

Black College Briefs

So Far, No Good

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Call it The Year of the Big Experiment. Black college basketball teams across the country are challenging the big-name schools this season, and so far the results have been far from encouraging. North Carolina A&T, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion, lost 100-77 to North Carolina State; Florida A&M dropped a 91-58 decision to Marquette and Alcorn State was routed by Syracuse 110-77. It is clear by these early decisions that the black colleges will need a lot more work before they can hope to compete with the Top 20 teams. However, officials at FAMU, Alcorn State and A&T say the schools will continue to play top teams with hopes of strengthening their programs.

The Secret Ingredient

WASHINGTON, D.C. — What will it take for black college basketball teams to be able to recruit for the top players? Howard University Coach A.B. Williamson thinks he has the answer.

"A TV contract," he says. "The chance to be on television and get that kind of exposure means so much to a

kid and so much for your program. You look at the Big East Conference. One reason they are doing so well is because of the fantastic TV package they have. I think if we could get that kind of package, or one even close to it, we could be on our way."

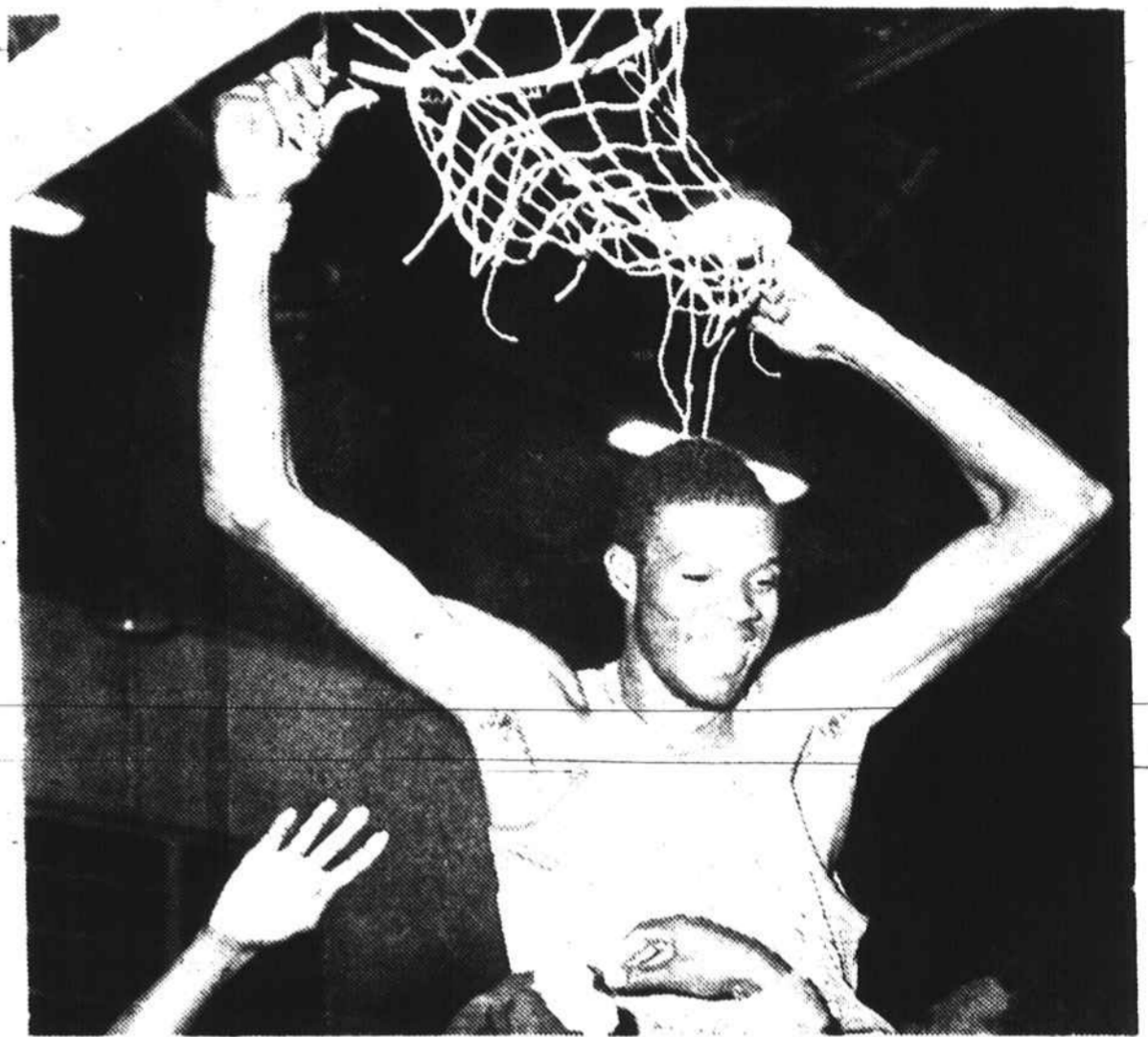
S.C. State Dominates

GREENSBORO, N.C. — How powerful is South Carolina State in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference? Very powerful. The Bulldogs placed 11 men on the 25-man MEAC all-star football team, an incredible figure. S.C. State was led by its sensational running back Anthony Reed. Florida A&M had the second-most players on the team, five.

