

THE POINT:

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Why Weren't They Nominated?

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When I take a look at the nominations for the Lewis Teague Award for the most outstanding North Carolina amateur athlete, there are two questions which come to my mind right off: by what criteria and to which clique must one belong in order to be nominated for the award? As I looked over the list of nominees, I noticed that there were two names that should have been there but weren't - Ronnie Ray and Charles Foster, two world class runners out of North Carolina Central University. What I did see was that not a single nominee had comparable athletic credentials with those of Ronnie Ray and only one came up to par with Foster for the 1975 sports year. Let's take a look at the roster.

Of the ten nominees, five are from Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) schools - Dave Buckley, Jay Haas, Dan Harrigan, Mitch Kupchak, and Tony Waldrop. Two more either live or attend school in the Charlotte area where the awards are held each year. They are Johnny Ray Miller, a student at Livingston College of Salisbury, and Bernard Taylor of Charlotte. The remaining three, two are from Asheville, Mary Montgomery and Margaret Boyd and one from Raeford, Kathy McMillan. The only ones who were from the northern part of the state were all from ACC schools. (p.s.: to many that is the only important conference in the state; forget about MEAC, CIAA and any other conferences) Incidentally, not one of the ten ranked number

one in the world nor has any one of them a world record to their credit. Ronnie Ray accomplished both these feats in 1975. He was a member of the world record shattering one mile relay during the USA-West German-Pan African meet held in Durham last summer and in winning the Pan American games in Mexico City, he produced the fastest time in the world for 1975 and the fourth fastest ever in the 400 meters. Only one of the ten candidates ranked as high as second in the world, swimmer, Dan Harrigan. Charles Foster ranks second in the world for the high hurdles. In 1974, he was ranked number one, yet he was not nominated last year either.

I do not want, in any way, to undermine the accomplishments of any of the ten nominees, for they must all be commended for their feats. By the same token I cannot stand idly by while the closed minded North Carolina Amateur Athletic Union undermines the accomplishments of these two athletes or any others deserving of the honor.

So why weren't Ronnie Ray and Charles Foster nominated for the prestigious Teague Award? There are several guesses that I could make, however, I am not one to expound upon wild hunches. So won't someone please answer my question.

The last veteran of the Indian Wars died in 1973, according to records of the Veterans Administration.



A&T Back On Top In MEAC

North Carolina A & T won three conference games last week including a victory over previously league-leading Morgan State to jump back into first place in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) basketball standings.

The Aggies defeated North Carolina Central last Tuesday, 82-70, held on for a 77-74 win over Morgan State Friday night and outlasted Howard, 75-70 Saturday night. The three wins give the Aggies an 11-1 conference slate and a 17-3 overall mark.

Coach Warren Reynolds' cagers are at least assured of a tie for the regular season honors in the MEAC. Morgan State now has an 8-1 league mark with three games to play in conference play this week. Overall the Bears are 17-4.

The team finishing first in the final regular season standings will receive a first round in the 5th annual MEAC Basketball Tournament which will be played February 26-28 at the spacious Greensboro Coliseum. In case of tie for first place between Morgan and A & T, a flip of the coin will be necessary to determine who receives top seeding in the tournament.

After dropping the close decision to A & T Friday night, Morgan State romped to a 113-78 win over N. C. Central Saturday night.

South Carolina State strengthened its position in third place with a paid of league wins over the weekend. The Bulldogs defeated Delaware State, 66-58 Friday night and nipped Maryland-Eastern Shore, 81-79 Saturday night. S. C. State now stand 7-3 in conference play and 15-6 overall.

Howard defeated N. C. Central Friday night, 74-68 before dropping its decision to A & T Saturday. Earlier in the week the Bison defeated Maryland-Eastern Shore, 99-83. Howard stand 5-5 in the conference play and 8-14 overall.

In addition to losing its only league outing last week, Delaware State divided a pair of games against non-conference teams. The Hornets nipped Lincoln Wednesday night, 88-87 after losing to Coppin State last Monday by the score of 78-62. The Hornets are 3-8 in conference play and 5-16 overall.

N. C. Central suffered three conference losses last week. The Eagles lost to A & T Tuesday, Howard Friday night, and Morgan State Saturday night. The Eagles are 2-10 in MEAC play and 5-18 overall.

