## Norfolk Trims Shaw Bears In Finals Of CIAA Tournament



WE'RE NUMBER ONE-Members of the Norfolk State basketball cam hold up one finger indicating they were number one in the CIAA. The Spartans defeated Shaw University, 74-68 in the finals of the tournament to win the conference tournament championship.

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26TH CIAA TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

GREENSBORO-Well, it is all history now. The 26th annual CIAA has been completed and the question going through the minds of many basketball fans around the conference is "How will the CIAA Tournament be next season now that six schools are leaving the conference?"

It is the opinion of this bureauthat the CIAA will forever live in the hearts of the basketball fans regardless of what happens. The tournament has three more years remaining on a 10-yearcontract in Greensboro and it is certain the tournament will be just as big in years to come even though A&T and North Carolina Central will no longer be affiliated with the CIAA anymore after this season.

Records are made to be broken and that is exactly what happened to the attendance figures each night. 11,407 turned out for the semifinal round Friday night and this figure was topped by the Saturday night championship crowd of 13,881. With these new attendance marks established, the tournament must be getting bigger and better every year.

Is there any consolation in winning a consolation game? This is the question the officials of the CIAA need to ask when thinking in terms of eliminating the consolation game played on Saturday evening. It is hard on the players and the coaches to get in the right frame of mind for a game which actually means nothing more than win or loss on the regular season record. After playing for all the marbles on Friday night and losing, the players have nothing to gain by playing the jayvee game on Saturday night.

Some say this game is played to increase the attendance. This statement is doubtful because fans do not flock to the Coliseum to see the preliminary game no Saturday. Unless you are either a great basketball fan or an alumns of one of the two schools competing in the championship game, you do not

rush to get to the consolation game.

This bureau would like to see the consolation game done away with. It won't hurt the attendance figures in the least, Suggestion? Move the championship game up to 8 o'clock with no consolation game and then have the award ceremonies immediate after the championship game. This will mean getting away from the game sooner than Il p.m. With the extra hour gained from not having a consolation game, the many spectators can get home quicker, or get to the parties that have been planned in the ci-

The CIAA Tournament is a reunion affair anyway. The spectators will continue to turn out at this three-day affair if it is for nothing more to make acquaintances and enjoy the fine fellowship exemplified by the city of Greensboro. An the people coming to Greensboro for the tournament do not come to see the basketball games anyway. Some come for different purposes and among these are to see the fashions, meet old classmates and friends and enjoy all the social activities in and around the neighboring cities.

New attendance records were set at this year's tournament even though Winston-Salem was not in the tournament and A&T lost out in the semifinals. These are the two neighboring schools as far as the tournament is concerned. But still a new attendance record was set every night.

CIAA Tournament officials can rest assure the CIAA is here to stay at least for the next three years. RANDOM COMMENTS FROM THE CIAA TOURNAMENT

Norfolk State has to be one of the most religious teams in the conference. All the players and the coaches of the Spartans bow at the foul circle of the goal they will be shooting at before the start of every game and also before the start of the second half to say a prayer. Maybe this is the reason all players wear knee pads for Norfolk State. It was said along press row that maybe Norfolk State said a third prayer in the first game of the tournament against North Carolina Central. The Spartans were behind by one point with five seconds to go when Bob Smith called timeout. No play was set up on the bench during the timeout. Instead, Smith had a word of prayer with his players. The results -Norfolk won by one point and went on to win the tournament. So maybe prayer is

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ing of the 26th CIAA Basketball Tournament, in Greens-boro's rebuilt Coliseum last week, it was quite evident that the affair would not be the same, due to the fact that Ellis F. Corbett would not be there. It was reported that he was hospitalized in the L. Richardson Hospital. Many of us went to see him and found him, as usual, this time of the year, enthused over the game. He not only had all the newspaper reports, but had both the radio and television tuned to the stations that were talking about the

Tribune, The Philadelphia Independent, The Chicago Defender, The Journal & Guide, The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Bulletin and The Washington Star had black represen-

spunky five from Shaw University would take the measure of Howard's cocky team. Its record showed, 12-5, while Howard sported 12-4. The Baptist boys went to work and when the last whistle blew, the boys from Howard were ready to make the trek back to the banks of the Potomac.

