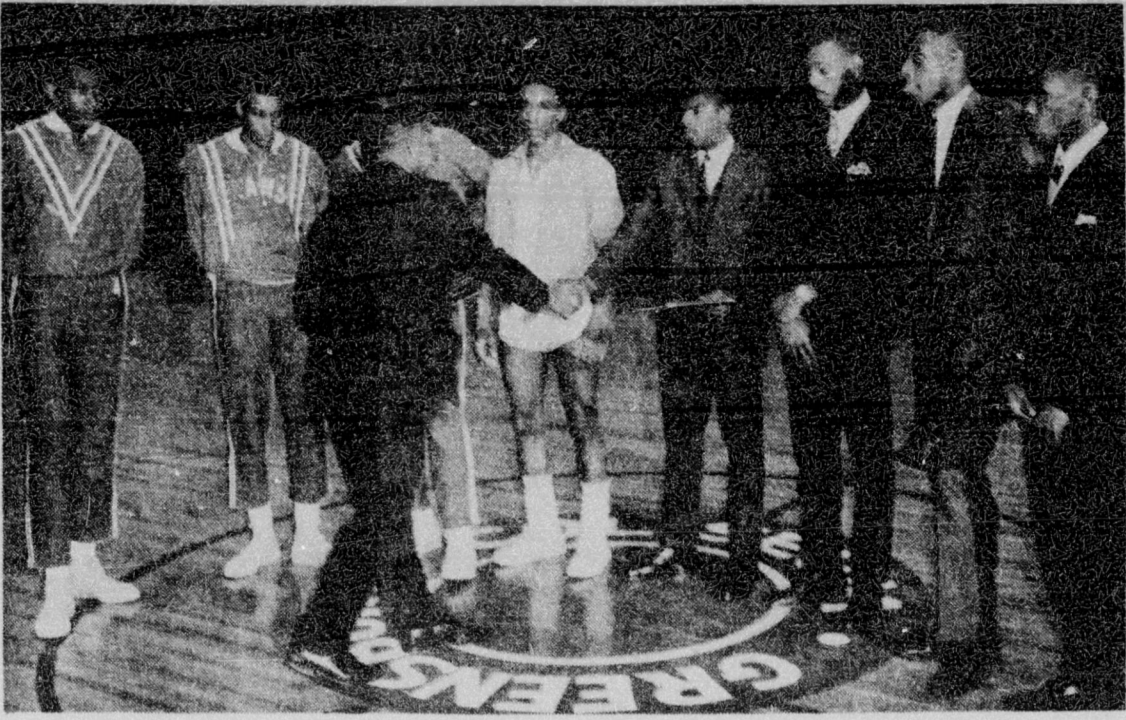


# Winston-Salem Rams Upend Norfolk State, 87-80, For Title



**SHAW'S MITCHELL, OTHERS HONORED AT CIAA TOURNEY** - Greensboro: Shaw University's Ira Mitchell accepts his All-CIAA award and congratulations here from Bobby Vaughan, president of the CIAA Basketball Coaches Association, during the 21st annual CIAA tournament at Greensboro. Mitchell was named to the all-conference squad by vote of the conference coaches along with nine other outstanding performers. The All-CIAA squad from left to right, are: Tom Cunningham, Sonny Ridgill and Earl Monroe, all of Winston-Salem State; Al Rue, Delaware State; Mitchell, Dick Todd, Elizabeth City State; Ted Manning, North Carolina College; and Richard Subbins of Elizabeth City State.

## Traveling CIAA Tourney Circuit

BY JOHN HOLLEY  
The greatest shocker of the 21st Annual CIAA Basketball Tournament was the opening round romping Howard University handed third seeded A&T College, a team which came into the tourney with the league's best defensive record. The Bisons, making their first tournament appearance since the days of John Sphax in 1957-58, soundly trounced the Aggies 81-66...

fallen six points shy of breaking the record of 130 points A&T scored against Morgan State in 1962. However, the combined score of this game was not the existing record. In racking up 225 points in the opening round contest, the two teams established an all-time mark, but broke the existing mark of 209 points set in 1961 by Winston-Salem and Johnson C. Smith. Remember that thriller and the exploits of Cleo Hill, James Hester and Freddie Neal?

