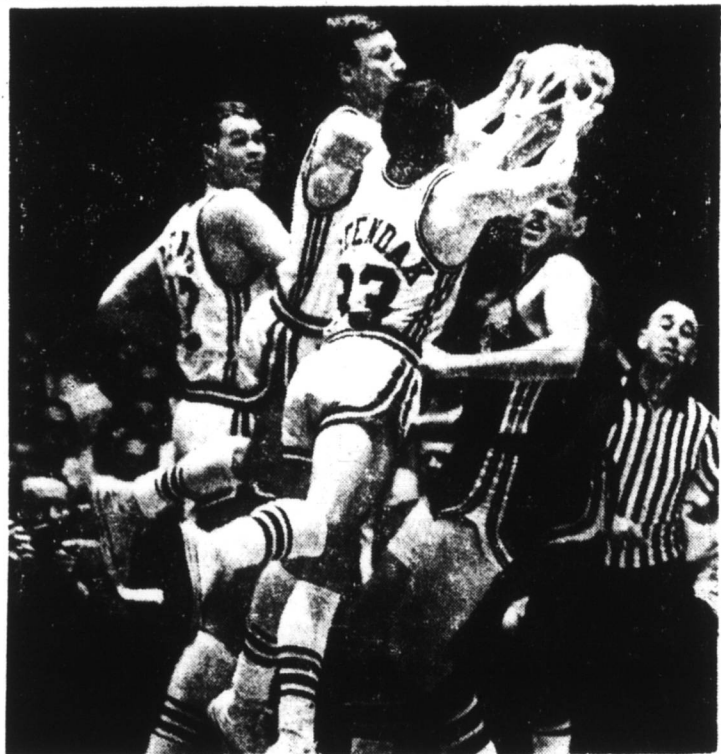


# Duke Blue Devils Shoot For National Title Friday Nite Hillside, Merrick-Moore Defeated In Finals

## The Carolina Times SPORTS AND THEATRICAL SECTION



Duke's Marin, Vacendak make sure of Blue Devil possession



Duke's Marin contests Pencil (20)

### No. 2 Duke Meets No. 1 Ky. Fri. Night

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Once there were 16, then there were eight and now there are four. And the Duke University Blue Devils are one of the four teams who will be meeting here at Cole Field House for the NCAA Championship tournament Friday and Saturday.

Duke will meet Kentucky in the first round at seven o'clock o'clock and Texas Western will play Utah in the nine o'clock contest. The two winners will meet Saturday for the championship following a consolation tilt at 7 o'clock.

Coach Vic Bubas' charges will be competing in the NCAA finals for the third time in four years. Duke finished third in 1962, and second in 1963. The Blue Devils gained the right to play in the playoffs by virtue of winning the Eastern Regionals at Raleigh last week. Duke nipped St. Joseph's 76-74 Friday and romped to a 91-81 win over Syracuse Saturday night for the title.

A match between the number one team, Kentucky and number two ranked Duke will headline the four team attraction this weekend at the home floor of Maryland. Number three ranked Texas Western will meet unranked Utah. Kentucky won the Midwest regionals; Texas Western took the Midwest finals and Utah gained the Far West championship.

Duke placed three men on the NCC eastern regional all tournament in the persons of Bob Verga, Steve Vacendak, and Jack Marin.



REDDISH

### ASKS 'TROTTERS TO CANCEL VA. UNIV. BENEFIT

RICHMOND, Va.—The executive secretary of the Virginia State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has called upon the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters to cancel a scheduled benefit at the University of Virginia charging that the school is guilty of "overt racial discrimination" because it has never recruited a Negro athlete.

W. Lester Banks, the NAACP official, in a letter to Globetrotters promoter Abe Saperstein, said the Virginia Student Aid Foundation has "an undisputable record of overt racial discrimination in the recruitment of qualified Negro athletes." Banks asked the promoter to join the NAACP in demanding "an unequivocal non-discriminatory statement of policy" by the foundation and the university.

In the absence of such a statement, the NAACP will continue on page 4B

### West Charlotte J-S Gain State Championships

GREENSBORO—West Charlotte and Jordan-Sellers dethroned Hillside and Merrick-Moore of their state championship titles here last Saturday night at Dudley High School. In a rematch of the finals for the 3-A and 4-A state championships of a year ago, these two teams turned the tide this year.

West Charlotte caught fire near the end of the third quarter to break open a close game and went on to win over Hillside for the 4-A title, 96-66. Jordan-Sellers made it four wins in a row over Merrick-Moore this year with a 75-64 victory over the Durham County eleven in the Triple A finals.

