

# Eagles Win Over Shaw 110-100

## SPORTS VIDEO

By EARL MASON

### CAGE SEASON OPENS

By the time these times reach the printed page, high school basketball teams will be ready to take their holiday break from the hardwood. The first three weeks of the campaign has shown signs of maturity.

Durham has three of the best teams in the state. And to make things better, each team is in a different classification of the N. C. High School Athletic Conference. Schools in North Carolina are classified either 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A in athletic competition according to the enrollment of the school. As in most states, officials feel that a school with a larger number of boys to select from has a better chance to develop a high caliber of basketball.

Classification means very little if anything. Last year, Little River, considered in the lower class of the division, defeated Hillside and Merrick-Moore. So you can see from this that it is not the size of the school that counts but rather the ability and the determination of the boys.

Little River is classed 1-A, Merrick-Moore 3-A, and Hillside, 4-A. Usually, when it is time for the State Championship playoffs a trio of teams from the full city are represented in the playoffs.

Last year in Greensboro, Little River won the State 1-A championship for the second straight year. Coach Irwin Johnson's Dixie Beavers have four of his starters returning from that team and will be ranked number one in the state A class this year.

Coach Harry Edmonds' Merrick-Moore eagles advanced to the finals of the 3-A Tournament before they lost a thrilling 54-52 overtime decision to Winston-Salem's Paisley High for the State Crown. Merrick-Moore boys from the 1963-64 squad and will certainly be gunning for all the trophies this year instead of just a portion of them.

Hillside tutored by Carl "Bear" Easterling was dominant in the State 4-A playoffs in the first round last year in the Gate City. The home-standing Dudley Panthers defeated the Hornets 71-60 in the initial round. Easterling will have his one-two scoring punch of Thomas Long and George Outlaw. Returning from that squad this year, The Hornets will be one of the contenders for the State Championship this campaign.

**OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR**  
After December 11, the three local teams have nothing to be ashamed of. The boys on these different teams are always rooting for each other until it is time to meet each other on the hardwood. Then the rivalry is keen but when the final whistle blows, the boys are friends again.

Little River has a 6-1 record, Hillside, 3-0, and Merrick-Moore 1-2 to date. The Beavers only loss was to Hillside, and Merrick-Moore lost two games by a total of five points. According to the coaches, the season is divided into two halves — the regular season and the tournament. The coaches try to drill their teams so by the time the dribble derby rolls around, the boys will be at their peaks for the tournament in March.

During the regular season, teams usually play the teams on their schedules twice. If you win the first game, the members of the other team will say, "Wait until the next time." But in the tournament, there will be no tomorrow — once over and you are through.

Everyone likes to win but these coaches will give their weights in gold if they could win the State Championship in their respective divisions. If these teams lost every game they played during the regular season but, could win the State Playoffs, the coaches at Little River, Merrick-Moore, and Hillside would be happy.

**PROGRESS REPORT THUS FAR!**  
Hillside and Little River are off to flying starts but Merrick-Moore has been a little slow getting off the blocks. This pillar believes that by the time the Tournament rolls around, all of them will be at their best.

Coach Easterling has utilized his pressure defense. More scoring balance and his starting "eight" to great advantage in his first three wins — all at home. Now the Hornets will take to the road for the next four games and the first stop will be at Little River. Coach Johnson's eagles will be out to get revenge for the 101-92 loss, suffered to Hillside two weeks ago.

This corner does not see how Little River can miss this year. With the experience and the ability the boys at Little River have, they are like money in the bank — good enough to repeat as State Champions again.

Merrick-Moore will find itself going down the stretch. Several of the boys along with Coach Edmonds, were involved in a long football season and have not found themselves as yet. Three starters on the state championship football team are prominent figures in Edmonds' plans for the 1964-65 year. Kenneth Davis, Larry Jones, and Robert Mack were starters on the pigskin team. You can count on the Tigers being around for the state playoff. The Hornets are off to a perfect start but Easterling will keep his boys ready for the tournament.

## Bears also Suffer Loss to Virginia Union Panthers

The Shaw University Bears dropped two conference games in their week's activities; first to the Panthers of Virginia Union, on Thursday, December 10, in Richmond, Virginia and to the Eagles of North Carolina College, on Saturday, December 12, in Raleigh.

