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Black College Basketball Standings

CIAA MEN'S

CONFERENCE		OVERALL	
School	W L	W L	W L
Northern Division			
Norfolk State	2 0	12 1	
Hampton	3 1	13 2	
Va. Union	3 1	11 1	
Elizabeth City St.	1 2	6 4	
Va. State	1 2	5 8	
Bowie State	0 1	5 8	
St. Paul's	0 3	3 9	
Southern Division			
N.C. Central	4 0	9 3	
Johnson C. Smith	2 1	7 5	
Fayetteville St.	1 1	8 5	
St. Augustine's	2 2	4 9	
Shaw	2 2	3 9	
W-S State	1 2	5 9	
Livingstone	0 4	0 11	

Games Scheduled This Weekend:

Thursday, Jan. 20
Virginia State at Bowie State 7:30 p.m.
N.C. Central at N.C. A&T 7:30 p.m.
Livingstone at Shaw 7:30 p.m.
Fayetteville State at St. Augustine's 7:30 p.m.
Norfolk State at Virginia Union 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Norfolk State at Elizabeth City 7:30 p.m.
Shaw at Fayetteville State 7:30 p.m.
Virginia Union at Hampton 7:30 p.m.
W-S State at Johnson C. Smith 7:30 p.m.
N.C. Central at St. Augustine's 7:30 p.m.
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Hampton	4 0	12 3	
Norfolk State	1 0	11 1	
Va. Union	3 1	6 4	
Va. State	1 1	6 7	
Bowie State	0 1	7 3	
St. Paul's	0 3	2 10	
Elizabeth City St.	0 3	1 7	
Southern Division			
Shaw	4 0	7 6	
Fayetteville St.	2 0	8 4	
Johnson C. Smith	2 0	8 5	
St. Augustine's	1 2	8 5	
N.C. Central	1 2	2 8	
W-S State	1 3	1 10	
Livingstone	0 4	0 11	

MEAC MEN'S

CONFERENCE		OVERALL	
School	W L	W L	W L
Coppin State	3 0	9 7	
S.C. State	4 1	8 7	
Md-Eastern Shore	3 2	7 7	
Delaware State	2 2	5 8	
Howard	2 2	5 8	
Bethune-Cookman	2 2	2 11	
Morgan State	1 3	3 10	
N.C. A&T	1 3	2 8	
Florida A&M	0 3	2 10	

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Boycott Still A Possibility For Black Coaches

▲ Washington: "In all likelihood, there will be a boycott," when unknown

SAN ANTONIO-The head of the Black Coaches Association, upset over the NCAA's decision to limit scholarships, said he expected his group to boycott men's college basketball games possibly for the rest of the season, but the Department of Justice has decided to intervene in the case.

The boycott, which would include coaches and players, would have begun as early as Jan. 15, Martin Luther King's birthday. The BCA decided not to boycott any games for the moment, but Washington did not rule out the possibility in the near future.

"In all likelihood, there will be a boycott but I am reluctant to give you the date," Drake basketball coach and BCA president Rudy Washington said. "Players and coaches are expected to participate. And they're talking about the rest of the season, like the baseball strike."

On Jan. 10, the NCAA voted down a proposal to restore a fourteenth basketball scholarship two years after it voted to cut scholarships from 15 to 13. The BCA says that minorities are primarily hurt by cutting scholarships.

The Presidents Committee cited costs and the need is held firm on reform measures. The presidents also indicated to the BCA the scholarship could be

added next year if savings could be found elsewhere.

"If there's to be a boycott, how long will it be?" NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey said at a news conference. "We could play executive games related to this. I don't see how it would be profitable."

It is not clear how many coaches would participate in a boycott. The BCA has over 3,000 members but that number includes head coaches and assistant coaches in all divisions in men's and women's programs as well as high school coaches.

Dempsey and Joseph Crowley, the NCAA's president, both said they had talked with BCA representatives twice and hoped to talk with them again.

"There is certainly the possibility of continued dialogue," Dempsey said.

Black coaches have said dropping the scholarships will deny 880 young men, totally African-Americans, access to education. But others said not all the 297 Division I coaches use their full scholarship limit anyway.

"Of the 64 teams in last year's NCAA Tournament, the average squad that used all their scholarships is 15.7 percent," Dempsey said.

Crowley was asked whether in view of the

threatened boycott the presidents had agreed in not letting the coaches having their way.

"The problem with this issue is that it has evolved into far greater symbolic significance than anyone predicted," he said.

The boycott was approved by the BCA's legislative committees, which includes George Raveling of Southern Cal, John Thompson of Georgetown and John Chaney of Temple. Washington said the group was scheduled to talk again and set a date for a boycott.

"It's nothing that any of us want to do," Washington said. "It's just something we have to do. Not every coach wants to boycott. But in order to help themselves and their kids, they have to do it."

While the BCA planned its strategy, all 33 Division I conferences set up a conference call to discuss they might react to the boycott.

"I really don't know what they're being asked to do, what they want to do," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delaney said. "We'll try to have a consistent way of managing the games. If the players aren't there, we'll just have to apply the rules of the game."

