

# Fayetteville Cagers Possess Talent, Balance And Desire

FAYETTEVILLE - Sideline observers have pegged the Fayetteville State University Broncos cagers as "comers" for the past three years. Despite their supporters' lousy confidence, the Broncos have been beset by "dropouts," academic problems, and some fine competition.

Coach Thomas L. Reeves, starting his second season at the Fayetteville State University, labels this year's aggregation as a unit with talent, balance, poise and desire. Needless to say, these are some worthy ingredients to possess.

Reeves has seven lettermen returning headed by one of the CIAA's premier ball players, Ronald Pettway. The Selma native scored at a 18.5 clip last season in 19-games and averaged 10 rebounds per game. Pettway has the grace, ability and style to make Small College All-American. Coach Reeves says that he is going to use all of his ability to get it out of him. "He'll be my swing man, as his height and jumping ability permits him to play guard or forward," Pettway is a 6-3 junior and one of the Co-Captains of the club.

Also returning and equally talented is Michael Sneed, 6-7 sophomore from New York. Sneed was the club's leading

rebounder last year with a 16.8 average per contest. He also scored at a 14.3 clip per outing.

Earl McNeill, sharp-shooting guard from Fayetteville, heads the backcourt returnees. He was the club's highest scorer last year and one of the CIAA's best percentage shooters with a .467 mark on field goals. In addition to McNeill, returnees include Terrence Murchison, 6-5 center; Don Smith, 6-3 guard-forward; Curtis Torrey, 6-1 guard; and Jasper Tamer, 6-3 forward.

The battle for starting positions on the squad has been furious as Coach Reeves brought in some hot shot freshmen with some very fine credentials and demonstrated ability to play varsity basketball.

The newcomers are headed by All-Starter Joseph Bridges, 6-7 forward from Raeford; and Pepsi-Cola All-Southeastern Jeff Capel, 6-1 guard from Southern Pines. Other freshmen include Ivory Bryant, 6-1 guard from Winterville, Robert Tyus, 6-1 guard from Arkansas, Vincent Young, 6-4 forward from Fayetteville; Grant W. McNeill, 6-0 guard from Southern Pines, David Donnell, 6-4, forward from Charlotte, and Samuel Smith, 6-4 forward from Laur-

inburg.

Gerald Sullivan, a backcourter, returns for another try with the Broncos. He's a junior and did not play last season. Coach Reeves is expecting a lot of help from this season.

Reeves plans to use a modified zone and one on one defense this year. "Our players have been playing together for two years now and this will help stabilize our defense," he said. Fayetteville State posted a 7-13 record last season overall and was 5-10 in league play.

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**THE LONG AND SHORT OF THE SHAW UNIVERSITY BEARS**—Little Raymond Haskins, (left) checks to make sure he really is the smallest man on the Shaw University Bears team as he clowns with Bobby 'Pap' Moore. Haskins and Moore will not be clowning as the Bears open their 1970-'71 season this week. Haskins is from New York City and Moore is a product of Raleigh's Ligon High Little Blues.

## Shaw Bear Cagers Have Five Starters From '69

With five starters back from last season Coach Ira Mitchell Shaw University Bears opened their 1970-'71 basketball season Wednesday, Dec. 2nd against Barber Scotia College of Concord, in a non-conference title, in Dorton Arena.

The Bears had one of the hottest seasons ever last year finishing with a 17-7 overall record. According to Mitchell the starting five will include Gregory Jenkins, a 6'5", 190 lb., fourth year, forward from New York City; Bobby "Pap" Moore, a 6'7", fourth year, 190 lb. forward from Raleigh's Ligon High School covers the other slot.

The Bears playmaker, Raymond Haskins, a 5'10", 160 lb., third year, guard, and all-around cager, Kelly Utley, 6'4", 177 lb., third year guard from Far Rockaway, N. Y. will cover those areas adequately according to Mitchell.

Jackie Smith 6'5", 236 lb. center from Bayboro, will round out the Bears starting five. To back up Smith, Mitchell has Larry Spence 6'8" center

from Raleigh's Ligon High along with Gregory Davis, a sophomore from Indianapolis, Ind.

The outcome of the Bears 70-'71 season will depend greatly upon the little speedster Ray Haskins, who has been known to hold off his opponents single handedly with his expert ball handling; the agility and eagle eyed Kelly Utley.

Rebounding chores once again this year will be placed on the shoulders of Gregory Jenkins along with Jackie Smith and "Pap" Moore.

Mitchell said that he did not do the intensive recruiting that most of the other colleges did because he had quite a few transfer students who had to sit out a year before they could play again. Of those five Mitchell said four were all-state, and the other all-American.

Mitchell said in his opinion the Bears should have the best depth of any team in the CIAA this year with maybe the exception of A&T State University. "We don't have a freshman team," Mitchell said. "It's a junior, sophomore team sprinkled with a few seniors, and what's more important it's a team that's been together for quite some time."

He has however, voiced concern, getting all of his talent to play as a team. "When you have the kind of talent we have it is hard to get the 'star image' out of their minds." He added, "I've got to pull team together and make a cohesive unit out of them."

Mitchell's philosophy is to start early and keep the momentum going through out the season. He said that for two years in a row his Bears lost some of that momentum late in the season. "It could have been," he said, "that we peaked too early in the season," but he added quickly, "We intend to remedy that deficiency this year." He added that the offensive punch will be improved tremendously this year, and he expressed the belief that he has the best defensive club during his coaching career at Shaw.

Both last year and the year before the Bears moved to the CIAA championship in Greensboro, only to be 'knock out' both times in the first round of play.

Mitchell, like his advisory, believes in the fast break game. Even though Shaw defeated Barber Scotia twice last year both games were not easy wins for the Bears.

The Bears have only one other home game this month. The other game will be against a non-conference foe also—Shaw College at Detroit Saturday night, Dec. 5th in Spaulding Gymnasium which will more than likely give them a much greater workout than the Scotia tilt. Shaw College formerly Michigan Lutheran finished second in their conference last year and is said to be loaded with talent. Shaw College is new to the CIAA competition and to the Raleigh basketball circuit. The Bears hit the road after Saturday for Livingstone College in Salisbury, on Dec. 12th; Federal City College in Washington, D. C. on Dec. 18th; Lincoln University in Pa. on Dec. 19th; a return match with Shaw College at Detroit in Detroit on Dec. 21st and Detroit College in the same city on Dec. 22nd.



FREDERICKSON BROUGHT DOWN—Washington: New York's Tucker Frederickson (24) is brought down by Washington's Marlin McKeever (86) and Bill Brundige (77) after a short two-yard gain in the first period Nov. 29. The Giants won, 27-24. (UPI).

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