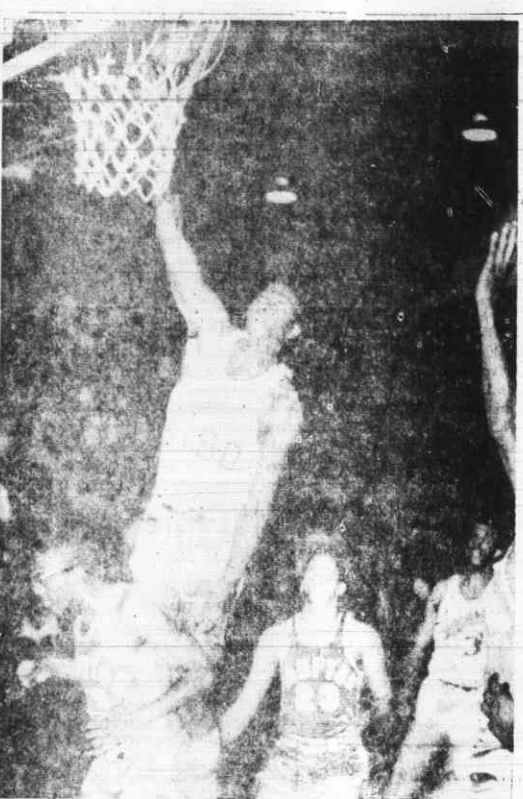
In their game against the Panthers of Virginia Union, the Shaw Bears grabbed the lead in the first half and stayed from four to five points ahead of the Panthers for the first half, with the half-time score being the Shaw Bears 34 and the Panthers of Union 30. However, in the second half, the Panthers returned to give the Bears a hard way to go. With 4:00 minutes left in the game, the score was 63-62 in favor of Union and they had possession of the ball. At that point, Art Niles and John Payne, who had 19 points each, lead a Union spurt that moved them to a final score of 79-66.

In their second game of the week, the Shaw University Bears were out-flown by the "Flying" Eagles of North Carolina College of Durham, by a score of 110-100. The Eagles tied the game at two all, with 18:11 to go in the first half, and commanded the game from then on, with the exception of a hot spurt by the Bears in the final minutes of the game.

With 11:21 to go in the half, little (5' 8") Gus Jones lead a hot spurt with his shooting of 30 and 35 footers. Also in on this hot spurt for the Eagles was big 6' 4", Ted Manning, NCC's great forward. As a result of this spurt, the Eagles were ahead 48-31 at half-time.

With a 22 point lead and 14:28 to go, the Eagles were then attacked by the hard-hustling Shaw Bears. Ira Mitchell, little 5' 10" guard for Shaw, led this drive. Mitchell was terrific on his drive shots, and on the free throw line, where he collected 9 out of 9 shots. Mitchell finished the game with 24 points, all of which came in the 2nd half of play. Also in on this Shaw drive was George Gerald, freshman forward, and Joe Byers, who finished as high point man for the Bears with 26 points. With the NCC lead still dwindling, at 1:59, the Eagles lead was cut to five points at 96-91. However, the hot-shooting of big Ted Manning proved to be the deciding factor of the game, enabling the Eagles to close out with a 110-100 victory. Manning was actually the story of the game, with his great jumping and phenomenal shooting. He finished the game with 45 points, 29 of which came in the 2nd half.

The Bears' of Shaw University close out their pre-holiday schedule with two games this week. On Wednesday, December 16, the Bears will be at Elizabeth City State, Elizabeth City, and will journey to Virginia State in Petersburg, Virginia, on Thursday, the 17th.



**AGGIE SCORE**—Dewey Williams (50) center for the A. and T. College Aggies, scores a layup in the game played last week against Hampton Institute. Hampton's Marvin Brandon, left, and Bill Fuller (23), await the rebound which never came. A. and T. won the ball game 73-60.

### M-M TIGERS GAIN FIRST WIN OF CAGE SEASON

**HENDERSON** — The Merrick-Moore Tigers chalked up their initial win of the season after two losses here Friday night with an easy 62-41 triumph over Henderson Institute.

