

Aggies End 17-2 Regular Season; Await CIAA Playoff Spot

A&T Adds Livingstone, St. Aug. To Victories

BY RICHARD E. MOORE
GREENSBORO - 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 seedling in the conference tourney which gets underway here February 27.

A&T trounced Livingstone, 92-60, two nights after whipping St. Augustine's, 109-89. 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 halftime.

A&T set a torrid pace at the beginning of the game, racing to a 12-1 lead at 15:24. The Aggies

led 37-30 at halftime. 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.

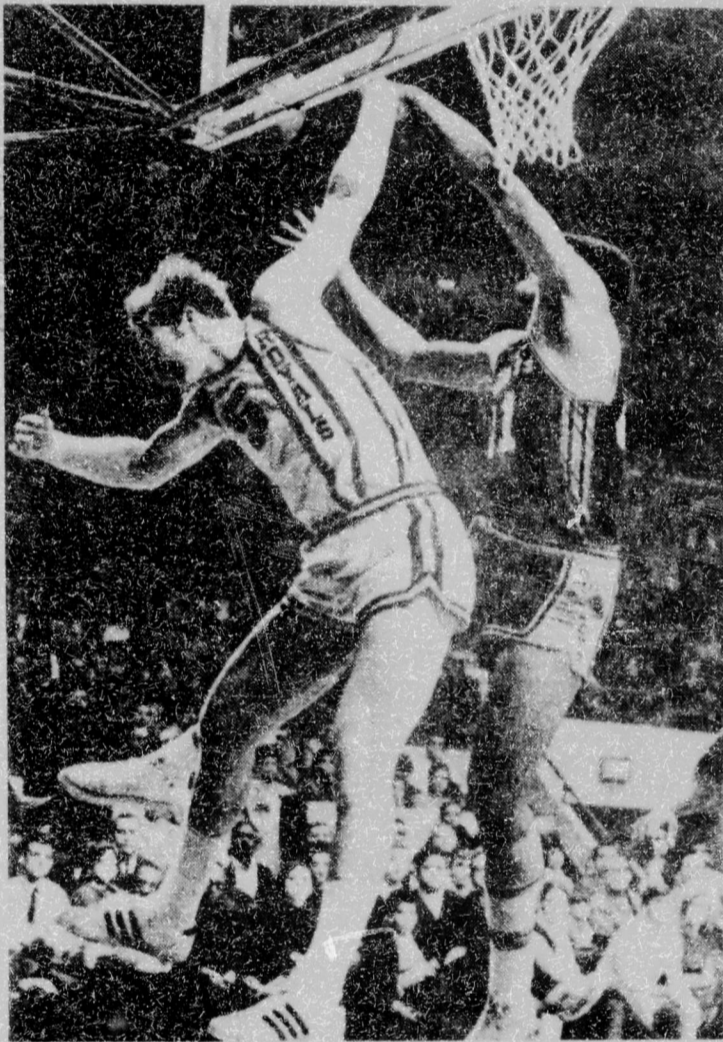
A&T moved out to a 40-22 lead late in the first half and led game, but the Aggies tightened their defense and raced to victory.

"We moved the ball well in the first half," said A&T coach Cal Irwin. "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 20 playoffs, to be staged the first week in March in Winston-Salem.



PLOUGHS INTO GRANDSTAND WALL - Daytona Beach, Fla.: Don MacTavish, Stillwater, N. Y., is still strapped into his seat at horrified spectators skid the truck after MacTavish plowed into the grandstand wall and cut off the entire front half of the car. MacTavish was seriously injured. (UPI).



FSC Broncos Open Drills In Baseball

FAYETTEVILLE - The solid pop of a glove and the crack of the bat has signaled the start of 1969 baseball drills for the Fayetteville State College Broncos.

More than 30 aspirants greeted Coach Hubie Doub at the opening whistle. Included in the group are nine-lettersmen from the 1968 club that posted a 8-8 mark which included a victory over Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association champion Shaw University.

According to a schedule released by Athletic Director H. L. Scott, the Broncos will play a 29-game slate with an appearance in the Tournament at Fort Bragg as the highlight. Three newcomers, Hampton Institute, West Virginia State College and Pembroke College, have been added to the slate. They will be faced along with eight league foes.

