



SPORTSBEAT

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CIAA Tournament Cuff Notes

Durham really rolled out the carpet during the weekend of February 25-27. The second most successful CIAA basketball tournament (financial net) was staged in the North Carolina College sports arena. (The most successful tournament was staged last year at the same scene.) And by far the tournament's most successful social calendar was reeled off during the three day dribble derby.

The breath taking finish of the ninth annual tournament was almost an exact duplication of the 1953 event in which Winston-Salem edged the Saint Augustine's Falcons in an overtime contest won on a "buzzer" basket. The Rams entered the finals against Virginia Union after an overtime victory over Morgan in the semi-finals. (Morgan was their victims in last year's semi-finals.) Spared defeat by two unsuccessful field goal attempts by Morgan in the last seconds of the regulation game Friday, Charlie Robinson of Virginia Union was not so kind in the finals as he sank the last two attempts from the free throw line to knot the score at 55 and give Union the 56-55 victory edge.

Virginia Union is the first team to win three tournament championships in the nine year running of the event. All of these (1951, 52, 54) were won under the tutelage of genial Tom Harris, who, by the way, has walked off with more "Outstanding Coach" plaques than any other coach... West Virginia (1948-49) and North Carolina College (1946-50) follow as the "winningest" teams... Virginia State (1947) and W. S. T. C. (1953) share the remaining titles... North Carolina College (1946, 47, 49, 50) West Virginia (1948, 49, 50, 51) and Virginia Union, (1946, 51, 52, 54) have been in four of the nine championship games...

The number one-seeded "Eagles" and the number two-seeded "Trojans" were knocked out in the first round on Thursday. Again proving the difficulty of annexing the Visitation and Tournament Championships. Only West Virginia in 1948, Union in 1952, and W. S. T. C. in 1953 have been able to win both crowns... Not since 1946 when North Carolina College knocked off Lincoln has the number one team, the visitation winner, been eliminated in the first round... Union won the crown in 1951 and 1952 and could not make the tournament in 1953, but returned to win it again in 1954.

All of the individual scoring records were broken this year. Ernest Garrett of Morgan re-wrote the book. His 41 points against North Carolina College broke Burks (Saint Aug.) record for a single game and his 111 point total for three games set a new record (37 pts. av. per game), and his 18 free throws in one game is tops in that department. Two other players in the tournament moved into the charmed 30 pt. circle. Ellis of Hampton hit 32 against Virginia State and Harris of W. S. T. C. hit 30 against Morgan in this tournament.

Orchids to Charlie Ray of the North Carolina College News Bureau and Alex Rivera of the COURIER-Tournament publicists and Ray's assistants H. G. Dawson and L. A. Merritt. As a result of their efforts the tournament receive its most extensive coverage since the event was inaugurated in 1946. Every media was utilized: Radio, TV (North Carolina College's Brown and Winston's Gaines were on Harvell's show WFMY-TV) daily and weekly newspapers. In the press box were: Germino, sports editor, HERALD-SUN; Casey, DURHAM SUN; Jack Williams, Marvin Francis, MORNING HERALD; Johnson, CHARLOTTE NEWS AND OBSERVER; JACOX, JOURNAL AND GUIDE; Rivera PITTSBURGH COURIER; Lacy (A-Z) AFRO; a Globetrotter scout and some 30 other visiting writers and commentators.

Virginia Union left by plane Sunday morning for Nashville and the NAIA At-Large-District tournament. The North Carolina College "Eagles" had already departed Saturday. The winner of the Nashville tournament which was played in the Tenn. A. and I. gym will go to Kansas City for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Basketball Tournament.

Sportsmanship of an unusual nature: Howard Jones of Virginia Union was voted the Most Valuable Player Award by the participating coaches, and a great ball player he is. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Union Wins CIAA Tournament Crown

EZZARD CHARLES TO REFEREE CIAA BOXING AND WRESTLING MATCH AT A. AND T. MARCH 5-6

GREENSBORO

Ezzard Charles, former world's heavyweight champion and currently No. 1 contender for the crown, will referee at the CIAA Boxing and Wrestling Championships to be held at A. and T. College this weekend, Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6.

Acceptance of the invitation by Charles was confirmed on Tuesday afternoon in a telephone conversation with Bill Bell, director of athletics at the college. Ezzard will have his hands full for the two-day meet, not only in keeping the "simon pures" fighting, but counseling with them on the finer points of boxing.

Bell told reporters immediately following his talk with Charles that the latter readily accepted the invitation and the former champ was happy over the assignment. "Working with youngsters is just my dish and I hope to do a lot of this type of work once I have hung up my gloves," said Charles. He did not elaborate on the time he expected to do this.

A total of 14 boxing and wrestling teams will participate in the event. Hampton Institute, Howard University, Morgan State College, St. Augustine's College, Shaw University and Virginia State College have entered one team in each category. Lincoln University (Pa.) is entered for wrestling and A and T College will participate in the boxing events.