Maryland-Eastern Shore dropped a pair of league games last week losing to Howard last Tuesday and S. C. State Saturday night. The Hawks fell to 1-9 league play and 2-18 against all opponents.

Five family games will highlight an 11-game care in the final week of the regular season in the MEAC. Morgan State will be involved in three family tests while Maryland-Eastern Shore, S. C. State and Howard will play in two.

Morgan State plays host to Howard Tuesday, South Carolina State Thursday before going to Maryland-Eastern Shore Thursday and journeys to Richmond, Va. Saturday to meet Virginia Commonwealth.

A & T has completed its league competition but the Aggies have two big non-conference games in a

tune-up for the MEAC Tournament. The Aggies play host to Western Carolina Monday night and travels to Fairleigh-Dickinson Saturday night.

S. C. State completes its regular season with three road games this week. The Bulldogs play at Baptist Monday night, Morgan Thursday night and Howard Saturday night. The two games against Morgan and S. C. State are the two games on the Howard schedule this week.

N. C. Central plays two CIAA opponents this week. The Eagles meet Winston-Salem at home Wednesday night and travel to Charlotte Saturday to meet Johnson C. Smith.

Livingstone Bows to W-S Rams 90-76

WINSTON-SALEM - Livingstone's Bears lost a basketball game but found a new scoring star here Tuesday night.

The Bears suffered a 90-76 setback at the hands of Winston-Salem State in the CIAA race. At the same time, Barry Brown, a 6-5 freshman of Charlotte, took scoring honors with 31 points.

The Livingstone sharp-shooter collected 15 field goals and one free throw. Tommy Johnson was next at scoring for the Bears with 22.

Three Winston-Salem players reached the 20s. Tom Paulin was high with 22. Carlos Terry followed with 21, and Mike Garrett had 20.

Livingstone, now 5-15, fell behind by 44-30 at halftime but played the Rams on even terms for the rest of the game. Each team had 46 points in the last half.



LOOKING UP - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers, early leader in the Seagram's Seven Crowns of Sports computer basketball competition, gets handshake and Seven Crown's "Oscar" from Seagram's vice-president Mel Elliot prior to game at L. A. Forum.

Morgan's Eric Evans Gains MEAC Honors 4th Week

Eric Evans of Morgan State Tuesday was named Player of the Week in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) by the Sports Information Directors in the conference for the second straight week and the fourth time this season.

Evans, a 6-9 sophomore from Clinton, N. C., scored 58 points and grabbed 32 rebounds in two games last week. Against N. C. A & T last Friday, Evans scored 36 points and collected 14 rebounds in a 77-74 setback. However, against North Carolina Central Saturday night Evans tallied 22 points and grabbed 18 rebounds in a 113-78 victory.

Other players nominated for the weekly honor were Donald Aaron of Maryland-Eastern

Bowling News

The Hazel B. Plummer League of the Durham and Orange County Bowling Association announces the following High Series and High Game scores in the Women's and Men's Division. Leading in High Game scoring in the Women's Division was Nancy Rowland with 203; Georgetta Parker, 188 and Nancy Pinckney with 181. High Series: Nancy Rowland, 531; Walterene Parrish, 510 and Nancy Pinckney, 506.

WARNER BROS. RECORDS, ARTISTS NOMINATED FOR FIVE N.A.A.C.P. AWARDS

Warner Bros. Records and several of its artists have been nominated for awards in five separate categories of the N.A.A.C.P.'s Image Awards presentation. In addition to being nominated Record Company of the Year, Warners was distinguished by the nomination of Tom Draper, vice president and director of black music marketing, as Executive of the Year.

Leading in High Game scoring in the Men's Division was Jerome Rothenberg with 207; Norman Johnson, 198 and Joseph Parker, 189. High Series: Doss Massenburg, 541; Jerome Rothenberg, 534 and Augustus Thompson, 529. In other bowling news: Joseph Parker, 511; Norman Johnson, 506; Wallace Royal, 505; William Little, 501; Harriett Miller - Triple Games Series - 120; Jim Dyer 6-7-10 - Split Conversion.

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