

MEAC Basketball Roundup

MEAC Race Promises Excitement

By Earl Mason
Special To The Post

DURHAM -- Now with teams in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference beginning their conference schedules, the race for the conference championship and the top seeded for the upcoming 6th annual MEAC Basketball Tournament promises to be exciting.

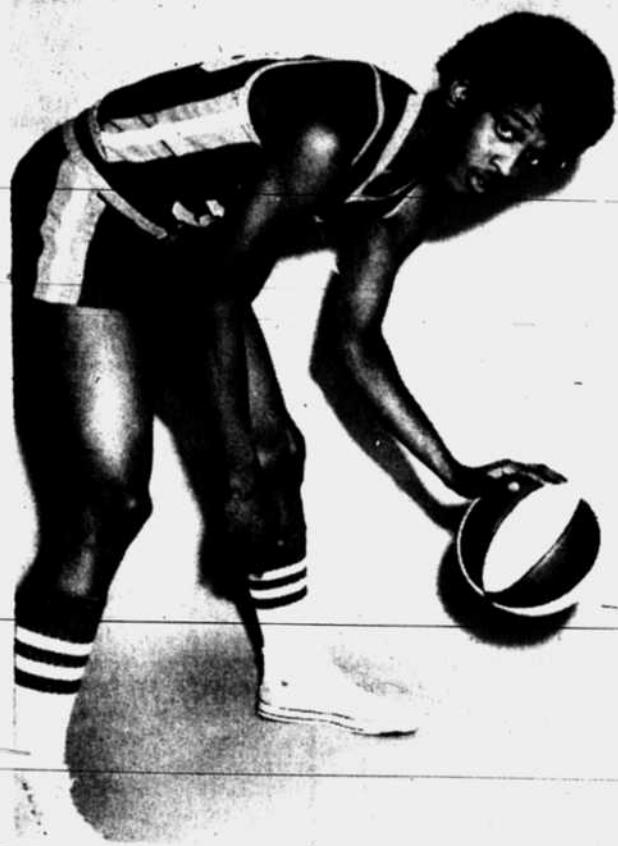
Following action in the league last week three teams are undefeated with one other team having only one loss. Morgan State and S.C. State stand at the top of the pack with 2-0 records while N.C. Central has a 2-1 family mark. Howard has a 1-1 league record while Maryland-Eastern Shore and N.C. A&T have 1-2 family worksheets. Delaware State is winless in three league contests.

Six conference games headline a 12-game schedule this week in the MEAC. S.C. State will be the busiest team playing three league opponents in a period of seven days. The Bulldogs will play host to North Carolina Central Thursday and N.C. A&T Saturday.

Other family tussles this week will match Howard at Maryland-Eastern Shore and Morgan State at Delaware State Thursday and Howard at Delaware State Saturday evening.

Morgan State, behind the 39-point performance by Eric Evans, defeated Maryland-Eastern Shore, 94-72 Wednesday. Saturday, the Bears nipped Howard, 78-74 in Washington, D.C. thanks to 20 points by Ivan Young.

North Carolina Central won a pair of weekend league games and lost to S.C. State at home. The Eagles nipped



SOPHOMORE ED ROPER
...NCCU standout

Maryland-Eastern Shore, 80-77 Friday night and outlasted Delaware State, 80-65 Saturday. Ed Roper scored 19 points for N.C. Central while Robert McClellan led the Eagles scoring Saturday with 18 points.

S.C. State dropped a pair of non-conference games last week. The Bulldogs fell to UNC-Wilmington Wednesday, 86-71 and dropped a 91-87 decision to Western Carolina Saturday.

Howard, off to a very good start, dropped a pair of games last week. Norfolk State got revenge for an earlier loss to Howard by winning in overtime, 92-89 Wednesday. Saturday the bison suffered their first league setback to Morgan State.

A&T won its first game of the season Friday night turning back Delaware State, 44-41. Maryland-Eastern Shore won its first game of the campaign nipping A&T Saturday, 64-57.

Independence Star

Versatile Tommy Stillwell Wins

Post's "Player Of The Week" Honors

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

At Independence his teammates refer to him as "old reliable" and he is one of the big reasons his team is perched upon the top of the Southwestern 4-A Conference.

With Independence locked into a tight game with Olympic last Friday in the Patriots gym, he polished his double figures average with 25 points.

Six feet five inch Stillwell thinks his Patriots are ready for a berth in the state tournament and could possibly "go all the way."

Troubled in the first half, Independence jumped from a 37 all halftime score with Stillwell joining last week's Post "Player of the Week" Jack Planter and Reginald "Red" Wilson to lead the Patriots to their second victory of the year over the Trojans.

Stillwell plays baseball in the summertime for one of the Mint Hill teams.

Although interested in college, he is not sure which one he will attend and at the present is still making up his mind and reviewing "several choices."

Other stars for the week included Duane Berry of West Charlotte, who had 19 in a 71-57 win over West; Brick Smith of Garinger, who had 21 in a win over West Charlotte; Lamonte Lindsay of West Charlotte, who had 15 in a loss to Garinger, 82-53; Joe Black of West, who had 17 in the loss to West Charlotte; Tim Harris of Olympic, who had 29 in

John Fitch of South, who had 16 in the win over Harding; Ronnie Lowe of Harding who had 23 in the loss to South; and Dede Hemphill of Myers Park, who had 18 in the loss to North; Leroy Springs of South, who pinned Bud Came-

ron of East in the unlimited division in a 29-25 South win... Warren Cassidy and Dennis Baxter of North, who, at 98 and 119, respectively, pinned their opponents in the North victory over Myers Park, 36-27.

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WHERE THEY PLAY

FRIDAY, January 21
Winston-Salem at Shaw
Hampton at UMES
J.C. Smith at Va. Union
Howard at Delaware St.

SATURDAY, January 22
Howard at Delaware St.
Lincoln at UMES
St. Augustine's at N.C. Central
A&T at S.C. State

Va. Union at Elizabeth City
Fayetteville at Livingstone
Va. State at Norfolk State
Winston-Salem at Elon

SUNDAY, January 23
Va. Union at Va. State

MONDAY, January 24
Winston-Salem at Eliz. City
Fayetteville at Shaw
J.C. Smith at St. Paul's

THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL

Fairleigh-Dickinson at A&T
S.C. State at W. Carolina

TUESDAY, January 25
UMES at Delaware State
Lincoln at Howard

Va. Union at Norfolk State
Virginia State at Hampton

Livingstone at Barber-Scotia

WEDNESDAY, January 26
St. Augustine's at Shaw

St. Paul's at Elizabeth City
J.C. Smith at Fayetteville

Winston at N.C. Central

RESULTS LAST WEEK:

Western Carolina 105, A&T 69,
King's 69, Delaware St. 55

Morgan St. 94, UMES 72

Norfolk 92, Howard 89

Wilmington 86, S.C. State 71

A&T 44, Delaware St. 41

N.C. Central 80, UMES 77

Delaware State 65

Morgan State 78, Howard 74

UMES 64, A&T 57

W. Carolina 91, S.C. State 87

MEAC

STANDINGS

TEAMS

Morgan State 2 0 9 4

N.C. Central 2 1 4 9

South Carolina State 2 0 4 7

Howard 1 1 4 4

Maryland 1 2 9 8

N.C. A&T 1 2 1 11

Delaware State 0 3 1 12

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