Hillside and West Charlotte played to a 34-34 first half deadlock and the two teams to a complete standstill until the last minute of the third stanza. Hillside's backcourt ace, William Harris committed his fourth foul with 1:05 remaining in the third quarter and had to leave the contest. At this point, the Lions from the state's largest city, exploded for four quick easy baskets to take a 59-47 lead at the end of the period to put the contest out of the reach of the Hornets.

John Bullock was the only consolation for Hillside. Playing his last game in a Hillside uniform, Bullock scored 41 points to lead all scorers.

Merrick-Moore fell behind late in the first quarter and never did manage to catch up with the tall and talented Tigers from Burlington. Behind by as many as 16 points, Merrick-Moore rallied near the end of the third quarter and closed the gap to six points at the rest period, 50-44 but Jordan-Sellers tallied three baskets in the first two minutes of the last frame and was never in any trouble again.

Allen Reddish was the high scorer for M-M with 23 points. Wilton Enoch led the winners' scoring with 20 markers.

In the 1-A state finals, Rosnwald of Catawba defeated B. F. Person, 86-74. And in the 2-A Class state championship, Frederick Douglass of Elm City walloped Woodington of Kinston, 84-63.

### Bullock and Reddish Make Honor Squads

GREENSBORO — Durham is proud to have had two players named to the NCHSAC All-State and All-Tournament teams announced here Sunday by commissioner W. T. Armstrong. John Bullock of Hillside and Allen Reddish of Merrick-Moore were named to both of the 10-men mythical squads selected by the coaches and officials of the conference at the conclusion of the state basketball championships held here at Dudley High last week.

Reddish led the Tigers' scoring with a 15.3 average scoring 397 points in 26 games. Bullock finished out his last year of eligibility with a 23.3 clip scoring 535 points in 23 games. Reddish, a 6-6 last year performer, had his high game of 30 points in the district championship game against Smithfield's Johnston Central two weeks ago at Hillside. With his team down by 14 points going into the last period, Reddish scored 14 of these points in this quarter to tie the regulation game at 64-64. Then he scored 14 of his 30 points in nine seconds left in the overtime to give Merrick-Moore a 68-66 win and the right to play in the state tournament.

Bullock, the leading rebounder and playmaker for the Hornets, canned his career high of 41 points in the finals against West Charlotte. Bullock, most commonly called Goat by his teammates, was a one man show for Coach Carl Easterling's Hornets.

Seven of the players named to the All-State team were also named to the All-Tournament squad. Players on both teams besides Reddish and Bullock are Daryl Cherry, West Char-

### Sports Video

By EARL MASON  
Times Sports Editor

### PREP BASKETBALL SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

With the crowning of the state champions in the high school circles, in the last two weeks, the high school basketball season comes to a close. The NCHSAA held its 2-A, 3-A and 4-A during the last two weeks and 1-A state title will be decided this week in the Durham High Gynasium. The NCHSAC four division tournament was reeled off at Greensboro last week.

Now that the cage season is over, the champions are proud, the losers are saying wait until next year and the "also rans" are saying "we could have won but . . ."

Durham was not quite as fortunate this season as it was last year. Last year Hillside, Merrick-Moore and Little River won state titles and Durham was defeated in the finals of its state dribble derby. But this year, not a single local team emerged as a champion.

Hillside and Merrick-Moore were defeated in the finals of their respective divisions and Durham High fell by the way side in the semi-finals round. Little River was nipped in the finals of the district 1-A class at Hillside and Jordan High lost to Morehead in the semi-finals of the state tournament at Durham High.

Durham High dropped a 59-57 decision to Meyers Park in the semi-final round of its tournament at Greensboro two weeks ago. Durham fans are sure they could have won the crown had it not been for a freak accident to their star center, Dennis Hamlette. Hamlette, injured when the Durham team was returning to the dressing room for a last minute pre-game talk, hit his head on a light fixture. In the championship game, Fayetteville, a team Durham defeated twice during the season, defeated Myers Park for the crown.

If someone had told Coach Harry Edmonds that his team would be playing for the state 3-A title again this season, he would have thought they were crazy. After losing four starters from the championship team a year ago, Merrick-Moore was not expected to even be in the running for the title again this year. But through hard work and sure determination, the Tigers all but went the last mile of the

### way before losing to Jordan-Sellers for the fourth time this year in the finals.

A rematch between Hillside and West Charlotte has been forecast since the finals of the state 4-A class a year ago. Both teams lost one starter from a year ago and when the season opened this year, all 4-A teams were gunning for Hillside and West Charlotte. The tall and talented West Charlotte time and time again, got behind the Hillside press for easy, uncontested lay ups.