The rumor circulating the Tourney beat has to do with Floyd Brown's departure as basketball coach at North Carolina College. Few fans are aware that not only is Brown a renown coach, but holds a law degree from NCC and is considered an astute lawyer. Word has it that Brown is accepting a post with a Lawyer's Association in Gary, Indiana at the conclusion of the present school year...

To add another twist of irony to the Bisons' amazing feat, their coach, Jim Thompson, is only with them part-time, having severed his coaching reins to accept a post with the District of Columbia public schools at the beginning of the season. He coaches part-time and on trips which he does not make the club is handled by Tillman Seaso, the school's capable football coach...

CIAA coaches are discussing the perennial "powerhouse" Norfolk State coach, Ernie Fears, is gathering at the Tidewater, Virginia school. With only three seniors on this year's club, and only "Big Pop" Pitts a prominent figure among that trio, the seasons ahead loom bright for Norfolk followers. Most impressive of all was the mammoth recruitment job Fears and his assistant, Willie Smith, did last year, bringing in three of the top scholastic cagers in the Virginia-Carolina area. They plucked right from under the Carolina coaches' noses Hillside's superstar of a year ago, Tom Long, and covered two of Virginia's best in Charles Bonagrate and Robert Dandridge...

Long, who was the most valuable player in the state high school tournament last year, has been tabbed as a "future star" by Fears. A poised, unassuming kid, the former Hillside star, is ticketed for starting status next season...

Lots of new faces were evidenced in the CIAA Tourney's officiating ranks. The only familiar face over the last five years was that of James Carter of Washington, D. C. The newest personality among the ranks was that of Lawrence "Stringbean" Harrison, who was a star performer at Winston-Salem State in the late '50's. He now calls the shots in the Washington-Baltimore area where he is employed by the Baltimore City School System...

Your Scribe tips his hat to Pepsi-Cola Company and Gulf Oil Company for the two very fine affairs they hosted dur-

## Earl Monroe Voted 'Most Outstanding'

BY JOHN HOLLEY  
GREENSBORO - Winston-Salem State's jackrabbit Rams zoomed into orbit using astronaut Earl Monroe as their rocket to capture the school's sixth CIAA Tournament since 1953. Refusing to buckle to a relentless assault by Norfolk State College, the Rams upset the highly regarded and top-seeded Spartans 87-80 here at the Greensboro Coliseum before a capacity crowd of 7,851. Utilizing the hothand of Monroe, a junior from Philadelphia, Pa., the Rams jumped off to a 19-6 advantage with their star scoring 11 of those points in that spree. Before fouling out with 1:17 left in the game, Monroe rung up a total of 42 points, three shy of the existing single game mark of 45 set by Marv Trotman in 1959. Beaten by the Spartans three times this season (89-79, 111-102, and 115-91), the Winston-Salem five reverted to ball control this time in gaining their 20th win of the season against four setbacks. Twice in tourney, Ernie Fears' highly rated Spartans, winners of the CIAA visitation, had scored over the century mark in advancing to finals over Maryland State, 125-100, and Delaware State, 116-90.

However, Clarence "Big-house" Gaines had his Rams weaving, passing and dribbling, looking for the good shot with a disciplined pattern offense. With Monroe taking most of the shots - the good ones when they presented themselves - Winston-Salem was able to slow the tempo of the game and Norfolk State could never get it high powered "racehorse" attack in gear.

Flooring a lineup with four long cannons - Louis Graham, Jim Grant, Clarence Burney and Essex Thompson - Norfolk refused to fold to the Rams' attack and bounced from as much as 14 points back to come within three at halftime, 46-41.

Thompson was the chief fire in this spurt and at the opening of the second twenty minutes of play as Norfolk bounced back with 14 points in the first eight minutes to take the lead 62-60 with 11:16 to play. With Monroe on the prowl once again, Winston-Salem took the lead 68-65 with four straight baskets. Monroe scored on a steal and 35 seconds later popped in a hook from the top of the key. Cunningham (Tom) countered with a tap-in and seconds later the Rams were back on the offensive as Monroe, as you might guess, push-

ed a 40-footer through the nets to give the Rams a three point advantage. At this point Gaines, matching strategy with Fears, called timeout, spread his Rams out into what looked like a "come and get me" offense. Hungering for their second successive tourney title, the Spartans went out after the ball leaving the middle unprotected and Winston-Salem, working Cunningham, Monroe and Bennett (Willis), took advantage of this as Cunningham scored twice up the middle and Monroe popped one from the top of the key. Opening up a 10-point advantage, 79-69, the Winston-Salem partisans began thundering toward the playing area shouting, "Hey, hey, Red and White, you look so good to me."

