

FINAL CIAA BASKETBALL STANDINGS

FIRST DIVISION						
SCHOOL	W	L	Rating	W	L	Pct.
Norfolk State College	15	1	24.00	17	1	.944
North Carolina A. & T. College	12	3	23.67	15	5	.737
St. Augustine's College	9	6	21.67	9	6	.600
Johnson C. Smith University	9	5	21.43	9	5	.615
Winston-Salem State College	8	6	21.07	15	6	.714
Maryland State College	11	2	20.77	13	4	.750
Livingstone College	7	67	20.00	8	8	.533
Elizabeth City College	3	8	18.24	11	9	.550
St. Paul's College	8	6	18.21	10	6	.625
North Carolina College	9	8	17.65	10	12	.476

SECOND DIVISION						
SCHOOL	W	L	Rating	W	L	Pct.
Shaw University	7	9	18.88	7	9	.438
Morgan State College	7	8	16.00	10	10	.500
Hampton Institute	8	8	15.63	9	9	.500
Virginia State College	4	11	13.33	4	11	.267
Delaware State College	3	9	13.33	6	11	.353
Howard University	3	8	12.73	7	11	.438
Virginia Union University	4	13	12.34	7	15	.250
Fayetteville College	1	16	11.18	1	16	.059

Record in non-conference games—W 32, L 19.



ELSTON SIGNS "BIGGEST CONTRACT" — New York: The baseball season is almost upon us and New York Yankee catcher Elston Howard gets a whiff of spring from bowl of flowers February 18th after signing what Yankee General Manager Ralph Houk called "the biggest contract ever signed by a major league catcher." Unofficial estimates place Howard's salary at about \$70,000 (UPI PHOTO).

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS
 by Charles J. Livingston



\$100,000 SALARY FOR AARON LONG OVERDUE

CHICAGO (UPI) — As usual, the annual contract-signing spots have once more been focused on Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants and Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees, with arguments still going on as to which of these superstars should be baseball's top money earner on a per-season basis.

It's always difficult to cut through the fog of secrecy connected with contract signings, particularly as regards the exact salary of leading athletes. The usual custom is to speculate on certain figures leaked intentionally or unintentionally to the press.

In the cases of Mays and Mantle, however, the figures have been far more accurate than in others. This is because the publicity departments of the Giants and Yankees are usually under tremendous pres-

sure from the public to reveal great centerfielders are being rewarded for the terrific contributions they make, on and off the field, in and out of season, to the two teams.

And since it is this same public that picks up the baseball tabs, the Giants and the Yanks feel some compulsion to dazzle it with figures showing that they are properly rewarding these heroes.

In the salary battles of recent years, Mays has been the winner, taking over where former Boston Red Sox star Ted Williams left off. And, according to the source I have been able to tap, 1965 is no exception for Mays. The "Say Hey" kid reportedly has again topped Mantle, signing a recent contract for \$165,000 (the same as last season), as compared to the \$100,000 for Mickey.

This writer is not trying to resolve here the question of whether Mays should rightfully be paid a bigger salary than Mantle, although I am a Mays man, myself. My commentary on the matter is intended rather as a point of reference for another anxious, perhaps vexing question.

It is why Milwaukee's great outfielder Hank Aaron has not been put in the \$100,000 class?

Despite his tremendous contribution to the Braves cause, Aaron, in the view of this writer and many other baseball fans, has been comparatively underpaid. Last week he received a \$70,000 contract which matched, and most likely topped any other he has yet received from the Braves.

But even \$70,000 is not enough for a star of Aaron's magnitude. He should be put in, or at least very near, the \$100,000 bracket. There are several reasons.

First of all, Aaron has been a consistently top major league performer, a distinction which even Mays and Mantle (due largely to injuries) cannot claim.

In this respect, an off-championship year for Hank (he has won the National League batting title at least twice) would be a banner year for many other leading players.

Since coming up from Jacksonville, Hank has been a top major league contender for the NL batting title, and certainly one of the loop's top sluggers. By turn, he has won either the batting (on average), home run or slugging title, and, with his deceptive speed and keen judgment, his fielding has left little to be desired.

In fact, Aaron is the Brave most appealing to the fans; its bread-and-butter player. Fans go to the Braves' park to see Hank, and in the process pour precious dollars in the pockets of the team's brass. It's about time, therefore, that the team owners start returning the favor and put more bread in Aaron's pocket.

Now a lot of fans may immediately start asking the question of whether I consider Aaron as good as Mays or Mantle. To this, let me say that essay is intended to draw no such comparison. For reasons which space will not permit me to discuss here, Mays at least is more spectacular type of ballplayer. But this does not mean that Hank cannot command, with justification, an equal or near-equal salary.

Baseball salaries are based on tangibles, as well as intangibles, and a player's actual performance sometimes conflict with the latter.

Roberto Clemente of the Pittsburgh Pirates, for instance, is a consistently top performer, but he lacks the fan appeal of a Mays, Mantle, Aaron or Ernie Banks. His full worth to his team, therefore, must largely be measured in terms of his actual performance on the field.

