

SPORTS

AGGIES END 17-2 REGULAR SEASON; AWAIT SEEDING IN CIAA PLAYOFFS

by Richard E. Moore

North Carolina A&T downed Livingstone and St. Augustine's to complete regular season play with a 17-2 record, the best skein for the Aggies prior to CIAA Tournament time in 11 years. By winning their final two games, the Aggies assured themselves of a good seeding in the conference tourney which gets underway here Feb. 27.

A&T trounced Livingstone, 92-60, two nights after whipping St. Augustine's, 100-89. Both wins followed on the heels of the Aggies' 95-83 loss to league-leading Elizabeth City State. A 34-point performance by senior forward Charles Greer helped A&T down the Bears. Greer hit on 17 of 34 shots from the floor, his best shooting effort of the season.

With Greer popping away from his favorite spot in the corner, and beefy Vernon Walker and Elmer Austin dominating the boards, the Aggies really had salted the game away five minutes after half-time. A&T set a torrid pace at the beginning of the game, racing to a 12-4 lead at 15:24. The Aggies led 37-30 at half-time. A&T beat the Bears in shooting, 45 per cent to 44 per cent and in rebounding, 59-36.

Walker, making a determined bid for the conference's rebounding title, pulled down 23 rebounds against the Bears. He was followed by Austin with 15 grabs. Greer was also the Aggies' star in the victory over St. Augustine's. The 6-5 sharpshooter pumped in 25 points and contributed 16 rebounds. Austin, also a native of Greensboro, kicked in 23 points and 11 rebounds. A&T moved out to a 40-22 lead late in the first half and led 48-34 at halftime. The Falcons cut the margin to 68-62 late in the game, but the Aggies tightened their defense and raced to victory.

"We moved the ball well in the first half," said A&T coach Cal Irvin. "We rebounded, we hit the free man and we did a lot of things right. We still don't have that killer instinct." Besides competing in the CIAA Tournament, the Aggies are also making a bid for berth in the forthcoming NAIA District 26 playoffs, to be staged the first week in March in Winston-Salem.

U. S. SAVINGS BONDS SALES BEST SINCE 1945

The U. S. Savings Bonds Program experienced its most successful peacetime year in North Carolina during 1968. Cumulative sales of \$64,506,618 were up 6.9 per cent over 1967

and were the highest since 1945, ranking N. C. ninth in the nation in per cent of annual quota achieved. Series E Bond sales alone amounted to \$59,944,197, an increase of 3.7 per cent over the previous year's record.

While the state was establishing these new records in sales of U. S. Savings Bonds, it fell short of its 1968 quota of \$68,800,000. Sales amounted to nearly 94 per cent of the state's quota for last year. North Carolina achieved 100 per cent of all its other assignments for last year. In Payroll Savings promotions, more than 44,450 new savers were added to the Payroll Savings Plan, and the state continues to be a leader in the amount of support devoted to the Savings Bonds Program by news and advertising media.

There were 24 counties which made 100 per cent of their annual goal for 1968. Many others came close to 100 per cent. Mecklenburg County led the state with sales of \$6,926,877, followed by Guilford with \$5,203,910, and Forsyth with \$4,715,601. In all, there were 13 counties which produced Bond sales in excess of \$37 million.

Sales in Guilford County for December amounted to \$455,810, bringing the county's Bond sales total for the year to \$5,700,671, which is 102.3 per cent of its annual quota of \$5,572,800.

"I am grateful to each purchaser of bonds in 1968 and for making this achievement in Guilford County possible," said Mr. J. H. Witherspoon, volunteer chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Program in Guilford County.

VIKINGS, NORFOLK STATE TOP PICKS IN TOURNEY

Elizabeth City State and Norfolk State, two highly successful exponents of "run and shoot" basketball, have been established as favorites to win the annual CIAA basketball tournament, which gets underway here Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Vikings and the Spartans have the inside nod, but history has shown that any of the eight teams in the playoffs is capable of pulling the big upset.

Other teams already assured of tournament berths are North Carolina A&T, Maryland State, St. Paul's, Winston-Salem and Shaw. The remaining berth will go to either Va. Union or North Carolina College.

With motel rooms and tickets already at a premium, more than 30,000 fans are expected to attend the three-day tournament. Four games are scheduled Thursday, and two on Friday, with the finals slated for Saturday night at 9 p. m.

Ernie Fears, coach of defending champions Norfolk State,

discredits any mention of the Spartans as this year's favorites.

"We can't be established as the favorites," said Fears, "because all of the teams in this conference are tough and have reached their zenith by tournament time."

The Spartans' edge is due primarily to their high-scoring offense (108 points per game), paced by seniors Charlie Bonaparte and Bobby Dandridge. Both prime pro prospects, the two Spartan stars will go into the tournament averaging a total of nearly 60 points per game.

