

Jamilton's Bill Neilson Vying To Repeat as CIAA Singles Champ

HAMPTON, Va. (CIAA News Service) — Can Billy Neilson become the first CIAA singles champion to successfully defend his title in more than a decade in the upcoming Tennis Championships? This is the big question as the 37th annual Tournament convenes on May 10-12 at Hampton Institute's ultra-modern tennis courts.

Neilson, the Pirates' no. 1 netter, must contend with three of the CIAA's most outstanding performers in his quest to repeat as the conference's king in the singles. No player has been able to win two consecutive singles championships since Ernest "Slick" Holland accomplished this feat in 1950 and '51. Joe Williams, North Carolina College's top singles performer, poses as the most serious threat in Neilson's path toward duplicating this feat. However, like Neilson, must also face the difficult task of getting past Hampton's Doug Smith who is not as spectacular, but considered by many to be far more steady than Neilson, and Winston-Salem's Charley Brown.

On the basis of season play, Williams is being claimed by many as the heir apparent to the singles title. The nationally ranked Eagles' netter, just a

first year collegian, handled Neilson in two regular season meetings with ease. However, in order to become the second freshman in CIAA history to win the singles' championship, he has a rough road ahead, with the task of meeting both Smith or Brown and Neilson before he reaches that title-claiming peak.

Williams, unbeaten in loop play, should draw the top-seeded spot, while Neilson is expected to rank no. 2. The third seed will be between Smith and Brown. Although playing the number two spot on his squad, Smith has beaten John C. Smith's no. 1 netter, Hank Bowers. This may give him the edge in the seeding over Brown, who last in the finals to Neilson in '61.

Neilson's two losses to Williams have been his only defeats of the season, while Smith has been unbeaten in conference play.

While pounding his way into the spot of the CIAA seedings, Williams has beaten the CIAA's top netters, with impressive wins also over Bowers, Brown and Howard University's John Christian.

In doubles play, Neilson and Smith, playing together, will probably draw the top seed in doubles contention, while Williams and Eli Singleton will be seeded second.

Jackson and Texas Southern To Meet On Gridiron Nov. 10

JACKSONVILLE, MISS. — Five members of the Mobile, Alabama Claver Classic group met with members of the Jackson State College Athletic Committee to complete plans for the third annual Claver Classic football contest. Jackson State meets Texas Southern for the second time, November 10, in Ladd Memorial Stadium at Mobile.

Last year, Jackson State suffered its lone defeat at the hands of Southern 17-7 in the second annual event. The Tigers thrashed Texas Southern 48-26 in the opener in 1960.

Persons attending the committee meeting here were: John Stallworth, James Long, William Guilford, Emile Easton, and George Lang, all of Mobile; President Jacob L. Smith, T. R. Ellis, W. O. Robinson, B.H. Bailey, and R. E. Lee of Jackson State College.

Hawkins Netters To Play in ATA Championships

By Merlan Carter

GREENSBORO — The Star Hawkins tennis team, winners of four interscholastic crowns this year, will play in the A. T. A. National Championships at A. and T. College May 10-12.

The Texas team, consisting of Judith Prince (last year's runner-up in the National Intercollegiate) and Imogene Williams, will play singles and doubles. John King, Timon Amos and John Perpener will shoot for boys' singles and doubles.

Winston-Salem Seeking Fourth CIAA Golf Title

WINSTON-SALEM, (CIAA News Service) — Winston-Salem Teachers College's golfers will be shooting for their fourth consecutive CIAA golf title when the 4th annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Ass'n's Golf Championships are held here at the Winston-Lake Golf Course, May 11-12.

The Rams' top seeded Bernard Bell, the 1960 individual medalist in tournament play, will be out to regain the title he lost last year to Maryland State's powerful and free-swinging Robert Taylor.

In addition to the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College and Livingstone College of Salisbury, N. C., seven CIAA schools will be competing for the conference championship. The Norfolk, Va. institution and Livingstone College, newly-admitted members to the CIAA, will compete in the tournament but will not be eligible for championship honors this year.