The conference championships have taken on new importance in recent years by reason of the fact that on the basis of performances held later in the Spring.

According to Matt. Brown, boxing coach at A and T and in charge of arrangements for the meet, some outstanding boxers will be seen here Among them are two conference champions and NCAA semi-finalists, Don Quarles, light-heavyweight, Baltimore and Roland Walton, Norfolk, Va., 125 pound champion both of A and T. Robert Reid, also of the Aggies and a newcomer to boxing, has shown real promise this year in the welterweight class in winning two bouts in as many starts.

Other outstanding boxers slated to appear include: Nelson Alvarez, 165 pound middleweight of Hampton Institute, undefeated this season and Connie Stamps, 147 pounder, also of Hampton and conference champ in the junior welterweight division. Howard University will



FLOYD H. BROWN

Brown Named President Of Cage Mentors

Coach Floyd H. Brown of North Carolina College's 1954 CIAA basketball champions, was elected president of the new organization of conference cage mentors. Eddie L. Jackson of Delaware State College was named secretary-treasurer and Talmadge Hill of Morgan State College was elected public relations director.

The official name of the new organization is Central Intercollegiate Basketball Coaches Association.

Present for the meeting were John B. McLendon, Jr., Hampton Institute; Mark Cardwell, West Virginia; Thomas Harris, Union University; Shelton Matthews, Virginia State College;

bring Gil Benson, the conference middleweight champ for the past two years.

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Exercise FLASH BURN, Fort Bragg. When green-clad troops with ridged helmets swarm through the North Carolina countryside this Spring, don't get the idea that "Men from Mars" have landed. These soldiers will be Aggressors from a mythical alien country taking part in the Army's biggest and latest atomic maneuver—Exercise FLASH BURN.

To give our soldiers experience which will resemble actual combat as closely as possible, the United States Army has created an enemy to oppose our troops. These Aggressors, as they are known, wear different uniforms and are organized in a manner foreign to the American Army. The participating troops are thus given the feeling of facing an actual enemy. No live ammunition is used but prisoners are captured and other aspects of real warfare are maintained.

Originally, the Army simply divided its troops into Red and Blue teams but this did not give the men experience in dealing with troops who were different from themselves in uniform, tactics and organization.

VIRGINIAS COP VICTORY IN LAST TWENTY SECONDS OF NINTH ANNUAL TOUNREY

Coach Tom Harris' Union University basketball team scored a last second 56-55 win over Winston-Salem Teachers College here Saturday night to cop the Ninth Annual CIAA Basketball Tournament.

Charlie Robinson, Union's standout sophomore forward from Baltimore, put the game on ice in the last 20 seconds as he netted two free throws that first tied the count at 55-55 and later put the Panthers out front by one long victory-bringing point.

The Panthers, playing a squad largely composed of converted gridders, went into the fracas on the short end of the betting odd that favored the Rams, 1953's defending champions.

Morgan College won the consolation match with Hampton 78 to 53.

In the semi-finals held on Friday, Union eliminated J. B. McLendon's Hampton Pirates 65-59 and Winston Salem whipped the Morgan Bears 99-86.

One of the meet's great surprises came on Thursday when Visitation Champions NCC fell before Morgan 87-66. Fifth

place Hampton upset second place Virginia State 98-81.

Winston-Salem scored an easy 70-55 victory over West Virginia in the opening match Thursday afternoon. Union beat J. C. Smith 76-70.

Two of the CIAA's clubs participated in the NAIA playoffs at Nashville on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 1, 2, and 3. The clubs were Visitation Champions NCC and Union's Tournament Champions.

At the end of the tournament Saturday night, Coach Tom Harris was named outstanding Coach and Howard Jones, senior guard from Brooklyn, N. Y., was named Most Valuable Player.

Coach Clarence Gaines of the Winston outfit was presented the Runner-Up Trophy which was awarded by the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company. G. W. Cox, vice president and agency director, made the presentation.

Sam Lacy, sports editor of the Afro-American Newspaper and Cal Jacox, Guide sports editor (Please turn to Page Eight)

Shaw School Holds 'Parents' Class Night'

STOVALL

The Shaw High School PTA of Stovall sponsored a PARENTS' CLASS NIGHT on Thursday, February 25. The large number of parents who were present went through a regular school day routine (shortened), assembly, classes, lunch, activity, etc. The parents were the children for the night. The evening was one of much interest as well as enjoyment for both parents and teachers.

This event was one of the means by which Principal G. E. Wood and his faculty used to acquaint parents with school and school life as lived by their children.

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE

Roberta Dixon vs James Dixon THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, James Dixon, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Durham County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the ground that plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Durham County, in the Courthouse in Durham, North Carolina on or before thirty days after the 3rd day of April, 1954, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 1 day of Mar. 1954. Jas. R. Stone ASST. CLERK SUPERIOR COURT, DURHAM COUNTY. M. HUGH THOMPSON, ATTY.



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