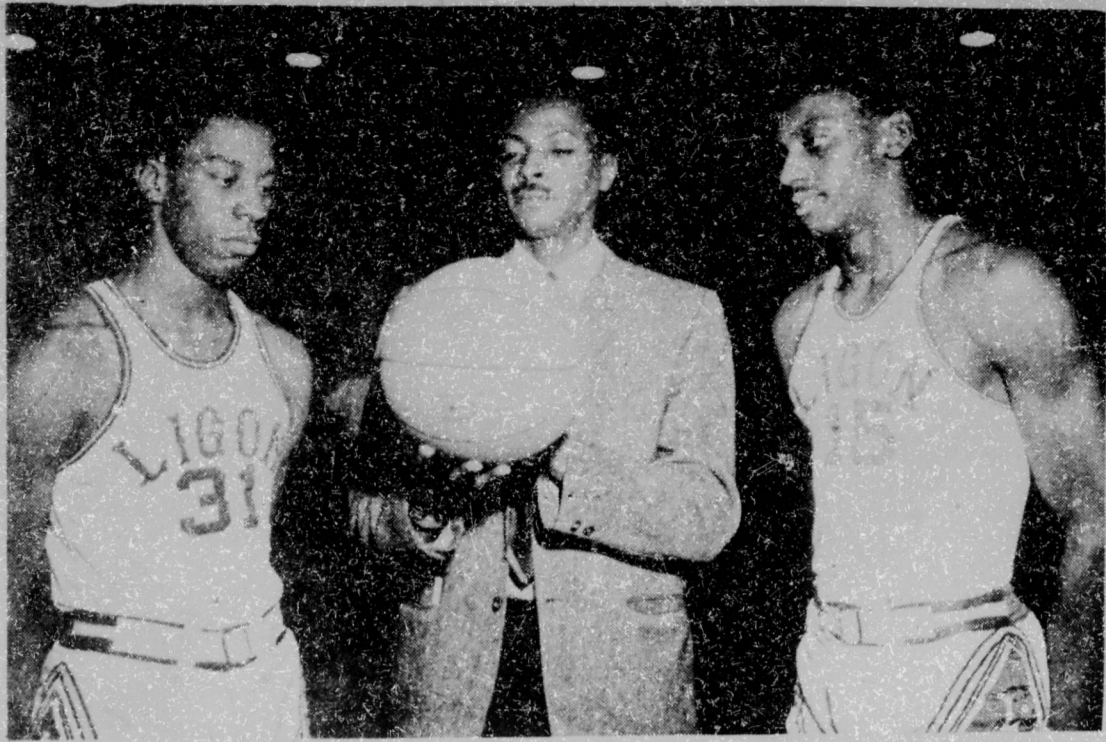


Ligon's Little Blues Finish Basketball Season With 18-3 Record



LIGON'S COACH, CO-CAPTAINS - Coach Harvey Heartley of the John W. Ligon High School Little Blues, who sported an 18-3 season this year, poses with his two co-captains, Alexander Martin, left, and Joseph McClamb, Jr., right. (See story).

Loss To Goldsboro Ligon Suffers 74-71

BY ROBERT BRIDGES

A surprising 74-71 loss to Dilard High of Goldsboro in the first round of N. C. H. S. A. C. 4-A play last Tuesday ended what has to be termed an outstanding season for Ligon High's basketball squad.

With a successful 18-3 season behind them and a strong returning squad for next year, head basketball coach Harvey Heartley and his cagers reviewed the season's progress in two "skull meetings" last week.

One of the questions asked of the players during the season

was "was the season a personal success of you? Why?"

For an outsider the answer would be a simply "yes". The why could be answered in many ways but a quick look at the team statistics would leave little doubt that a balanced team effort and well-organized attack carried the Blues to their second best finish in recent years and left Heartley's overall record at 78-28 with 4 district titles and one state championship in five seasons at Ligon. Ligon will compete in the N. C. H. S. A. next season.