Along with defending title, Winston-Salem, teams from Johnson C. Smith University, Elizabeth City Teachers College, St. Paul's College, Howard University, Morgan State College and Maryland State College have been entered in the 4th annual tournament.

Bell, a junior from Washington, D. C., won the medalist title in 1960 as a freshman, but lost the crown to Taylor, a 225-pound All-American football candidate at Maryland State. Both are rated consistent golfers, and have played well during the season.

Bell and his teammates, Richard Hansberry and Nelson Guthrie, have been rough on regular season opposition this year. This trio has led the Rams to an undefeated season in 12 matches against conference and non-conference foes. All three have been shooting in the 80's with consistency, but Bell and Hansberry have been just short of spectacular, carding scores 82 and 84 twice during the past week in dual meet play.

Because of their sterling play during the regular season, Tom Conrad's Rams have been cast in the favorite's role to annex their fourth straight golf title in CIAA play. Any other team's rise to the occasion would be a bit of a surprise in the annual championship tournament.



LAWSON SMART, MORGAN'S WORKHORSE

Md. State and Morgan State Square In Battle for CIAA Track Title

By John A. Holley

BALTIMORE, Md. (CIAA News Service) — Maryland State College, with the versatile Russell Rogers and Charley Mays headlining a cast of outstanding hurriers, and Morgan State College, the host team, led by Lawson Smart and Wilmore Davis, square in the battle for the CIAA track title, currently held by the Eastern shore Hawks, and the lion's share of the honors in the 41st running of the annual CIAA Track and Field Championships here in the Bears' Stadium, Friday and Saturday, May 11-12.

North Carolina College, Winston-Salem Teachers College and Virginia State College are expected to supply enough arsenal to make clinching the championship by either the Hawks or the Bears a down to the wire affair.

Once again, Eddie Hurt, the Bears' mentor and also meet director, has a strong challenging outfit that is expected to give the heralded Hawks' star-studded array of runners a real run for the conference crown.

Clifton Anderson's club won the championship last year, beating NCC's Eagles in the last event of the day. On this year's 17-event card, there will be individual champions defending their titles, headed by Russ Rogers' defense in the 120-yard high hurdles and the 220-yard low hurdles, Hewitt Joyner, Delaware State's distance runner, in the mile and two mile events, and Maryland State Al Santio in the shotput and the discus.

In the relays, North Carolina College returns in quest of both the sprint medley and mile relay titles which they won a year ago, but are already counted out in the mile relay where both Morgan State and Maryland State have better clockings.

Anderson's foursome of Earl Rogers and Jim Phipps, teamed with Russ, the famous cousin of Earl, and Mays, have covered the distance in 3:12.9, while Hurt's quartet of John Bethea and Winston-Salem's Ken Shepard could make it a tight race, however, in the 120 yard high hurdles, at peak form, could unsettle Roger in the low hurdle event too.

In the quarter mile high hurdles, where Rogers is expected to try for a sweep in the hurdles races, it will be a real battle with Smart, who finished third in both the NCAA (51.9) and the National AAU (51.9) providing the opposition; and even tighter if Walker elects to run McCray in the

event too.

McCray, who pulled off the most startling run in last year's championships, in winning the half mile as an unheralded freshman, should defend his crown easily this year. Already credited with a 1:53 flat in this event, his top contention for the repeat in the 880 will come from Morgan State's Ray Ivey, a sophomore with a 1:55.3 clocking, and Hampton's Horner, if Jimmy Griffin elects to run him in the half instead of the quarter.

Mays is expected to annex his first CIAA broad jump title, replacing Godfrey Moore of Winston-Salem, who graduated. Wilmore Davis stands alone as the conference's best high jumper.