taking the measure of Virginia State, which had not shown any

10-6 record of Maryland's Eastern Shore, augured well for the And it did.

nation was the thriller. No one the play-by-play over to Earl munds' Eagles, even though he had been chosen the "Coach of the Year", in his first year, folk State Spartans the dogged

As we gathered for the play-

There was also the fact that there were only three of us present who covered the 1926 game: Art Carter, who represented The Afro-American then and now; Eric Roberts, who represented The Pittsburgh Courier then and the Public Information Office, Howard University now, and Alexander Barnes then publisher of the Washing-

ton Tribune and now a member of the staff of The CARO-LINIAN. There was also a dearth of black newspaper representatives. There were many there, but they represented agencies that have sprung up since 1946.

We settled for the first game. There was no feeling that the

There was not much doubt about Bobby Vaughan's boys muscle since 1963, when it was defeated by Winston-Salem, in

It was pretty well felt that A&T's 12-4 record against the Aggies, in the first night game.

had any idea that "Choke" Ed- Mason, who covered for The would give the undefeated Nor- of the tourney was the fact that



SOCK IT TO THEM-Shaw University cheerleaders give the 13,881 spectators something to look at during a timeout of the championship game of the 26th annual CIAA Tournament held in Greensboro. All during the tournament, the Shaw cheerleaders received loud rounds of applause from the fans for their outstanding performances.

#### Shaw's Cinderella Quintet Bows In Title Game, 74-68

GREENSBORO-The Shaw University Bears fought the tournament favorite Norfolk State Spartans down to the wire before falling, 84-78 in the finals of the 26th annual CIAA Tournament played in the Greensboro Coliseum before a record breaking crowd of 13,881 spectators.

cagers from the Capitol City who were trying to complete their third straight giant killing in as many days. The Bears led for almost 30 minutes in the championship game before Norfolk was able to tie the game game, the Bears had cut the at 56-56 with 9:56 remaining in

It was the clutch free throw shooting by Norfolk's Morrell James that gave the Spartans a 21-19 cushion. their 24th win of the season James, who was voted the Most Valuable Player in the tournament sank for charity tosses in the last 39 seconds to seal the victory for the cagers from the Tidewater area of Virginia.

the titular contest.

Shaw, which finished the season with an 18-7 record, was 33 lead at halftime. the Cinderella team of the tournament gaining wins over Howard and Elizabeth City in the first two rounds. The Bears led by one, 34-33 at intermission and stayed close to Norfolk in the second half. The Spartans, with their run and shoot offense, where expected but the unherald quintet from Raleigh refused to give way to the tournament favorite and Northern Division cham-

In the consolation game for third place, A&T hung on to an 81-78 win over Elizabeth City. Elmer Austin scored 26 points for the winners while William Harris and Don Blackmon each collected 16 for the Aggies.

The loss was a disappoint- Mike Gale was high for the Viking one for Coach Ira Mitchell's ings with 26 points in a losing cause.

Norfolk State jumped off a quick 10-2 lead but Mitchell called time out and got his forces together. Before seven minutes had elasped in the margin to two, 11-9. Shaw tied the game four times in the next four minutes and a jumper by Jackie Smith gave the Bears

After the Spartans rallied to against only three losses, tie the game at 21-21, Shaw exploded for six straight points to take a 27-21 advantage. Norfolk caught up again and went ahead at 29-27 on a basket by Leroy Jones but a field goal by Kelly Utley with nine seconds remaining gave the Bears a 34-

Shaw was able to stay ahead for the first 10 minutes of the second half before Norfolk State tied the game with a little less than 10 minutes to go and went ahead on field goal by Rudolph Peele for good, Shaw stayed with in striking distance but the clutch free throw shootto 'blow' Shaw off the floor, ing by James going the stretch was the final difference in the championship encounter.

