

Calhoun Wins Again; CIAA Pairings Set Maryland Takes Over First Place In NAIA

Hawks And Winston-Salem Hold Favorites Role In Dribble Derby

In all things, including basketball, there are "lean" years and "fat" years, as the pairings will show when the eight top teams of the CIAA square off against each other in the eleventh Annual CIAA Basketball Tournament in Durham, N. C., Feb. 23-25.

Final pairings will be made in special meeting of the Tournament Committee at North Carolina College on February 19, after visitation standings are determined.

Barring radical changes between now and then, the "fat-test" team of the lot will be the powerful Maryland State College Hawks, currently undefeated, and the youngest member of the Association.

The greatest contrast between the "have's" and the "have not's", however, will be reflected in the relative standings of the once powerful West Virginia State Yellowjackets and the once obscure Winston-Salem Teachers College Rams.

Last year Mark Caldwell and his "mountain men" could boast that they were one of few aggregations in the conference to have made all ten championship tournaments. They twice copped the tourney crown (in 1948 and 1949) and were twice runner-ups (in 1950 and 1951).

This year, however, the Yellowjackets are buried deep in

the second division and are apparently completely out of the running.

Much of the credit for West Virginia's precarious plight can be attributed to such upstarts as the Maryland Hawks, Shaw University, and most of all, a quintet of red and white clad Rams from Winston-Salem Teachers College in the Tar Heel Twin City.

An "on again, off again" group until three years back, the Clarence "Big House" Gaines coached Rams have been on the upgrade ever since and are currently holding on to second place in the visitation competition. The heretofore unknown "miracle whiz kids" from Winston-Salem annexed the tourney championship in 1953, and would settle for no less than the second spot behind the champion Virginia Union Panthers last year. Boasting one of the fastest and smoothest fast break attacks in the business, they are widely regarded as the team that Maryland State has to beat if the Hawks are to end up on top in the tourney as they have already served notice that they intend to do.

And what about West Virginia State, Johnson C. Smith, Hampton Institute, and Virginia State? Like they say, "There are lean years and fat years."



Most CIAA basketball fans believe that Nat Taylor, left, and Clarence Gaines, right, have a date to keep when their respective teams enter the conference tournament here next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Coach Taylor's Maryland State team, the only major undefeated power among Negro colleges, rules a solid favorite to capture the tournament championship. However, the Gaines-coached Winston-Salem Rams, who have taken the role of "giant killer" in past tournaments, may have just enough steam to put an end to the Hawks' respectable fifteen game winning streak. At any rate, most folks feel sure that a head-on meeting between the two clubs would be a "natural."

Bull City League Standings

BULL CITY SCHEDULE MIDGETS
SATURDAY AT WHITTED
 WHITE ROCK vs. EAST END — 9:00 A. M.
 W. D. HILL vs. PEARSONTOWN — 9:40 A. M.
TROOP 149 vs. BOYS' CLUB — 10:20 A. M.
ST. TITUS vs. T. A. GRADY — 10:40 A. M.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
WHITE ROCK	3	0	1.000
BOYS' CLUB	1	2	.333
BRAGTOWN	1	2	.333
W. D. HILL	1	2	.333

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
WHITE ROCK	5	1	.833
BOYS' CLUB	4	1	.800
WHITTED	2	2	.500
EAST END	1	4	.200
W. D. HILL	1	4	.200
ST. TITUS	0	1	.000

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
TROOP 149	5	0	1.000
W. D. HILL	4	2	.664
WHITE ROCK	4	2	.664
EAST END	2	3	.400
BOYS' CLUB	1	4	.200
PEARSONTOWN	0	5	.000
T. A. GRADY	0	0	.000
ST. TITUS	0	0	.000

A. & T. Cagers Put Together Five Game Streak To Capture Berth

GREENSBORO
 In a sensational drive for a spot in the CIAA Basketball Tourney to be held in Durham later this month, the A&T College Aggies bowled over five straight opponents during the week.

The berth was clinched last Tuesday evening when Morgan State College fell, before the Aggies 85-79, here at the Charles Moore Gymnasium. The losers had played on even terms in the first stanza, but the accurate shooting of Billy Smith, who bucketed 28-points for the evening, was just too much for them. Holding desperately to a bare two-point lead at halftime, the Aggies increased the bulge to 10-points in the first three

minutes of the second stanza closer until hopelessly out of the ball game Smith led the scoring and Jackson Rozier was best for Morgan with 21 points.

On the previous night, Monday, the Aggies had to come from behind to take a squeaker from West Virginia State College, 60-54, also on the home court. The Aggies had blown a 12-point bulge held midway the final stanza as West Virginia went ahead 54-53 with less than 2-minutes to go. Charlie Harrison, high scorer for the evening with 20 points, dropped the go ahead shot, stole the ball, passed off to Billy Smith who dumped an easy "snow-bird," all of which threw utter confusion in-

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Hurdler Ties Record Again; In AAU Saturday

Lee Calhoun, North Carolina College's world tying timber topper in three events, is scheduled to run against his old competitor Harrison Dillard and the nation's top hurdlers at the Senior AAU Meet in Madison Square Garden Saturday.

