

College Notebook

Ram wrestlers win two in Duals

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Winston-Salem State wrestling Coach Melvin Fair was satisfied with his team's break-even start entering the holiday break.

But, belying his name, the Ram mentor hopes for a little bit better than fair come January.

"We're doing good right now," Fair said. "You can't complain with a .500 record with an all-freshman team. But my expectations are for a 75-percent winning record the second half of the season."

Fair hopes to add three wrestlers to his roster.

His team, which took a 2-2 record in dual meets into Wednesday night's match with Davidson at Gaines Center, won two of three matches in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Duals in Salisbury last Saturday. The Ram grapplers finished third in the meet. WSSU beat Elizabeth City State 37-16 and Virginia State 33-18. The Rams lost to Norfolk State 33-18.

Harry Winford, a freshman from Mooresville, won all three of his matches in the 121-pound weight class. Winford improved his personal record to a team-best 15-4.

Henry Byrd, a freshman from Greensboro, also won all three of his matches. Byrd improved to 15-5 overall.

Danny Boden won two matches in the event at Livingstone. Boden, a freshman from Fayetteville, won the pair by pins and lost the third on a 3-0 decision. Boden upped his record to 14-7.

James McLinnaham, another freshman from Fayetteville, won two matches and had a draw to raise his record to 9-6.

Larry Dulla, a sophomore from Winston-Salem Reynolds, registered two wins and a draw as well.

Fair said that Livingstone came away as the most impressive team in the conference.

"Norfolk State beat us 33-18 and Livingstone beat Norfolk 42-3," Fair said. "Livingstone is the team to beat."

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• **Bison Beat:** Howard University scored a big early-season upset over George Washington of the Atlantic 10 last Thursday night.

Guard Fred Hill scored six of his 20 points in overtime to lift Howard to a 90-85 win. The Bison opened the overtime with an 8-2 run that put the game out of reach.

GWU, coached by former University of North Carolina guard John Kuester, had trailed by 10 with 7:32 left in regulation before rallying. Brian Butler's three-pointer at the horn sent the game into OT.

Mike Jones and John Spencer added 16 points each for Howard, 2-1 after a win over Campbell Monday night.

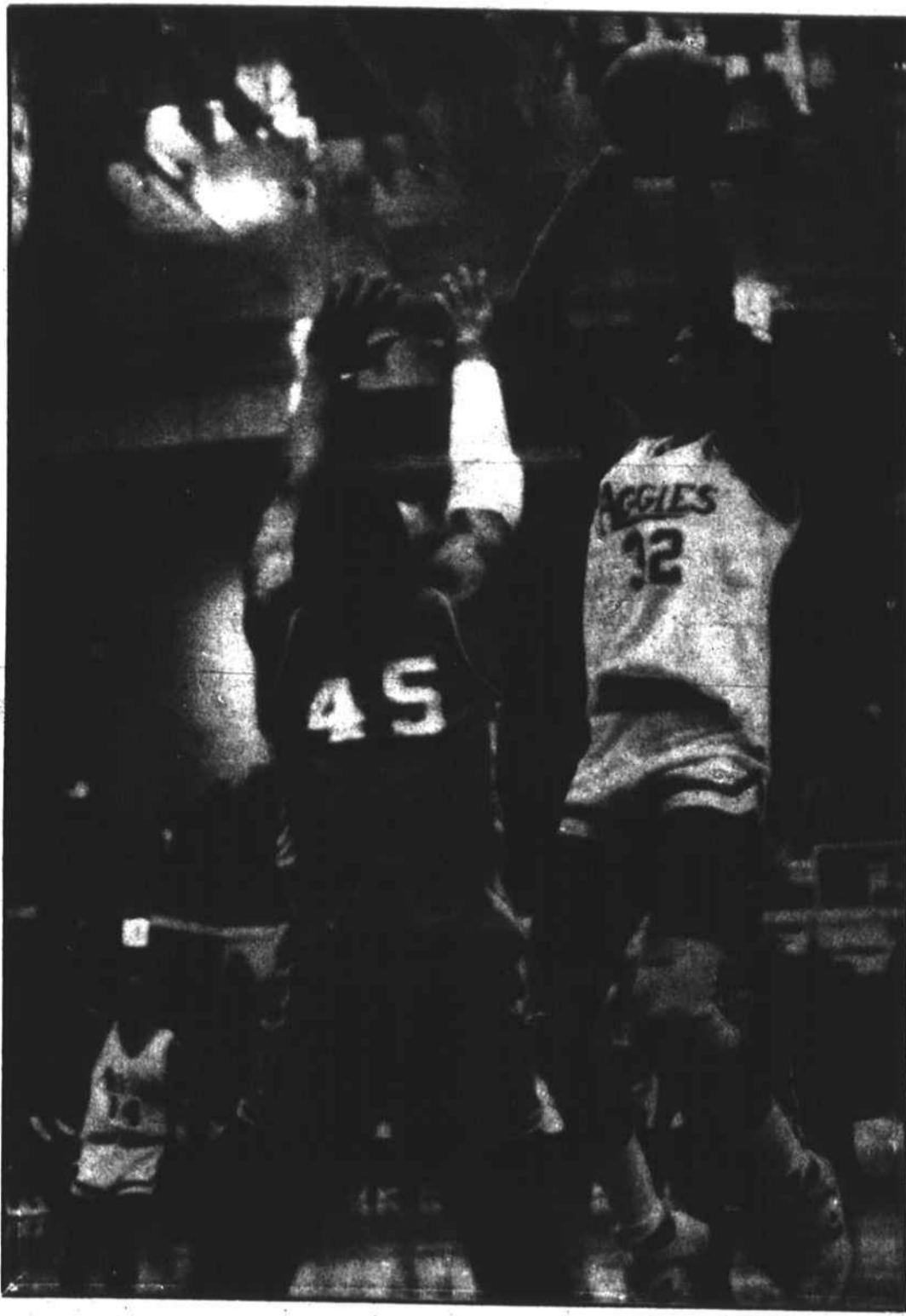
The Bison's win over the Colonials was a significant one for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, which has little respect nationally after losing in six straight NCAA Tournament appearances. Two weeks ago, Howard lost to Villanova 71-61 in the first round of the NIT.

