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From CIAA Tournament

Poor Shooting Performance Eliminates Golden Bulls

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Maybe, it just wasn't meant to be! Johnson C. Smith University's galloping Golden Bulls, who have run out of gas six times in years gone by, lost their touch midway through the second half and were eliminated from the Semi-Finals of the CIAA Basketball Tournament in the Norfolk Scope last Friday night.

The Hampton Pirates, who went on to win their first tournament title in history, came from behind to whip the Bulls, 61-56.

It was the consensus of the tournament officials and sports writers on press row, that coach Robert Moore had the best team in a mediocre field of eight CIAA quintets. It was also the popular opinion that neither Moore nor his basketball players were physically or mentally equipped for the gruelling action.

In spite of a very poor shooting performance during which they hit only nine of 23 attempts from the floor, the Bulls managed to hold on for a shaky 30-28 advantage at half-time. They turned the ball over nine times during that 20-minute period.

"When they went into their spread," Moore responded afterwards, "it seemed we lost our composure."

Metrolina

Schedules

"Bug Day"

Metrolina Speedway will host a practice session; open house, free of charge to all spectators in the grandstand this Sunday, March 7. Fans are welcome to visit the historic 1/2 mile clay speedplant from 12-5 p.m. to watch drivers shake the bugs out of their newly built racing machines.

The session will be open to all drivers that compete at Metrolina on a weekly basis including Late Model Sportsman, Semi Modified, Hobby and Stock divisions.

"We're calling our March 7 date the first annual Bug Day," said track manager Terry Brotherton.

Metrolina will open its 1982 season on March 14, with the Coca Cola Season Sampler that will consist of 125 laps of racing for the four divisions.

A&T State

Seeks New

Football Coach

GREENSBORO - Officials at North Carolina A&T State University announced Monday that applications for the position of head football coach must be received at the University by March 5.

A&T is seeking a coach to replace Jim McKinley, who resigned February 6 to accept the head coaching position at Prairie View University in Texas.

Persons interested in the A&T position are asked to submit their application to Dr. Dorothy J. Alston, special assistant to the chancellor, Dr. Edward B. Fort, chancellor of A&T, said the university expects to name a new coach by April 1. Ron Beard, an assistant under McKinley, is serving as interim head coach.

A&T has 5,500 students and is a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Fashion Show

If you want to dazzle up your spring wardrobe as well as your hair this summer, then Cosmologist Chap. No. 4 Fashion Show featuring hairstyles is place to be.

Along with exciting occasion will be banquet and dance. It will be held at the Quality Inn-Hotel March 20th at 7 p.m.

This Semi-Formal Affair is open to the public and tickets may be purchased at any Cosmologist Chapter No. 4 Member's Beauty Salon in Charlotte, or by calling 252-564 or 333-6331.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is March 16. For more information call Eloise Ferguson at 332-5049.

Thus the greatest prize available to black college basketball teams once again slipped away from the Bulls, who in 26 appearances in this tamed event, suffered their seventh loss in the semi-finals. The Bulls have played in the championship finals only four times and they have been ousted in the first round 15 times.

At no time in the second half did the Golden Bulls look like the team that posted a 21-8 season record, as well as the best conference slate, 15-4, among the league's 14 teams.



Bob Moore
...Bulls' winningest
Moore's big guns were silenced by poor shot selection. All CIAA selectees Bill Tibbs and Bleu Oliver

connected from the floor with only 3-of-8 and 9-of-20 shots, respectively. And Phil Flores was 2-for-20 and Roosevelt McGruder, 4-for-12. As a team the herd found the range with

only 21 of their 57 field goal attempts. That's 36.8 percentage shooting.

In short, the well-coached Hampton Pirates out-hustled, out-shot, and out-scored a Smith team that was taken out of its game (run and gun) during the early stages of the second half.

"We knew we would have to make it our tempo.

Smith is a big, strong team and we didn't come here to lose," Hampton's coach

Hank Ford, said.

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DUKE POWER

TELLING IT LIKE IT REALLY IS!.....

CIAA TOURNAMENT NOTES..... Forget about the CIAA Tournament Committee moving their act to the Charlotte Coliseum any time soon. The prestigious event, which attracts more attention than any other basketball tournament except the ACC, has been booked at the Norfolk Scope through 1985.

It would appear that the CIAA Tournament Committee is making a mistake in inviting all of the 14 teams to its 1983 tournament. First of all, it would take away the incentive of teams qualifying for the four berths allotted each division and, secondly, it would inconvenience a lot of folks, especially those who have to drive a great distance. Extending the tournament from Wednesday through Sunday is a bit much basketball. In short, "eight of the finest" teams in the conference would attract more attention and generate more excitement than "14 of the finest."

RANDOM OBSERVATIONS - Jake Ford is one hellava coach! He battled the talented Johnson C. Smith quintet to the final day for the southern division crown, advanced to the semis in the Tournament, and posted a 19-6 record with a group of players other coaches would be happy to break even with.

Phil Busher deserves some sort of special recognition for the professional way he's selling the J. C. Smith athletic program. Because of his diligent efforts, the Golden Bulls are the topic of most conversations throughout the CIAA environment. Credit Bill Archie, the Norfolk State Athletic Director, with an act of good deed. Bill was instrumental in getting the CIAA Committee to release the Scope for Saturday afternoon, permitting the Old Dominion-Madison game to be regionally televised. The CIAA wanted - and deservedly needed - the television exposure for themselves. "I can't say when the networks will become interested in our tournament," commissioner Bob Moorman said. Bob feels the interest in the tournament is growing and it's likely a matter of time before some large company picks up the tab for television broadcasting rights to the famed tournament.

Phil Busher said it best. The J. C. Smith SID wrote, "Tricky Tom" was an institution all to himself at Virginia Union. In his day he had done it all as a successful teacher, coach and administrator for the Richmond School. Four years ago Coach Harris stepped down as athletic director of Virginia Union after a long (32 years) coaching and administrative tenure. Coach Tom just could not get his involvement with the young people of Virginia Union out of his blood so he volunteered to coach the women's basketball team. Here was a man who won the coveted CIAA Tournament title, three times as coach of the men's team, volunteering to help his school in any way he could. It's like having Woody Hayes help out the local Pop Warner football team.

In a way it seems like a coach's dream on how to choose an exit from life—while on the job in a championship game. On his tombstone there should be the briefest, yet most accurate and respected description of the man — "TOM HARRIS - COACH."

"Tricky Tom" suffered a fatal heart attack just 15 minutes before his team was to win the women's tournament. He died the way he lived — at the scene of the action.

The consensus of the basketball coaches at the tournament is that it would be difficult to assess the problems with the Johnson C. Smith basketball program, unless you were "involved with the environment." The majority felt that Bob Moore's problems are "compounded by the lack of a commitment from the university family and its support groups." They agreed that the development of a quality athletic program is vastly more than recruiting talented players, coaching fundamentals and showing up for the contests.

David Scott of the Charlotte Observer wrote: "But, technically, winning the CIAA doesn't get a team anywhere. Winning the District 26 tournament does. The district winner goes to next week's NAIA tournament in Kansas City, Mo.

If Mr. Scott was a black man he would readily understand that going to Kansas City for the NAIA tournament is no big deal to black colleges. Winning the CIAA Tournament is the biggest prize offered in black college sports. In my opinion, there's no comparison.

Did you notice that none of the CIAA teams in the tournament possessed a dominate center? Those who have a 6'8" or a 6'9" playing the pivot generally move the ball at such a fast pace it tends to neutralize the height advantages.