Hubbard Honored

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The prestigious Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C., gathered recently to honor Florida A&M football Coach Rudy Hubbard.

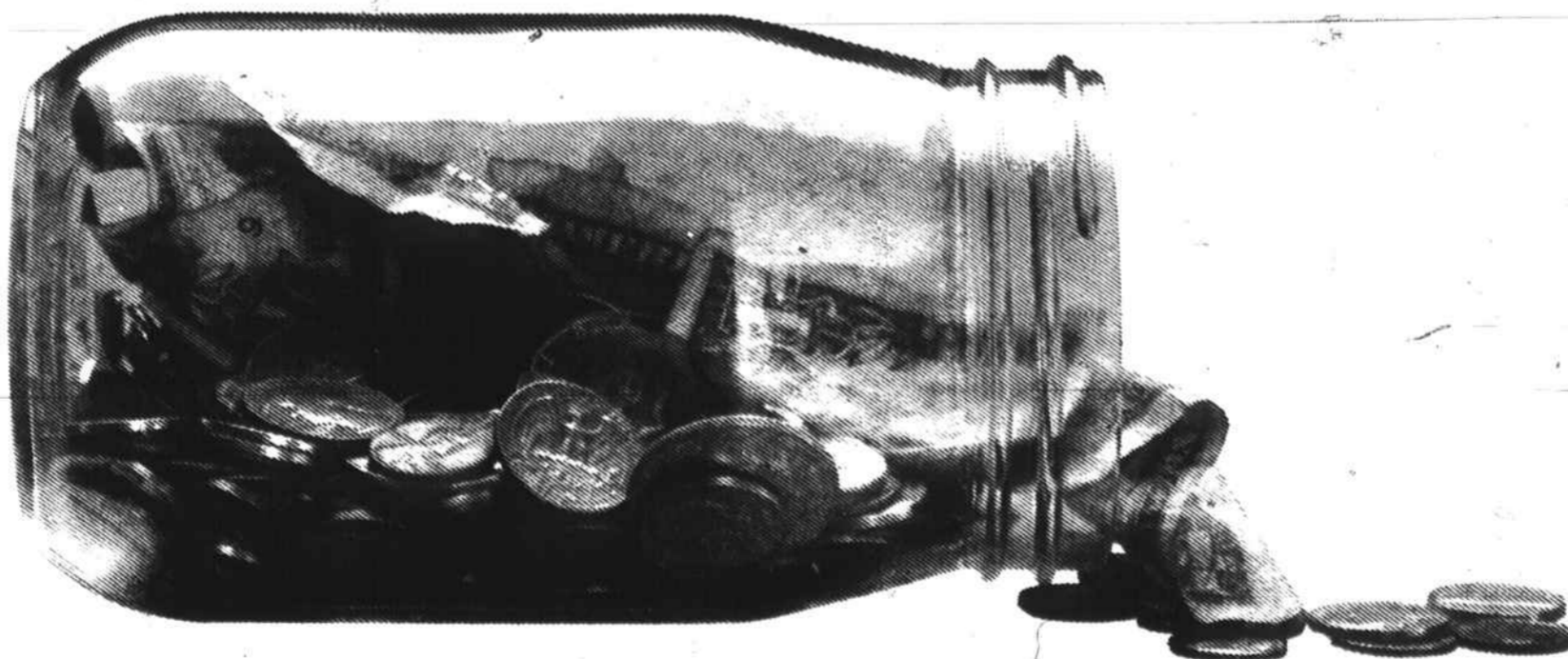
The club cited Hubbard for his achievements in black college football over the past nine years. Hubbard, who just completed his ninth season at FAMU, has led the Rattlers to two national championships, including a Division I-AA title in 1978.



Victory Rides

Fayetteville State University's 6-8 center, William "Tree" Person, was recently named Most Valuable Player in the Bronco's 87-75 championship triumph over Shaw University in the pre-holiday Fayetteville Business League Tournament played on the FSU campus. Person poured in 22 points and grabbed 23 rebounds against Shaw. The Nesmith, S.C., native is averaging 14 points and 12 rebounds per contest (photo by John B. Henderson).

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