OREGON, UCLA GAME ACTION - Westwood, Calif.: Oregon Ducks' forward Larry Holliday (33), forward Bill Drozdak (42) and center Stan Love (31) are up on their webfeet in an unsuccessful attempt February 22. Also shown is UCLA forward Lynn Shackelford (53). (UPI).

THE SPORTS PARADE

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CYCLE-RAMA SHOW
CHICAGO - Some 125 exhibitors will stage "Cycle-Rama," the first all-motorcycle show of the midwest beginning Thursday Feb. 27, at the Chicago Coliseum. The exhibitors will show their latest in motorcycles, minibikes, motorbikes, and drag choppers to dealers the first two days, and to the general public the second two days.

HISTORIC EVENT
SOUTH BEND, Ind. - A strange kind of history was made in a basketball game at the University of Notre Dame last week. At one point in a game with Michigan State, all five players representing the fighting Irish were black. As if the historic occasion signaled the complete arrival of all black people, the 10,000-plus, predominantly Notre Dame fans booted the reality. A few days later, the players wrote the school newspaper demanding an apology from the student body. Sports writers are still arguing over which event was more historic.

North Carolina right now," Gaines said after the contest.

The same went for the crowd, which put up a deafening roar during the climax of the game.

"We set it up for McManus to get the shot," said Gaines. "When we played more than three men in a pattern before somebody always flubbed it, but it worked our way tonight."

Elizabeth City had beaten the Rams 102-90 in an earlier meeting this season.

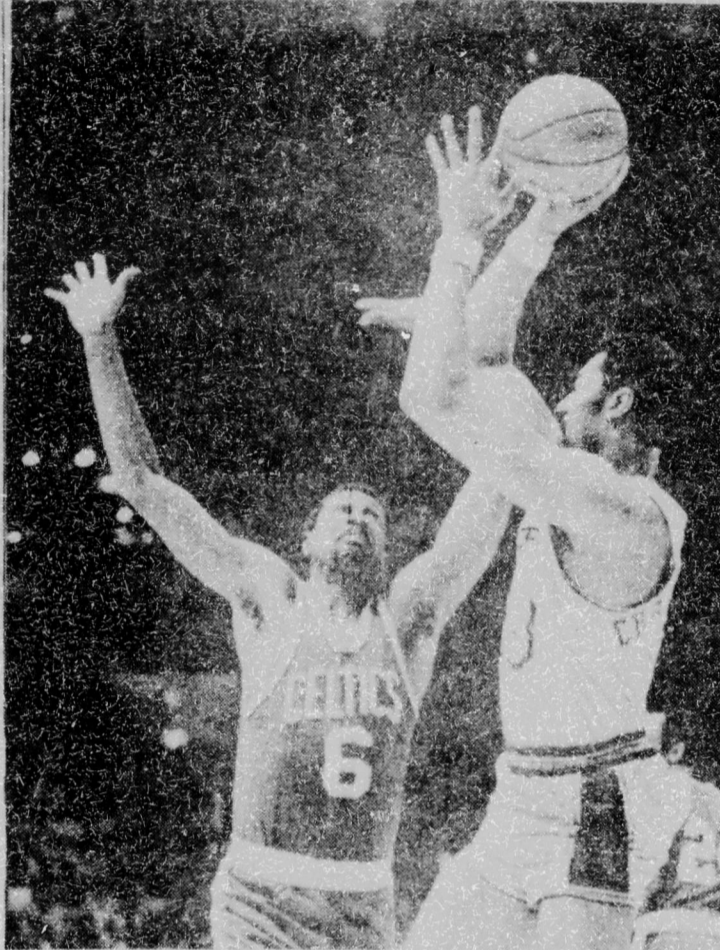
The last home game, which ended in a 33-point margin victory over Fayetteville, was wrapped up in the first half when the Rams pulled out of a 16-16 tie.

Bill English, who had been bothered with back and eye trouble, was more than recovered and dropped in 35 points.

