

# A&T Wins Winston-Salem Holiday Tournament

## Second Holiday Cage Event Is Big Success



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Winston-Salem, Whitaker's Gymnasium. The second annual holiday festival tournament can be termed a success. After two years the tournament has come alive to be one of the must on the holiday list of visiting places. The four teams participating are a natural in view of the fact that during the regular season they are staunch arch-rivals. North Carolina College Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina A and T College and the host team Winston-Salem Teachers College make up the four teams.

Winston-Salem is a basketball hot-bed. Winston-Salem Atkins High and Carver High consistently put out winning combinations and the Rams and Teachers College need no introduction to cage fans. Fans here turn out in droves to support these teams. The tournament drew fans from the Charlotte area and some parts of Virginia.

This writer had the pleasure or misfortune of sitting between Ellis Corbett, Public Relations Director of A and T and Coach Gus Gains of Winston-Salem. Now anybody else would know that this is a mistake to be any where near these two when A and T and TC are playing. Both are very vocal and don't mind being heard.

While talking to Corbett we got some interesting stories from him. One is that the only thing that A and T College has lost in Durham in the last three years is a whole lot of time. Another story concerns Winston-Salem's fabulous Cleo Hill, the nation's small college leading scorer.

According to Corbett when fellow coaches went to New Jersey to try and lure Hill to their school, it is understood that Hill said if he went to any school that they would have to take Artie Johnson, WSTC captain. One coach looked at Hill and said if Johnson (5' 5") wears one of my school's uniforms he would quit coaching. Hill and Johnson wound up at TC.

While on the Hill subject, prior to the Holiday Tournament he was leading the nation's small colleges in scoring with a 33.6 scoring average. Friday night against North Carolina College he was held to 14 points and on Saturday against A and T he scored 19. A total of 33 points for the tournament. He'll have to start on another scoring rampage to regain his average. This fellow can do it he has every shot in the book and can shoot it with either hand.

Aside from being a prolific basketball scorer, Hill is quite a dresser. He wears his pants cut about one foot. He cuts his sports coats sleeves to the size of a sport shirt and wears a open collar with a loose tie. The colors: many of em.

A and T College likes to meet giants. The Aggies met undefeated Smith on Friday and defeated them. Saturday night against undefeated Winston-Salem they knocked off another undefeated team.

How good is this Teachers College team? They've added Charlie Riley and George Foree to go along with Hill. Johnson and Monterio. A veteran crew. Against an A and T team minus Howell, Attles, Harrison they stumbled.

Coach Floyd Brown, NCC, was pleased with the performance of his Eagles, especially the way they fought from a six point halftime deficit to defeat Johnson C. Smith University. The Eagles outrebounded and outshot the Golden Bulls in the second half and this was good enough for a 76-73 victory over them. Prior to the Christmas holidays the Bulls defeated NCC 82-76.

Preston Lewis, NCC captain, regained a starting berth in the tournament and he really showed his appreciation for it by pumping in 22 points against Smith. Lewis also grabbed 18 rebounds in the consolation game.

SADDEST looking sight in the Winston-Salem Whitakers gymnasium during the two days of the holiday tournament was Durham's Charles (Ginus) Brown, former Hillside basketball and tennis star. A freshman at Winston-Salem Teachers, Charles is manager the basketball team. Minus a basketball uniform, he looked out of place, and, to this reporter, seemed to miss being in action. Remembering him from his high school days, we got the feeling that his presence in any of the teams line-up would have added to the overall calibre of play. Brown was lured to Winston-Salem after a three way battle between Hampton, NCC and WSTC for the services.



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## Holiday Tourney Trophies



VICTORY SMILES — Al Attles and Joe Cotton, cocaptains of the A&T College Aggies, accept the championship trophy after having won the Winston-Salem Holiday Festival Basketball

Tournament on Saturday, January 2. Clifton Matthews, representative of a Winston-Salem soft drink bottler, makes the presentation. The Aggies whipped

85-82, in the first round and defeated Winston-Salem Teachers College, 63-59, in the finals. N. C. College, the fourth team, defeated Smith, 76-73, in the consolation bracket.