Robert Mack and Parnell Turrentine led the winners' attack with 18 and 16 points, respectively. The Tigers took an early lead and held a 12-point advantage at intermission.

Robert Harrrove led Henderson with points.

**H. I. JAYVEES WIN**  
James Griffin scored 14 points to pace the Henderson school's Jayvee Club to a 38-27 victory over the Merrick-Moore juniors. Alfred Brunson paced the losers with 10 points.

**MORRE MOORE (62)** Henderson (41)  
Turrentine 16, Mack 18, Harrrove 12, Mack 12, Brunson 10, Parsons 7, Henderson 6, Gibbs 1, Moore 7, Crows 7  
Subs: Merrick-Moore—Reddish 4, Jones 2, Davis 1, Davis 4, Henderson—H. I. J. Boyd, Galloway.  
Score at half: Merrick-Moore 25, Henderson 12.

### Aggies Whip HI Pirates 73-60 in Cage Opener

**GREENSBORO**—The A. and T. College Aggies last week picked up their first conference win of the season by crushing Hampton Institute, 73-60, in a basketball opener played here at the Charles Moore Gymnasium.

Behind by five points at intermission, the Aggies chopped away at the lead early in the second period and won the ball game going away.

The victory came only after A. and T. had found a way to slow Hampton's "hot shot," Norman Bonner. Bonner burned the baskets with 17 points in the first period, but a change in Aggie strategy held him to 9 points in the final stanza. His 26 total for the evening was high for both teams.

Falling behind by as much as eight points at the start of the second half, the Aggies finally caught fire. They knotted the count at 48 all at 13:07 and in six minutes of play scored 11 points while holding Hampton to a single free-throw.

High man for the Aggies was Irving Mulcare, with 16, but three others scored in double figures, including: James Webber, 15; Robert Saunders, 14, and Anthony Skinner, 12.

The victory gave the Aggies a 1-0, CIAA mark and a 3-1, overall. The loss left Hampton with a 1-3 average.

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### PREPSTERS SHOW BRIGHT

The three teams have had marvelous team work thus far but individual performances have had their share of the spotlight.

In a shooting duel at Hillside Dec. 4 between Little River's Dwight Holeman and George Outlaw, Outlaw outscored Holeman 40-31. Outlaw, a junior, amazed the crowd with his shooting and Holeman was nothing short of sensational.

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### Hillside Hornets Sting Booker T.

**By EARL MASON**  
Thomas Long poured in 38 points to lead the Hillside Hornets to a 74-62 Class 4-A conference win over Rocky Mount's Booker T.

The big gun for the Tigers thus far has been Robert Mack. Mack burned the cords for 18 points last Friday at Henderson.

### Washington High Friday night in the Hillside gym.

The visiting Lions scored the first basket of the contest, but the Hornets—using a full court press—scored the next 13 points and were never in any trouble.

Hillside, in winning its third straight game, led 28-16 at the end of the first period, and carried a 47-27 lead to the dressing room at halftime.

William Harris pitched in 21 points, George Outlaw added 16, and Frank Brown notched 12 to support Long's high-scoring antics. Bob Deans tallied 19 markers for the Lions, and Kenneth Armstrong added 16.

Long hit on 16 of 26 field goals, six of 12 charity tosses, and collected 13 rebounds.

side Jayvees to a 45-35 come-from-behind victory over the Rocky Mount club's junior varsity in the preliminary.

The lineups:  
**VARSITY**  
Hillside (97) B. T. Wash. (63)  
Long 38 Armstrong 11  
Outlaw 16 Braswell 2

L. Brown 0 Kelly 4  
Payes 7 Howard 10  
Harris 21 Harper 3  
Subs: Hillside—F. Brown 12  
Montgomery, Faulkner, Williams 1  
Paisley, Caldwell 2 Booker T.  
Washington—Deans 19, Brown 9,  
Willis.

**Hillside (45)** B. T. Wash. (35)  
Vines 7 Sharpe 7  
McMillian 2 Williams 1  
Reed 4 Armstrong 4  
Bell 14 Wynn 14  
Smoke 12 Clifton 2  
Subs: Hillside—Stovey G. Hill,  
Booker T. Washington—Whitaker  
7, Wolcott.  
Score at half: Booker T. Wash-  
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