

BLACK COLLEGE NOTES

Rams will start long stretch of CIAA action with Elizabeth City

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Winston-Salem State, coming off two big wins in the Springfield Holiday Tournament, will venture into more familiar waters this weekend, as they host Elizabeth City State at the C.E. Gaines Complex this Saturday.

Though the Vikings are a CIAA team, they are in the Northern Division and will not count toward WSSU's defense of the Southern Division title. Still, Elizabeth City represents the beginning of a seven-game stretch where the Rams will not play outside of the league.

Picked last in the Northern Division, the Vikings return only 6-4 forward Eric Griffin and severely lack size underneath. ECSU has two 6-5 players, but they have yet to prove themselves in CIAA competition.

Still the Rams aren't taking anyone lightly.

"The CIAA is a tough league," said Gaines. "On a given night, anyone can beat you."

The Rams are favored to pick up their eighth win of the season.

Springfield Champs

The visiting Rams stunned host Springfield College in the first round of the tournament, winning 61-56. Springfield took a one-point lead with 8:45 left in the game, but Charlie Spell, Mike Lesane and Steve Hood keyed a 10-0 WSSU run that gave the Rams the lead for good.

Although Springfield out-bounced the Rams 47-34 and hit 15 of 24 free throws, WSSU got several transition baskets to advance to the second round.

In the championship game, Spell continued his outstanding performance with 16 points, while Lesane came off the bench for a career-high 15 points. Cromartie kept Massachusetts at bay inside, exploding for 18 rebounds in the 66-64 title victory. WSSU was out-rebounded slightly, 41-40, but converted key free throws in the clutch.

The Rams, now 7-3 and ranked tenth in the Sheridan Poll, were tabbed as pre-season favorites to capture the Southern Division crown yet another time. Paced by the superior ballhandling skills and scoring of Spell, WSSU snapped an early three-game losing skid and has played well lately.

Spell, who is averaging 18.6 points a contest through 10 games, was named to the all-tournament team in the Springfield Holiday



Matthew "Iceman" McMillan lets one fly against Livingstone earlier this year. "Iceman" was held to two points in the Rams last game, but will look to bounce back Saturday (photo by Mike Cunningham).

Tournament. Likewise was Steve Hood, who has rebounded from a slow start to average 14.2 points a game.

Matthew McMillan was held to just two points in the Rams' 66-64 win over Massachusetts in the finals of the Springfield Holiday Tournament, but he is still averaging 14.2 points a game. McMillan, who sat out last season, has been looked upon to score in the wake of the graduated Alexander Hooper -- he has responded. The "Iceman" is not quite as much of a scoring threat as Hooper, but is a more aggressive defender and can take it to the hole.

Meanwhile, rebounding hasn't been much of a problem for the Rams -- they are outrebounding their opponents by an average of 37-29. Cromartie is pulling down an average of 12.3 boards a game, while Kevin Reed has been good for another 10.1.

Reed, a starter since the beginning of the season, has panned out well for Gaines. Though only 6-5, the sophomore forward has played much larger than his size dictates.

Aggies Knocked Off

N.C. A&T lost their first game of the season this week, as they dropped a 63-57 decision to the University of Akron.

The Aggies played the Division I Panther tough, actually holding an eight-point lead mid-way through the second half. Akron (Ohio) rallied to tie the game at 55-55, and won going away, holding A&T scoreless the final 5:52 of the game.

Akron was led by 21 points from Shawn Roberts, while team-

mate Eric McLaughlin added 14 for the 6-3 Panthers.

A&T, which dropped to 5-1 with the loss, was paced by 17 points from Thomas "Ice" Griffis and 16 from Claude Williams.

The Aggies' Carlton is fourth in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, averaging 19.6 points per game. He was held to just nine points against the Panthers. Williams is averaging 15.0 a game for the Aggies, while Griffis checks in right behind him with a 14.6 average.

A&T rebounded to whip Coppin State, 93-71, Monday night, and is currently rated second in the Sheridan Poll. The Aggies are now 6-1 and will continue their defense of the MEAC crown with a showdown with Howard Saturday night.

The Bison are 6-2 and rated sixth in the Sheridan Poll.

Bama A&M Still Tops

Alabama A&M, 8-0, is still the top-ranked black college team in the nation according to the Sheridan Poll. They are followed by N.C. A&T at 6-1, North Carolina Central with a 7-0 mark, Clark College at 11-0 and Virginia Union's 5-1 team.

Howard leads the second five of the poll with a 4-2 mark, followed by Morgan State (5-2), Virginia State (7-3), Norfolk State (6-2) and Winston-Salem State is tenth with a 7-3 mark.

Pearson Gone Bowling

Darryl Pearson has already played in one bowl game -- the Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic --

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Winston-Salem State basketball statistics

men's individual stats through 10 games

player	G	FG	FGA	FG%	PTS	AVG	FT%
Charlie Spell	10	72	159	452	186	18.6	773
Matthew McMillan	10	61	150	406	142	14.2	629
Steve Hood	10	53	106	500	147	14.7	658
Gary Cromartie	10	37	84	440	84	8.4	526
Kevin Reid	10	41	70	585	95	9.5	382
Maurice Edmunds	4	3	7	428	6	1.5	300
Mike Lesane	7	16	30	533	37	5.3	444
Jamal Pierce	5	1	3	333	10	2.0	833
Howard Byrd	1	0	0	000	0	0.0	000
Chuck Swearingen	2	1	2	500	2	1.0	000
Toby Barber	6	4	7	571	11	1.8	600

Winston-Salem State (at 7:30) and the Lady Rams (at 6:00) host Elizabeth City State Saturday night in the C.E. Gaines Complex.

CIAA Standings

Southern Division

team	rec.	overall	CIAA
Winston-Salem	7-3	(1-0)	
Fayetteville State	2-5	(0-0)	
Johnson C. Smith	2-5	(0-0)	
N.C. Central	7-0	(0-0)	
St. Augustine's	2-3	(0-0)	
Shaw University	0-6	(0-0)	
Livingstone	2-8	(0-1)	

Northern Division

team	rec.	overall	CIAA
Virginia Union	5-1	(2-1)	
Hampton Univ.	5-3	(1-0)	
Elizabeth City St.	3-3	(0-0)	
Norfolk State	5-2	(0-0)	
St. Paul's	5-5	(0-0)	
Virginia State	7-3	(0-0)	
Bowie State	2-8	(0-1)	

Games This Week

Jan. 7	Eliz. City at Bowie
Jan. 7	Shaw at J.C. Smith
Jan. 7	Norfolk at Vir. Union
Jan. 7	Eliz. City at WSSU
Jan. 9	Virginia St. at V. Union
Jan. 9	St. Paul's at V. Union
Jan. 9	J.C. Smith at Liv.
Jan. 9	St. Aug. at Central
Jan. 9	Shaw at Fayetteville
Jan. 9	Bethune-Cookman at Hampton

*North-South games do not count toward divisional standings

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