> Five players scored in double figures for the Bears with Ray Haskins, Bobby Moore and Smith and Lester Mobley all getting 14 points while Utley added 11 points. Leading the scoring for Norfolk was James with 23 points, 19 in the second half, while Jones had 15 and Ronald Wilson 14 for the Spark

### First Round Action

GREENSBORO-Shaw University, Elizabeth City, A&T and victory over Virginia State in Norfolk State won first games on Thursday but not before the record-breaking crowd of 10,169 saw some topflight basketball.

as such but the crowd was thrilled with many excited moments in the first game of the opening round matching Shaw and Howard and the last game of the evening between North Carolina Central and tournament favorite Norfolk State.

game and held on for an 88-84 decision over Howard in the first game. Elizabeth City led

lesson of basketball play that it did. The Eagles played the Spartans as if they were from Athens and had the Trojan Horse. Five seconds toward victory, showed the Eagles ahead, but Robert Smith, with possession of the ball, called time. When play resumed, the Eagles were boxed in and at the last second, the greatest basket of the tourney was made and the Spartans won by one point.

Shaw, with a motivation that had them keyed for Bobby Vaughan's Vikings, showed that they came after the marbles Friday night and took them in the opener. This left the two "bad boys," A&T and Norfolk State to battle for the right to meet the Bears in the final game. The Aggies huffed and puffed, bu/ could not blow the "State House" down, As a result, the Norfolk boys won the right to play the Bears, in the The final game of the elimi- final. From here, I will turn CAROLINIAN.

The most impressive feature the promoters of the Model City of High Point made it possible for 300 youths to attend the game. The "Furniture City's" Board of City Council, appropriated \$5,385 to send the youths of both races, to the tournament. The Community Service Unit of the city police department planned the threeday event, as part of its cadet training program.

There have been many changes in the CIAA since its beginning. We have seen Lincoln University, Blufield State, West Virginia State and others pull out, pull back and even some de-emphasize one or more of the sports that the CIAA engages in.

Comes now another innovation within the ranks, A&T. North Carolina Central, Morgan State, Delaware State, Howard, Maryland State and South Carolina State have formed a new combine, which will be known as the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference. No one knows what the future holds. It was made certain that the CIAA Basketball Tournament would still be held in Greensboro. This seems to be the only certainty about the greatest sports classic, promoted by black colleges, along the Atlantic Seaboard. We all are waiting to see what the future holds.

all the way enroute a. 94-773 the second game of the afternoon session.

In a display of offensive basketball in the first game of the The first tound saw no upsets night session, the Aggies of A&T romped to a 117-105 win over the Maryland State Hawks. Saving the best for last, Norfolk State was extended to the very last seconds before edging North Carolina Central, 83-82 in the night cap. Ray Haskins was the hero of

the hour for the Bears who jumped off to a quick 10-point lead in the opening half only to fall behind by as many points late in the second half. Haskins hit a freee throw which broke the game's last tie of 84-all. with 42 seconds left in the game, and then the 5-10 All-CIAA backcourt performer tied Howard's Robert Lewis up and controlled the tap with 16 seconds remaining to conceal the win for the Bears.

Kelly Utley, the other half of the Shaw all - conference backcourt duo, led the scoring for the Bears with 26 points. Haskins chipped in with 20 and Bobby Moore added 18 and Jackie Smith 12. Larry Eatowas the big man for the Bisons with 22 points.

The Vikings of Elizabeth City never trailed in the second game of the afternoon, Elizabeth City scored the first three points and led by at least six points the rest of the half. The top seeded team in the Southern Division led 49-37 at the intermission and slowly increased this lead in the second

With All-American candidate Mike Gale in foul trouble, Elizabeth City carried its game inside with Walter Carter and Bowie Totten doing most of the damage. Carter finished the game with 27 points while Totten had 16. Alexander Easley led the scoring and rebounding for the Trojans with 27 points and 17 rebounds.

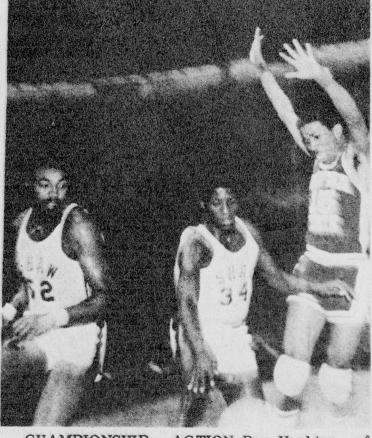
Al Carter and Elmer Austin led a double barrel assault for the Aggies in the first game of the night. Carter scored 20 points in the first half to lead A&T to a 53-45 margin and the Gate City quintet poured it on in the second 20 minutes. Carter finished with 29 points and Austin 24 for the Aggies. Melvin Fowles and Calvin Skinner tallied 20 and 19 points respectively for the Hawks of Maryland State.