Kimbrough and McManus exhibited their usual reliability by adding 20 points each to the Rams' total.

When the Rams lead Fayetteville 80-52 with nine minutes to go, Gaines sent in the reserves.

"The score was no indication of Fayetteville - real strength," Gaines said after the game. "Our defense forced them to make some bad shots,"



BILL TRIES TO BLOCK WILT-Lakers-Celtics-Ingelwood, Calif.: Boston Celtics player-coach Bill Russell (6) attempts to block shot by Los Angeles Lakers center Wilt Chamberlain (13) during first quarter of game at the Forum February 21. (UPI).

Spring Sports Events At St. Aug.'s Revealed

Jesse Clements, Director of Athletics at Saint Augustine's College, has announced the spring schedule of sports events as follows:

BASEBALL SCHEDULE
March 22, Voorhees College, Raleigh; March 23, Fort Bragg, Raleigh; March 25, Voorhees College, Denmark, S. C.; April 2, Shaw University, (Doubleheader), Raleigh; April 12, Fayetteville State, Fayetteville; April 21, Winston-Salem (Doubleheader), Winston-Salem; April 28, A&T University, (Doubleheader), Raleigh; April 30, Winston-Salem State, Raleigh; May 3, Shaw University, Raleigh; May 5, A&T University, Greensboro; May 16, District Baseball Tournament, to be announced.

TENNIS SCHEDULE
March 20, Livingstone College, Raleigh; March 29, North Carolina College, Raleigh; April 1, Voorhees College, Denmark, S. C.; April 17, Fayetteville State, Fayetteville; April 19, Elizabeth City State, Elizabeth City; April 21, Winston-Salem State, Winston-Salem; April 22, Livingstone College, Salisbury; April 25, Elizabeth City State, Raleigh; April 26, A&T University, Raleigh; April 30, Winston-Salem State, Raleigh; May 1, Fayetteville State, Raleigh; May 5, A&T University, Greensboro, May 8, 9,

10, CIAA Tournament, Hampton, Va.

TRACK SCHEDULE
March 22, Livingstone College, Raleigh; March 26, North Carolina College, Durham; March 29, High Point College, Raleigh; April 2, Shaw University, Raleigh; April 12, St. Paul's College, Raleigh; April 19, Norfolk Relays, Norfolk, Va.; April 25, Tentative: Penn Relays or Elizabeth City State, May 2 and 3, W. T. V. D. Relays, Durham; May 8, 9, 10, CIAA, Baltimore, Md.

GOLF SCHEDULE
April 1, St. Paul's College, Raleigh; April 21, Winston-Salem, Winston-Salem; April 29, Winston-Salem, Raleigh; May 5 and 6, CIAA Tournament, Washington, D. C.

CIAA Berth Given To Shaw Univ.

It was announced this week by the Office of the Commissioner of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association that the Shaw University Bears will be one of the eight teams to play in the Conference's annual tournament in the Greensboro Coliseum. The tournament will take place on February 27, 28 and March 1.

This will mark the Bears first



WASHINGTON AWARD WINNERS - Valley Forge, Pa.: (L-R) Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, pres. of The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge presents Gen. Harold K. Johnson, USA (Ret.) of Silver Bay, N. Y. with The George Washington Award February 22 at Valley Forge while other award recipients, Stan Musial; Olympic boxer George Foreman, and former boxing great Archie Moore, look on. (UPI).

R-D Phillies Announce Exhibition Card

Directors of the Carolina League met Sunday, February 23rd, to adopt the official playing schedule for the 1969 Carolina League Baseball Season. Originally it had been planned to open the season on April 18th but it now appears that the opening will be moved up two days to April 16th. This move became official at Sunday's meeting.

The Raleigh-Durham Phillies will report for spring training at the Philadelphia Phillies Minor League Training Complex, Clearwater, Florida on March 14th. The RD Phillies will be quartered at the Dunedin Hotel, Dunedin, Florida - only a stones throw from the Clearwater training site.

The following exhibitor schedule has been arranged for the young RD Phillies.