In the hop, step and jump, the title vacated by the departure of Eddie Bush of Maryland State, Mays is the no. 1 contender, but a sleeper in freshman Norman Tate at NCC, could upset Mays in this event. Already Tate has leaped 45 feet, while Mays' best jump has been 44.1. Two other strong contenders will be Winston-Salem's Robert Jackson and Morgan State Don Bowie, both credited with 44 foot leaps this season.

In the field, it figures to be a tug of war between Maryland State's Santio, A. and T.'s Alex Gaines and Virginia State's Lucius Shuler for the spotlight. Last year, Shuler came away with all the accolades as he set a new javelin record with a 205-1 heave. However, Gaines, if he lives up to the expectations predicted for him by track experts, will be the toast of the field events this year.

Not only is the 6-2, 225 pound first year shotputter being predicted to take the shotput title away from Santio, but he is expected to be throwing beyond the 50-foot mark, making overtures at the existing CIAA record of 50-9. His longest toss this season has been

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Field Events to Hold Spotlight at 41st CIAA Track Championships

HAMPTON, Va. (CIAA News Service) — Not since the late forties has the CIAA Track and Field Championships offered such keen competition in the field events as it will present this year when the meet convenes at Morgan State College's Hughes Stadium in Baltimore, May 11-12.

In the shotput, discus throw and the javelin throw, outstanding performers will collide for the first time in many instances. The long awaited duel in the shotput between two of the CIAA's most outstanding freshmen, A. and T.'s Alex Gaines and Delaware State's James Kennedy, to say nothing of the presence of defending champ, Al Santio of Maryland State, makes this event the most competitive in over a decade of conference championships.

In the discus, Santio ranks all alone, being one of the top heavies in this event on the entire east coast. The same goes for the javelin throw, if Vir-

ginia State's Lucius Shuler is in his rare throwing form again. However, up and coming new faces in both the discus and the javelin are expected to surprise the throngs of expected spectators who will witness the 41st annual running of the CIAA championships.

With Gaines, whom many track experts have predicted will be beyond the 50-foot mark by this time, and Santio hooking up in the shotput, the existing record of 50-9 set by Delaware State's Obie Palmer back in 1949, will be in danger of being shattered.

Already this season, the 6-2 and half, 225 pound Aggie freshmanman from Newport News, Va., has heaved the 16-pound roundball for 49-3 and half. He accomplished this at the Quantico Relays competing against the likes of N. Y. U.'s Gary Gubner, Dave Davis of the Camp Pendleton Marines and Villanova's Billy Joe, while Santio watched from the sidelines.

Bowden Continues to Clout CIAA Pitching; Cotton Top Moundsman

HAMPTON, Va. (CIAA News Service) — Sim Bowden, A. and T. College's fleet footed outfielder, continues his assault on the CIAA's pitchers, clouting the ball for a .550 batting average. Fayetteville State's Willard Cotton took over the no. 1 spot among the conference's pitching leaders.

According to statistics, released by the conference's news service here today, Bowden picked up four hits in eight trips to the plate this past week, giving him a total of 11 safe baseknocks in 20 official appearances at the plate. Shaw University's Billy Hartsfield, the peppery shortstop, hitting .476, holds down the runnerup spot, followed by his teammate, Theodore Powell (.450).

Cotton ranks second in the league in innings pitched, 32,

and has the best earned run average, a respectable 2.25. He has held his opponents to just eight earned runs, struck out 32 enemy batters and has walked only six. Shaw University's Leon Waddell, tied with Cotton for the E. R. A. lead, 2.25, has been in just 12 innings, but has allowed only three earned runs and has struck out 13.

Howard University's Staley Jackson moved into the lead as the loop's top RBI leader. The Bisons' catcher has knocked in 13 runs in 10 games. Not far behind in the RBI department are Hampton's Garrell Hartman and Fayetteville's Marilyn Walker, both tied with 12 RBIs a piece.

Michael Smith, the ace of the A. and T. Aggies' pitching staff, leads the circuit in wins. He has 3 and 0 record with 13 and two

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