A smaller club, the Rams gave the Spartans the outside shot and shut off their inside game, limiting Richard "Pop" Pitts, the Spartans' 240-pound 6-5 center who had been averaging better than 30 points in the two earlier contests, to just 18 points. Pitts managed only eight shots in the game from the floor.

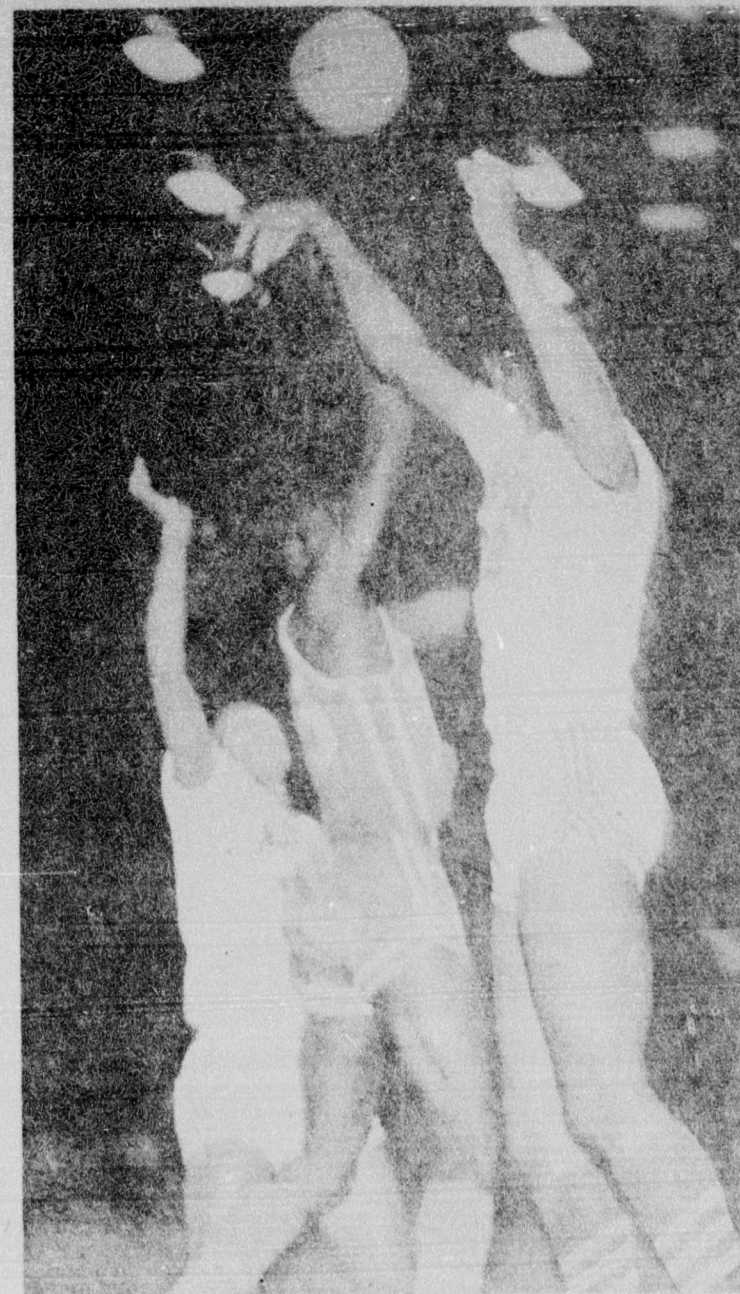
Selected as the tourney's most outstanding player, Monroe hit on 17 of 34 shots from the floor and 8 of 10 from the charity line. His performance in the final gave him a total of 109 points in three games, just two shy of the record 111 points set by Morgan State's Ernie Garrett in 1954.

The win by the Rams sends them into the NCAA South Central Regionals in Durham at North Carolina College's McDougal Gymnasium March 4-5. Gaines' Rams will meet Oglethorpe College in the opening round match.

