

Coach Gaines Inducted Into CIAA Hall Of Fame

Winston-Salem State University Athletic Director Clarence E. (Big House) Gaines received what he termed "the highest honor of his career" when he along with the late Dr. Jack S. Brayboy, of Johnson C. Smith, were inducted into the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Hall of Fame at the mid winter meeting of the CIAA in Petersburg, Va., Saturday, December 18.

Of the honor Gaines said in an interview this week, "This is a higher honor than

being inducted into the Morgan State or NAIA's Hall of Fame because this is recognition from my peers."

The winningest active basketball coach in the nation with a 579-243 won-lost record is now in his 21st year as head coach of the Winston-Salem State Rams.

Gaines said he is extremely grateful for the award and is happy that he had made a contribution to the CIAA. "I'm happy because I'm a member of the CIAA family having gone to a CIAA

school and coaching here all these years." Morgan State was a member of the CIAA until joining the newly formed Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) some years back.

After graduating from Morgan where he was a star athlete he went on to study at Columbia and New York University before moving directly to Winston-Salem.

During his illustrious career he has been named NCAA Coach of the Year, won the NAIA national championship, numerous

CIAA basketball championships, and coach of the year awards and was even once named CIAA football coach of the year.

Gaines also paid tribute to his wife and WSSU in acknowledging the award. "I want to thank my wife for being such a great inspiration to me as well as having great insight. Any success I may have had has been aided by her. Also I must thank the people here at Winston-Salem State from the custodians to the chancellor for their coopera-

tion."

The coach also talked about the problems college division schools face, "The greatest handicap here is the lack of involvement from graduates and people who supposedly have a sincere interest in the institution. We need helping hands not only financially but we need people to talk to kids and interest them in attending school here. I'm not just talking about the good athlete but also students who are outstanding academical-

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Rams Get Ready For No. Carolina Central

The Winston-Salem State Rams basketball team returned from their Christmas vacation this week to prepare for their January 5th game against North Carolina Central of the MEAC. The Rams 4-2 through their first six games of the season are in second place in the CIAA Southern Division with a 2-1 record. St. Augustine's College which heads the division handed the Rams their only CIAA loss and are 1-0.

Undefeated Virginia State holding a 6-0 record leads the conference in scoring averaging 102 points per game. Norfolk State (7-0) is

second in scoring putting in 90.7 points per game. Virginia Union with a 4-2 record is third scoring at an 88.7 clip followed by Hampton (3-4) with an 87.7 average.

Defensively the Rams rank third allowing 73.8 points per game. Elizabeth City leads in team defense allowing the opposition 69.5 points an outing. Norfolk State is second giving up 70.4 points per contest. Following the Rams are Shaw (75.1) and St. Augustine's (77.8).

The Rams also are third in the league in their margin of victory with a 13.2 mark.

Virginia state tops the list with a 23.4 margin of victory. Norfolk State holds second with a 20.3 mark. Behind the Rams are Virginia Union 7.2 and Elizabeth City 6.5.

Through their first six games the Rams have four of their five starters averaging in double figures, Carlos Terry tops the list with a 19.5 scoring average. Forward Mike Brown is second with a 16.0 scoring average.

Guards Don Helton and George Gibson have contributed 14.5 and 13.5 points per game averages respectively.

The Rams have missed the expert defensive work of 6-5 center Stenson Conley who has been plagued by injuries. Conley sat out the entire Virginia Union game with a pulled thigh muscle. Even without Conley at full

strength the Rams have outrebounded their opponents by an average of 52 to 45 despite being much smaller than their opponents.

With Conley hobbled the Rams have used Pete Martin and 6-6 Freshman Mike Robinson as his replacements. Conley is expected to be in the starting lineup against NCCU January 5th.

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