## Bull City Cage Standings

Men's Division			
Boys Club, II	4	0	1,000
White Rock	3	0	1,000
D. B. C.	2	0	1,000
Vikings	2	1	.666
Boys Club, I	1	2	.333
Satellites	0	3	.000
Warhawks	0	3	.000
Women's Division			
S. B. C.	3	0	1,000
DeShazor's	2	1	.666
Lincoln Nurses	1	2	.333
D. B. C.	0	3	.000

Bull City Schedule	
Jan. 11—Boys Club, I, vs. Bull City Barber College, 8 p.m.; Southeastern Business College vs. Durham Business College, 7:15 p.m.; Warhawks vs. Satellites.	
Jan. 12—White Rock vs. W. D. Vikings, 8 p.m.; Lincoln Hospital Nurses vs. DeShazor's Beauty College, 7:15 p.m.; Boys Club vs. Durham Business College, 8:15 p.m.	

## Race-Conscious Nevada Problem For Olympics

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The Los Angeles Tribune reported this week that American Olympic and Nevada officials have scheduled a series of conferences to avoid what might turn into an embarrassing situation for this country at the winter olympics, scheduled at Squaw Valley in Nevada this month.

The reason for the imminent crisis, the Tribune reports, is that the state of Nevada maintains southern traditions as regards accommodations for races. Segregation is a way of life for the western state, the Tribune reports.

The winter sports event is expected to attract not only athletes but visitors from many parts of the world. The question of providing accommodations for the visitors could be a touchy one if a number of colored spectators show up.

In that connection, it is reported See OLYMPICS, page 9

## Calhoun to Race In Los Angeles

Lee Calhoun, 1956 Olympics hurdles champion, will race in the Los Angeles invitational track meet on Jan. 23, it was revealed this week.

This is the first in what many observers believe is a series of warm-up in which the hurdling champion is preparing to defend his 1956 world title.

Calhoun, active last year after sitting out a one year's enforced inactivity brought on by an AAU suspension, had a good season.

His best time was below his 1956 records and he suffered two defeats one of which came at the hands of Hayes Jones, of Eastern Michigan.



CONSOLATION—North Carolina College captain gets consolation trophy for second annual Winston-Salem holiday tournament from Clifton Matthews. The Eagles defeated J. C. Smith

in the tournament's consolation bracket.

## "We Have No Talent"

# A&T Cage Coach Wonders How Team Keeps Winning

Coach Cal Irwin, A&T College, was walking around in front of his bench in circles, stopping every once in a while to receive a pat from an Aggie follower congratulating him and his team on capturing the second annual Holiday Festival tournament.

"We have no skill, yet we win!" It's amazing how these kids hustle to overcome their shortcomings. These were the words Irwin used to sum up how his Aggies had marched over Winston-Salem Teachers College to gain championship honors.

A&T came into the tournament with a record of five wins and one defeat. The Aggies lone loss came at the hands of Prairie View in the Georgia Invitational Tournament. They met J. C. Smith on Friday night and derailed the unbeaten Bulls 85-82 in a thriller to gain the finale.

The Aggies in winning lost the services of their star backcourt ace Al Attles. Attles ran into the bleachers and pulled a groin muscle. The Aggies Captain dressed for the finals. However, in the warm-up session, Attles found that he couldn't make it and Irwin pulled him to avoid further injury.

Irwin said that this was his worst team in terms of skill. However, they always rise to the occasion to play good ball to win. Commenting further, Irwin said, "take tonight's game. The fellows saw that Attles wouldn't be able to play and we got good performances out of them."

The Aggie coach had high praise for Hank Marshall. Marshall was voted the team's most valuable player. Irwin was worried about Marshall at the start of the tournament. This was his first game since he had that bad spill over

at Raleigh against Saint Augustine. He feared that his 6-5 forward would be a bit gun shy. However, he dispelled all that thinking with a sparkling performance in the first game and an even better one in the finals.

When asked who he thought had the best team in the league, Irwin said that J. C. Smith is one of the toughest he's faced all season. "They have men who are capable of breaking your back. You cannot relax against any of them."

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AGGIE "BIG GUNS"—Cal Irwin, left, head basketball coach for the champion A&T College Aggies, chats with four of his "big guns" who form the nucleus of

## Aggies Defeat J. C. Smith, Winston-Salem Without Services of Attles; N. C. College Wins Consolation

By PERRY LEAZER

WINSTON-SALEM — Whitakers gymnasium—North Carolina A&T College gained sweet revenge over their arch rivals by crowning Winston-Salem Teachers College to win the championship honors in the second annual Holiday Festival Tournament. The Aggies outperformed the Rams by 63-59.

The Aggies playing minus the services of their stellar backcourt ace, Al Attles led most of the way but could not break the game open. They held a narrow halftime lead of 32-31 and finally pushed it to 63-57 with a minutes remaining.