Monroe was named to the All-Tournament team along with Pitts and Thompson of Norfolk State, Eddie Taylor, Howard's long-range bomber and Al Rue of Delaware State. Both Howard Ridgill and Bennett of Winston-Salem were named to the second team along with Grant.

For his superb coaching job in the league's 21st annual tourney, Howard University's James Thompson was acclaimed the most outstanding coach. The Bisons edged Delaware State 99-91 in the consolation game for third place. They were also winners of the team decorum award.

Rue, Delaware State's sharpshooter, tied with Monroe for the tourney's top scoring honors. The 6-1 senior from Roxbury, Mass. scored 36, 33 and 39 points for a three-game total of 108.



**EARL MONROE IN ACTION** - Earl Monroe (in the dark uniform) of Winston-Salem State gets one of his classic jumpers despite close guarding by Norfolk State's Essex Thompson (to his rear) and Louis Graham (in front). The Rams' guard hit a total of 42 points in leading the Winston-Salem five to an 87-80 upset win over the Spartans in the finals of the 21st annual CIAA Basketball Tournament at Greensboro Coliseum.

## Monroe, Manning, Pitts Unanimous All-CIAA Picks

GREENSBORO - Earl Monroe of Winston-Salem State and North Carolina College's Ted Manning polled the most points in being named unanimous selections to the 1966 All-CIAA basketball squad last week. Selected by the league's bas-

kettball coaches, the team is composed of 10 men, six in the front court and four in the back court. The selections were announced by Floyd Brown, secretary-treasurer of the Basketball Coaches Association, during the annual Pepsi-Cola Press Luncheon.

Monroe, the league's No. 1 scorer with a 30.6 scoring mark, was named on virtually every ballot as was Manning and Norfolk State's Richard "Pop" Pitts. Named in the backcourt along with Monroe were Ira Mitchell, Shaw University's sharpshooter, Al Rue of Delaware State and Gary Subbins of Elizabeth City State College.

Teammates with Manning and Pitts up front were James "Hooks" Grant, Norfolk State; Howard "Sunny" Ridgill, Winston-Salem State; Richard Todd, Elizabeth City State; and Tom Cunningham of Winston-Salem State.

The team represented eight different states, two each coming from North Carolina and South Carolina and one each from Maryland, New York, In-

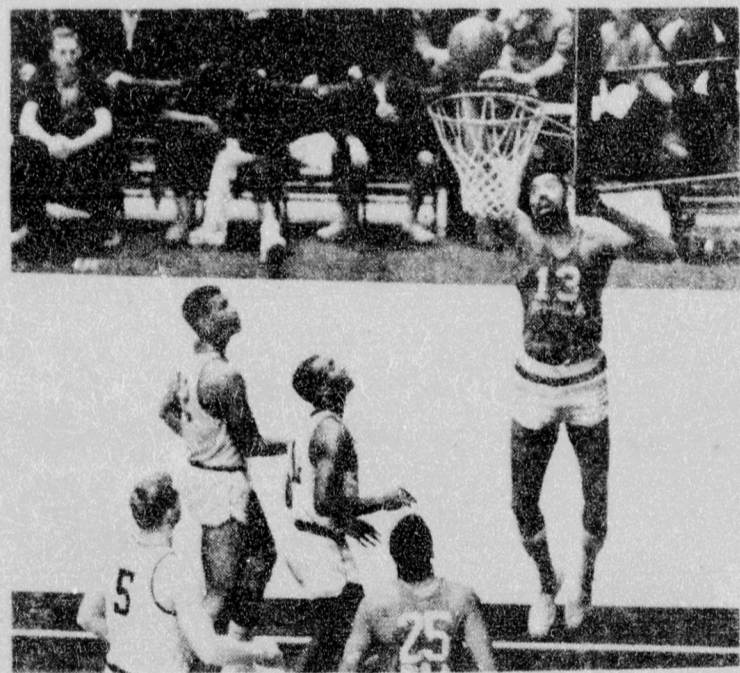
diana, Virginia, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Honorable mention recognition came to Robert Saunders and Anthony Skinner, A&T College; Ron Horton, Delaware State; Harry Bradley, St. Paul's; Norman Bonner, Hampton Institute; and Albert Conner of North Carolina College.

