

**College Notebook**

**FAMU may get spot in tournament**

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A rather significant off-the-court development has occurred in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in the last month.

Bethune-Cookman is not classified by the NCAA this school year because of an infraction committed in a non-revenue sport. The Wildcats are not eligible for any post-season NCAA-sponsored playoffs or tournaments, including the Division I basketball tournament.

The MEAC has an automatic bid to that tourney that goes to the MEAC Tournament winner.

B-CC may be asked not to participate in the MEAC Tournament in March, said Commissioner **Ken Free**.

"We would lose our automatic berth in the MEAC Tournament if Bethune-Cookman won the tournament," Free said. "If they had been the champion in football, we would have lost our automatic berth in the I-AA playoffs."

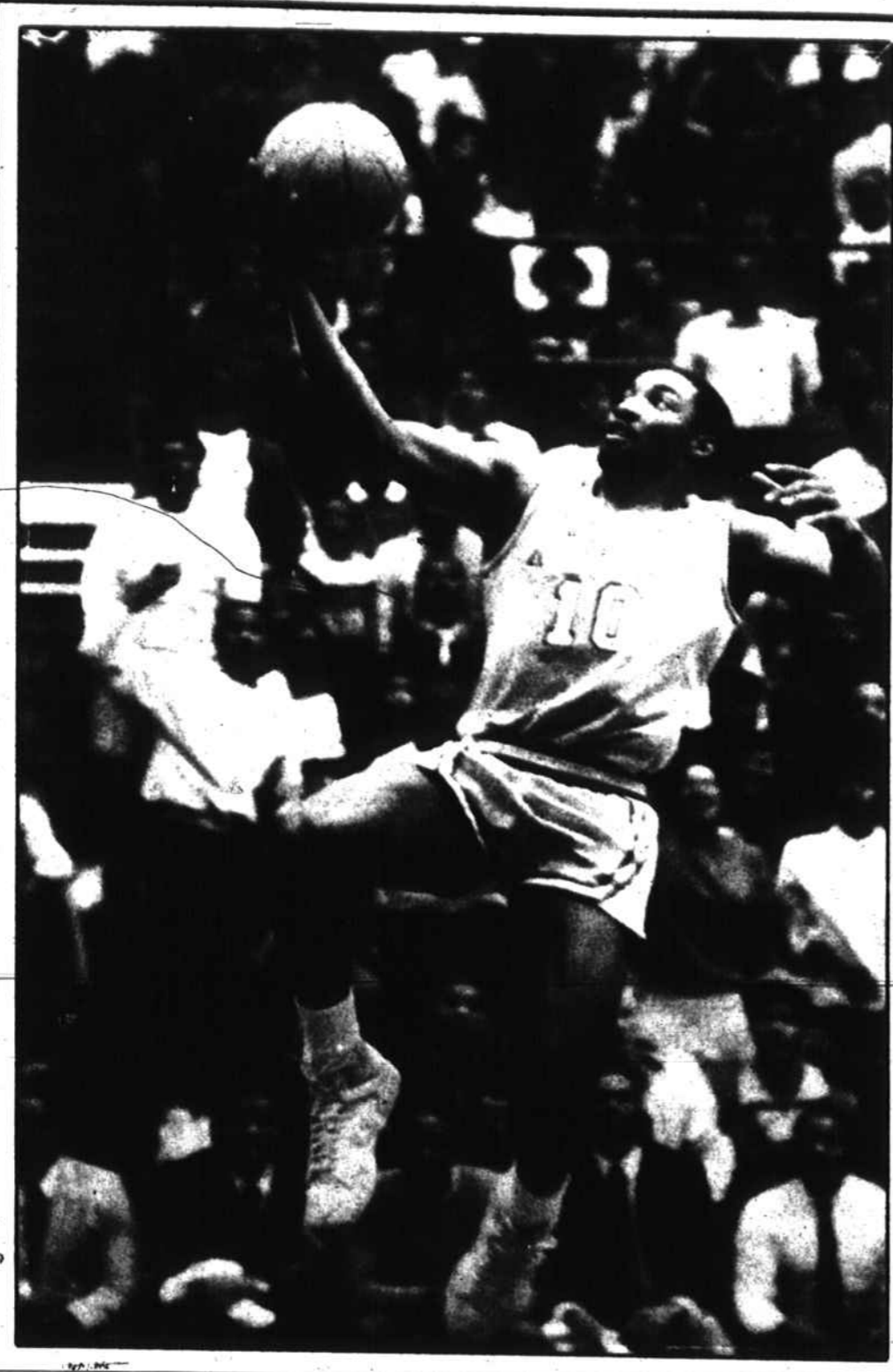
Accordingly, Florida A&M was readmitted to the conference last month by a vote of the Delegate Assembly with the hope of getting the Rattlers to take the Wildcats' place in the MEAC Tournament. The NCAA requires that a conference have at least six teams in a post-season tourney that determines the recipient of an automatic berth for the NCAA playoffs. Coppin and Morgan State are ineligible again this year because of a mandatory three-year grace period for promotion from Division II to I.