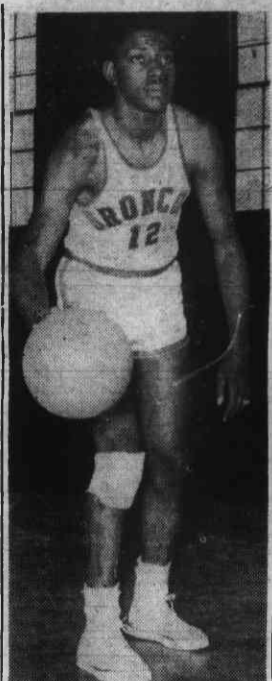
A large student ovation met Calhoun and NCC Track Coach L. T. Walker at the Raleigh-Durham Airport Sunday. The celebration was planned in honor of the Gary speedster's feat in tying the world indoor record in the 60 yards high hurdles at the NYAC meet last Saturday.

His Saturday night time of 7.1 marked the third time this season that Lightnin' Lee had broken even with the record books. Calhoun outraced Dillard at the Philadelphia Inquirer Games on Jan. 20 to equal the great "Bones" 6.0 in the 50 yards hurdles.

Running the next night, Jan. 21, in the Washington Evening Star's annual games, Calhoun equaled the world record in the 70 yards timber topping event.

In last Saturday night's contest, Calhoun finished ahead of Charley Pratt, one of the nation's great stars in this event and Joel Shankle, formerly of Duke. Shankle disqualified himself when he knocked over a hurdle.

Among the competitors in the AAU games this week are Shankle, Pratt, Lou Knight and Jack Davis, in addition to Dillard. Dillard withdrew from the finals of the Boston AC and



John (J.P.) Morgan has given Fayetteville State's Broncos a big boost this season with his workman like rebound play this season. A former Hillside high school stand-out, Morgan can shoot equally well with both hands and has demonstrated considerable hustle and team play. His 6'4" has made him one of the outstanding pivots in the conference, and he is being counted on to help the Fayetteville entry considerably in the tournament.

didn't compete in the Millrose games this year because of a leg ailment. Apparently Dillard now feels the leg is back in shape, for he's entered the AAU meet and seems to have his eyes, as does Calhoun, on the Olympics.

Tennessee Snaps Jackson College's Winning Streak At 22 Games

NASHVILLE, Tenn.
 Tennessee State broke Jackson College's 22 game-winning streak last week and toppled the Mississippians from their lofty perch at the top of the standings in district 29 of the NAIA.

The loss moved Maryland State into first place in the rankings, issued here this week from district 29 headquarters by its statistician J. B. McLendon.

The defeat by Tennessee also left the CIAA's Hawks the lone undefeated cager power among the district's teams. Coach Nat Taylor's Marylanders sport a 15-0 record for the season.

The young, fast breaking Tennessee team withstood a last half surge by powerful Jackson at Nashville last week to take the measure of the top ranked Mississippi team 93-87. Tennessee led at halftime, 52-33.

By virtue of their victory, coach Johnny McLendon's basketballers moved from fifth to fourth place, and Morehouse edged up from fifth to sixth.

Other changes in rankings saw Fisk drop from seventh to 11th place and Grambling slide down a notch from ninth to tenth. Fayetteville State, ranked tenth last week, was not ranked this week.

Little Knoxville College made the most dramatic surge

in the week's play. The East Tennessee cagers, leaders in overall scoring in the NAIA district, turned back their state rivals, Tennessee State, to move into seventh place in this week's standings. Howard also climbed back into the top ten, notching ninth spot in the rankings.

The only team whose rating remained unaffected by last week's play was Texas Southern. The Texans are still comfortably ensconced in third place.

Complete standings of the top 15 teams in district 29 of the NAIA, computed for games played through Feb. 9, including position, won and loss records, in parenthesis, and Dickinson ratings, are as follows:

- 1st-Maryland State (15-0), 28.59; 2nd-Jackson College (22-1) 27.91; 3rd-Texas Southern (19-2), 25.40; 4th-Tennessee State (18-5) 23.75; 5th-Morehouse (13-2), 23.12; 6th-Southern (14-3), 22.77; 7th-Knoxville (15-3), 22.27; 8th-Winston-Salem (17-3), 22.00; 9th-Howard (7-3), 21.42; 10th-Grambling (18-5), 20.38; 11th-Flak (13-6), 19.73; 12th-North Carolina A&T (14-6), 19.25; 13th-Prairie View (12-5), 19.11; 14th-Savannah State (7-2), 18.98; 15th-Virginia Union (8-3), 18.00

Eagles Virtually Notch Berth In Tournament With A&T Win

Floyd Brown's North Carolina College Eagles virtually clinched one of the eight berths in the CIAA's 11th tournament when the NCC quint scored a 68-44 win over Cal Irvin's A&T Aggies in Durham Saturday night.

