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points, three assists, two steals). Sophomore Marvin Byle averaged 11 points as a freshman and newcomer Henry Cuffee also is expected to help the Eagles.

MORGAN STATE also returns all five of its starters, but the Bears turned in an unflattering 3-20 record last season. Coach Ray McMillan's team does not become eligible for the crown until 1988.

Similarly, new conference member COPPIN STATE will not be eligible for the title until 1989. The Eagles were 10-15 last season, when they competed in Division II. Junior Mark Campbell is Coppin State's best all-around player. The 6-5, 230-pound Carroll averaged 11.3 points and 7.5 rebounds for

Coach Doug DeSouza's team. If eligible, the Eagles would have the potential to compete for a top-three finish in the league.

Howard's guard play should be the best in the league. The Bison return junior Fred Hill, who led the team in scoring (14.5 points), assists (3.4), steals (2.2) and free-throw percentage (84 percent). Running mate George Hamilton averaged 12.5 points and four rebounds. Both are legitimate all-conference candidates. Reserves include Mike Jones, Mike Rollins, Jeff Williams, Earl Smith and Bill Stuart.

Junior Robert McIlwaine has grown stronger with each successive season. The 6-8 McIlwaine and 6-7 John Spencer should complement

Caracciolo, who averaged 10.5 rebounds and 9.5 points before sustaining a broken arm in an early-season game against North Carolina.

A&T figures to be the most enjoyable team to watch this season, for the 5-8 Griffis is one of those thrilling little men among giants. The Raleigh, N.C., native made the Aggies as a walk-on last season and started the first six games while Boyd sat for academic reasons. When Boyd returned, Griffis sat until Corbett instituted a three-guard offense in the last eight games of the season.

Cale is a do-it-all type player for the Aggies. Last season, Corbett asked him to play every single posi-

tion. An excellent shooter, Cale hit 52 percent from the floor and 81 percent from the line last season. The Dover, Del., product also excels on defense.

Don't think the Aggies will suffer a down year because of the loss of Brown and Boyd, for Corbett has been the winningest coach in black college basketball the last four seasons.

"This is going to be a challenging season," Corbett has said. "It reminds me somewhat of my second year at A&T."

The parlance for that is "rebuilding," but Corbett posted a 21-8 record the last time he faced rebuilding.

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eight times in the past five games. Receiver Tim Oakley says he can tell Harvey is more comfortable in his surroundings because the quarterback often sings to himself between plays.

Harvey's passing has been sweet music to Lattimore. The young quarterback surpassed the NCAA Division II record for passing yardage

by a freshman (3,190) in one season and for total offense (415 yards against Elizabeth City State) by a freshman in a single game.

Harvey had another NCAA freshman passing record by getting eight 300-yard games. He also broke the CIAA single-season records in passing yardage and total offense,

which had been held by Livingstone's Alfred Taylor since 1966.

Harvey's 188 completions, 392 pass attempts, 3,190 yards, and 3,008 yards of total offense are all single-season school records.

"I don't think you could ask anymore of him," Lattimore says. "I didn't expect that out of him. I ex-

pected him to perform well, but not at the pace he is performing.

"I know there are coaches around the league who are kicking themselves now because they didn't go after him."

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