On the other hand, a fellow like Aaron is not only feared and respected on the field, but he has tremendous box office pull. In other words, Hank gets the job done the way the fans like it, and the Braves brass should bear this in mind at contract-signing time.

Discovery of the now-unknown causes of atherosclerosis and high blood pressure is a primary objective of the Heart Association's research program. Once the causes are found, medical science will be better able to develop new methods of prevention and even cure.

In the news recently has been the search by archeologists for the tomb of Imhotep, an Egyptian physician, who according to the North Carolina Heart Association, related the action of the heart to the beat of the pulse—5,000 years ago.

NOTHING can happen to you that hasn't happened to someone else.



"WHERE'D IT GO?"—This group of players seems to be wondering what happened to the ball in a game between N. C. C. and Hampton Institute in Durham last week. From left are Marvin Brandon (43) of Hampton, Ted Manning (31), NCC, Charles Grait (33), Hampton, and Roscoe Handy (51) Hampton. Hampton upset NCC in the game 75-61.

are defending Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champions, having posted an 11-3 league record last year. The FAMU swatters were 17-6 overall last season.

Coch Coach Kittles is depending upon his 15 returning lettermen to bear the burden of the '65 campaign. The youthful Rattler coach has produced SIAC championships ever since he took over as head coach in '59. His Rattlers went to the N. A. I. A. District Play-Off two years and the National N. A. I. A. Baseball Championship Tournament one year.

"Our No. 1 task this spring will be finding a replacement for outfielder Paul Creal," said Coach Kittles. "We have six freshmen who have looked promising in drills this winter. We don't want to make any predictions on them yet."

Of the 23 games on the Rattlers' schedule, 12 are at home and 11 are on the road. FAMU opens the season with an exhibition game here March 6 against the College All-Stars of Tampa.

The complete schedule follows: Home games — College All-Stars, March 6; Alabama State College, March 19-20; Sports Carnival (Southern University and Stillman College), March 26-27; Morris Brown College, March 30-31; Allen University, April 25-27; South Carolina State College, April 28; Morehouse College, April 29; and Tuskegee Institute, May 1.

Games away include: Morris Brown College, April 2; Atlanta, Ga.; Morehouse College, April 3; Atlanta, Ga.; Tuskegee Institute, April 5; Tuskegee, Ala.; Stillman College, April 16-17; Tuscaloosa, Ala.; South Carolina State College, April 22; Orangeburg, S. C.; Allen University, April 23-24; Columbia, S. C.; Alabama State College, May 7-8; Montgomery, Ala.; and Fort Valley State College, May 15, Fort Valley, Ga.

Grambling Tigers Set 33-Game Baseball Card

BY COLLIE J. NICHOLSON

GRAMBLING, La. (SPECIAL)—Athletic Director Eddie Robinson released a 33-game baseball slate for the Grambling Tigers with tongue-in-cheek optimism.

"Grambling won't win the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship this season, but the local fan club should be sent home happy in 1966," Robinson said.

Robinson added that anyone who follows Grambling closely this year is likely to develop a great big ulcer.

The Tigers lost three first-line pitchers, two outfielders and a catcher to professional baseball from the 1964 club that advanced into the finals of the NAIA national tournament.

Any chance of finishing in the SWAC first division seems remote. Talk of winning a sixth straight league title is regarded as sheer folly.

Robinson said the coming campaign will be approached with determination and those age-old stimulants—fight and confidence.

"...one rivals are leery of an overall Grambling collapse and are adopting a "wait and see" attitude.

Most expect to find the locals stumbling along in contention in mid-season.

Despite their woes, Coach Forrest Kelly of Wiley College claims that the Tigers have the guns to muster a full-scale war. He points to the 25-4 1964 won-loss record.

The 33-game schedule includes 21 SWAC games and 11 doubleheaders. The complete schedule follows with doubleheaders listed in each

Aggies Dump ECSC Quint, 109 To 95

GREENSBORO — The A&T Aggies last week bombed the Elizabeth City State College Vikings, 109-95, in a CIAA basketball game which resembled a shooting match most of the way.

It was the home finale for the Aggies.

The Aggies began bombing from the outset, taking the lead on a jumper by James Webber, the first time he got his hands on the ball. A&T was never headed.

After 10 minutes in the first half they led by 11-at 31-22, and went to the dressing room with a hefty 15-point edge.

Ernie Saunders, who led all scorers with 24, was the big man in the first half rally.

The Greensboro club took up where they left off as play began in the final stanza. This time it was Robert Saunders, who spearheaded the attack. At 9:30, with Saunders hitting from all points, scoring 12-of his 23-points, the Aggies had created a 35-point bulge, leading at 80-45.

The Vikings came storming back with a full court press to nearly make a game of it. They got within 16-points against A&T's second line, but the clock reduced that threat.

A&T scored 43-shots from the floor out of 78-tries for a 55 percent average. Elizabeth City had 42-out of 101, for 40.8 percent.

FAMU Plans 23 Baseball Games In 65

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (FAMU)—The Florida A&M University baseball nine will play a 23-game schedule this spring. The Rattlers

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