Seven home games are on tap for the Broncos and will be played on the College Athletic Field.

Captain Ronnie Cox, junior from Traveest, S. C., heads the returnees. Cox, a catcher, led the club in hitting and rbis last season. Also in the fold are Terry Brown, first baseman; Randy Baskerville, Karl Smith, infielders; Mike Pearson, and Willie Bond, outfielders; Robert Heath, Fred Hill, and Len Thompson, pitchers. Hill and Faith posted 3-2 marks last season and Coach Doub is expecting bigger things from them this season. Thompson didn't figure in any decisions last year, but had some valuable "saves" as a re-



WAKE FOREST BEATS STATE-Winston-Salem: Everybody gets into the act reaching for the ball as North Carolina State's Doug Tilley (50) defends against Wake Forest's Charles Davis (12) in the center of the action. In on the play for Wake Forest are Dan Ackley (23) and Bob Rhoads (30). Wake Forest defeated North Carolina State 52-49 February 20. (UPI).

Haywood Thinks He Can Play Pro Ball Now, But Wants Education

NEW YORK - College sophomore Spencer Haywood, the outstanding player on the U. S. Olympic basketball team, thinks he could play in the pro ranks right now, but says he prefers to finish his education at

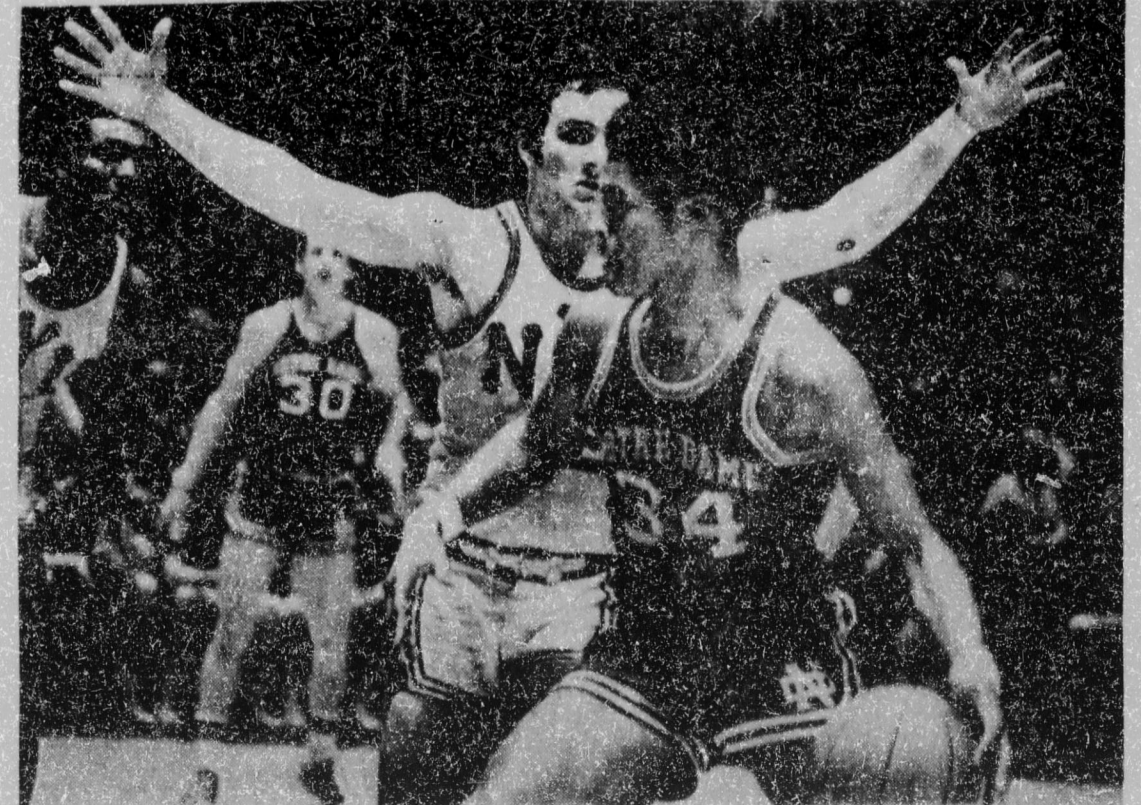
Detroit University. In an article in the current issue of Look Magazine, Haywood says he would emulate Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics and Elgin Baylor of the Los Angeles Lakers.