Friday, March 21 vs. Spartanburg at Clearwater; Saturday, March 22 vs. Spartanburg at Clearwater; Monday, March 24 vs. Lynchburg at Clearwater; Tuesday, March 25 vs. Spartanburg at Clearwater; Wednesday, March 26 vs. Spartanburg at Clearwater; Thursday, March 27 vs. Lynchburg at Sarasota; Friday, March 28th vs. Visalia at Clearwater; Saturday, March 29 vs. Visalia at St. Petersburg; Sunday, March 30 vs. Spartanburg at Clearwater; Monday, March 31 vs. Tampa at Clearwater; Tuesday, April 1 vs. Tampa at Tampa; Wednesday, April 2 vs. Washington Senators A Club at Clearwater; Thursday, April 3 vs. Washington Senators A Club at Clearwater; Saturday, April 5 vs. Visalia at Clearwater; Monday, April 7 vs. Tampa at Clearwater; Tuesday, April 8 vs. Rocky Mount at Lakeland; Wednesday, April 9 vs. Rocky Mount at Lakeland; Thursday, April 10 vs. Tampa at Tampa; Friday, April 11 vs. Pompano Beach at Lakeland; and Saturday April 12th RD Phillies travel from Florida arriving at Raleigh-Durham.

play in the Tournament in several years. Having coached a losing team for the past two years, Ira Mitchell has assembled a very fine team for the current season. Shaw's team is composed of freshmen and sophomores which give them the edge over the other contenders who have a predominance of seniors.

The Bears will be represented by several All-Conference and All-American Candidates. Bobby "Pap" Moore, 6'5" sophomore candidate from Raleigh, is the team's leading scorer with an 18.9 average. This makes him fifteenth in the Conference's individual scoring race, and also seven in the Conference field goal shooting category with .550 percentage.

Gregory Jenkins, 6'6" another All-Conference candidate, a sophomore from New York City, leads the Bears in field goal percentage and rebounding with .574 and 15.3 averages, respectively. He ranks fifth in percentage and rebounding on the Conference charts.

Rav Haskins, 6'11" freshman sensation from New York City, probably leads the Conference in assists, an area where due credit is seldom given. Haskins averages six assists per game to go along with his own scoring average of 15 points.

Kelly Utley, 6'3" freshman from New York, a fourth candidate, is a "cool, calm and collected" guard who gives Shaw fans a thrill every time he is in action on the court.

Rounding out the starting five is Willie Nelson, 6'3" forward. A "ball hawk," Nelson causes opposing players much concern with his quick hands and continuous talking.



STRIKEOUT ACE STILL STRIKING - Las Vegas, Nev.: St. Louis Cardinal pitching star Bob Gibson, one of baseball's superstars refusing to report to spring training until player's dispute with club owners is settled, told newsmen in Las Vegas last week that he expects walkouts to be over throughout major leagues within two weeks. Gibson is vacationing at Caesars Palace on the famous Las Vegas Strip. (UPI).

Double Victory Ends Rams' Home Cage Season

WINSTON-SALEM - The Winston-Salem State Rams ended their home season with a 100-67 triumph over Fayetteville State last Monday (Feb. 17) and a surprise victory last Saturday (Feb. 15) that upset previously undefeated Elizabeth City 83-76.

The twin victories moved the Rams into fifth place in the CIAA standings and assured a spot in the tournament beginning in Greensboro on the 27th.

The Rams ended their regular season play the 22nd against Livingstone College at Salisbury.

The upset victory over Elizabeth City, which has a 19-game winning streak, came in spite of a poor night for Ram star Bill English and foul trouble which sent John Lathan and Don Williams to the bench early in the second half.

WSSC coach "Bighouse"

Gaines was forced to turn to his second string to pull off the victory.

Stars of the night were Vaughn Kimbrough and Allen McManus, who both played some of their best ball of the year, totaling 24 and 25 points respectively.