It took a jump shot by freshman guard Peter Mitchell with two seconds left that lifted the Spartans from a near brink of disaster. It was Mitchell's twopoints 12 seconds earlier that pulled the Spartans within onepoint of the underdog Eagles who had came from 17 points behind in the second half.

Morrell James was the top scorer for Norfolk State with 19 points. Lloyd Smith had 17 points and Leroy Jones 16 for the visitation championships of the Northern Division. Ron Phillips, Redden Leggett and William Slade were the top scorers for NCCU with 19, 18 and 18 points respectively.



SECOND PLACE PLAQUE-L. B. Smith, acting commissioner for the CIAA, presents the runner-up trophy to Ira Mitchell and his Shaw University team for their second place finish in the 26th annual CIAA Tournament. The Bears lost to Norfolk State in the finals, 74-68.



CHAMPIONSHIP ACTION-Ray Haskins of Shaw University goes after a lose ball in the championship game against Norfolk State last Saturday in Greensboro. Putting up his hands in defense for the Spartans is Gerald Smith (15). Also watching the action for the Bears is Jackie Smith (52). (PHOTO BY J. D. HINTON).



chell huddles with his team after taking a timeout in the championship game against Norfolk State last Saturday. Norfolk jumped off to a 10-2 lead in the championship game before Mitchell called this time out to get his team together.

#### Semifinal Results

Shaw broke Elizabeth City's basketball jinx in the semifinal round of the CIAA by edging past the Vikings, 86-84 in the first game, and favorite Norfolk State warmed up in the second half and went on defeat A&T 100-84 in the second contest to gain the finals of the tourna-

Lester Mobley's tap in of a missed Kelly Utley field goal attempt with six seconds left was the difference in the nip and contest which was tied 16 times and the lead exchanged hands 15 times.

The tip by Moble, gave the Bears a one-point margin and Ray Haskins stole the ball from Elizabeth Cay's Hurbert Moorer after he crossed midcourt and was fouled with only one second remaining. Haskins hit the second of the two shot attempt for the final or difference for Shaw.

Neither team was able to gain more than a five point lead in the game. Elizabeth City led 79-74 with 4:55 remaining but the Bears came charging back and scored six straight points to regain the lead at 80-79.

Bobby 'Pap' Moore's free throw with 40 seconds left gave the Bears an 83-81 cushion but All-American candidate Mike Gale's three-point play 19 seconds later gave the Vikings the lead at 84-83.

Shaw came down the floor and a jumper by Haskins, bounded high in the game and Kelly Utley rebounded and tried again, His shot was off but Moblev went high into the air to tip the ball back in for Shaw's winning bask-

Haskins was the leading scorer for the Bears who won their eight straight game with 20 points. Paul Kelly collected 16, Moore 16, and Utley and Mobley 14 each. Gale was the top scorer for the Vikings with 27 points.

'All-CIAA front court performer Rudolph Peele poured in 25 points in the second half to lead the Spartans from behind in the second game. Peele finished the evening with 32 points but it was his shooting in the second half that brought the Spartans from behind. A&T led at halftime, 47-43

but Norfolk caught fire in the second half and went on to put the game out of reach. The Northern Division champions gained the lead at 55-53 and quickly increased their lead to as much as 15 points in the second half.

Elmer Austin was the top scorer for the Aggies with 24 points while William Harris scored 15 and Bobby Parks 14 for A&T. Besides Peele, Morrell James scored 20 points and Leroy Jones 18 for the Spartans.



DECORUM TROPHY-Members of the Shaw University basketball team and the student body are shown holding the trophy for being named the team with the best sportmanship demonstrated during the 26th annual CIAA Tournament held in Greensboro. Cleon F. Thompson, Provost of Shaw, makes the presentation. .