"On defense, I would be a blocking center like Russell, while on offense I would try to be a driving forward like Baylor--my favorite player," says Spencer.

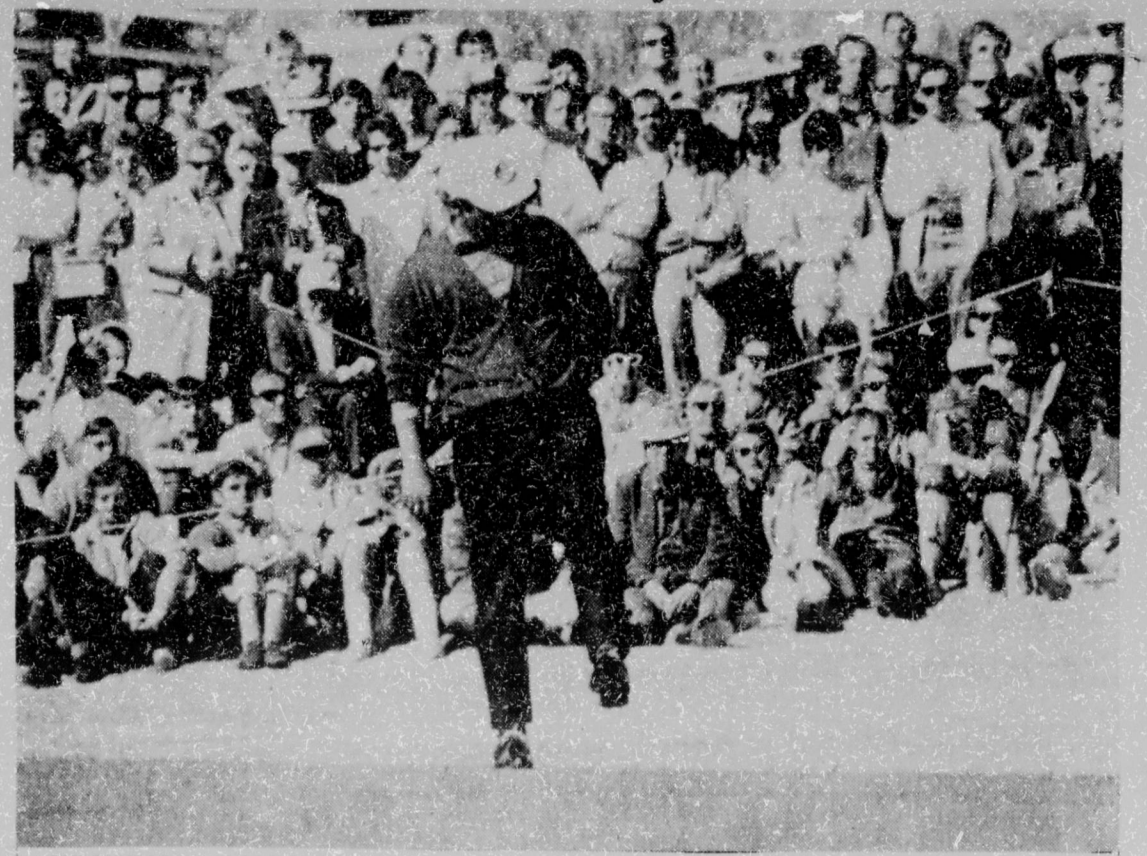
Some of Spencer's confidence that he could make it in pro ball now comes from his experience playing weekend summer league games where he more than held his own with such pros as Eddie Miles and

Nalls, the Bulldogs will perform on the home court March 3 when they host the first round of the NAIA District 6 playoff for a berth in the NAIA finals in Kansas City, Mo., March 10-15.