Free said no final decision has been made on whether FAMU would play in the MEAC Tournament instead of B-CC. Free said the faculty representative of each school has voted to make FAMU eligible if B-CC can be persuaded to sit out this year.

This news caused consternation among some conference coaches because FAMU plays only home-and-home games with South Carolina State and Bethune-Cookman this season.

"I'm not sure I understand how they're eligible for the tourney without playing a conference schedule," North Carolina A&T's **Don Corbett** told the *Greensboro News & Record*.

Corbett, who has won the last five automatic berths to the NCAA tourney, wanted to know how FAMU, an independent before last Dec. 20, could put itself in position for a NCAA appearance without playing a full load of conference games.



**Hot Hand**

A&T's Corvin Davis drives in for a layup in the Aggies' 84-68 win over Howard; the sophomore had a career-high 17 points (photo by Joe Daniels).

Moreover, the conference tourney winner gets a guaranteed appearance fee for the NCAA berth. Last season, it was worth \$167,000, part of which was divided among the other conference members.

Florida A&M had been in the conference from 1979-84. The Rattlers withdrew from the league in '84 because of a dispute with Bethune-Cookman over the site of their annual football game. The school had had an open invitation to join the Southwestern Athletic Conference, but did not because too many of the teams were too far away.

"We have more in common regionally with the MEAC schools," FAMU Athletic Director **Nelson Townsend** said. "Originally, Florida A&M left the MEAC because of its dispute with Bethune-Cookman over the football game (annually between the two). We got along with the conference at-large."

Townsend said the automatic berths for the revenue sports are important to FAMU, especially because the NCAA tends to overlook independents in its selection of post-season playoff and tournament participants.

"But the most important thing is the opportunity to play in conference championships for our non-revenue sports like track and field," Townsend said. "We field cross country, indoor and outdoor track teams. But unless an individual has a good enough time to qualify for the NCAA regionals, then it is an empty experience not winning any championship."

Townsend said the FAMU women's basketball team will compete in the 2-year-old, six-member New South Women's Athletic Conference Tournament this season.

"We will make a decision on where the better placement is for next season at a later date," he said. Please see page B13

**Black College Standings**

CIAA Men Southern Division				Last Monday's Result		Next Monday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
NCCU	2	0	7	4	St. Paul's 75, Clinch Valley 61	WSSU at Fayetteville State	
FSU	1	0	2	5		St. Paul's at Bowie	
WSSU	0	0	7	4		J.C. Smith at Livingstone	
JCSU	1	1	7	3			
Shaw	1	2	4	6			
St. Aug's	0	1	5	5			
L. Stone	0	1	0	11			

CIAA Women Southern Division				Last Friday's Result		Next Tuesday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
Union	1	0	10	2	WSSU 78, Hampd.	Livingstone at St. Augustine's	
Norfolk	0	0	10	1		UDC at Hampton	
Hampton	0	0	9	3			
ECSU	0	0	5	5			
St. Paul's	0	0	5	8			
Bowie	0	0	1	10			
Va. State	0	1	6	6			