Hank Marshall, 6-5 forward, rose to the occasion to lead the Aggies over the Rams. Playing perhaps his best game of the season the New Jersey native rebounded brilliantly, displayed masterful ball control and led the scoring in the second half.

Marshall, sank seven field goals and five free throws to lead the scorers with 19 points. Herb Gray followed Marshall with 18 points. Cleo Hill of the Teachers and the

nation's top small college scorer with a 33.6 scoring average was held to 19 points.

The Most valuable player award went to A&T's Marshall. Marshall was also named to the All Tournament team along with teammate Herb Gray. Others making the team were Hill and Charlie Riley of Winston-Salem and Fred Neal and Clarence Barnes of J. C. Smith.

In the consolation game North Carolina College edged J. C. Smith 76-73.

NCC trailed 37-31 at the half time, but four timely baskets by Donald Stokes in the first two minutes of the second got the Eagles rolling and from then on they swept the Bulls of Charlotte off their feet.

Captain Preston "Tree" Lewis led the second half assault on the J. C. Smith five. The Pikeville native scored seven field goals and one free throw in the second half for a total of 15 points in the second period. For the evening Lewis scored 22 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, with 13 coming in the rallying second half.

Aiding Lewis in the second period was Don Stokes. Stokes and Lewis controlled both backboards and passed brilliantly to NCC's fast breaking guards "Cappy" Boone and Jim McMillan performed well for the Eagles.

Lewis and Stokes were the scoring leaders for the Eagles with 22 and 18 points respectively. Freddy Neal and John Crawford led the Bulls with 24 and 20 apiece.

A&T College gained the finals by trimming Johnson C. Smith 83-82. Winston-Salem got to the finals by downing North Carolina College 63-61.

Al Attles' accurate shooting, aggressiveness and ball handling gave A&T the victory. He scored eight field goals and eight straight free throws to lead both teams in scoring with 24 points.

Herbert Gray followed Attles in the scoring column with 20 points. Marshall had 17 points and Walt Holtzclaw had 13. Five Smith players led by Clarence Barnes with 20, scored in the double column. Neal (19) G. Johnson (14) Hinriant (13) and Crawford (18).

Winston-Salem erased a 33-30 halftime lead by NCC to gain the finals. With Charlie Riley scoring 13 points in the second half the Rams were able to overcome the lead by the Eagles. Neither team was hot in shooting during the evening.

Foree hit twice, and Hill sank a free throw at the start of the second half to give the Rams a 35-33 lead. Martin tied the score for the Eagles; then Riley's free throw put the Rams ahead to stay. The Rams stretched their lead to 47-40 before the Eagles scored again. A layup by Stokes—NCC's fifth and six straight points—put the Eagles in front 52-51 with 7:40 to play.

Twenty seconds later, Riley scored to start a seven point rally. Riley made five of seven free throws to give the Rams a 58-52

lead, and that was the game. The Eagles came charging back but time ran out.



A&T'S MARSHALL



LEWIS OF NCC

## CIAA Tourney Planners Set Jan. 10 Meeting

GREENSBORO — William Bell, Athletic Director at A&T College, Greensboro, this week announced a second meeting of the CIAA's 15th annual Basketball Tournament Committee to be held here on January 10.

Bell said that the Committee in an earlier meeting had inspected Greensboro War Memorial Coliseum on December 6. "Everyone was delighted with the facilities," Bell said.

Bob Kent, Coliseum manager, conducted a tour of the four million dollar facility. It has seating accommodations for more than 9,000. Parking space is available for more than 3,000 cars.

Ellis F. Corbett, A&T Public Relations Director, has been named Chairman of a local Advisory Committee on Publicity and Promotion.

According to L. D. Smith, 15th Tournament Committee Chairman, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Corbett will be involved in publicity and promotion at all levels. He will have the assistance of the CIAA News Service whose director is Charles A. Ray of N. C. College, Durham.

Bell and Corbett indicated here today that Greensboro citizens would open "their doors and hearts" to the tournament.

Greensboro War Memorial Coliseum is in its first year of operation. It has already attracted an outstanding array of events.

Dimension wise, the Coliseum wall to wall is 314 x 202 feet. The actual Coliseum floor is 212 ft x 100.

Prospective tournament spectators will be able to order seats in advance by addressing Robert H. Kent, Manager, Greensboro War Memorial Auditorium/Coliseum, Drawer W-2, Greensboro, N. C.