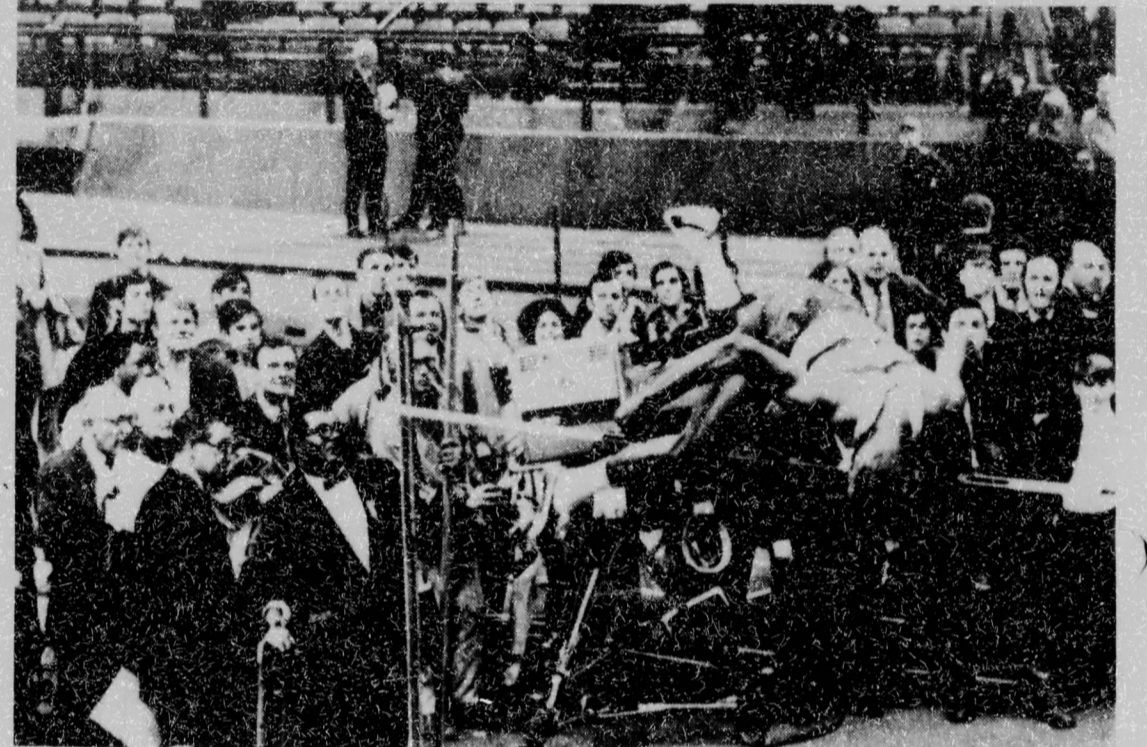
S. C. State meets Tuskegee in the final game of the season for both teams Saturday night in Alabama.



BLOCKS PATH - New York: With outstretched arms, Adolfo Porro (12) of New York University blocks the path of Austin Carr (34) of Notre Dame during the game at Madison Square Garden here February 20. Notre Dame won 98-88. (UPI).



TREVINO WINS \$20,000 - Tucson, Arizona - Lee Trevino, El Paso, Texas, using body English after hitting the ball on the 16th, sinking a 8 foot putt. He won the 1969 Tucson Open, winning \$20,000. (UPI).



MISSES IN JUMP ATTEMPT - New York: Watched by several hundred fans who moved from their seats to the floor to watch him jump, Ed Caruthers, of the Pacific Coast Club, misses in his attempt to set an American indoor record of 7 feet, 3 1/2 inches in the high jump during 1st U. S. Olympic Invitational meet here February 21. Caruthers won the high jump with a leap of 7 feet, 2 inches to earn the silver trophy as the meet's outstanding performer. (UPI).

Merrick-Moore Wins CPAC Title

BY EARL MASON
BURLINGTON - Durham's Merrick-Moore Tigers won the 13th annual Central Piedmont Athletic Conference tournament held here at Jordan-Sellars High School February 13-15.

Merrick-Moore defeated Jordan Sellars, 82-78, in the finals of the three-day dribble derby. Booker T. Washington of Reidsville claimed third place in the tournament by turning back Little River of Durham in the consolation contest, 77-67.

The Tigers, behind a 36-point performance by Harold McCorkle, held off several de-

termined rallies by Jordan-Sellars. The homestanders held a slim one point lead at 74-73 with 2:20 left in the game before Merrick-Moore scored seven straight points to take a 80-74 lead with a minute left in the contest.

Jordan-Sellars reached the finals by defeating Horton of Pittsboro in the first round, 76-59, and holding off a rally by Little River to survive with a 69-62 semi-final victory.

