

College Basketball

A&T tops St. Louis

By Chronicle Staff

North Carolina A&T finished with a rush to subdue St. Louis University 85-81 in a road game last Saturday.

The Aggies blitzed the Billikens with a 51-33 second half surge to set the tone for victory. Guard Bobby Moore and forward Jamaine Williams keyed A&T's decisive run.

Coach Don Corbett's team (2-2 at presstime) started out in awful fashion, shooting 38 percent from the field in the first half. As a result, St. Louis secured a 48-34 cushion at intermission.

For the first 22 minutes of the game, it appeared that St. Louis would walk away with a blowout victory.

With a little over two minutes gone in the second half, A&T trailed 55-34.

At that point, the Aggies employed strong defensive pressure which enabled them to climb back into contention.

Moore led the Aggies scoring with 27 points, including 11 of 12 shooting from the foul line.

Williams contributed 21 points to the cause and Dana Elliot chipped in with 12 points and nine rebounds.



Photo courtesy of Black College Sports Review
Bobby Moore was the catalyst for the Aggies decisive second half run in their win against St. Louis.

Game dates are changed for Smoke On The River Classic

Winston-Salem State's date for the Smoke On The River Basketball Classic in Wilmington has been changed. The tournament is now set for Jan. 4-5.

The change was made in order to eliminate a conflict between the college tournament and the high school tournament being held in that city Jan. 3-4.

Winston-Salem State will play Elizabeth City State in the nightcap at 8 p.m. on Jan. 4. North Carolina Central squares off against St. Augustine's in the first game at 6 p.m.

The tournament championship game will be played on Jan. 5 at 2 p.m.

High school roundball

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winner is crowned two days from now. George Redd, Joe Legarde, Andrew Stroud and Monty Gray are the key performers for East.

In their last outing, the Eagles dropped a close contest to Mt. Tabor, 61-59. Legarde was the top point producer with 14 points.

Redd had 13 and Stroud tallied 12 points.

West Forsyth - The Titans are seeded fourth and have fared well so far at 4-2.

Long distance shooting accuracy is a forte for West thanks to Scott Falin. Falin has the touch to

bury the three at any point during a contest. He also gets ample assistance from J.J. Oliver and John Taylor.

The Titans, however, could run into problems if they don't find a way maintain a lead. In a 10-point loss to Carver (71-61), the Titans stumbled in the second half after leading 34-23 at the half.

Glenn - Tim Patterson and Darrell Johnson are the big guns for the Bobcats (2-3). But this pair also gets a lot of help from Mike Chambers and Cleveland Brown.

The B-cats are coming off of a dominating win against Parkland (73-57). Patterson topped the scoring charts with 20 points. Johnson, a strong inside player, tallied 18 points and had three blocked shots. Chambers and Brown scored 11 points each.

Reynolds - The 3-2 Demons are itching to prove that they are better than area observers feel they are.

RJR's prime performers include Ford Perry, Ryan Odom and Jiri Formanek.

In the season's early going, Formanek has shown that he can dominate games. In the Demons' 76-69 win over East Forsyth, Formanek played a complete game with 13 points, nine rebounds and five blocks.

One footnote on that game concerning Formanek. Eleven of his points and two of his blocks came during RJR's second half burst that decided the game's final outcome.

Mt. Tabor - After their 61-59 win vs. East Forsyth, the Spartans (3-2) know they have comeback power.

With Clarence Hosch working the perimeter and Kip Reese handling the chores in the low post, look for Tabor to create

more than a few problems for the opposition. Carlos Rucker is also a solid performer.

Against East, Hosch hit five, three-pointers and scored 19 points. Reese had 18 points and Rucker chipped in with 10 points.

Carver - The Jackets (2-4) should not be overlooked because of their record of the moment.

Carver always makes things happen with frantic defense, which creates turnovers and break-away baskets. The Hart twins (Daren and David) excel at applying pressure on opposing guards.

Eric Johnson and Roosevelt Johnson are also dependable scorers who give Jackets additional speed and quickness.

