; Talmadge Hill, chairman of the committee and head basketball coach at Morgan; and H. R. (Big Jeff) Jefferson, of Hampton Institute. Standing are G. C. Singleton, executive secretary of the Association and John B. ("Li' Mac") McLendon, conference statistician and head basketball coach at Hampton.

Howard University Is Team To Beat In Boxing Meet

Smith Chills Title Hopes Of Morgan Quint

BALTIMORE. Their hopes for CIAA first division honors smacked down somewhat Tuesday night by Johnson C. Smith University cagers, the Morgan State College Bears faced the Virginia State College Trojans last Sat., February 14, at 8 p.m. in the Hurt Gymnasium determined to make a conference come back.

Earlier in the week, Coach Talmadge L. Hill's charges had hoped to sweep to victory in the five conference games then remaining on their current schedule and to wind up CIAA visitation champions.

Johnson C. Smith cagers halted that, when a clicking combination of William (Stretch) Jones, Douglas Miller who scored 26 points, Claude Saunders, Robert Wells and Charles Motley dealt the Bears their worst defeat of the season whipping them 93-74.

Raymond (Spider) Murphy of Morgan was the second highest scorer of the evening trailing high scorer Miller by two points. Ernest Garrett, a consistent high scorer, was third with 19 points. But the Murphy-Garrett combo couldn't stop the Smith cagers.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa.

Judging from performances, the team to beat in the boxing division of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Boxing and Wrestling Tournament at Lincoln University, Feb. 27 and 28, will be Howard University.

In the last five years, the Bison boxers have won four conference titles and are currently sharing the crown with North Carolina A and T College. And although the Washington, D. C. school will have only one champion returning to the fray this year, Coach Sam Barnes has reportedly put together a strong team of men who can punch as well as box.

At least ten schools will enter teams this year, according to Robert N. Gardner, Lincoln wrestling coach and director of the tournament, and there is every indication of rugged competition all the way down the line. Gardner freely admits that Lincoln will be hard-put to hold on to the wrestling championship it has held for two years.

Heading Howard's boxing team will be Gil Benson, last year's 156 pound champ, who will move up into the 165 pound class. Another veteran with Howard is Ed Neverson, the football star, who fought his way to the light heavy weight finals last year.

In all probability, the boxing tournament will settle down to a struggle between Howard, A and T and Hampton with Morgan State College a strong contender not to be overlooked.

Yeah, Some Wreck-It's Yours, Though

As he stepped out of a friend's automobile in front of the North Carolina State College gym here last Saturday night, William A. (Bill) Hunter, coach of Lincoln University's basketball team, noticed a badly smashed car across the street.

"Boy," he remarked, "that must have been some accident." Then he made a sad discovery. It was his car.

Less than a half hour later, Durham police arrested S-Sgt. Lawrence Wilson, of the 726th Tank Control Co. at Pope Air Field Base, Fort Bragg, who admitted he had crashed into Hunter's parked automobile.

Wilson was given 10 days to pay for the damage to the rear of the coach's car which was estimated at \$500. Hunter and members of the team who were riding with him on the Southern tour were driven to Raleigh for the game with Shaw University and returned to Lincoln's campus by bus.

N. C. College Hurdler Scores Again In AAU Indoor Meet

Track Coach Leroy T. Walker and his North Carolina College track team returned to Durham early this week after scoring an unprecedentedly good record in the U. S. A. Track and Field Championships (Senior Indoor) under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Lee Calhoun, NCC's flashy hurdler from Gary, Ind., copped a second place in the 60 yards hurdles, finishing only behind world famed Harrison Dillard who clocked a 7.3 time.

The Eagles' medley team of Jim Courtney, Bob Baskerville, Mullins, and Calhoun finished fourth in an event that saw the world's record shattered by the Grand Street Boys Quartet of Herb McKenley, Mal Whitfield, George Rhoden, and Andy Stanfield. The four Olympians set a new record of 1:52. Morgan State College came second with the team of Jim Rogers, Art Bragg, Otis Johnson, and H. Washington. The Pioneer Club of New York came in third.

Andy Graham was third in his heat in the 1,000 yard run behind present record holder Don Gehrman of Wisconsin and William Smith of Boston University. Only two men qualified for the finals. Graham, however, posted the fourth best time in the trial heats. Gehrman's winning time was 2:17.

Calhoun copped the Evening Star games' 70 yards hurdles events in the time of 8:5 on Jan. 10 in Washington. In the 60 yds hurdles at the Seventh Annual Invitation Indoor Games of the South Atlantic Association in Baltimore on February 11, he set a new meet record of 7.4.

In the trial heats at the Senior AAU in Madison Square Garden last Saturday, "Bones" Dillard won his heat in 7.5 over Hugh Watson of Montclair Teachers. Calhoun, in a trial heat, nosed out Ray Brophy of Georgetown in 7.6. In the quarterfinals, Dillard won over Semper, Pa., in 7.5, and Calhoun again nudged former Olympian Milt Campbell in 7.5.

The semifinals found Dillard winning over Campbell in 7.4 and Calhoun finishing ahead of Charles Pratt of Manhattan College and Art Bernard (third in last Olympics) in 7.4. In the finals, Dillard, Calhoun, Campbell, and Pratt came in successively.

Calhoun's win over Campbell established the youthful Eagle hurdler as the top collegiate hurdler in the United States. Dillard is now a public relations executive with the Cleveland Indians baseball team.

With the Grand Street Boys and the Pioneer Club also posting time with postgraduates personnel, NCC's thinclads can now claim the second spot among collegiate medley teams.

Kid Gavilan Ready For Middleweights

NEW YORK. Seeking new worlds to conquer, Kid Gavilan, the sleek champ from Cuba, came into town this week to launch an all out campaign for the middleweight crown.

"I beat everybody in the welterweights," Gavily said. "There is nobody left and I beat most of the middleweights, too."

So now the Gavilan coterie—The Keed, manager Angel Lopez and trainer Mundito Medino seek the winner of the about-to-be Turpin-Olson bout. They will even junket to Europe for this one, if necessary.

Immediate plans for Gavilan are up in the air, for the moment. There's talk of an over-the-weight bout with Johnny Bratton in Montreal for March. But should it fall through, The Kid will spend some time on his 10 acre farm at Bejugal on the outskirts of Havana.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Matthew J. Williams, deceased, late of the County of Durham, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of February, 1954, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 21st day of February, 1953. R. N. Harris, Box 851 or 707 Fayetteville St., Durham, N. C.

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