## Outdoor Track Meet Set By NCC

DURHAM -- North Carolina College will open its outdoor track season in hosting a Quadrangular Track Meet on its campus March 19. The remainder of the season is as follows: April 2, Winston Relays, Winston-Salem; April 6, NCC Triangular, Durham; April 9, Quantico, Va.; April 16, South Carolina Relays, Orangeburg, S. C.; April 23, Virginia State College Relays, Petersburg; April 29-30, Penn Relays, Philadelphia, Pa. May 6-7, Quantico Relays, Quantico, Va.; May 13-14, CIAA Championships, Baltimore; May 20-21, North Carolina State Championships, Durham; May 28, California Relays, Modesto, Calif.; June 4-5, NAA Championships, Sioux Falls, S. D.; June 11-12, National Athletic Association Championships (site to be named); June 16-18, NCAA College Division Championships, Philadelphia, Pa.; and June 25, AAU Championships, New York City.



**SKILLED SWORDSMAN** - James Paul Williams, a freshman at St. Augustine's College, is just as sharp as his sabre when it comes to fencing. A skilled swordsman, Williams brought honor to himself and St. Augustine's by winning the 1966 North Carolina State Sabre AFLA opener at North Carolina State University at Raleigh. Before coming to St. Augustine's, he attended the Thomas A. Edison High School for boys in Philadelphia, Pa. While attending Edison, he won the 1964 and 1965 State Sabre Championship in Pennsylvania.



**WILT POPS IN TWO POINTS** - New York: All eyes are on Philadelphia 76'ers' big Wilt Chamberlain (13) as he pops ball in basket for two points during game with Detroit Pistons at Madison Square Gardens here Feb. 22nd. Others, identifiable in photo are: Chet Walker (25) of the 76'ers, and Tom Van Arsdale (5) of the Pistons. Chamberlain and teammate Hal Greer combined for 61 points to pace the 76'ers to a 117-112 victory. (UPI PHOTO).

## High School Cage Tourney Set At St. Paul's College

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va. -- Eight of the ten high schools in the Southern District, Group one, of the Virginia Interschol-

astic Association will send boys' and girls' basketball teams here to the district's seventh annual tournament set for March 2-5, inclusive.

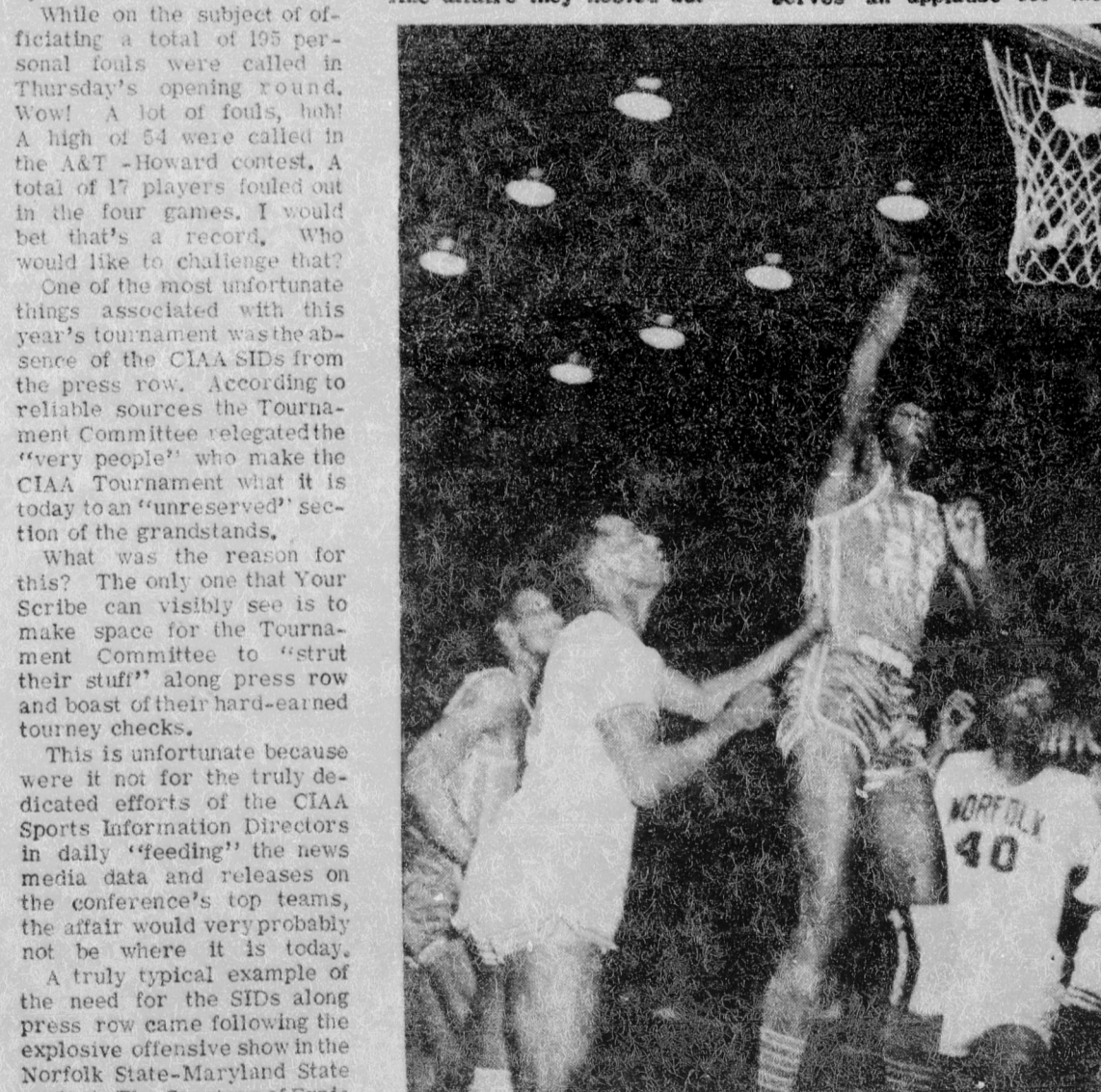
Host to the tourney will be St. Paul's College. All games will be played in the college's new \$300,000 gymnasium, opened for use only last December 2.