Northern Division				Last Thursday's Results		Next Monday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
UDC	69	WSSU	64	OT	Virginia Union 79, N.C. Central 63		
Virginia State	83	Delaware State	74		Elizabeth City 83, Bowie State 70		
Norfolk State	83	Alabama A&M	66				

Dec. 20 Results				Last Saturday's Results		Next Tuesday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
UDC	69	WSSU	64	OT	WSSU 79, Elizabeth City 67		
Virginia State	83	Delaware State	74		Fayetteville at Shaw		
Norfolk State	83	Alabama A&M	66		J.C. Smith 112, Livingstone 78		

Jan. 2 Results				Last Saturday's Results		Next Tuesday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
Norfolk	105	Central State	75		WSSU 79, Elizabeth City 67		
ECSU	102	Clark	95		Fayetteville at Shaw		
Hampton	84	Bowie State	64		J.C. Smith 112, Livingstone 78		
Savannah State	75	St. Paul's	68		St. Paul's at Virginia Union		

Jan. 3 Results				Last Saturday's Results		Next Tuesday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
Hampton	87	Savannah State	78		WSSU 79, Elizabeth City 67		
St. Paul's	54	Bowie State	44		Fayetteville at Shaw		
Norfolk State	62	Clark	40		J.C. Smith 112, Livingstone 78		
ECSU	88	Central	81	OT	St. Paul's at Virginia Union		

Thursday's Games				Saturday's Games		Next Tuesday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
Shaw	at WSSU				WSSU at St. Augustine's		
Bowie State	at St. Paul's				UDC at Bowie State		
Roxboro	at Livingstone				Fayetteville at N.C. Central		
Fayetteville State	at Va. State				Hampton at St. Paul's		

Thursday's Games				Saturday's Games		Next Tuesday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
St. Paul's	0	0	4	4	WSSU at St. Augustine's		
ECSU	0	0	1	4	UDC at Bowie State		
Bowie	0	0	1	4	Fayetteville at N.C. Central		
Union	0	1	0	5	Hampton at St. Paul's		

Thursday's Games				Saturday's Games		Next Tuesday's Games	
Team	Div.	W	L	All Games	W	L	
J.C. Smith	at Shaw				WSSU at St. Augustine's		
Bowie State	at Elizabeth City				UDC at Bowie State		
Livingstone	at J.C. Smith				Fayetteville at N.C. Central		
Hampton	at Delaware State				Hampton at St. Paul's		
Fayetteville State	at Shaw				Paine at J.C. Smith		
Virginia State	at Bowie State				Shaw at Livingstone		
					Va. State at Norfolk State		



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Jan. 3	Virginia	Charlottesville, VA	8:30pm
Jan. 5	WILLIAM & MARY	DURHAM	7:00pm
Jan. 7	ST. JOSEPH'S	DURHAM	7:00pm
Jan. 10	NORTH CAROLINA	DURHAM	1:30pm
Jan. 14	Maryland	College Park, MD	7:30pm
Jan. 17	WAKE FOREST	DURHAM	1:00pm
Jan. 21	N.C. State	Raleigh, NC	7:00pm
Jan. 24	Clemson	Clemson, SC	1:00pm
Jan. 26	CORNELL	DURHAM	7:00pm
Jan. 29	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	8:30pm
Jan. 31	Wake Forest	Greensboro, NC	1:00pm
Feb. 2	STETSON	DURHAM	7:00pm
Feb. 4	VIRGINIA	DURHAM	7:00pm
Feb. 7	MARYLAND	DURHAM	3:30pm
Feb. 10	Harvard	Cambridge, MA	7:00pm
Feb. 15	Notre Dame	South Bend, IN	12:30pm
Feb. 19	N.C. STATE	DURHAM	8:30pm
Feb. 21	GEORGIA TECH	DURHAM	3:30pm
Feb. 26	North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC	8:30pm
Feb. 28	CLEMSON	DURHAM	3:30pm
Mar. 6-8	ACC Tournament	Landover, MD	TBA

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