

A&T And NCC Cagers To Meet In Big One

Drawings Are Scheduled For MWA A Feature

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Drawings and assignments of officials for the 1956-57 annual Mid-Western Athletic Championship Basketball Tournament, which will be held at Tennessee A and I State University, Nashville, Tennessee, Feb. 21, 22 and 23, will be held Wed. Feb. 20, at 7:00 p.m. according to an announcement by Raymond H. Kemp, Director of Athletics at the host institution and Chairman of the Tournament Committee.

A special luncheon for visiting coaches, athletic directors and officials will be held in the faculty dining room of the University cafeteria at 12:00 Thursday, February 21. The Tournament Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the faculty lounge of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. First session competition gets underway at 7:00 p.m. Thursday with the second session slated to begin the same hour Friday and the third session scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The upcoming tournament in the conference so well known for its basketball power shapes up as one of the real sports attractions of this or any year. No matter what the outcome of the drawings is, basketball fans attending the tournament in State's "Little Garden" can expect to see basketball at its very best from the tip-off in the opening session to the final whistle in the championship encounter.

Tennessee Is Host To MWA A Cage Tourney

NASHVILLE, TENN. Tennessee A and I State University's "Little Garden" will be the scene of the MWA A Basketball Tournament which is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 21, 22 and 23.

Tennessee, the host team, won the tournament last season. Coach Johnny McLendon's charges have better than an even chance to repeat this year although Jackson State College at this point has the best overall record of any team in the conference.

The six teams representing the six institutions which make up the MWA A loop play for keeps though and any one of the other four teams—Kentucky State, Lincoln University, Central State and Grambling College—is capable of upsetting the dope bucket.

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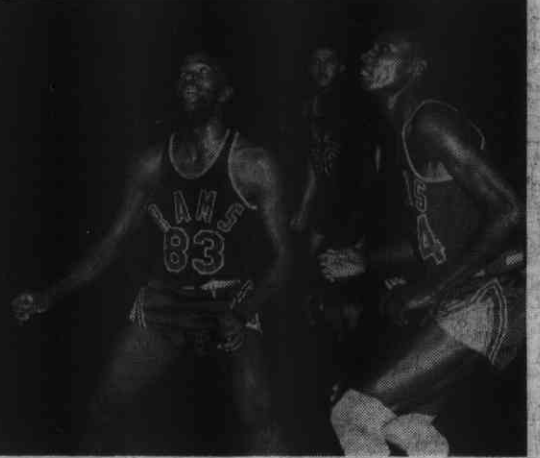
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Saturday night's meeting between the league-leading A and T College Aggies and second place North Carolina College should prove to be one of the most important contests of the season in the CIAA. The two teams square off at Greensboro at eight. Although Virginia State proved last week that the Aggies are not entirely superhuman, if Cal Irvin's sharpshooters can get by the Eagles Saturday night, Greensboro fans might be safe in breaking out their championship pennants. After Saturday, the Aggies, with a 12-1 record as of Feb. 6, only play return matches with Shaw, N. C. College and Winston-Salem. These three games may be enough to kill the Aggies' hopes, however, especially since the NCC and WSTC games are played on the enemy courts. Of course, all of this presupposes A and T victories over Morgan Tuesday and Bluefield Thursday. Both games are at Greensboro.

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Floyd Patterson Intent On Avoiding Financial Woes

CHICAGO, Ill. Floyd Patterson, the youthful heavyweight boxing champion who loves to ride horses almost as much as he loves the prize-fight game, writes in the March EBONY that he intends avoiding the money troubles that have plagued other boxing champs. Writes Floyd: "I don't intend to wind up broke. I have always admired Joe Louis, but his career shows how a fighter can surround himself with a lot of people, spend money too freely and end up in the hole." It was a statement to the press by Joe Louis, while Patterson was in training for his fight with Archie Moore, that piqued the young boxer and fired his desire to win the championship. Patterson writes: "Joe visited my training camp just before the Moore fight and went to the press and said that I didn't have a punch. Now no fighter likes to hear that said about him. His statement just made me want to win all the harder." Reviewing his brief career Patterson writes that his most crucial bout was the one he lost to Joe Maxim back in 1954 when he was 19. "Now I'm glad I lost that one. It made me realize what it felt like to lose and I didn't like that feeling at all. My first real loss made me change my style. I began to place my punches more and concentrated on sharpness. I also stopped jumping up and around so much too."

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Miss Sarah Dotson, president of the Durham Chapter of the Housewives League of America, is shown here with two CIAA Basketball Tournament planners slawing one of several trophies to be presented during three day basketball series at North Carolina College in Durham February 28 and March 1 and 2. Miss Dotson, of 704 Fayetteville Street, will serve as Housing Coordinator for out-of-town tourney visitors. CIAA representative at left is Joseph Thompson, St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute, Lawrenceville, Va., and at right is NCC Coach Floyd Brown of Durham. Record crowds are expected for the CIAA's 13th Annual

Jackson Quint Escapes Upsets

JACKSON, Miss. If Harrison B. Wilson, coach of the front running Jackson State College Tigers, did not have that natural "gray" patch for which he is so widely known, it is a safe bet that after the last four games he would have acquired more than his share of gray hair. An improved and inspired Tougaloo Southern Bulldog five seemed to sense that they were working on the upset of the season and battled right down to the wire before finally dropping a 74-72 contest to the perfect-record Tigers. The Tigers led by the slimmest margin possible at the half (29-28) and were never more than nine points out front. In the end, the Bulldogs threatened (continued on page 8)

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