The triumph was a sweet one for Brown who has been busy all season trying to mold a combination into a five man unit. There was sweetness, too, in avenging the Eagles' loss to the Aggies in Greensboro earlier this season, when, for the first time since 1951, the A and T team defeated the Eagles in basketball.

A game with Shaw University in Durham this coming Saturday will wrap up the season's play for the NCC quint. The Bears from Raleigh upended the Eagles in the only game between the two clubs so far this season.

A near capacity crowd yelled itself hoarse last Saturday as Charley Badger, the Peekskill, N.Y. junior who has developed fast since an early slow start, finished as high point man with 17 points in the NCC victory. Trailing Badger were James Sligh and Gilbert Riley who tallied 16 points each for the NCC cause.

Bill Smith with 15 and Joe Howell with 12 were outstanding for the Aggies.

Earlier during the week, the Eagles snatched two important victories from conference foes, stopping Morgan, 73-66, and defeating Union, 73-67.

A non conference victory over S. C. State was avenged later this week by the Orangeburg crew when they defeated Eagles in South Carolina by the same margin, 69-66, by which they had lost in Durham.

A victory over Shaw here Saturday would give the NCC quint an undisputed berth in the tournament. Final tabulations of team standings and announcement of pairings for the tournament will be revealed at NCC on Sunday, Feb. 19 after a meeting of the tournament committee.

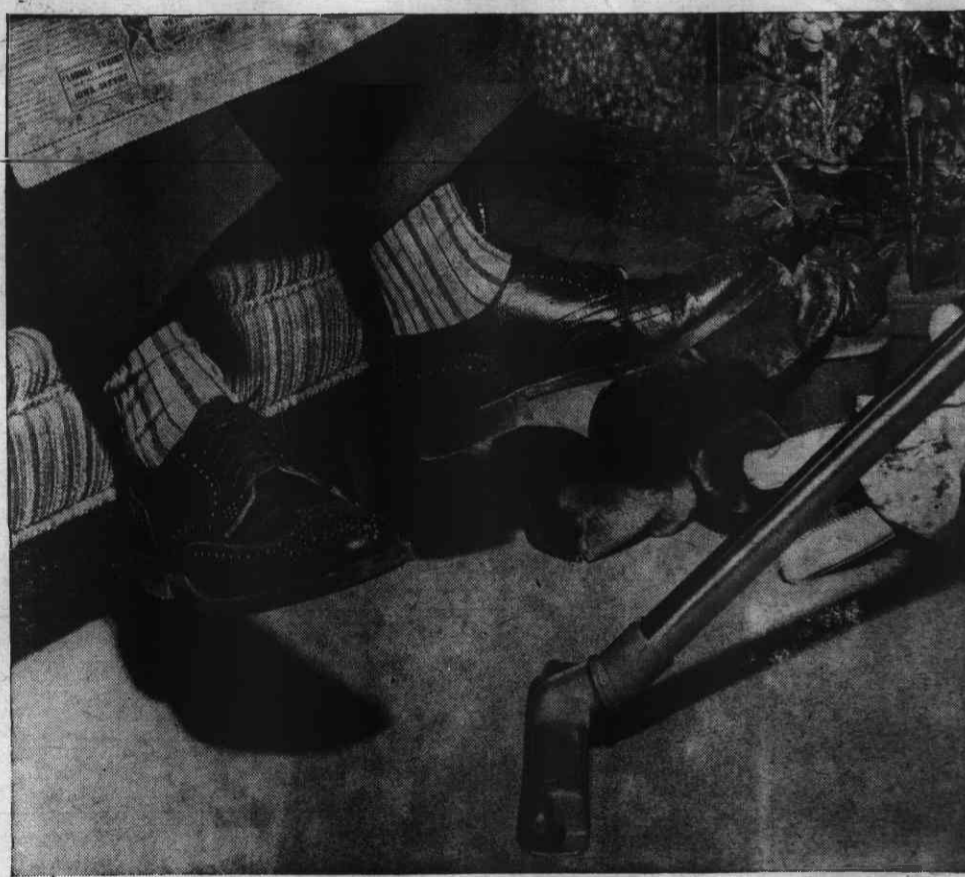
Defensively, the Eagles are second, according to current CIAA statistics. Shaw ranks seventh, having permitted their foes 74.6 points per game.

In other statistics, Shaw has the advantage, leading in field goal percentage, free throws and rebounds. Reginald Spears and team captain Ed Northington are expected to lead the Shaw attack.

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