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and Robert Boykins will get ample opportunities to contribute. Ron Boyd (5.9 apg) and junior college All-American Troy Patterson are the leading candidates to man the point guard position.

Shaw University

CIAA Player Of The Year Sheldon Owens returns to wreak havoc on the league for one final season. Owens did a number on all foes last season, leading the nation in rebounding (12 a game), while scoring 19.6 ppg and handing out 6.2 apg.

Terrence McCoy keeps folk from zeroing in on Owens. McCoy does a lot of his damage from 19 feet out and beyond (23.6 ppg, 43 percent three-point field goal accuracy). Curtis Reed is the Bears primary weapon in the post. Reed contributed 14.2 ppg and 10.7 rpg while shooting 66 percent from the field last season.

With that kind of firepower coming back, first-year coach Jake Ford isn't likely to make a lot of major changes.

Fayetteville State

Even though an injury bug deprived the Broncos of several key players, they hung tough to record their first winning season since the late '70s.

Byron Davis is back in the saddle now that's he recovered from a knee injury that sidelined him for most of last season. Davis played in only three games, but averaged 21 ppg when he did play.

Derrick Hawkins and Emmanuel Calloway are top performers at forward and point guard.

Coach Jeff Capel believes his team will make a bolder move this season because of added inside strength starting with 6-11 Chris Waters and 6-10 Tim Robinson. The presence of Vernon Broughton and Doug Elliot, a pair of 6-7 forwards, should also create a lot of excitement for FSU fans.

Winston-Salem State

Finishing last season with a 10-14 record isn't what coach Clarence "Big-

house" Gaines had in mind. But it wasn't that the Rams were outclassed. They just couldn't win their share of close ball games.

Charles Bennett (14.7 ppg, 8.9 rpg) returns to the fold this month. He'll get ample help from Vernon Redmond and Michael McNeal. Brian Boone and Keith Roundtree, a couple of JUCO transfers, could fortify the front line if they deliver.

Michael Eaton will be called on to provide the Rams with consistent outside shooting, something that was lacking last year.

St. Augustine's

Added size is the word for this edition of the Falcons. Coach Harvey Heartley is counting on Isiah Umar, Anthony Beedie and Gene Dunbar to take his team to a higher level. That trio gives the Falcons a front line that goes 6-8, 6-8 and 6-7.

At guard, Jeff Robinson and Ray Amerson are the likely starters. Darius Giles will see action at guard and for-

ward.

North Carolina Central

Entering the season, the quality of the Eagles roster was unknown. But that won't deter the guard duo of Clifton Daye (14.1 ppg) and Taro Knight (12.9 ppg, 4.7 apg).

In the paint is where first-year coach Greg Jackson will have to find some answers. The leading candidates to handle low post duties include Rodney Adams, Jason Beatty, Kevin Britton, Daren Hager and Ken Morrow.

Livingstone College

For the time being, coach Stan Lewter is primarily concerned with having his team achieve an acceptable level of respectability. Jeff Pearsall (14 ppg), Terrance Jordan and James Kesler are being continued to provide the Bears with leadership.

- Steve Zimmerman

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one more time. After giving Morehouse a tough go in the league tournament semis last spring, LMO is back for more.

The guard corps is solid with Marcus Mitchell and John Boyd manning those spots. Forward Kaleen Lawson will help bolster the Magicians' inside game.

This team could be the surprise of the league this year if three rookies perform up to their capabilities right away. Forwards Willie Wilson and Darrell Dorn, along with

guard Marcus Hall stand ready to put LMO at the top of the SIAC West standings by season's end.

Tuskegee University

Three-time All-SIAC guard Gary Hunt is the focal point for TU, averaging better than 20 points an outing for three years. Last season, Hunt bombed the nets for 23.4 ppg. If he maintains his pace from his first three seasons, Hunt will finish his college career

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with more than 2,000 points.

Kevin Williams and rookie Chris Young could provide the answers for 'Skegee at the point position.

In the paint, Alvin Wimberly and Bobby Franklin are the prime players. Wimberly, 6-8, 235, could wind up as the starting center after averaging 14.5 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 55.8 FG%. Franklin is a solid rebounder who has the tools to bolster TU's offensive output.

Miles College

The Bears could be hard pressed to make it back to the conference tournament finals like they did last March. But that doesn't mean that MC should be counted out by any means.

Steve Reed (17.1 ppg, 12 rpg) returns as the prime force in the pivot. Point guard Paul Beaty (4.7 apg) is expected to continue his development after a year of seasoning.

- Walton Dunn

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led the defense.

Against A&M, tackle Walt Simmons came through with 12 tackles in a losing effort and Willie Caesar rushed for 74 yards and a pair of scores. Additionally, Jeff Parker, Carl Gibbons and Troy Grant all had five receptions.

At the end of the regular season, that trio was ranked first, second and third in the conference receiving stats. Parker had 10 catches for 184 yards and one touchdown in the loss to the Aggies.

Howard University

This was anything but a banner year for the Bison, who tasted victory just once in six tries in league play. Last month was a downer with four straight losses, including a surprising 37-28 defeat at the hands of Morgan State.

The closest that HU came to victory was a 13-7 loss to Towson State. DB LaJeremy Adamson was the top performer for the day with six solo tackles

and two pass break-ups. In a 56-12 loss to Delaware State, wide receiver Tony Hyman caught six passes for 83 yards and a touchdown.

Morgan State

After suffering through drubbing after drubbing, the Bears finally got even and took things out on neighboring Howard University for their lone win of the season.

Morgan got some explosive offense

thanks to quarterback Orlando Persell and running back Nate Ayers. Persell hit on 19 of 30 passes for two TDs, plus he ran 35 and 25 yards for two more scores. Ayers was busy also, rushing for 111 yards and one touchdown.

On defense, linebacker Reno Lucas was the main stopper with 11 tackles, four pass break-ups and one interception.

- Rolando Simmons

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completing 19 of 35 passes for 289 yards and three scores.

Morris Brown College

The Wolverines never tasted victory in November, losing their final two games to Bethune-Cookman (51-13 in the Conch Bowl in the Bahamas) and Albany State (28-21).

Even so, the won-loss record didn't

detract from the marvelous year turned in by nose man Coronzoa Greene who led the circuit in tackles (119) and quarterback sacks (13). Against Bethune, Greene played brilliantly, recording 20 tackles — 15 of those were solo jobs.

QB Rondal Griffin had his moments in November, completing 27 of 55 passes for 406 yards and a couple of TDs in two games.

Miles College

The Bears were on the receiving end of losses more times than they cared to remember in '91. But they did get some measure of redemption by whipping Lane College (47-15) to win their only game of the season.

In that game, quarterback Ernest Kenty fired away for 404 passing yards and four touchdowns. On the other side

of the ball, linebacker Bobby Ellison and strong safety Victor Jones more than held up their end. Ellison had 18 tackles (11 solos) and Jones contributed 13 hits (seven solos). Ellison also played valiantly in a 24-0 loss to Morehouse with 16 tackles and one sack.

- Stanton Blackwell