Booker T. Washington won the other first round game at the expense of Person County of Roxboro, 95-45, but dropped a 89-70 decision to Merrick-Moore in the semi-finals.

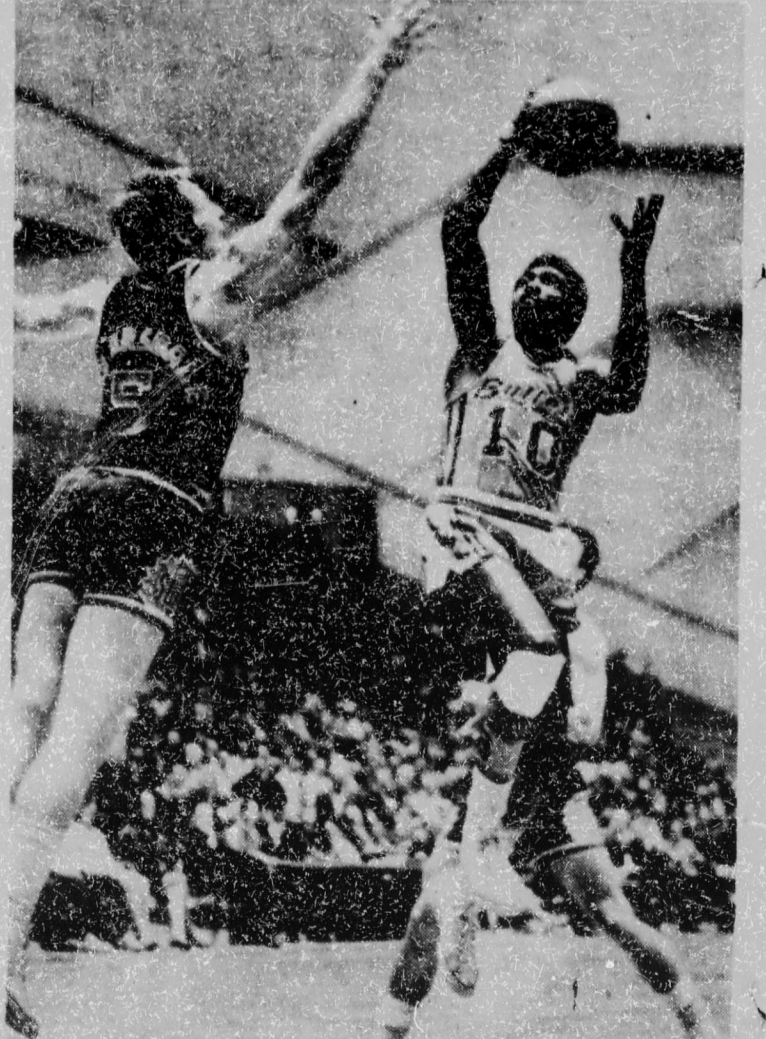
Merrick-Moore won the regular season crown with a perfect 8-0 slate and Little River finished second with a 4-3 mark. By virtue of their one-two finish in the regular season race, Merrick-Moore and Little

River received first round byes. McCorkle, who netted 40 points in the victory over Booker T. Washington, was named the tourney's most valuable player. The 6-5 1/2 senior led the balloting for the all-tournament team which also included Jerome Brown and Kenneth Hinton of Merrick-Moore, James Graves and Darnell Warren of Jordan-Sellars, Melvin Mangum of Little River, Robert Neal and Donald Crisp of Booker T. Washington, Bernard Dickens of Person County and Larry Alston of Horton.

Bobby Johnson, coach at Merrick-Moore, was named the coach of the year in the CPAC. Merrick-Moore won the team sportsmanship award and Jordan-Sellars claimed the Dave Maynard Sportsmanship Award which goes to the school exemplifying the most school spirit.



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR NAME-ED Johnson C. Smith University President Lionel H. Newsum has announced the appointment of head football coach Eddie C. McGirt to the position of Athletic Director and Head of the Department of Health and Physical Education.



EARL "THE PEARL" SHOOTS -(Bullets-Suns) - Detroit: Baltimore's Earl Monroe (10) gets a one-handed shot off as Suns' Dick Van Arsdale (5) tries to block during the first half of the Phoenix-Baltimore NBA game at Detroit February 20. Baltimore won, 124-121. (UPI).

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