Although there were times when the Rams closed in on Elizabeth City, the competition had things pretty well under control until the last ten minutes. Then McManus dropped in two jump shots to tie score at 55.

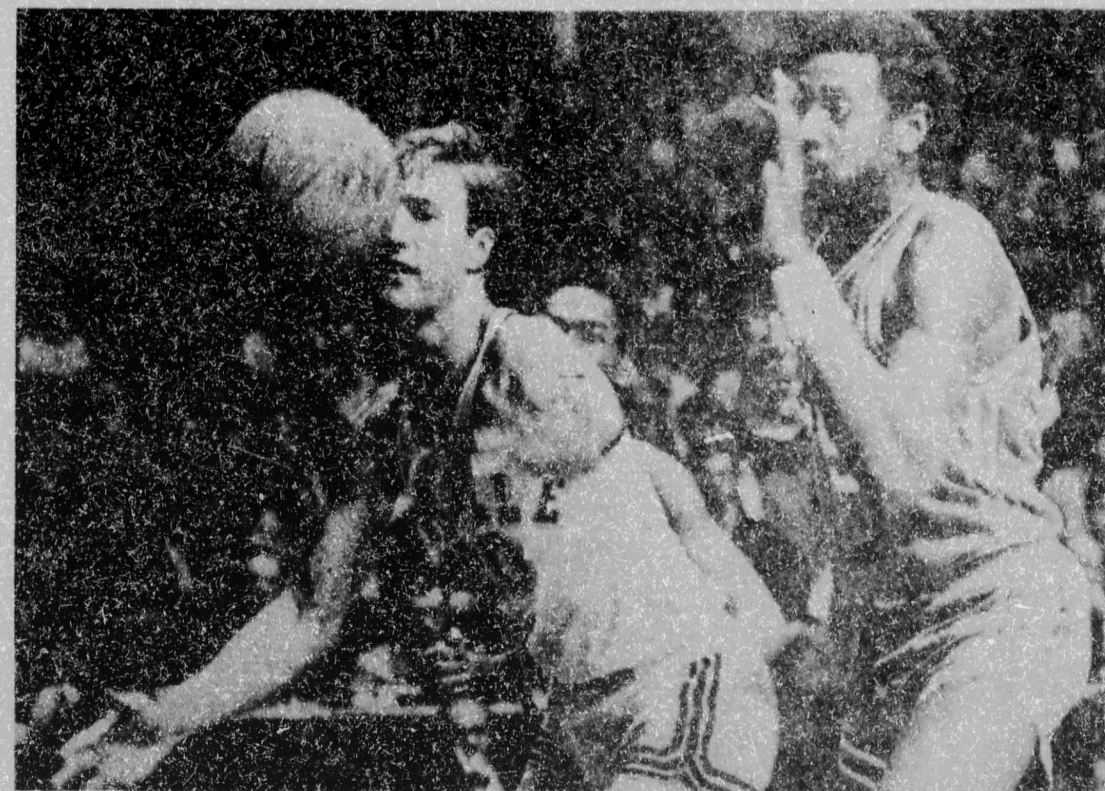
McManus and Kimbrough kept up the good work, and after Elizabeth City almost tied the score at 76-74 with 2:18 to go, they dropped in enough to make the seven point margin.

Four of the seven points come from the free throws by Kimbrough.

"I'm the happiest man in



COACH GETS CLOSE LOOK - Lakeland, Fla.: With most of the regulars staying away, rookies like Detroit Tigers' Les Cain are getting an extra close look from the coaches. Looking over Cain's shoulder is Tigers' coach Johnny Sain. (UPI).



HAYWOOD IN ACTION AGAIN - Philadelphia: LaSalle's Larry Cannon (20) bats the ball away from Detroit's Spencer Haywood during LaSalle's 98-96 victory in Philadelphia Feb. 21. Haywood, returning to action after a two-game suspension for striking an official, scored 41 points and recovered 32 rebound. LaSalle, 5th ranked, has won 22 of 23 games, 14 in a row. (UPI).

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