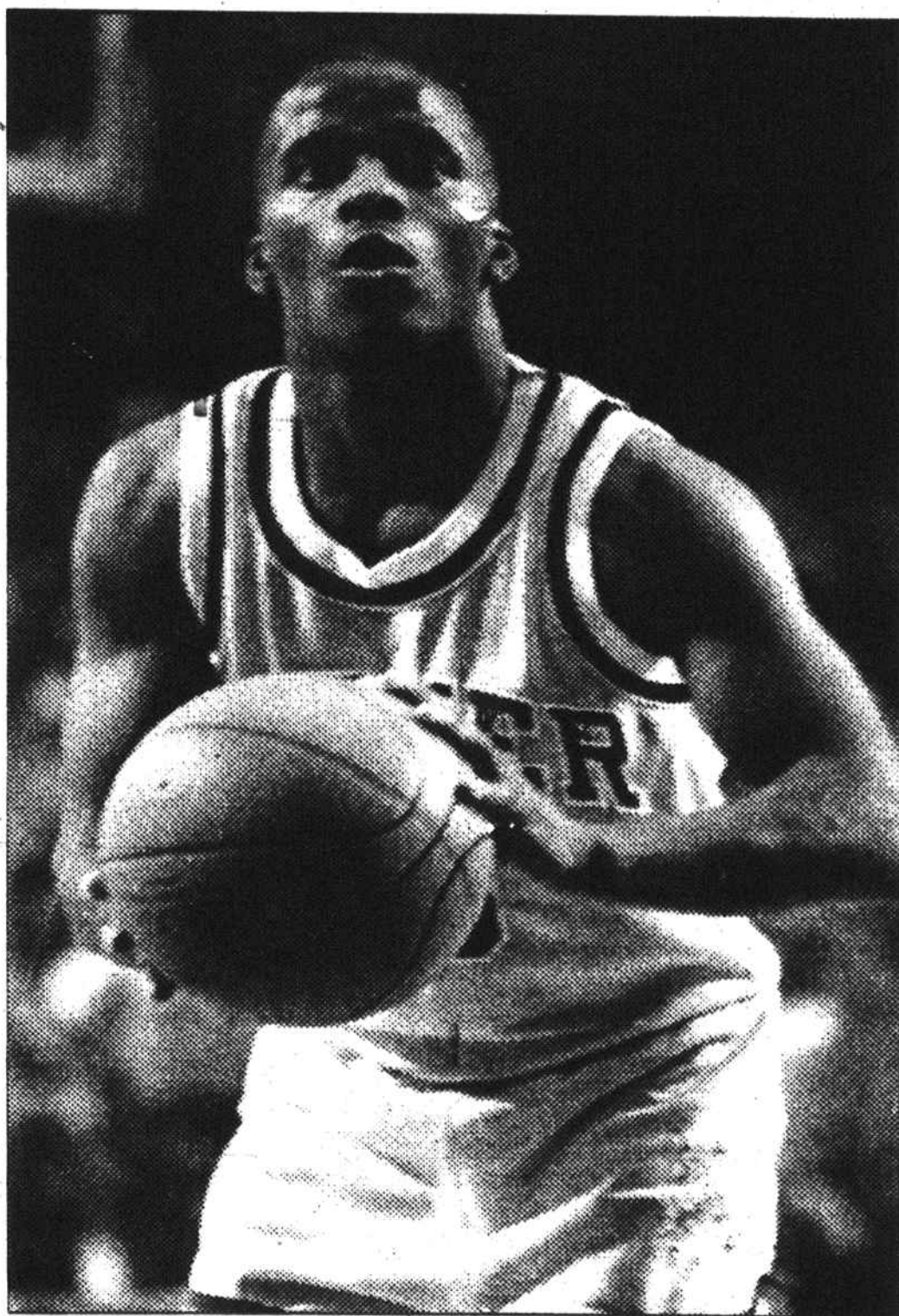


Photo by Chronicle Staff
Carver's Daren Hart emerged as the tournament MVP last December as the Jackets won their first-ever Spencer Classic.

