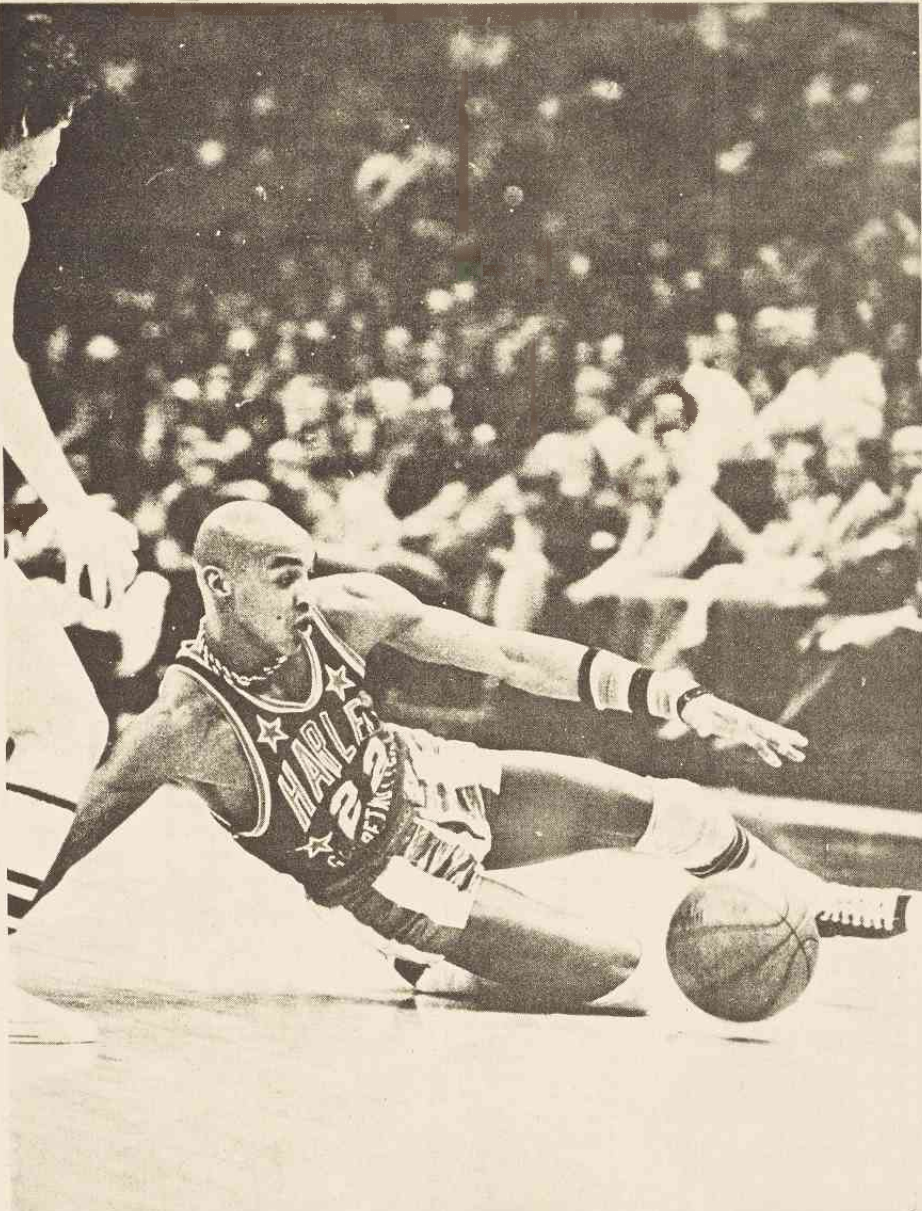


# SPORTS

## MEAC Tourney Will Display Talent



Dribbling Wizard--Freddy (Curly) Neal of the Harlem Globetrotters shows why he is known as one of the world's greatest dribblers.

BALTIMORE\* MD--An array of talen headlined by All-American Marvin Webster, will be on display at the Baltimore Civic Center February 27, 28, and March 1 when the fourth Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) unfolds at the Baltimore Civic Center.

Webster, who will be rounding out his collegiate play in his hometown during the MEAC Tournament, is slated to go either first or second in the professional basketball drafts this season. The 7-0 All-American has been voted the Player of the Year in the MEAC for the past two seasons and will be one of the candidates for the honor again this year.

Webster climaxed his junior season last year by leading Morgan to the Division Two cage title and was named the College Division Player of the Year last season. Webster and Morgan State played in the finals of the third annual MEAC Tournament last year at the Civic Center but the Bears came out on the short end of a 77-62 score to Maryland-Eastern Shore.

While Webster is an All-American and the leader of the Morgan quintet, Coach Nat Frazier also has some player with plenty of talent. Backcourt wizard Billy Newton is the Morgan floor leader and potent spark in the Bear attack.

Pat Edwards, Jethro Crum and Mike Streety are other Morgan player who will display their talents at the MEAC tournament last.

North Carolina A&T's Allen Spruill is one of the best "crowd pleaser" basketball players in the conference. Spruill dazzles the spectators with his one on one moves and keeps the crowd on the edge of their seats during the entire game.