### COLLEGE TEAMS DO WELL IN POST SEASON PLAY

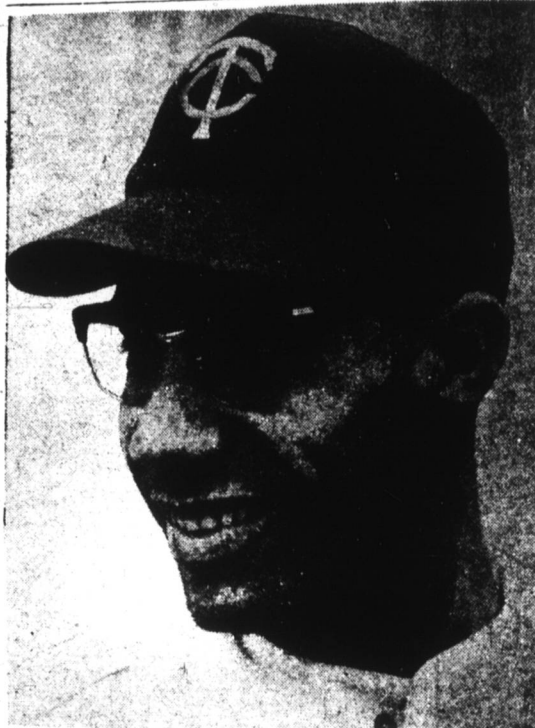
Local fans who saw Kentucky Wesleyan in the South Central Regional Tournament at North Carolina College were looking at the best team in the nation in the college division. After winning the regionals here at NCC, Kentucky Wesleyan went on to win the NCAA College Division Basketball Tournament at Evansville, Ind.

Sam Smith, who showed the fans his shooting ability here in Durham in the Friday night game against South Carolina State, sparked the Panthers to a 54-51 win over Southern Illinois in the finals.

Norfolk State made a great showing in the NAIA Basketball Tournament held out in Kansas City. The Spartans, who won the CIAA visitation title and finished second in the league's tournament, displayed their explosive offensive in the dribble derby. Norfolk set a new scoring record with 138 points in the opening round and went over 100 points on three other occasions in the five-day event. Norfolk lost a pair of heartbreakers in the semi-finals and consolation rounds. The Spartans were nipped by Ga. Southern, 89-88 in the semi-finals and fell to Grambling, 111-110 in the consolation game. Therefore, the Spartans finished fourth in the 32-team event.

Thomas Long, Hillside's product to Norfolk State, dropped this corner a few lines from the NAIA Tournament along with a few clippings and pictures. From these notes, we are confident that Long did his part in carrying the Spartans to the fourth place finish.

SEE 4B FOR MORE SPORTS - THEATRICALS



**\$14,000 RAISE** — Zollo Versal, the Minnesota Twins shortstop, smiles after signing his 1966 baseball contract for \$42,000, a \$14,000 raise over his last year's salary. The Most Valuable Player in the American League last year asked for \$50,000 but was denied his request by the Minnesota front office. Versal, beginning his sixth season with the Twins, sparked Minnesota to the American League championship and runner-up spot in the World Series.



**RECORD BREAKER** — Bobby Hull, the Chicago Black Hawks star, is shown above setting an all-time National Hockey League record last Saturday night at Chicago. A nine-year veteran on the ice, Hull set the record of 51 goals in one season against the New York Rangers. He tied the record for 50 goals in his fifth season in the league and again this season before breaking the mark also held by Maurice Richards and Bernie Geoffron, both of Montreal.

### FAY. ST. SCHOOL EAGLES UPSET BCM

The Fayetteville St. School Eagles came from behind to upset the Midgets of John Avery Boys' Club. The Eagles led by John Lucas, Jr., Larry Gilchrist and Harvey Edwards, fought every minute of the game. The Eagles out rebounded the losers and had a greater shooting percentage from the free throw line and the floor. The Midgets experienced their first tournament loss since the beginning of the league seven years ago. The Eagles coached by Charlie Roach, were organized this year with the following players: Homer Evans, Joe Horne, Vernon Toomer, Niguel Barnes, Marc Bass, Michael Jones, John Lucas, Larry Gilchrist, Harvey Edwards, Kenneth Lyons and Bernard Stroud. Michael Hawley serves as manager. The Eagles will play their final game Friday, March 18, at W. G. Pearson School's Carnival. They will meet the Pearson Bulldogs.

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