

Sports Beat



*Whips Morgan, 70-65*  
**A&T Captures MEAC Championship**

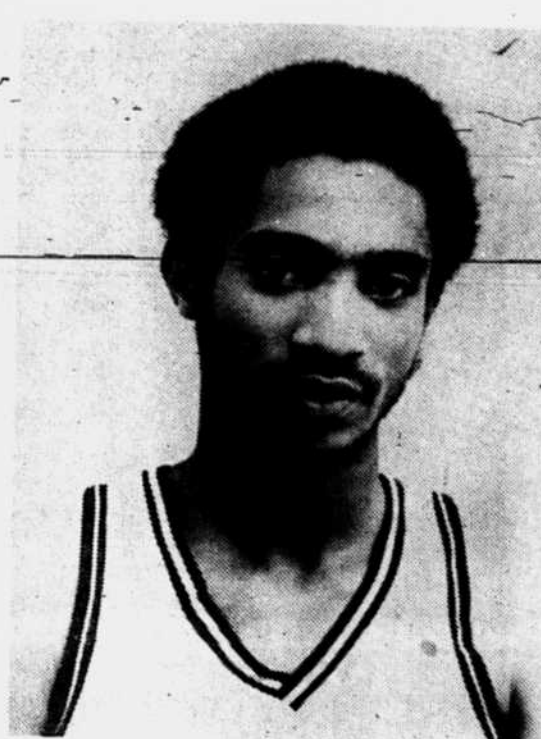
Baltimore, Md.--North Carolina A&T fought off a determined rally by Morgan State in the last two minutes to defeat Morgan, 70-65 in the finals of the 4th annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament here Saturday night at the Baltimore Civic Center.

Senior Allen Spruill scored 21 of his game-high 29 points in the second half as A&T added the tournament title to its visitation championship. The tournament victory for the Aggies marked the third time in four years the Greensboro City cagers have won the coveted tournament title.

A&T carried a 36-30 halftime lead to the dressing room at intermission but the two teams came back into the second half to give the 9,674 spectators a real show in the second half.

With Spruill at the helm, the Aggies, skippered by Warren Reynolds, had to pull out all stops in the last two minutes of the game. Morgan was able to tie the score at 59, 61 and 63 but the Bears were never able to get the upper hand in the championship game.

James Sparrow broke Morgan's last chance when he scored two baskets in the last two minutes. The two baskets



**RON JOHNSON**  
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by the New York freshman gave A&T a four-point cushion at 67-63 and Morgan was never able to overcome this advantage in the waning moments.

In addition to his 29 points, Spruill also had 19 rebounds to lead A&T in this department also. Sparrow finished the night with 18 points.

Morgan's All-American center Marvin Webster was named the "Most Valuable Player" in the tournament but

the College Division "Player of the Year" a year ago only scored 13 points but collected 21 rebounds in a losing effort against A&T. The top-scorer for Morgan in the championship game was Billy Newton with 17.

In the consolation game Howard ran away with an 89-78 victory over Delaware State. Vadnay Cotton scored 28 points for the Bison while Sam Shepherd tallied 32 in a losing cause for Delaware State.

Named to the first team All-Tournament team were Webster, Spruill, Shepherd, Ron Johnson of A&T and Fred Simmons of Delaware State. Listed on the second team were Newton, Angelo Council and Vadnay Cotton of Howard, Pat Edwards of Morgan and Sparrow.

Warren Reynolds of A&T was named Coach of the Tournament while Howard won the team sportsmanship award for the fourth straight year.

Morgan advanced to the finals having beaten Maryland-Eastern Shore in the opening round, 121-68 and Delaware State in the semifinals, 78-72. A&T received a first round bye but the Aggies defeated Howard in the semi-

finals, 92-78.

Ten of the 12 Morgan State players scored in the rout of Maryland-Eastern Shore. Eric Evans tallied 23 points while Webster added 18 points and 19 rebounds in the victory. Cedric Roane scored 17 points for UMES, the defending

Tournament champion.

In the semifinal game against Delaware State, Morgan had to pull out all stops in the victory. Webster scored 22 points and grabbed a like number of rebounds in addition to blocking nine shots against Delaware State. Shepherd was the top scorer for the Hornets with 20 points. Ron Johnson had 26 points and 10 rebounds in the Aggies' 78-71 win over Howard. Cotton, Gerald Glover and Dwight Nettles each scored 15 for Howard.

In first round games, Delaware State broke away from North Carolina Central in the last five minutes and went on to knock NCCU out of the tournament, 77-57. Howard held off South Carolina State, 92-87 in the second game of the day in the first round. Morgan completed the first day of action with its onslaught of UMES.

Shepherd poured in 22 points in the victory over North Carolina Central. Robert Little had 15 points in a losing cause for the Eagles.

Council scored 25 points and Cotton 24 as Howard held off S. C. State. Alex Barron and Harry Nickens each scored 28 points for S. C. State in a losing cause.

**Salvation Army Boys Win Midget Championship**

By James Cuthbertson Post Staff Writer

If you hear a bunch of twelve-olds around the city, hollering, "We're the Champs," stand up and give them accolades because the Queen City has a team that can stand up and be counted as a champion of the two Carolinas.

The Salvation Army Boys Club Midget Team, made up of young men ages nine through 12 swept through a regular season and three tournaments with a 19 and 0 record.

The team captured a first place regular season title in the Hawthorne Center league being led by Johnny Edwards a 12-year-old who averaged 15.5 points per game and 10 rebounds per game and Bryant McKnight a 12-year-old who averaged 15 points per game and 14 rebounds. They are both seventh graders at Quail Hollow Junior High School.

Representing Hawthorne Center in the city-wide tournament, they defeated Third Ward Center 67 to 20 in the first round, Tuskegegee Park 36 to 15 in the second round and Earle Village Center 37 to 29 in the championship game of the city tournament.

The team which has no home gym practices on an outdoor court at the 826 West Trade St. center or downtown at the Salvation Army Temple on Poplar Street. A new gym at the Poplar Street Facility is in the planning.

The victories in the citywide tournament gave them the option of representing the Queen City in the state community centers tournament or in the Salvation Army West tournament. They choose the latter.

In the western sectional held in Spartanburg, S. C., they defeated Lowell 62 to 20, Greenville, S. C. 49 to 35 and

Anderson, S. C. 42 to 32 to win the championship. Stars Edwards and McKnight scored 41 and 36 points respectively.

In the finals in Gastonia, they defeated High Point 45 to 39 in the semifinals and Greensboro 52 to 30 in the championship game to be crowned champions of the two states.

They placed three men on the five man all-tournament team. Edwards who scored 30 points in 2 games and 18 rebounds was named to the team along with McKnight who scored 39 points and 25 rebounds and George Corbett who scored 23 points and 14 rebounds.

The other members of the team were David Berry, Larry Hart, and Edward Glaney. "They could beat most of the junior high junior varsities around town," said athletic director and coach of the boys, Frento Burton.

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