"Howard is the team to beat in the conference so far," North Carolina A&T Coach Don Corbett said. "Maybe by the time the conference schedule rolls around we will be ready for them. But right now we need to improve our inside-outside balance."

The Aggie insiders scored 40 of 69 points against Winston-Salem State and 50 of 89 against Detroit last week

• **Upon The Irish Shore:** Jeff Jones, the former East Forsyth and UNC-Asheville forward, is rousing the Irish National Basketball League with his spirited play. Jones recently led the Galway Democrats to three wins in four games, averaging 42 points per game

• **Shaw To Texas:** Former East point guard Bay Shaw has landed



A&T's Kenny Cox takes aim over WSSU's Terry Nance in the Aggies' 69-55 win; the story appears on B1 (photo by Joe Daniels).

with Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas.

That school is also interested in West Forsyth's Todd Jones

• **Huntley's Haul:** Carolyn Huntley totaled 24 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Winston-Salem State women to a 67-59 win over arch-rival North Carolina A&T last week. Sharon Holloway added 12 for the Lady Rams (4-2)

• **Helping Hand:** Former Parkland High School standout Ronnie Christian scored 14 points in Appalachian State's 79-69 win over USC-Spartanburg Dec. 1. He made six of 11 from the floor, including a three-pointer.

The Mountaineers will play Wake Forest at Memorial Coliseum Jan. 7. Game time is 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call 761-5613

• **Gilbert Gab:** Atlantic Christian forward Gilbert Rucker is averaging 14 points a game. Rucker, the former East Forsyth standout, has helped the Bulldogs to a 7-1 start

• **Scope This:** The CIAA Basketball Tournament will return to the Scope in Norfolk, Va., after two years in Richmond. The Scope had been the home of the CIAA the previous seven years

• **TKO:** Hampton University's women scored a 121-33 win over Morgan State Monday night. The game was such a rout that it was called with six minutes left.

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• **Freedom Bound:** Winston-Salem State's Derrick Beasley is one of seven CIAA football players who will play in the Freedom Bowl Dec. 20 at Washington's RFK Stadium.

Also named to the MEAC squad from the CIAA were Virginia Union's Mendell Wilkerson and Adrian Wright, North Carolina Central's Robert Clark, Virginia State's Von Hayes, Norfolk State's Donald Lee and Johnson C. Smith's Calvin Davis

• **Ray(-ve) On:** North Carolina State freshman Ray Agnew has been recognized by *The Sporting News* as one of the top freshman defensive linemen in the country. The 6-foot-4, 260-pound Agnew, who played his high school ball at Carver, was the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year

• **Burton Honored:** Delaware State defensive back Joe Burton

became only the second player in Hornet history to be selected to the Kodak all-America team.

The other was Gene Lake, who led all I-AA rushers two years ago.

Burton, North Carolina A&T quarterback Alan Hooker and wide receiver Herbert Harbison, and Howard tailback Harvey Reed head this year's all-MEAC team. Hooker is the leading candidate for Sheridan Offensive Player of the Year honors

• **All-MEAC:** Other members of the all-conference team include:

Offense: WR Remi Watson, Bethune-Cookman; TE Robert Tyler, South Carolina State; OL Tony Danzey, Delaware State; OL Rusty Hinton, S.C. State; OL Eric Moore, Howard University; OL Donava Fann, Bethune-Cookman; OL Gary Bridges, S.C. State; FB Terrance Hoover, DelState; Return Specialist Curtis Chappell, HU, and PK David Parkinson, DelState.

Defense: DL Ernest Riddick, North Carolina A&T; DL Robert Presbury, DelState; DL Frank Newman, A&T; DL Lybrant Robinson, DelState; LB Kevin Bryant, DelState; LB Marty Graves, HU; LB Leroy Mathis, S.C. State; DB Alton Gowdy, Morgan State; DB Mark Irvin, B-CC; DB Dwayne Harper, S.C. State, and P John Lane, DelState.

The conference held a banquet for the all-MEAC selections Tuesday night in Greensboro

• **Gotta Buck:** Former Carver standout Mark "Buck" Shepard has committed to North Carolina Central. Shepard is a 6-foot-1, 205-pound defensive end-linebacker

Remembering Conrad: Former Winston-Salem State football Coach Thomas "Tank" Conrad died Sunday in Rochelle Park, N.J.

Conrad, 76, had suffered a lengthy illness.

Conrad was coach of the Rams from 1950-1969. His teams posted a record of 74-83-8. His best squad was the 1962 Rams, who went 6-1-1. His 1955, 1959 and 1960 teams all went 6-2.

After his retirement as head coach in 1969, Conrad worked as an assistant until 1976.

However, his athletic achievement was not limited to coaching. Conrad was an all-America at Morgan State (then Morgan College).

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