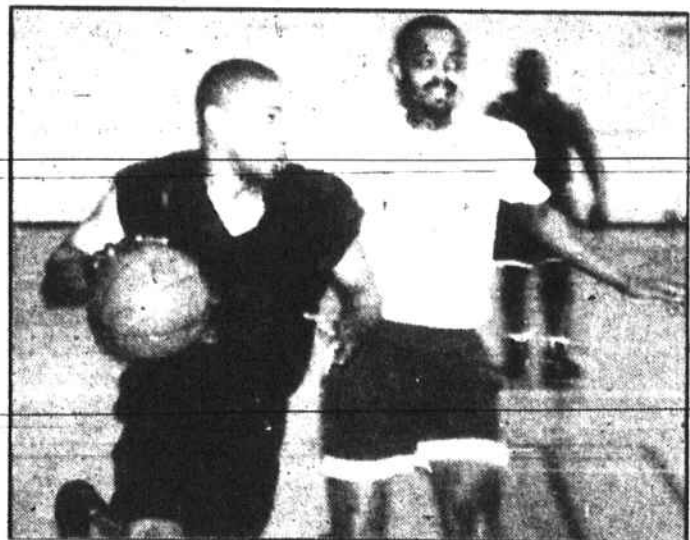
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Workers Enjoy Company Basketball Games At Hanes

By MICHAEL JOHNSON
Chronicle Sports Writer

Before warming up to play, Hanes Hosiery guard Elbert Jeffries looks at each of his teammates while they practice shooting free throws. Then he glances down the court and looks at his opponents, the Sara Lee All-Stars, perform a layup drill. While it's only a game of pickup ball, Jeffries takes every game seriously, as if he was playing for a national championship.

Jeffries and his teammates comprise only one team that plays in the Hanes Hosiery Adult Basketball League, one of the few such organizations in Winston-Salem organized specifically for workers. The league was made specifically for the second and third shift workers for several firms that want to boost company morale and build relationships among workers.



Leroy Williams drives pass a defender.

"The league gives us a chance to meet some new people, people we haven't seen in a while and some we would have never met otherwise," Gunnin' Rebels guard Keith Mims said. "The guys want to get together on the court and win. Then we go to work."

The league started two years ago as a way to spur interest among several workers at firms. All the league teams have players who either play immediately after or before going to work. According to program director Art Blevins, the league started on its own in an informal manner several years before it was organized.

"Guys would come in and play and they got off work or before they went, so I just thought it would be great to have something that was constructive during basketball season," Blevins said. "The guys here want to stay in shape during the winter and the interest was already there, so it was rather easy to start."

The league currently lists four teams, a pair from Sara Lee — the Gunnin' Rebels and the All-Stars — the Hanes Hosiery team which won the regular season championship and a team from Douglas Battery. The games start at 9:30 and 11 a.m. each Wednesday, with the teams meeting on a round-robin schedule. Each team must pay a registration fee to sign up into the league.

Most of the players on the teams are in their early twenties and are starting their first jobs, which some of the players felt it would be to their advantage to join.

"This was my first job, so I did know a few people here, but I've met a lot of people here," said Leantwone Roberts, who is in his first year at the plant. "It's been great because I get to see some of the other work-



Vic McCummings goes up for two during the game.

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Amateur Boxer Anxiously Awaits Chance In Spotlight

▲ 22-year-old desires to go far despite a late start, following an elusive dream

By MICHAEL JOHNSON
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Flashback, circa 1984: Darran Smith used to watch Sugar Ray Leonard on television and marvel at his speed, quickness and power. Someday, the transfixed youngster used to say to himself, that could be me fighting in the ring.

But there was only one catch. To be a boxer, someone has to be trained. And a trainer was something he couldn't find until last year.

Now fast forward into the present: Smith has found someone who can teach him, and hopefully those lessons he can embellish on Keith Davis Saturday night at the 14th Street Community Center amateur boxing bouts. Smith's bout is one of four fights on the card, with Wade Ridenhour and Steve Mahan also on the feature bout. A Junior Olympic bout with Rico Hairston and Tony Lindsay and Brian George going against Marico Hairston will be on the undercard.

Saturday's bout will be Smith's third as an amateur, with the first two

ending in victories. And while he started late in a sport he follows passionately, the 22-year-old rookie said his diligence was more than worth the wait.

"I think the maturity he has shown and his level-headedness have made up for his late start," said William Kennedy, director of the 14th Street community center's boxing program. "Darran likes to box; he doesn't have dreams of being world champion. The kid is straight."

In fact, it was those qualities that made Kennedy decide to train him. Two years ago, Smith caught wind that Kennedy, a fellow worker at Taracorps Industries, was a former professional boxer. But Kennedy scoffed at the idea of training him because he was trying to get away from the sport. A year passed, and Kennedy asked the young man was he still interested in becoming a boxer.

So began a long process in which Kennedy showed him the ropes. Along the way, Kennedy picked a pair of younger boxers which have formed the nucleus of his boxing program. But Kennedy knew that Smith was a special



Boxer Darran Smith will fight Keith Davis as the main event Saturday at the 14th Street Recreation Center. Smith, 22, will fight in his third amateur bout.

project and head him train with his former trainer, Robert Giles.

"When Darran first came here, he didn't anything about boxing, 1-2 combinations, jabs, nothing," said the former Marines boxer. "But under that raw body was a hard worker and an eager learner. He'll do what's good for him as a boxer and wants to improve."

Being a boxer was such an elusive goal for Smith as a teenager who wanted to join the Marines after high

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