Alamo Heritage Bowl

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ball control rhythm in the first quarter when they answered the Hornets first score via Connell Maynor's 12-yard TD drive to James Lancaster. That drive was typical A&T, covering 83 yards while consuming close to eight minutes off the game clock.

However, the Aggies weren't able to stay with their preferred style on offense because of two critical turnovers in the second quarter. James White and Barry Turner both had long runs that ended with Alabama State recovering their fumbles.

That, along with the Aggies' inability to keep the score close in the early going, aided in their demise. A&T threatened to close the gap to four points in the second quarter, but Thomas Catchings slammed the door when he blocked an A&T field goal attempt.

Maynor, who was voted the MVP for A&T, was never able to

get his team untracked. He finished the game with 11 pass completions in 20 attempts for 106 yards and a score. He also rushed for 78 yards.

The Hornets defense, led by linebackers Anthony Shamburger, Jerich Green and Eddie Robinson, were able to limit Maynor's effectiveness by putting a ball and chain on tight end Craig Thompson. A&T's prime receiver, Thompson was never a major factor, finishing with one catch for 15 yards.

As a result, Maynor was forced look elsewhere. Turner led A&T with five catches for 40 yards. He also scored the Aggies' final points on a seven-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, A&T never came up with a method for stopping Al State's hocus pocus attack. But there were still some solid individual performances. Cornerback Alonza Barnett had

two interceptions and tackle Knox Thompson stopped a Hornet drive when he stole the ball from an ASU back who had made a catch on a screen pass.

On a different day, the results may have been different. But in retrospect, it was a day for the Hornets, a team that had been a SWAC doormat for years.

Now it's their turn to bask in the spotlight of championship glory.

They deserve it.

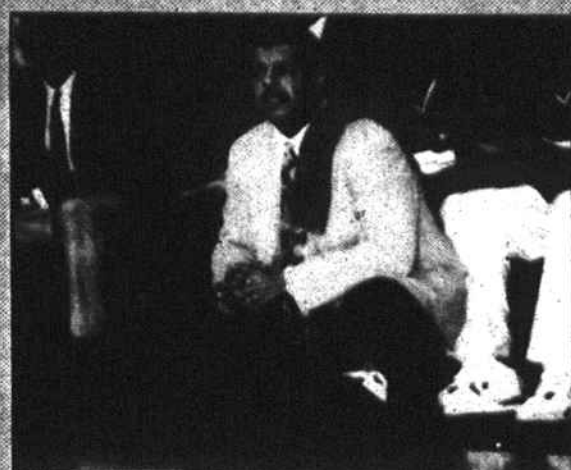
Heritage Notes

..... Jones and Maynor weren't the only players to earn accolades in Miami. Running back/return specialist Paul Ashby was chosen MVP for Alabama State. The Hornets' Patrick Johnson and Arthur English also reaped honors. Johnson was chosen top offensive lineman and English was voted best defensive lineman for the game.

Division II Men's National Basketball Rankings

Building a winner

Coach Jeff Capel has Fayetteville State's Broncos riding high these days as the nation's second-ranked team. Capel is a former assistant at Wake Forest.



Ranking & School	Overall Record
1. Delta State (Miss.)	8-0
2. Fayetteville State	8-0
3. North Dakota	5-0
4. Pittsburg State (Kansas)	7-0
5. Philadelphia Textiles	6-0
6. Alaska-Anchorage	8-1
7. New Hampshire	8-1
8. Kentucky Wesleyan	6-1
9. Jacksonville State (Ala.)	7-0
10. Virginia Union	4-1
11. Indiana/Purdue-Ft. Wayne	5-0
12. South Dakota State	5-0
13. Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	6-1
14. New Haven (Conn.)	8-1
15. Gannon (Pa.)	7-1
16. Eastern New Mexico	5-1
17. Tampa (Fla.)	5-0
18. Missouri Western State	7-1
19. Kentucky State	6-0
20. California (Pa.)	6-1

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