The Aggies Ron Johnson has always managed to play well in MEAC tourna-

ments. In two previous MEAC Tournaments Johnson has displayed some of his best performances. Fans who attended the MEAC Tournament last year will remember Ron Johnson as one of the best all around performers for the Aggies.

Unheralded Sinclair Corbett may be the key to A&T's survival in the tournament. Corbett, a 6-10, is top rebounder for the Aggies averaging better than 10 rebounds per outing.

Alex Barron of South Carolina State is described by his coach as being one of the best when the chips are down. Barron has been consistant scorer and rebounder for the Bulldogs this season.

Robert Little of North Carolina Central stands only 6-7 but the Winston-Salem, N.C. junior plays like a giant when he takes the floor. Little is averaging better than 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Eagles. Pro scouts who will be on hand for the MEAC Tournament are expected to take a long look at Little during the three-day dribble-derby.

While Little is the leading scorer and rebounder, NCC's first-year coach Sterling Holt would take nothing from Wesley Johnson. Johnson stands 6-4 but Coach Holt has moved him to the frontcourt this season and he has responded by averaging double figures in both rebounding and scoring.

Delawar State is probably the tallest overall team in the conference and the Hornets have some top individual players in the league. All-MEAC backcourt star Sam Shepherd is one of the top individual performers in the conference. He always manages to get plenty of help from teammates James Roundtree, Fred Simmons, Wade Pittman and Martin Kemp.

Howard S Vadnay Cotton is the top scorer and rebounder for the Bison. The 6-6 junior rates as one of the best pure shooters in the conference. Guard Angelo Council gives Howard scoring support in the backcourt.

Maryland-Eastern Shore, the MEAC Tournament champion of a year ago, has not compiled the overall record it did a year ago but the Hawks still have some top individual talen. Cedric Roane ranks among the top rebounders in the nation. Donald Aaron ranks as one of the top scorers in the conference.

Several outstanding freshmen will be making their debuts in MEAC Tournament competition. This year's list of top first-year performers rates as one best since the MEAC was formed four years ago. S.C. State's Harry Nickens is the top scorer in the conference and the Washington, D.C. native will be playing in his "backyard" in the MEAC tournament.

The Bulldogs also possess first year standouts Carl Green and Gerald Henderson.

Other top freshman

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### Ray Perry : Super - Sub

Greensboro--"Sitting on the bench isn't so bad when you are winning, it's when you are losing, that's difficult." Raymong Perry guard from Franklinton, N.C. said, "My time is here and I will perform to the best of my ability."

Perry feels that the '75 season will be better than last year's season. "We are the best team in the conference. Due to the lack of mental concept in the beginning of the season, a lot of times we beat ourselves." Perry feels confident that A&T Aggies can win the MEAC Conference this year.

Perry is a native of Franklinton, N.C. He is a junior Recreation major. He has been playing this season, and has done very well.

In high school, Perry participated in baseball, basketball, and football. When asked about his future plans, Perry stated, "If possible, I would like to play pro-baseball. Basketball is exciting, but I prefer baseball." Perry stressed his admiration of working with teenage kids, especially if they are interested in sports.

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## Gala Affairs In Store For CIAA Tournament

greensboro--A survey of the motel-hotels in the Piedmont Triad area--High Point, Greensboro and Winston-Salem -- reveal that a number of inquiries have been made for the availability of suites and meeting rooms for the 30th Annual Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Basketball Tournament. The CIAA Basketball Tournament is set for the Greensboro Coliseum Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 27, 28 and March 1, 1975. Thursday, has been designated as "High School Day".

Indications point to all of the member institutions--Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville State, J. C. Smith, Shaw University, Livingstone College, Winston Salem, Saint Augustine's College, Norfolk State College, Virginia State University, Hampton Institute, Saint Paul's College, Virginia State College holding alumni meetings during the tourney.

Many of the alumni associations have made plans for hospitality rooms during the tournament for their college mates and friends.

The CIAA Tournament has long been noted for excellent basketball entertainment and endless rounds of social events. Sideline observers call it the biggest homecoming for CIAA alumni and friends.

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## Aggie Superman Flies High

Greensboro-- Superman is a self-explanatory title. This name has been given to A&T's Ron Johnson. When asked how he obtained such a name, he replied, "I guess it's because I am over-active, always on the go and I can never slow down."

Ron is a junior Recreation major from Chester, Pa. While in high school, he participated in basketball and track. Among other schools in the MEAC\*CIAA\* Ron's first choice was to come to A&T State University. "I did not know anyone particular, but my visit to the campus made up my mind to attend," Ron cordially answered.

When asked about the remaining games left in the season, Johnson said, "If we go ahead and take off the rest of the conference games, we will win the MEAC and just maybe get an offer to the NIT." Ron said that through teamwork and determination, we can have a victory over Howard and Morgan.

The captains for the team are Stanley Parham and Ron Johnson. When asked the duty of a captain, Johnson replied, "Communication is the key. I try to communicate with everyone and keep the team together. They help me and I help them."

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