There will be two games on Wednesday, starting at 7 p.m.; three on Thursday, starting at 6 p.m.; three on Friday, also starting at six; and four on Saturday. Two of the games will begin at 3:30 p.m. The consolation game is set for seven o'clock, with the boys' championship tussle to follow.

The visitation championship in the district has already been settled, with that honor going to West End High School of Clarksville. Russell High of Lawrenceville is second in the season standings, East End of South Hill and Central of Sussex are tied for third, Luther H. Foster of Blackstone is fifth, and Wyatt of Emporia is sixth.

Depending on final scheduled or re-scheduled games, two other teams will be selected

tremendous coaching job in bringing his team into the tourney. The CIAA coaches acknowledged this by naming him the most outstanding coach... In closing, Your Scribe would like to leave two suggestions which merit the CIAA's consideration for the coming season. First, for players named to All-CIAA recognition, while not gold engraved watches. These are the guys who make the tourney possible and draw in the big draws. Let's show them that we're aware of their accomplishments... Secondly, a press card, similar to the CIAA pass, for the CIAA's SIDs that will admit them to the games around the conference. It's embarrassing not to be recognized when you're trying to do a job to keep the loop in the public eye...



**UP FOR THE TAP-IN** - Tom Cunningham of Winston-Salem State taps in one that started the Rams on their second half spurt that sent back in lead for an 87-80 upset win over Norfolk State College to annex their sixth CIAA tournament since 1953. Richard Pitts, (40) and Clarence Burney of Norfolk State close in on the Rams' sharpshooter.

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**Women Golfers Plan Big Meet**

CHICAGO (UPI) - Elaborate plans already are in the making for the 19th winter meeting of the United Golfers association convention March 25-27 in the Plck-Congress hotel. Heightening interest for officers and delegates from all over the United States, an entertainment highlight spearheaded by the Chicago Women's Golf club and Borden company sponsors of CWCC activities is the appearance of Duke Ellington and his orchestra.

from the following: Riverview, Courtland; Southside, Dinwiddie; Lunenburg, Victoria; and Moton, Farmville.

As in other VIA district tournaments, being played the same weekend, two teams from the Southern District will go to the VIA State Tournament to be held at Hampton Institute on March 11 and 12.

The visitation champion will automatically compete in the state competition. If the visitation champion, West End, emerges victor in the District contest, the second team to play at Hampton will be the runner-up here.