Veteran coach Bobby Vaughn of Elizabeth City also decries a "favorite" role. "Naturally, we hope to win the tournament," said Vaughn, "but it is going to be a humdinger, no matter who wins it. There are some teams in this conference who did not make the tournament who are capable of winning it."

A former Va. State star, Vaughn guided his Vikings through 19 straight wins this season before losing to Winston-Salem. The Vikings are paced by lanky junior Israel Oliver (23.1) and 6-6 Bobby Lewis. Elizabeth City has some of the finest guards in the conference.

Second place A&T (17-2) will certainly have to be reckoned with in the tourney. Aggie coach Cal Irvin is an old hand at winning these playoffs, his A&T team having won the crown five times since 1958.

The Aggies are sparked by scoring ace Daryle Cherry and rebounder Vernon Walker. "We can't be counted out," said Irvin, "as our chances are as good as anybody else's. If a team isn't right, they will go home early."

Maryland State, led by Jake Ford and Jim Morgan, and St. Paul's paced by Mike Green and Oliver Darden, will also bring crack teams into the tournament.

If there is a dark horse in the tournament, it will certainly be Winston-Salem, coached by crafty Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines.

The Rams started slowly, but accelerated near the end of the season and knocked off unbeaten Elizabeth City, in the upset of the year.

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NCC PREPARED TO AID SOUL CITY DEVELOPMENT

Durham, N. C. — Dr. Albert Whiting, president of North Carolina College at Durham, announced recently that his college, including its entire faculty and body of graduate students, was prepared to assist in the planning and development of Soul City, North Carolina.

Dr. Whiting said: "Because of a strong commitment to community service — particularly among the disadvantaged — NCC is pleased to have an opportunity to work with one of its alumni in the planning and development of a new community. The prospect of involvement in an experiment of this nature and scale is exciting because it will not only provide scientists and professionals a laboratory for applying the latest in interdisciplinary knowledge, but will also offer a situation in which the good derived from services rendered can be evaluated and conceptualized as models for institutional service in other situations."

Simultaneously, Mr. Floyd B. McKissick, president of McKissick Enterprises, Inc., of Harlem, announced the establishment of the Soul City Foundation. Mr. McKissick made the following statement:

"Steps are being taken to incorporate the Soul City Foundation as a non-profit, tax exempt corporation in the State of North Carolina.

"I am pleased that Dr. Whiting has agreed to serve as a director of this foundation. Other directors will be named in due time. Within a short time application will be made to the Treasury Department to seek tax deductibility for contributions to this corporation. The Soul City Foundation will be concerned first with the establishment of a sound educational system for the children of Soul City and with the formation of education and training programs for the adults of Soul City. It will not, however, be limited to the population of this new town. The Soul City Foundation will also be interested in programs to assist the rural and urban poor throughout the State of North Carolina and in other parts of the nation. Eventually, the Soul City Foundation also intends to develop programs in public health and preventive medicine, in building alternatives to the welfare system, and in studying various plans and approaches for ending the cycles of racism and poverty which have entrapped so many millions of persons, both black and white."

Sunday School Lesson

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risky and lovelessness we can have a sure trust and confidence that our sins are forgiven and we are reconciled with God through Jesus Christ.

From this assurance comes a loving heart and a desire to obey his commandments. Such faith comes through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Love for God and neighbor comes because of God's gift of his presence within our hearts. The full baptism of the Spirit is the gift of faith in Jesus Christ and the presence of his love in our lives.

Is your religion vital? Beyond sincerity, deeper than the outward forms of piety and virtue, is your love for God and neighbor — if you are to be wholly Christian. Because of your sure trust and confidence in Christ that God loves you and abides in you by his Holy Spirit, he enables you to love him and others with a Christ-like love.

What Will We Do About It?

Worship calls for discipline — self-discipline. Going through the form of worship does not necessarily mean worship. Discuss: How can we grow in the ability to place our bodies and minds fully at God's disposal? How can we truly open our hearts and lives to his Spirit so that we may be aware of his guiding presence? So that we may find the spiritual renewal he makes available? So that we may go from worship to witness to God's way?

This lesson raises the question of the relationship between order and ardor, between discipline and devotion. Discuss this question: Was Jesus repudiating all rules in religion or trying to strike a better balance between tradition and personal commitment?

Have pencil and paper for all members. Ask them to write down the words or phrases they think best describe a person who is "altogether Christian." Through class discussion refine this list (accepting or rejecting suggestions) and transfer the composite list to the blackboard. How does what you believe it means to be "altogether Christian" affect your life?

Share in your group and in your family what God means to you. Have there been moments of communion and encounter with God that are particularly meaningful to you? How have they affected your Christian life?

O God, give us the inward power as well as the form of religion that we may praise thee not only with our lips but with our lives as well. Baptize us with thy Holy Spirit that we may have a sure trust in thy forgiveness through Christ and a pure love for thee and for all mankind. Amen.

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